

THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US

How many times have you heard some Christians described as being 'so heavenly-minded they are of no earthly use'?

If there's any truth in that, I guess it's also fair to say that some Christians are 'so earthly-minded they are of no heavenly use'!

Both views contain an element of truth, but as in many areas of Christian life, balance is required. I believe we need both a Hope and a Purpose.

We need hope!

We need a hope that is an anchor to our souls – a hope both sure and steadfast; a hope that has a balanced heavenly minded content.

(Because) it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the **hope set before us**. Heb 6:18 (NASB)

We live in a dark world that is hostile to our faith – but we have hope!

We need purpose!

If you are reading this, you are still alive. If you are still alive, God still has a purpose for your life. We are all running a race. Whatever your race is, keep running it, for it provides a balanced earthly minded content.

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the **race that is set before us**, Heb 12:1 (NASB)

We have an example!

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the **joy set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart. Heb 12:2-3 (NASB)

George Dean
Chairman

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TRIBUTE TO GEOFF VINCENT Ernie Gunders

Ten days before last Christmas my dearest friend, mentor and foundational member of Tehillah, Geoff Vincent, received the greatest gift of all - called home to be forever with his Lord.

I miss him. I miss his quiet encouragement, his never failing enthusiasm for Tehillah and his love of missions, which inspired and motivated me on many levels.

But I'm not the only one affected. I think all who knew him would endorse my sentiments. Yet many of our members barely knew Geoff; but then, that's not at all surprising. You all saw the results of his commitment to our vision, and the generosity of his spirit, but the man remained in the background.

You see, Geoff just quietly **lived** his faith; so he didn't see any great need to talk about it. He stayed in the background, but always making sure things got done. Usually he did them himself; often unnoticed.

These words from a song say it better than I ever could:

"Grandpa was a quiet man, rarely spoke a word; But through the things he never said, He was always heard."

Yes, he was a grandpa - and a loving husband and father too.

Goodbye for now, Geoff, we miss you. But we'll meet again in a far better place where there will be no more saying goodbye, and the Lord Himself will wipe away all tears.

Geoff has not been replaced on the board. Dot remains as a foundational board member. God bless you Dot; with all your added responsibilities you've chosen to remain in this active role in our work.



Geoffrey James Vincent : 8th May 1938 - 15th December 2009

THANK YOU

There are certain times in one's life when we may be thanked, this is one of those times for you.

Thank you for your continued support of Tehillah Ministries in whatever way you have contributed to the Lord's work.

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REPORT OF THE 9th AGM

The 9th AGM of Tehillah Ministries Inc took place on 27th February, 2010 at the Hervey Bay Baptist Church. Thirty one members gathered to hear several reports featuring the work over the last twelve months.

It was exciting to hear of Ernie & Marilyn's trip to Bougainville in 2009; to learn of the progress of their students and the development of the DVD teaching programme.

Clayton Dillon, the skipper of SV 'Shining Light' told of the joy and excitement they experienced when he and the crew delivered 360 Tehillah School Bags to a very remote island in the Western Solomons. They told of an incredible contrast between a visiting false cult leader who took gifts from the people, and the crew of 'Shining Light' who gave the gift of school bags to the children, and who taught the truth from the Word of God. Their visit was indeed most timely.



The ministry of 'Special Effects' continues. She is anchored at Russell Island in Moreton Bay where Don White is a skipper for the local ambulance boat. Don has had many opportunities to share the remarkable story of "Special Effects" with men from the Creek Road Presbyterian Church and also with members of the Safe Harbour Church on Russell Island. While Don is 'on call' he has time to do the regular maintenance on the boat preparing her for her next overseas voyage.

The AGM regretfully accepted Shane & Karen Cavies' resignation as full time missionaries. The meeting expressed grateful thanks to the Lord and to Shane & Karen for their faithful service to Tehillah over the last 8 years. Thank you gifts were presented to both Shane & Karen.

The meeting concluded with the viewing of an eight minute DVD explaining the production of the teaching DVDs.

A beautiful afternoon tea was served by Nola Frost and her helpers.

The 27th February was also Dot Vincent's birthday. "Happy Birthday" was sung and Dot cut a lovely birthday cake which everyone enjoyed.

The next AGM will take place on Saturday 26th February, 2011.



GUNDERS REPORT

NEWS FLASH! As this edition goes to print Ernie & Marilyn have just been invited to visit a Bible College in the north of PNG to implement the training program they are currently teaching in Bougainville. The details are yet to be finalised, but we can report that they will be in the Wewak area from July 25 to August 15. More news will follow soon on the Tehillah website.

TEACHING DVD'S Ernie has continued to record the lessons and publish them as DVD's. This is a time consuming exercise but the results have been very satisfying and comments received so far are encouraging. He has concentrated on lessons to be taught in Bougainville later this year, but with the latest developments as reported above, he will be recording an introduction to the course and some of the lessons for Module 1. A short DVD describing this method of teaching has been produced and can be viewed on the Tehillah website, or if you cannot access that, then you can contact our office for a copy.



BOUGAINVILLE Our visit has been planned for September - October this year, and arrangements are being finalised. Elections for the Bougainville Autonomous Government are being held from March 26 to June 9 this year. Please pray with us for a Godly outcome from these elections. Our long time friend and former Bishop of the United Church, Rev Joseph Nopei, is standing as a candidate for election in his home electorate, and we are praying that God's will prevails.

New Secretary for Tehillah

Carol Browning was appointed as Secretary at the recent AGM.

From 1969 - mid 1975 Carol (Briscoe) and her husband were serving as missionaries on Croker Island N.T. This experience gives Carol an appreciation of the mission situation.

Carol also has many years of experience in Administration in a variety of positions including 2 years at the Dalby Christian School and she is delighted that the Lord has provided this opportunity to serve Him within Tehillah Ministries.

Carol lives in Hervey Bay with her husband Bob.

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