

COMMUNIST COUNTRY REQUEST

We've received a request to minister in Hungary from Csaba Siffel. A portion of his letter states:

"I'm glad to hear you are praying about returning to Europe. The best time for us would be September/ November. We think of a few evening lectures (or series of lectures) in our medical university, but we can arrange them in different universities in Hungary too. We can provide you with full board, but unfortunately we're not able to support travel to Hungary. Sincerely in the love of Jesus Christ."

The doors are open worldwide, to places where the gospel has for so long been forbidden — will you help us go when the need is so great and the chief weapon used against the gospel has been evolution. Air fares are about \$3,000.

Now that communism has collapsed, the people in these countries are flocking by the tens of thousands to occultic spiritism to fill their spiritual void. Please help us to go and preach Christ to them.

DEBATE VIDEO CANADA

The Video Department at the University of Saskatchewan has finished the Debate Video. Praise God! Filmed towards the end of last year in Canada, it features John Mackay for Creation Research versus Professor Langford (Geology), Professor Woodhouse (Education), Professor Williams (Vet Science) and Rev Clay (Ecumenical Chaplain) for the University of Saskatchewan. The end product has cost at least \$1,000 more than we expected, but is well produced and available on T.V. broadcast tape. One Professor of Education, who has previewed it, commented, "It should be seen by all schools in Saskatchewan." We recommend this two hour video for all schools! Get your copy now and pray

it will be widely used in schools, universities, colleges and youth groups.

\$5000 DONATION

Jehovah Jireh — our Provider — the Lord Jesus truly is. During January, we received a single donation to video production which has been a real encouragement to us. Pray for the video ministry this year.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO'S LISTENING

I was speaking on the secular Roy Norris radio show in Spring, 1987. Unknown to me, Joyce Pitzel in the College of Medicine was listening. The topic of The Age of the Earth came up. Joyce had a friend who did not believe the Bible because of 'millions of years.' She tried to track us down, but ended up contacting the person who'd got us on radio. She was loaned the book we'd been promoting, "It's a Young World After All" by Professor Ackerman. Just recently Joyce returned the book with a note attached to say her friend had come to Christ in December, 1987. How faithful the Lord is in keeping His promise in the scripture; some sow, others reap and the Lord brings the increase. Praise Him with us for what He's doing and continue to pray for real outreach blessings in this ministry.

ENCOURAGING LETTERS

"This year especially I have come under 'mockery' by friends, even those I sing with and worship with, by priests and curates I have approached to find answers . . . (about) . . . belief in man created as a separate creation from apes. I have prayed this week for clear guidance, someone who could counsel me, I began to think I was stupid and confused and misguided for believing my Bible. I believe that God led me to hear you on Saturday and I was fascinated by your lecture. You

confirmed for me, my belief in all that I have held dear in my daily reading of the Bible. Having heard you and having been handed such a gift from you as the Record (Genesis) I feel once more warmly wrapped and secure in God's love and in my faith. I can't begin to tell you what your gift did for me last night. It was as though God Himself was saying to me — 'Yes, you are right to believe my Word, good and faithful servant, this book will help you fight against the scoffers. Be encouraged!'

Shiela Hamil, Wallsend"

BUSY MINISTRY

It has already been a busy year with February ministry to students from the Military Academy in Duntroon; the Australian National University during Orientation Week; then John Mackay, Allen Hall and John Bean sharing ministry with the Wesleyans at Caboolture, a Men's Breakfast at Virginia Presbyterian and a Men's Meeting at Kingswood Park Church of Christ. Pray we will minister this year where God wants us. Coming in March are sessions with Baptists from the Gold Coast, Northern Rivers and Grafton.

RECESSION HITS CHURCHES

Letters like the following show it:

". . . As a church we were thoroughly blessed by John Mackay's ministry the last time he was here. The literature he left us is proving an invaluable resource to our young people. While we would love to have John back among us, the economic situation here in Margaree makes it financially impossible for us to invite our brother at this time for 1991 We will pray for your ministry in 1991.

Pastor S. Fenton, Margaree Baptist Church" This year more than any other, the ministry will need your support. Will you help?

SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS

Dr. Graham French, Dr. Eager, Dr. Allan Roberts and the many others who met as lecturers for the Summer School shared a blessed time during the week at Bateman's Bay in January. Pray for the teachers and lecturers who attended as they go back to colleges and universities — equipped for the Lord.

A highlight of our geology trip was the discovery



Summer School Field Trip 1991

by Susan Robertson of the fossil shell — **Aviculopectin**. This adds a new specimen to our collection of pectin shells, both living and fossil, which hammer the point that all creatures produce their own kind. Pray as we allocate funds to turn our collected evidence into more and more displays for schools, colleges and video material.

FROM THE WORD

"Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake, rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" Matthew 5:11,12.

How do you react when friends falsely accuse you and enemies persecute you for the sake of the gospel? Do you lash out to prove their attack unwarranted, or do you count yourself blessed of God because the devil is so threatened by your relationship with Christ he seeks any means to nullify you?

Communists seek people they call 'useful idiots.' These people are not communists. They are sympathetic to peace, freedom and justice, but without wisdom, and so become vehicles to spread any propaganda fed to them. The trick is simple. Dress the propaganda in terms of peace, freedom or justice. Such 'useful idiots' don't even recognize it is their own pushing of the latest peace barrow that produces riots in the cities.

The devil has many 'useful idiots' in the church. They have such righteous desire for peace they suppress truth to keep peace. Their holy desire for justice destroys

churches in defense of evil widows, because defending widows is scriptural. It is such 'useful idiots' the devil uses to report rumours, and gladly pass false accusations around, "to protect the church of course." When this happens, what should you do? The answer is rejoice. Regard yourself as blessed of God knowing the devil is angry at what Christ is doing in you.

Why does God allow such slander or persecution? To distinguish the real sheep from those dressed in sheep's clothing. Christ's sheep regard themselves as blessed under such attack and humbly continue preaching the gospel. They know such slander is designed by the devil to destroy them, yet allowed by God to sharpen and hone them to be more effective servants of Christ. False sheep launch a frenzy of self-justification. They hurl a full scale attack on any they claim slander them and proceed to spread chaos as far and as wide as they can. They do not rejoice or regard themselves as blessed. They pronounce themselves persecuted, deserving of sympathy, and woe betide the 'useful idiot' who doesn't give it to them.

Oh, you saints of God, rejoice when falsely accused. Continue the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, and be like Nathanael — men and women of God in whom there is no guile — no desire to seek revenge, for the Lord will bring forth justice.

CREATION SCIENCE SASKATCHEWAN

C.S.S. extended an invitation for John Mackay to address their Annual General Meeting late in 1990. John shared our worldwide research on Rapid Coal Formation and Noah's Flood. Biology teacher, Steve Lockhart from Moosejaw, was really excited after seeing our video, "The World of Living Fossils" which we screened for all to see, and stated, "I'm gonna make use of this in my Biology classes — it's really good." We screened this video in many schools last year with great success. Why not get a copy for your school?

PRAY FOR US

A big thank you to those of you who've been praying for myself and my wife and family for a while. We know many of you have never met the whole family so

here's a photograph of the Mackay family. From left to right they are:

Angela - 15, Bronwyn - 13, Christine - 10, Deborah - 8. Anne and I are at the back



WESTERN SCHOOLS REQUEST

We've had a request from Outback Patrolman, Les Nixon, for 30 "World of Living Fossils" videos. He has the opening to supply them to 30 outback schools and has asked his own supporters to consider raising finance to help. We would like to extend this challenge to you. If any of you out there feel burdened to supply "The World of Living Fossils" to outback schools then please forward your donation, marked "School Video Project 91." Send \$35 for each video.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Vicky came for counselling during 1989 ministry in Michigan, U.S.A. She had been suffering from severe bouts of Satanic oppression. We showed her from the scriptures how to put the Lord's armour on and win the battle against Satan. A joyous Vicky reported to us in 1990 that all the oppression had gone. She brought her husband for counselling this time. Pray for them both.

ATTACK!

Commencing February 1991, we're going on the attack with extensive promotion of Creation Research materials in secular newspapers. We will be reaching out to the secular evolutionary world which won't come to church or privately organised meetings. We are taking a real faith step in buying space in many large newspapers.

In 1990, we ran a successful series of "Free Tape and Information Pack" offers in secular newspapers, and we ask your prayers this year as we advertise materials to show the public has been lied to by Satan concerning evolution. The devil won't like it! The evolutionist won't like it! Many in the education system won't like it, but it's time Christians went on the attack in an increasingly secular community before we find everyone so convinced of evolution that Christianity is regarded as irrelevant. The cost will be great. Pray for and support us. Pray for the success of these.

NEW PRAYER MEETING

Anyone in the Gladstone area (Qld) can contact Leigh on Ph: (079) 75 1107 if you would like to meet to pray for Creation Research Ministry.

CORRECTION

We've been advised by the publishers of "The Word Shall Stand," (which we promote due to its strong stand on creation and women in ministry) that they are independent of Chapter 1 Lutherans. Our last newsletter inadvertently linked the organizations.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

John Mackay

Allen Hall John Bean Gwen Taylor Anne Mackay Glen Bean Kerry Wallace

A STRANGE BIRD IS THE PLATYPUS

During his Summer School devotional on Strange Birds, which included reference to evolutionary favourite Archaeopteryx, Rev. Dr. Allen Hall finished with a delightful bit of his own poetry so enjoyed by everybody, we reproduce it here:

"God made me mammal, reptile, duck and bird Which every evolutionist thinks absurd: Such combinations, webs, fur, eggs and bill to poke Would make you think I'm God's one faunal joke, And quite abnormal? Ancestors unknown — But no! I tell you, I'm God's very own! Since God designed my well adapted feet, For just those needs in life He thought I'd meet; My webs are made to swim along so well. These trusty claws designed to dig pellmell: My bill — how novel too for grub or worm — Where with to slurp them as in mud they squirm. God put those pockets in my gentle jaw, So I could dive for food and hold much more, And surface then to enjoy my leisured meal. As babies sucking her my wife could feel. God gave me fur to keep me warm between Continual deep immersions where I'd been. He gave both claws and poison glands some lack, So I could meet the occasional foe's attack-God taught me how to build a burrow deep. With tunnel blocks my kids more safe to keep: Our Platupustic Adam was the same: Let those who doubt it bear their stubborn shame. Does God confront those spurning Him today? Yes sir! He made me as I am, to stay!"

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