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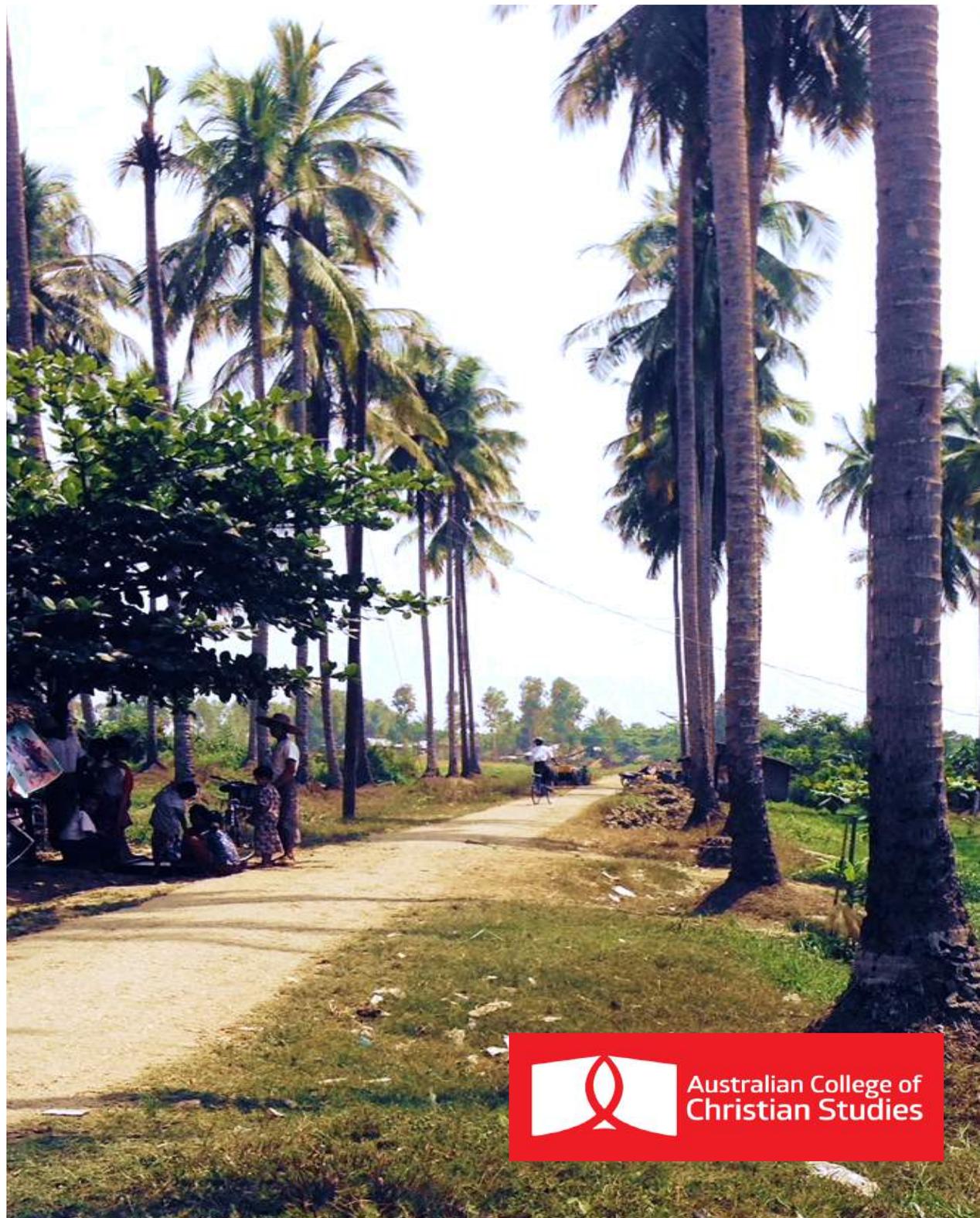
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There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens...
Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

This road is in Myanmar, not far from a small
community of Christians aiming to serve God in
their own special way.
Read more about Myanmar later in the Road...

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From the Principal



It has been an eventful 2018 to date. It never ceases to amaze me how diverse our students are. Their backgrounds, previous learning experiences, expectations and abilities; yet if asked, so many if not all, respond that the reason they are involved in study is to know and serve God better. We delight in all our students and pray they will achieve their ambition to serve God in their chosen area of service.

Len Smith

From the Assistant to the Registrar



I began at the college as a student, participating in a Bachelor of Social Science in Counselling degree. I found the course enjoyable and learned of many theories to apply when counselling.

I lead a small group for single mums as group therapy.

I also work at ACCS, looking after the Korean programme administration and working with the lecturers and staff to ensure students continue to have a quality product and great learning experience during their time of study.

Eun Soon Park

From a student - it is a gem!



“The thing I enjoy about study is that it is like mining, you have to dig through the dirt and then you find an opal.”

Kerrie Aberline (MTh)

From the IT Coordinator



The increase in the number of students who are opting to study on online is definitely noticeable. Their reasons for doing so can be varied, from juggling work and family, to having a preference to online learning, to being able to study at any time and any place.

From my perspective, I know that an increase in dependence on computers for learning can be daunting. It is different from how humans have done education for all of history. However, with this very different change comes some exciting new possibilities. People who were previously unable to study now have whole new

opportunities available to them.

For the most part, you can use whatever internet connected device you already have, including iPads, Android tablets, Windows hybrids, or just a regular PC or Mac. You can even use your mobile phone to watch lectures and read content (although I don't recommend writing up your assignments on your phone!).

Whether it's our theology or ministry courses, or our social science counselling courses, it's my joy to provide students the best available IT experience, no matter how they study.

An invitation to you all

It is that time again...

We are in the process of compiling our second

BOOK of DEVOTIONS

If you would like to participate please forward your contribution to emma.donsworth@ccs.edu.au

For this ebook we are focusing on

UNITY in CHRIST

Typically we include a Bible reference, a message and a prayer point in approximately 250 words.

We would love to have you contribute.

An oldie but a goodie

I once heard a comment from a teenager recently that the volume dramatically increased in his church when the oldies were singing one they knew...

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say

It is well, it is well, with my soul
It is well With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Horatio G. Spafford

You can read of the background to this hymn at

<https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/americancolony/amcolony-family.html>

A lot has been happening

Graduation & Commencement Service

We have recently been involved in two graduation ceremonies. The first for our undergraduate and VET students. It was a wonderful occasion for praising God for his blessing to our students and to us all here at the college who had the privilege in joining with them to celebrate their success.

The second graduation for our post graduate students was equally exciting. Students, faculty and staff met at the Great Hall of Sydney University with others from a variety of colleges to mark the completion and success of their studies. Again it was truly a privilege to be part of the celebration.



Trimester 1... Trimester 2

We will have come to the close of our first trimester for the year by the time you receive this. Students from throughout Sydney but also from other states and overseas have worked hard to complete the required studies for the trimester and many of them will be joined by a number of new students to begin Trimester 2 mid-May.

The trimester suits many of today's learners in that it is work at a regular pace consistently throughout the year for three trimesters rather than a slower pace of the past.

Myanmar connection

Recently I had the unbelievable pleasure of visiting a Christian community in Myanmar. The visit had two purposes, the first to address a faithful community of Christians who met in celebration of the opening of their newly constructed foster home for children. The second was to speak at the local church at a typical Sunday morning service. Both occasions were inspiring and encouraging. Both an opportunity to be reminded that our God is great and he is involved throughout the world. One of the aspects on both occasions which was truly impacting was the love and dedication demonstrated by the children. They are a truly remarkable group.

Many wished to demonstrate their progress in learning to speak English. They have participated in classes conducted by a local Bible school teacher and foster home provider. They have received funding for the classes generously provided by the CCM group through Hands and Feet.

It was an honour to be invited and I ask that you pray for these families as they endeavor to serve God in a complex environment.

Leonard Smith
Principal

Hands & Feet

...The aim is to provide help in the short term to allow people an opportunity to get back on their feet. As opportunity allows, there will be programs developed to aid and help people rebuild their lives.



You can read of the great projects Hands & Feet support on their website. You can make a contribution to a particular project that hits your heart.

<http://handsandfeet.com.au>

FROM OUR BLOG

COVENANT - *BERITH*

Can you use this word correctly in a sentence? Does the word sound old fashioned or super-theological? Bible translations and paraphrases from the KJV (1611) down to *The Message* (2002) use “covenant” to render the Hebrew word *berith* into English, even though “covenant” is rarely heard in modern conversation. So then, what is the meaning of “covenant” in modern English and what does *berith* signify?

The Merriam-Webster definition of “covenant” to find, “a usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement.” A simpler equivalent might be “contract.” It is a fantastic truth that God voluntarily placed himself under binding obligation in a number of contracts recorded in the Bible. Under the Mosaic covenant (= contract) he promised to bless the Israelites in specific ways (eg., food, health, peace, safety, etc) for obedience to his laws. Check this out in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. Perhaps the best contract into which God entered is found in Jeremiah 31 where God promised his people, “I will remember their sin no more.” He was not forced or coerced to do so, He placed himself under this binding obligation voluntarily. What a great, loving, covenant-making God we have!

Theron Young
Dean of Academics

Don't Forget the Mission

We exist to provide tertiary education in Christian Studies including; Theology, Ministry, and Counselling to equip students to be productive members of their family, church, community and workplace.

LEARNING VIA INVOLVEMENT

Socrates famously exclaimed: “Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.” It is commonly aimed at the mind alone to the exclusion of the heart. Such a learning process is thought without passion, knowledge without virtue, and theory without praxis.

Aristotle rightly said: “Educating the mind without educating the heart is not education at all.” Rather, it is merely stuffing the person with information without igniting the flame to live with passion: it is mere reflection without reflective life. This is as the old saying reflects: “Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.” An effective learning process includes a component of involvement. It is all about learning by doing. Aristotle called this virtue as “practical wisdom.” It is the purest human wisdom. It gives the learner an aesthetic pleasure to reflect and heuristic power to do. Theological students sometimes wonder: What is first? Do I first learn and then involve myself in ministry or do I first get involved and then learn? The reality is: one learns as one becomes involved and one becomes involved as one learns. The process is simultaneous. Here at Australian College of Christian Studies (ACCS), we emphasise the process of learning through involvement and active involvement in the learning process: theory and praxis combined. Theory in action and action in theory.

Xavier Lakshmanan
Head of Theology

Please pray with us throughout the coming weeks
PRAISE, PURPOSE, POWER AND PEACE for

Our students
The various Church communities we are connected to
Our Alumni, testament of God working in and through his people
The mission activities various staff and students are involved in
Our staff and faculty
The whole college community

The Korean Programme

한국어 학부

저희 엠마오 대학에 오신것을 환영합니다.

많은 내면의 상처로 살아가는 21세기에 치유와 회복의 깃발을 들고 60년 전통을 가진 저희 학교가 여러분들에게 상담학 학사 코스(Bachelor of Social Science in Counselling)를 한국어 과정으로 오픈을 하게 되어 기쁩니다. 상담학은 학문 뿐만 아니라 여러분의 상처를 치유하고, 가정을 회복하며, 서로의 관계를 증진 시키며, 리더쉽 증진과 삶의 의미를 찾게 될것입니다. 한국어 학부 학장인 저는 목회 30년 그리고 전문상담가로서 호주 심치료협회 (P.A.C.F.A) 정회원으로서 16년동안 활동을 하고있습니다. 상담학 공부는 당신 생애에 최고의 선택이 될것입니다.

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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to the Bachelor of Social Science in Counselling, a programme centered on of healing and recovery in the 21st century. Counselling will not only help you with your studies, but also to heal your wounds, restore your family, enhance your relationships, find leadership, and find meaning in your life.

As a Dean of the School of Korean Language, I have been working as a full member of P.A.C.F.A for 16 years as a professional counsellor and for 30 years in the ministry. Counselling study is a good choice for your life.

Dean of Korean Studies
Professor Kim Byung-Geun (Pastor)



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- Bachelor of Social Science (Korean language)

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