



Library Update



Hello and welcome to the June edition of the Mathew Hale Public Library newsletter.

In April and May we have heard at the library two fine addresses, the first one by Mr Adam Lowe on facilitating groups which was very enjoyable and instructive. The other was by the Reverend Richard Trist who gave a most entertaining and useful lecture entitled "Hitchhikers Guide to the Bible".

I should mention that the library now subscribes to Crux, the journal produced by Regent College in Vancouver which aims to bring a Christian world view, particularly to the arts and literature, and creative sciences. The library also subscribes to the Reformed Theological Review (an Australian publication) and has recently subscribed to the Evangelical Homiletics Society Journal which is produced by Gordon Conwell of Massachusetts in the United States. The library has taken up a recent subscription to Christian History and a Biography, being a publication of Christianity Today.

There are a number of newspapers to which the library subscribes including The Melbourne Anglican, the Tasmanian Anglican, the Rockhampton Gazette and others.

We are producing a handbook of library procedures for the use of the library. The labelling of books is continuing as is the cataloguing of books. Many thanks to Sue Lockeridge and Robin Lake for their great work.

The next major event at the library is the workshop by Canon Dr Peter Adam on preaching which is set down for 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on 25 July 2008 at the library. We are very privileged to be able to have him conduct the workshop. He is an outstanding preacher and teacher. Please encourage your friends, leaders in your church, lay workers, etc to come along to participate in that workshop.

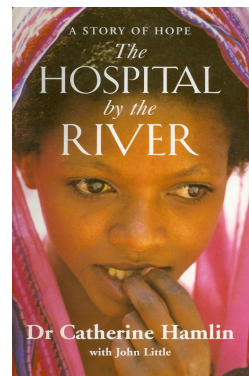
Peter is also speaking at a dinner at Emmanuel College, Sir William McGregor Drive, St Lucia at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$30 per head. If you would like to book for this dinner, please telephone Cathy on 3236 4399.

Included with this newsletter is a review of the book "The Hospital by the River" by Catherine Hamlin which is a most inspiring book.

We really do appreciate all the support the library is receiving as it continues to develop. We would like the library to be a facility for significant learning, research, study and teaching for the future.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation before 30 June 2008 for the work of the library, please use the form which is part of this newsletter.

Best Regards,
Dr Keith Weller
Honorary Warden



BOOK REVIEW:
The Hospital by the River by Dr Catherine Hamlin

This is a wonderful book. I was recommended to read it by two people around about the same time and I am very grateful to them for recommending this book. The back cover of the book says as follows:

"Gynaecologists Catherine and Reg Hamlin left Australia in 1959 on a short contract to establish a midwifery school in Ethiopia.

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Over 40 years later, Catherine is still there, running one of the most outstanding medical programs in the world. Through this work thousands of women have been able to resume a normal existence after living as outcasts.

The Hamlins dedicated their lives to women suffering the catastrophic effects of obstructed labour - a problem easily dealt with in the developed world by assisted delivery or caesarean section, but disastrous without medical intervention. The awful injuries that such labour produces are called fistulae, and until the Hamlins began their work in Ethiopia, fistula sufferers were neglected and forgotten - a vast group of women facing a lifetime of incapacity and degradation.

Catherine and Reg have successfully operated on over 20,000 women, and the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital, the hospital they opened in 1975, has become a major teaching institution for surgeons from all over Ethiopia and the developing world. Since Reg's death, Catherine has continued their work. As well as being made a Companion of the Order of Australia, being awarded the ANZAC Peace Prize and the coveted Gold Medal from the Royal College of Surgeons, Catherine was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999.

The Hospital by the River is Catherine's story. Set against the vivid backdrop of Ethiopia, it is a moving and utterly compelling account of an extraordinary life."

What I found particularly interesting about the book was the Australian connection and that the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Gareth Evans, in the Labour Government in 1996 described Dr Catherine Hamlin as the pin-up girl of the Department of Foreign Affairs (see page 272 of the book). Australian Government Funds were sent by the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund to assist the hospital in its redevelopment. The Australian connection continues firmly with Dr Catherine Hamlin but also with Mark and Annette Bennett, their 4 children, Alleytia, Dylan, Lewis and Martin. Mark Bennett is the CEO of the hospital.

Please buy this book, read it and encourage other people to read it as well.

Reviewer: Alex Crawford

Upcoming Events In 2008



**Canon Dr Peter Adam,
Workshop:
"Preaching"
25 July:
9.00am—2:00pm**

Join us at the Mathew Hale Public Library (9.00AM - 2.00PM) for a practical workshop by Canon Dr Peter Adam on "Preaching".

Entry, including lunch, will be \$30.



**Rev'd Rhys Bezzant,
Lecture: A
Reformation
Tour
11 November:
7.30pm**

Join us at the Mathew Hale Public (7.30PM) Library for a fascinating lecture by Rev'd Rhys Bezzant on "A Reformation Tour". Entry by gold coin donation..

Please visit our website for further information regarding events.

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