

## Being Intentional In Sharing Jesus



Paddy Benn, Senior Staffworker overseeing evangelism, reports on an exciting new project.

### How Do You Grow In Your Enthusiasm To Tell People About Jesus?

This year the EU has launched the E-Network (Evangelist Network) Mentoring project. The aim is to provide opportunities for students to have an older, more experienced 'guide' meet with them three times in a semester to assist them in developing in their personal evangelism. In addition, those being mentored commit to 1 hour a week of growing in their desire, motivation and skills in evangelism. The one hour of evangelism may take various forms: 1-1 conversations with friends, apologetics, trying walk-up evangelism or writing and running evangelistic bible studies.



What? Please join us for a night at EU's Annual Conference Supporters' Night

**See Page 2 for Details.**



*Alison & Naomi - just 2 of those who have signed up for evangelism mentoring*

The mentoring involves a student and a mentor (usually one of the EU staff) meeting up for an initial chat to talk about the student's hopes and desires and to pray for their non-Christian friends. This is a time for reflecting upon previous experiences of evangelism, and to identify together a focused opportunity for personal evangelism. During the semester the mentor sees how things are going and at the end of the semester they meet again to de-brief, share the joys and successes and then decide on an area of development for the following semester.

We are praying for 100 students to sign up to be mentored this year—currently we have 38. We are hoping that the mentoring will excite people to evangelise their friends in the context of a growing relationship with them, as well as to raise the 'evangelistic temperature' of the EU. Please give thanks to God for those who have signed up and pray that the mentors would be wise and of great encouragement.

# Sir Marcus Loane: Servant of the Lord, Friend of the EU

Sir Marcus Loane passed away on April 14 at age 97 after many years of Godly ministry. He served as an army chaplain in the war years; as vice principal and then principal of Moore Theological College and as the first Australian Archbishop of Sydney and then Primate of Australia. He was a strong leader of deeply evangelical conviction: 'a person of unshakeable integrity'. His 'devotion to Christ,' concludes his biographer, 'was the key to understanding his strong and valiant leadership.'<sup>1</sup> Loane was serious and diligent, not a natural innovator but a firm leader in years of change.

Loane's evangelical faith, shaped by David Knox and Alan Begbie at St Paul's Chatswood, only thrived in the face of erstwhile liberal views at Moore. He arranged evening classes at Sydney University around full-time work and so was unable to participate in the fledgling EU. Nevertheless throughout his wide experience and long ministry he proved a strong advocate for student ministry.

## *'His Fearless Conviction Won Their Respect'*

As a young tutor at Moore Loane stepped in when the 1935 EU mission evangelist had a heart attack. His audience was thoroughly hostile but his 'fearless conviction' eventually won their respect.<sup>2</sup> He spent half of 1950 touring universities and theological colleges in Great Britain and spoke often at public meetings and conferences as the evangelical unions grew. Loane watched as Billy Graham spoke to 3,000 students assembled on the Front Lawns in 1959, then spent the afternoon counselling students in the Holme building. He reflected, 'I have never known such a frank and spontaneous response [from students]; it has been so easy to speak to them about the claims of Christ.'<sup>3</sup>

The claims of Christ were the basis for Loane's strident support for evangelical student ministry as well as his leadership in the church. The gospel remained at the centre of his long and fruitful life, and Mark Thompson recalls: 'Still, at the age of 97, he held everyone in the palm of his hand as he spoke about the importance of preaching, the power of the gospel to change people.'<sup>4</sup>



*Sir Marcus Loane preaching*

We thank God for Marcus Loane, for his lifelong service to the Church, but especially as 'a great friend, really, to the EU' in the words of Bill Anderson, EU President [1948]<sup>5</sup>.

**Jamie Dunk, HGP trainee**

1 J.R.Reid, Marcus L. Loane: a Biography (Melbourne: Acorn Press, 2004), 145.

2 Rev D. Livingstone quoted in Reid, Marcus L. Loane, 31.

3 Reid, Marcus L. Loane, 31-32.

4 Rev Dr Mark Thompson quoted in [http://www.sydneyanglicans.net/news/stories/marcus\\_loane2/media](http://www.sydneyanglicans.net/news/stories/marcus_loane2/media) [accessed 4 May 2009].

5 Bill Anderson, interview with Martin Kemp August 2005, quoted in Meredith Lake, Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord: A History of the Sydney University Evangelical Union (Sydney: The EU Graduates Fund, 2005), 27.

## EU ANCON: THE SPIRIT, SUPPORTERS' NIGHT

When? Wed 1st July, 7.30-9pm (Supper following)

Where? Merroo Conference Centre-182 Mill Rd, Kurrajong

Why? Praise, prayer, plus hear Rowan Kemp on 'The Spirit—the presence & power of God among us'

RSVP: [administrator@gradsfund.org](mailto:administrator@gradsfund.org)

# Easter Foci (Focus × 2)

The overseas students groups from the University of Wollongong and Sydney University had a combined camp in the Easter break.

On Easter Monday the 13th of April, over 50 international and local students from both University of Sydney and Wollongong University gathered at Loftus in Sydney's south for two days of talks, bible studies, fellowship, music and games. After initial concerns we had run out of beds on the site, everyone settled in and enjoyed the beautiful (and rather wet!) Aussie bushland.



*At least 25% of people at the camp were non-Christian. By the end of camp, this percentage decreased—at least one decided to follow Jesus!*

The majority of students were from China, reflecting the usual make-up of Focus groups at both universities, and to everyone's delight and amusement, exclamations of recognition at hometowns, common universities, and even mutual friends were frequently heard over the two days. And yet, the company was varied: those who had grown up knowing Jesus mingled with those who have yet to even hear the good news! Conversations fixed upon God's word as our speaker, Dene, taught from the beginning of Acts with discussion time between an introduction to the passage and explanation of its contents. It was very exciting to see people engaging with the Bible for themselves, many for the first time.



*Tori the mean customs officer. International students had to select "values" that they were going to take home with them. They had to convince the customs officers why they should be allowed to bring them back and not go to gaol*



*Josh Street and the Sydney University Band leading the singing*

These conversations continued beyond the meeting room and throughout seminars on family, evangelism, and biblical theology, to discussions over meals, through relaxed (and not-so-relaxed) games, and well into the night. The next morning dawned bright and sunny as everyone gathered for another talk, some more discussions, and an insightful seminar on returning home after studying abroad.

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*Dene Hughes, staffworker from University of Newcastle FOCUS, spoke powerfully from Acts*

The camp wound up with a group photo in the sun, many exchanged contact details, and much food for thought. It was a massive two days – so many shared ideas, encouragement and spiritual nourishment. But most importantly, it was a time in which the story of what Jesus has done for us was shared. Praise God, for His Word is going forth into these international communities and being heard!

Tori Sanderson and Josh Street are both local students who are involved with the work of e-FOCUS. Tori is fluent in Chinese and has been on exchange to China. They both hope to be doing cross cultural work in China after university.

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# GradsFund News



## A Good News Story

Viv came to AnCon last year as a non-believer, invited by friends in the EU. Following AnCon, although not yet a believer, Viv started coming to EU's lunchtime public meetings and going to church with her Christian friends. However, it wasn't until May this year (10 months later!) that Viv committed her life to the Lord Jesus. Praise God for the movement of his Spirit in Viv's life that has brought her to faith, in answer to the patient promotion of Christ and persevering prayers of her Christian friends.

## Where Will We Be By 2015? - An Invitation

We are currently in the process of developing a five year strategic plan for the EU GradsFund. And I'd love your thoughts, comments and reflections. You can join the conversation on my blog (<http://rowankemp.wordpress.com/>). Look forward to seeing you there!

## Thank you! - On Track Financially

'Thank you' to all those who have generously increased their giving this year. Your increased generosity has meant that at the end of the first third of the year we are on target to meet our budget. Several larger one-off donations have made a significant contribution to the April figures (see below). Please join us in praising God for his provision!



Rowan Kemp  
Staff Team Leader  
CEO, The EU Grads Fund

## financial update

All GradsFund staff are paid by both 'general' and 'personal' donations. 'Personal' donations are in support of particular staff members. 'General' donations are in support of the ministry as a whole.

**2009**

'General' monthly target- \$18,100 (Received: Mar- \$16,500; Apr- \$27,600)  
'General' year-to-date target- \$72,500 (Received: \$73,100)  
Personal' monthly target- \$36,200 (Received: Mar- \$30,500; Apr- \$48,600)  
'Personal' year-to-date target- \$145,000 (Received: \$155,000)