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Serving Jesus Christ and His Church through training,
evangelism and Christian development.

Our vision is a heart to build God's Kingdom.

Our mission is to build God's Kingdom:

Through making and equipping disciples of Jesus Christ;

By learning and living the Word of God;

In the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

General Director's Report

Many people have been asking; “What is happening at Tahlee?” and, more particularly, “What is happening with the Bible College?” The answer to these questions is twofold. Firstly, there are lots of things happening at Tahlee at the moment because Tahlee Ministries is in the process of *transition* and *change* (Isaiah 43:18-19). On the personnel front the Council has appointed me as General Director and has accepted Allan and Jill Wilson's applications to join the Tahlee Ministries staff. Allan is a retired Bank Manager who has recently spent six years as a Lay Pastor in the Uniting Church, and he has been appointed as Property and Operations Manager.

Allan's appointment will take a huge administrative load from me and will allow me to concentrate much more on the “Ministries” side of Tahlee Ministries. I will have more time to develop programs and training courses in Family Relationships, Counselling, Healing and Prayer, while giving help and support to the Schools Heritage and History Program that will be available to Primary as well as High Schools, and an ECO Tourism Program, which will focus on God's Creation on this wonderful Tahlee Property.

For Training in Discipleship and Evangelism we will look to other Christian organisations that already have accredited courses in place and endeavour to work in partnership with them. The Bible College then, will have an important but different part to play in whatever is happening at Tahlee, with an emphasis on more practical than academic issues.

At the end of September Tahlee hosted its first Healing Retreat, with Guest Speakers joining Rosie and I to deal with subjects such as, Scripture and Healing, Faith and Healing, Forgiveness and Healing, Prayer and Healing plus Jesus the Healer and the Holy Spirit and Healing. This is an exciting new venture for Tahlee, and we hope that it will lead to Tahlee Ministries being able to offer help and support to the Churches in this neglected area of ministry. We want to help those who are hurting, wounded, dysfunctional or despairing in our communities - those whom Jesus said he had been anointed to minister to when he read from Isaiah 61 in the Synagogue at Nazareth. (Luke 4:14-21, Isaiah 61:1-2)

On the English front, we have just hosted a *Certificate IV in Teaching Conversational English* course run by Intercultural Training Associates in Brisbane. This Course, which has a very Christ-centred, evangelistic approach, is an excellent tool for churches to use in reaching out to speakers of other languages from Migrant and Refugee groups and is also very helpful for Missionaries going overseas. (Read Jenny's letter re Teaching in Nepal.)

When the School Term begins in October Tahlee will commence hosting a weekly *ENGLISH CORNER* at Wallsend Library in Newcastle. The English Corner program teaches English to migrants, refugees and international students through parables and discussion. (See related article in this edition of Prayerlink.)

In November, as well as hosting a number of Church Camps, Tahlee will be the venue for the YWAM National Leaders' Conference, with some 200 delegates, plus National Leaders, Regional Leaders, Overseas Speakers and DTS Helpers and Servers. YWAM will be using all our accommodation plus bringing tents and caravans into the camping area to accommodate a number of DTS groups doing their Lectures, while also helping with the cooking, cleaning and serving. It will be a time of great excitement and challenge for the YWAM Team and it is a privilege to be able to provide the venue for this important event in YWAM's calendar.

Hillsong Church is planning to bring TWO Youth camps here in January 2012 and, along with a Family Camp of some 200 people early in the month, this will mean over 2,000 people using our facilities in the first month of 2012. We have already purchased a near new Convotherm Oven and modernised the Kitchen to make the catering quicker, easier and more efficient. So these sorts of bookings for 2012 are a wonderful confirmation of Tahlee's continuing value to the Churches in this State and to the work of building God's Kingdom.



Frog Holler

In December we hope to replace the asbestos roofs on Frog Holler and Kangaroo Court so that we have a safe environment for Youth Camps and the School Groups. We need groups like this using our accommodation mid-week to help cover the high cost of maintaining the Tahlee Campsite and Ministry Centre.

This is a continuation of our concerted efforts to modernise our accommodation and make it safe, but it comes at a high cost and we need YOUR HELP to complete it.

The replacement of the asbestos roof on the Auditorium cost \$126,000 and we have received some \$34,000 in donations towards that cost. This shortfall means we are extremely limited in the amount we can spend on restoring the remaining asbestos roofs.



Kangaroo Court

If you can help in any way with the finance, materials or labour, please contact us and make us aware of your offer of assistance so we can plan ahead and be ready for what God wants to do here in this "Place called Tahlee."

*Rev. Ian F. Johnston B.A., B.Th,
General Director
Tahlee Ministries Inc.*

Introducing Allan & Jill Wilson



Allan and Jill came to Tahlee in May as part of their caravanning trip round Australia, having left home in Wangaratta, Victoria, in February. They were challenged by the needs of Tahlee, and felt called to come back in June and apply for permanent roles.

Allan has been appointed the Property and Operations Manager, and Jill will be his Personal Assistant handling accommodation and office administration. Their caravan trip is now on “hold” as they work for the Lord during Tahlee’s transition from being principally a Bible College to a Place of Ministry.

Allan spent 33 years in Banking, followed by six years as a Lay Pastor with the Uniting Church (all in NSW) before he and Jill moved to Wangaratta where they belong to the Wesleyan Methodist Church. With two daughters and eight grandchildren near Wangaratta, they are now enjoying some time close to their son and his family in Maitland.

Allan says - “We have always been involved in the churches in towns where we have lived and our faith has been strengthened by the “saints on the ground” and the times the Lord has carried us through stress and trauma. We count it a privilege to be able to serve Him in this spectacular place called Tahlee”.

New Ministry...

English Corner

Connecting Cultures through English

Tahlee Bible College, will soon be commencing a new outreach and teaching ministry. The **English Corner** program teaches English to migrants, refugees and international students through biblical parables and discussion. The program was founded by Kim and Ashley Hood, of Intercultural Training Associates (ITA) who are based in Brisbane, and they are thrilled that Tahlee will be using these materials in ministry in Newcastle and at Tahlee.

Recently, Georgina Huddle, a Tahlee staff member, attended five teacher training days in Brisbane, and returned to Tahlee to team-teach on the Certificate IV programme “Teaching Conversational English” run by ITA in collaboration with Tahlee Bible College. While setting up free English classes at Wallsend Library for the teacher trainees’ practice sessions, the ITA team (Juanita Anderson and Chris Neale) spoke with the Library Manager, who was happy to provide rooms without charge for weekly English conversation classes. And so the door opened for this new ministry to commence.

These free classes will begin on Thursday 13th October, and will continue every week during school terms. They aim to provide a fun way for culturally and linguistically diverse people to practice their English using a variety of resources, including *"The Dramatised Bible"* and *The Bible for Today (CEV)*.



Classes will be conducted by Georgina who recently gained her Masters Degree in Applied Linguistics for TESOL, assisted by Kathy Shin, another Tahlee staff member who has commenced language teaching training with ITA. Please pray for Georgina and Kathy as they commence this new ministry.



**Free
English
Classes**

Enjoy conversation and meet some Aussie and international friends!

English Corner

When: Every Thursday evening 5.30 - 7 p.m.
Starting Thursday 13th October, 2011
(During school terms)

Where: Wallsend Library - Bunn St. Wallsend

What: Share about your culture
Participate in some fun English classes
Practice speaking English conversation

Why: Meet new people and improve your English.
Make new friends

To register or make enquiries please contact:
Georgina on mobile: 0406 229 583, or office 4997 3003
Or email: georginahodde@hotmail.com

TESOL

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages



L to R: Chris Tobin, Jenny Davis, Juanita Anderson (Course Director), Erica Barr, Georgina Hoddle (teacher)
Inset: Chris Neale (teacher)

A *Certificate IV in Teaching Conversational English* course was run by Intercultural Training Associates (ITA) at Tahlee in September. The students completed the first two weeks of classwork for the course and have now returned home to continue their assessment and practice teaching work.

Chris and his family come from Gilgandra, NSW, and are seeking the Lord regarding teaching English in Asia as an outreach ministry. Erica comes from New Zealand, but is currently living in Brisbane and going through the application processes of an organisation so she can be involved in ministry work overseas.

TAHLEE TESOL to.....NEPAL

Jenny and her husband Phil, serve with International Nepal Fellowship and will be returning to the field in November. Jenny writes:

My husband Phil and I have been living and working in Nepalgunj, Nepal, for the last two and a half years: Phil as a management support and IT advisor with INF and myself as an English teacher in Maya Sadan orphanage. I predominantly teach English to children between the grades of 1 to 5, but more and more I have found myself teaching teenagers and adults English as well. Subsequently, I thought that I would take advantage of learning TESOL whilst on Home Leave.



Jenny teaching the children of the Maya Sadan Orphanage

The ITA course has equipped and inspired me in new ways of determining my student's needs, assessing their levels and designing classes that are exciting as well as relevant to new English speakers. I was especially made aware of how much new people to Australia value these classes and what an evangelistic tool they can be. Now the challenge for me is to make English lessons relevant in a Nepali setting.

I am looking forward to restarting my classes in Nepalgunj in December and trying my new found knowledge. One of the classes is held at my church but people have often asked can they bring other people who don't come to church, so I am thinking of taking a new tack with this group and try teaching through Bible stories or using some of the ITA resources.

My two weeks at Tahlee were much more than just an excellent opportunity for professional development but also a wonderful time of making new friends and receiving spiritual refreshment through the ministrations of Chris, Juanita and Georgina, and the Tahlee staff, and soaking in the peace and tranquility that the grounds of Tahlee envelop one in."

ITA, along with *English Corner* teachers, also run "TEAM Days" - Teaching English As Ministry - for churches internationally. These one-day courses equip, empower and release trainees into ESL and cross-cultural ministry worldwide.

For enquiries regarding these activities please contact:

Georgina at Tahlee on (02) 4997 3003

e-mail: georginahoddle@hotmail.com

or email Juanita Anderson on admin@itateach.com

Where are the Schravemades?

At the end of August Ron and Pam left Tahlee and headed north to Queensland to minister at the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and its hinterland, Hervey Bay, and Yeppoon, near Rockhampton. At the Gold Coast, as well as speaking at a church service, they conducted two training days for Scripture Teachers - one on how to use the computer program "Powerpoint" in religious education classes and the other on using a sketchboard.

They have had many visits to the Sunshine Coast but this visit provided the opportunity to conduct RE programs in four schools they had not visited previously (1,200 children heard the gospel). They were also able to run programs at three after-school Kids' Clubs, sharing with enthusiastic children who are eager to hear about the Lord Jesus. At Hervey Bay two excellent training days for children's workers and Scripture teachers were held, as well as RE assemblies in two schools.

After a program run at a kids' club, a Year 6 boy committed his life to the Lord. Following the children's service on the Sunday, a young girl came up to Pam and said, "I've been talking to my dad about becoming a Christian and I would like to talk to you about that". What a thrill! The last event was an adult program where Ron and "Will" shared the gospel.

At the time of printing Prayerlink, Ron and Pam are running a Kids' Holiday Club in Moree, after having run RE assemblies in six schools in the area and services in the Anglican Church. One school is 90 kms out from Moree and is very small with just six students. A former Tahlee Bible College student, Rev. Brian Kirk, is the Anglican Archdeacon for the area and he visits this, and other schools regularly. On this particular day, only four students were at school. As they were leaving, one little boy came up to Brian and asked, "Mr. Kirk, are you going to come back next term and teach us about Jesus?" Praise God for little children like this who are eager to hear the Gospel message.



Can you help?

The South Seas Evangelical Church is a non-denominational evangelical Church in the Solomon Island. Over the years, Tahlee Bible College has been blessed to have had a number of its members enrol in courses here and then return to the Solomons to take up leadership roles in the Church. As part of its ministry, the SSEC has established two Bible Colleges - one on Guadalcanal, and one on the island of Malaita, and they are in need of theological books for the students studying at these Colleges.

Do you have theological books on your shelves that you don't need any more? Or, are you looking at reducing your library and would be willing to give your theological books to these Colleges in the Solomon Islands? If you can help and would be able to bring your books to Tahlee, that would be appreciated. If you do have books you would like to donate but can't get them to Tahlee, please call Ian Johnston on 49973003.

Coming Events - 2012

TAHLEE MINISTRIES

Evangelism

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Camps

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Tours

Facilities for
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**Kids'
Camp**
Grades 3-6

16th-20th April, 2012



Opportunities to serve the Lord

Do you have a desire to serve the Lord and would be available to give one or two days a week to assist the ministry at Tahlee? There are a number of areas where help would be appreciated:

- * Maintenance
- * Cleaning
- * Gardening
- * Tour catering

If you would be available, please call Allan Wilson on 49973003.

Financial Support

Tahlee Ministries depends on God to provide for all the staff, the continual maintenance of the property and the day-to-day operating expenses. For the ministry to continue and grow, we need the prayers and financial support of God's people. Thank you for standing with us.

- General Donation - use as God guides \$ _____ Prayerlink \$ _____
- Library Fund - Tax deductible \$ _____
- General Building Fund - Tax deductible \$ _____
- Auditorium Renovations including Roof - Tax deductible \$ _____
- Frog Holler, Kangaroo Court roof replacement - Tax deductible \$ _____

Donations of \$2 and over to the Building Funds, Library Fund, are tax deductible.

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