There are many attributes of God, as revealed in the Bible, that provide us with wonder, worship, encouragement and peace. One such attribute is the Sovereignty of God.

Our God is the Sovereign God. He presides over the circumstances of our lives in every way; He upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb 1:3).

Now it has to be said that there is a certain mystery in this. We do not have all the answers as to how the sovereign oversight of God plays itself out in the circumstances of human life. There is the mystery of how human free-will finds scope for expression within the framework of God’s Sovereignty.

One of the Biblical settings where the Sovereignty of God is brought into clear focus is in the situation of Moses and Pharaoh. Here we are confronted by the mystery of God’s Sovereignty and Pharaoh’s free-will. God’s Sovereignty says of Pharaoh, “But indeed for this reason I have raised you up that I may show My power in you, and that My Name may be declared in all the earth.” (Exodus 9:16). Pharaoh’s free-will response is, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice ...?” (Exodus 5:2). On the one hand, there is clear indication that God presided over Pharaoh to overlay His will upon his circumstance. Yet, it could hardly be the case that the God who gave Pharaoh his free-will would have capriciously disregarded it at a whim.

God’s Sovereignty is a consideration for us at two levels. There is the theory and the practice, the exposition and the experience. When Moses received the Word of the Sovereign God, he called it into question, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?” If you had asked Moses at this point whether he believed that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was the Sovereign God, he would have said, “Of course I do!” He had the theory; he could expound the truth of God’s Sovereignty there on the sands of the desert where he encountered God. But, only in the court of Pharaoh could he experience the reality of God’s Sovereignty.

When Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego stood on the threshold of the fiery furnace they declared, “... our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us.” This is the theory of God’s Sovereignty. But only in the fiery furnace was the reality, the experience of God’s Sovereignty to be known. For Daniel, too, the experience of God’s Sovereignty could only be found in the lion’s den.

Here is the encouragement for us. God’s Sovereignty is a truth, which can provide a great source of peace and composure within the circumstances of a troubled, uncertain world. To know that a just, righteous, merciful and loving God presides over our lives is for each believer a place of rest, to quieten anxiety, dispel fear and silence doubt. All things do work together for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28) precisely because we have a Sovereign God. Only a Sovereign God can give such an assurance. However, it is not in the classroom where God’s Sovereignty has its true discovery; it is in the cauldron of the crisis moment. It is where human strength is exhausted or overwhelmed, where human capacity and ingenuity is inadequate, that God’s Sovereignty comes into focus. It is in the furnace or among the lions that the experience of God’s Sovereignty radiates gloriously on behalf of His people.

Yet, what do we find? All too often, we resist the fire; we would flee the lion’s den. Our prayer is, “deliver me from such things.” Yet, such a deliverance from the trials and the challenges of life consigns the believer to an understanding of God’s Sovereignty that is nothing beyond theory. As mere theory it lacks the exhilaration of actual experience. However, the experience of God’s Sovereignty is what can thrill the heart.

Christian, while you may not wish to seek out the furnace or the lions; do not fear them. It is only in their place that you can see, know and truly understand the glorious dynamic of God’s Sovereignty.

George Sears
Educational Services Department
the God of the occasional victory. He is the God of the overwhelming conquest. In fact, He is the God who turns a perceived failure, a perceived loss or embarrassment, into an overwhelming triumph! He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or even think.

I take personally the encouragement of God in speaking to Israel in Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

God’s purpose for each one of us is to bless us and not to cause us harm. But the Lord takes a long term view – He is seeing the “expected end”, that is, His long term purpose for our lives.

That is why the apostle Paul was able to say with such confidence in Romans 5:3-5 “And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

Many an overwhelming victory comes at the price of significant loss along the way. In these times we are tempted to stand to our full height, beat our breast (metaphorically speaking) and proclaim, at least to ourselves, how successful we are.

In the economy of the Kingdom of God, however, it is not so. God is not hear the “spiritual forces in the heavenly realms” gloating with glee at their perceived triumph. However as Paul so poignantly declares in 1 Corinthians 2:8; “…none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” Had they, for one moment, perceived the overwhelming victory that the Lamb of God would inflict over them as a direct consequence of their putting Him to death, they would never … never have done it!

When we are walking through those times of testing, those moments of failure or seeming defeat, then is the time to take the longer view, take the Kingdom perspective and say to ourselves, “God has a purpose in this. He has a plan.” Then pray, “Father, show me how, in this moment, in the midst of this situation, I can respond in a manner that honours You.”

Our walk with the Lord then becomes one of moment by moment obedience, moment by moment fellowship which, through all of the ups and downs of life, through all of the temporal defeats and victories, leads us on to the place where He intended for us all along – that place of overwhelming victory where we can truly testify that He has done exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or even imagine.

Then, we are “more than conquerors”!

Bob Gregory
Managing Director & CEO

**PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS**

- Pray for school staff and students as they prepare for Student Conventions.
- Praise for great times of competition and fellowship at New Zealand Student Convention.
- Pray for the safety of travel for everyone attending International Student Convention.
- Pray especially for the group from PNG planning to attend for the first time with 20 staff and students.
- 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.
May is International Student Convention month and by the time you read this we will either be there or just be back. At the last count there are about 60 people from the South Pacific going to ISC this year. This is the largest group that has ever attended from the South Pacific. The most exciting part of this is the 20 people from Papua New Guinea. I am sure Mrs Fisher will have more accurate numbers but as I recall there were 10-11 students in that group who will be the first students from PNG to attend an International Student Convention. I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Tobias Nangunduo, the Principal of Institute of Christian Academy in Port Moresby, PNG, for his leadership in seeing these students make the journey to the ultimate ACE event. Mr Nangunduo has been involved with the ACE program for 17 years and was instrumental in starting ICA in 2005 which now has a student population of 1006!

May has also seen the first Convention Summit. A small group of people, who are experienced conveners, were invited to Watson Park for two days to consider every part of Student Conventions and make recommendations of how we can improve what we do in serving schools and homeschoolers throughout the South Pacific. Interestingly enough there is no other organisation, Christian or otherwise that is offering anything like our Student Conventions. I have often thought that at least other Christian school organisations would see the benefit of such student festivals and have something similar. But no, the ACE Student Convention remains the domain of school and homeschool students using the ACE Curriculum. It is not expected that the Convention Summit will recommend the complete dissembling of this event to create something entirely different. There are a number of things which are fundamental to the success of such a unique ministry, however, I am sure there are many things that we can do better in the future and the faithful folk who were part of this summit have given due diligence on behalf of everyone to make a contribution to how Student Conventions can best meet the needs of students in the future. In previous SCEELERATORS, I have invited everyone to contribute to the summit, and you can still send me an email if you have any suggestions about how we can improve Student Conventions in the South Pacific. Our first Student Convention in Indonesia is set down for March 2012 and I know that they will also benefit from the work so far. In fact, they may even benefit more because all of what we learn can be factored into their very first Student Convention which I know they are very excited about. The Indonesian Student Convention has the potential to be the biggest in our region.

While I am on the matter of Student Conventions, you might like to get involved. Maybe you or any of your staff or graduate students would consider a week of service at a Student Convention as a volunteer. We are always in need of helpers, we call them the 24/7 Squad. Please, if you are talking to folk about the Squad, make sure that they do not misunderstand the requirements. It is not that we expect them all to work through the night; everyone will get their appropriate rest, but the “24 hours a day 7 days a week” is a description of an attitude of willingness to do whatever is required to get the job done. As we look toward our Convention season in the second half of the year, we do need Squad members for all Regional Conventions. You can find the details on our website www.scee.edu.au go to the Schools Services Department menu and follow the path to the 24/7 application form.

I was recently asked if we ever needed financial help for Student Conventions and the answer is of course, YES! For example, I would like to take a team to Indonesia in November this year to help train the Indonesians for their first ACE Student Convention. The folk on such a ministry team will be involved in administrative support and those with ministry gifts could present items at the evening rallies that we will hold at that training. If you are unable to help by being part of a squad you can now help by contributing donations to assist others. If the Lord has exercised you in this way please ring me or contact me by email and I will furnish you with the details of how to make your donation.

Roy Savage
Manager
Schools Services Department
NZ Convention

As usual we had an amazing time at NZ Convention. There was a lot of excitement at two new categories: Group Bible Speak and Mime. We are now beginning to plan for Fiji...next in line for Convention.

South Pacific Educators’ Conference

If you haven’t yet booked in for this you will be missing a great opportunity to hear Daniel Govender from ACE South Africa speak, also to take part in the “Leading From Your Strengths” workshops and of course all the other wonderful speakers and presentations that will be a part of this event. It is also a time for staff to network and have fellowship with other staff who really understand our schools. So book in NOW! Time for bookings is running out quickly. Forms can be downloaded, filled in on your computer, and emailed back to us.

Convention Summit

On May 9-10 we met together with a group of interested folk, both from schools and homeschools to discuss all aspects of Convention. If you think that 2 days wasn’t enough - you are right! However, a great deal of discussion was had and many ideas were forthcoming, which we are now working through in an effort to improve what we do. Over the next few issues of SCEELATOR you will see indications of some changes that have been initiated as a result of this Summit, so watch this space!

Some of the discussions were about things that we do not actually have total control over – such as audiences not being available for many events. To some extent, this is not just a timetabling problem, but a sponsors’ problem. Many times we see students in their rooms for extended periods of time or sitting in groups outside or running around playing games while events are on. It is a part of the sponsors’ responsibility to ensure that students are at the right place at the right time. If this means that you need to round up your students to provide an audience for some events, then that is just what needs to be done!

Points were also made about the cost of having artwork framed, and that this can be discriminatory. Yes, this is all true, but there are ways that you can limit the cost of these things. I can only share my experiences in this area: we invested in some frames (cheap ones – some from second hand shops that we refurbished) and then used these frames over and over again for each Convention. If the artwork was not the right size for the frame (we had an assortment of frames up to A3 size) i.e. too small, we used a matt frame (or cardboard very carefully cut using a sharp knife and ruler) inside the frame. If students wanted to keep the frame after Convention, they paid for a replacement frame of the same size. We did the same with matt board for photography items, invested in a number of matt frames (just cheap ones or ‘specials’ from a framer) that we carefully blutac’ed photos to, year after year, with a carefully cut stiff cardboard backing. These things can be done by schools or homeschoolers to help reduce the cost of preparing items for Conventions. If you are unable to source matt board at all for photography, let us know at schools@scee.edu.au

If you have any comments or would like to make suggestions for the Guidelines we are always happy to hear from you via email at schools@scee.edu.au

I look forward to seeing you at SPEC or at one of our Student Conventions this year.

Kathy Fisher
Convention Coordinator

Bible Bowl Book 2011

Revelation

Student Convention Registration Dates...
please make sure that your registration paperwork arrives on time!

FIJI 6th June
WA 1st July
QLD 11th July
It’s chaotic here! Can you believe it? Mr Savage and I depart for the USA on Wednesday (18th May) to attend ISC. This is the biggest team we have ever taken and it has been an epic endeavour to organise. There are a total of 60 people attending from the South Pacific as follows:

**SCEE**  
Mr Bob Gregory  
Mr Roy Savage  
Mrs Kathy Fisher  
Mrs Kathleen Carins  
Dr George Sears  

**Australian Christian College**  
Moreton DE  
Mrs Melena Robertson  
Breanna Robertson  

**Australian Christian Home Schooling**  
Moshe Jasper (Vic)  
Rebecca Watts (Vic)  
Mrs Christine Throns (WA)  
Mr Paul Throns (WA)  
Bethany Throns (WA)  
Joshua Throns (WA)  
Hannah Throns (WA)  
Leah Throns (WA)  
Mrs Thyra Stirling (WA)  

**AOG Christian Academy (PNG)**  
Mrs Johanna Kilembe  

**Christian Outreach College (Fiji)**  
Naomi Waqa

**Jubilee Christian College**  
Mr Matthew Baker  
Jordan Baker  
Kelly-Anne Hill  
Dean Johnson

**Home Schooling New Zealand**  
Mrs Carol Baker  
Mr Eric Baker (24/7 Team)  
Julian Baker  
Grant Baker  
Mrs Jill Beagrie  
Mr Ian Beagrie  
Hayley Beagrie  
Simon Beagrie  
Mrs Catherine Duxfield  
Nadia Duxfield  
Mrs Angela Jenkinson  
Hannah Jenkinson  
Caleb McDonnell  
Joel McGeorge  
Mr Dave Naylor  
Mrs Irene Naylor  
Esther-Shahn Naylor  
Mr Darren Wallbank  
Jaksone Wallbank

**South East Home Education**  
Joshua Cullen

**Institute of Christian Academy (PNG)**  
Mr Tobias Nangunduo  
Mr Edwin Kapia  
Mr Trent Ikirima  
Mr Sogona Sebee  
Mrs Helen Pake  
Mrs Elizabeth Daure  
Mrs Anna Benedict  
Benjamin Kapia  
Emmanuel Leslie  
Jonathan Babona  
Stephanie Stanislaus  
Hua Morea  
Trisha Babona  
Goasa Geita  
Felisha Kumberi  
Ruth Leki  
Lydia Kunai  
Rita Vege  
Deborah Oiveka  
Stephanie Kapia

*Please pray...* We ask that you keep these people in your prayers as we travel to the USA and as we represent you as a part of the South Pacific Region, both at ISC and on the Post ISC Tour.

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**VIEW LIVE RALLY**

Don’t forget...you can watch the evening rallies by going to the ACE website and clicking on the webstreaming icon.
Student Convention Tech Tips #7...

The use of Fonts - PowerPoint, Website, & Posters

I love Fonts! When doing design work for Convention and Conference, going through my 1400+ fonts is a lot of fun, looking for the perfect font. And when I can’t find it, I hit the internet to find the one I am looking for.

You see, fonts can add so much to the words that you actually write, whether it is simply using bold or italics, or changing the actual font style. Consider the following:

**On fire for God**

“Times New Roman”, 20pt., bold

**OR**


Choosing the right font can be a challenge – the last thing you want to do is obscure your message by using something too fancy! Again, consider the following:

**South Pacific Student Convention**

“Palace Script MT”, 20pt., regular

**OR**

“Bauhaus Hv BT”, 18pt., regular.

Your message needs to be easy to read. It does not need to be plain and boring (although this can also be effective) but it needs to be able to say what it needs to quickly. In other words, the reader/viewer should know what you are trying to promote almost instantly. Choose your font so that the message of the font matches the message of the words and the ‘feel’ of your project, i.e., a poster designed to look like notepaper with a list could have a font that looks like it is handwritten.

Font colour is also very important – when using dark backgrounds, white or pale font colours are essential for the clarity of your message/titles, and vice versa. Extra information should also be easy to read, but does not need to stand out so much. If you have a background that changes colour a lot (like a photo) then often you can put a stroke or shadow around the text. We will talk more about this in the next Tech Tips.

Something else to watch out for – quite a number of fonts have been created for a specific purpose, and do not have every character, number and/or symbol in them. There are two ways around this. 1. Pick another font. (not MY first choice) or, 2. Use a different font that looks similar just for the characters that you are missing. For example – THE **24/7 SQUAD** is in the font “License Plate”, but it does not have the “/” symbol. Because I wanted the registration plate look, I just substituted the font for that one symbol with “PT Freeloader”.

Lastly, and this is super important – don’t use too many fonts. I try not to use more than 3 on any of my artwork – if you use too many, it looks cluttered and becomes hard to read. As a guide, I use one font for titles/main message (fairly simple, easy to read and large), a different font for important information – phone numbers, main points, etc., depending on the project, and then one other font for other information or background text, and this one can be a bit fancier etc.

There are some fun, crazy, functional, and spectacular fonts out there, royalty free, and there are a number of websites dedicated to these fonts. I encourage you to explore, experiment and enjoy.

God Bless!

Karl Duxfield

Schools Services Department

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In recent months, SCEE has sponsored two major Summits in order to provide opportunity for our customer base to give feedback and to devise strategy going forward as to how we might ensure we are meeting the needs of our customers.

Both of these Summits (the first being a Curriculum Symposium conducted in Tasmania on 20 & 21 September, 2010) were extremely productive and we are grateful to those who gave up their precious time in order to participate. We have been blessed by the positive and collegiate nature of the discussions during the two events and we are excited about the future as we work together to implement the key recommendations.

The Student Convention Summit was conducted at Watson Park on 9 & 10 May, 2011, moderated by Dr. George Sears, at which there were 10 participants, with 3 SCEE staff present to provide information and answer questions.

All in all, the Summit was a resounding success. It was conducted in good spirits and very positive suggestions were made. Reams of butcher’s paper were used as the focus groups spelled out their suggestions and ideas.

These were then typed up into a single document that has now been returned to the delegates for clarification and confirmation, so that we are sure we have the information correct.

Whilst the data gathered during the Summit is still being collated, should you have any ideas or suggestions you think would be helpful for the Convention team, please do not hesitate to let us know. You can send your suggestions by email to: schools@scee.edu.au

Bob Gregory
Managing Director & CEO
Daniel Simon graduated with an ACE Year 12 Academic Certificate in 2004. He went on to University and was married to Rebecca Somervaille, also an ACE graduate, in 2008.

Daniel has recently graduated from the University of New England in Armidale, NSW with a double Bachelor degree in Economics and Law. BEc/LLB.

In March, Daniel accepted a position with the Australian Christian Lobby’s National office in Canberra, as Research Officer. The ACL is a political lobby representing individual Christians (not any particular denomination), enabling them to have a voice in the political arena, as well as informing Christians of important issues which should concern them.

Daniel attributes much of his success in gaining this position to his pre-university ACE education, which provided him with excellent writing skills and most importantly provided him with a Christian Worldview.

He has a passion for research and social issues and is excited to be able to join this ministry.

Daniel and Rebecca are expecting their first child in September.
Convention Donations
We have had some enquiries about how to help students attend student convention when they can’t afford it. If you would like to make a financial contribution please contact the Schools Services Department for details.

Electronic Sceelerator
The Sceelerator is now available for download from www.scee.edu.au or you can have an electronic copy emailed directly to your email address. If you no longer want to receive a hard copy of the Sceelerator in the mail please let us know.

If you would like to receive the Sceelerator by email please send an email to chrislawrence@scee.edu.au and you will be added to the list.

2011 Student Convention Guidelines
The new guidelines are now available for download from www.scee.edu.au These Guidelines MUST be used for all Student Conventions in the South Pacific Region in 2011. Please destroy, delete, dispose of any old copies you may have floating around your school or home.

If you need a set of these Guidelines on CD please contact the Schools Services Department as soon as possible.

Monitor Mission / Teaching Mission
As reported in the Manager’s article, the schools in Indonesia are all relatively new to the ACE program and there is a huge need for trained teachers who could help establish the correct procedures within the school. Graduates of the ACE program have also been a blessing to several schools as they use a “gap year” to serve others. Anyone interested in the possibility of a year or even six months as a mission trip to any of the schools in our South Pacific Region should contact the Schools Services Department or have a chat with Roy Savage on the phone (+61 7 3881 5737) or by email (roysavage@scee.edu.au) and we will gladly put you in contact with the schools.

ACE Graduates / Teachers Stories
In recent issues we have heard about some of the things our graduates are doing / have done. If you know of students who have not only graduated from school but have now either graduated from tertiary study or are successful in the work place we would love to share their story. We would also like to hear from teachers / supervisors / monitors who would like to share some of their journey with ACE either in a school or homeschool environment. Send us an email with a picture or two and we will share your story with the ACE family.