



COLLEGE NEWS



News of the Christian Leaders' Training College of Papua New Guinea Inc.

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Traditionally dressed students lead the procession on Sunday.



Guests and Pioneers at the Sunday Celebration.

Jubilee Celebrations of CLTC

2015 marks 50 years since the establishment of the Christian Leaders' Training College. This issue of College News will highlight celebrations in Banz, New Zealand and Australia. At the time of going to press further celebrations were yet to be held in parts of PNG.



Banz

The Banz Campus celebrated the Jubilee of CLTC during the weekend of 17 to 19 April.

The weekend events began on the Friday night. The Principal William Longgar officially opened the celebrations while the weekend speaker, John Hitchen, set the theme for the weekend in his talk. There was also a drama featuring the founding of the College, students presented items and a power point presentation was shown detailing the College history.

Saturday featured a morning and an evening session with the guest speaker, items and the planting of five trees in the newly established Jubilee Park.

Sunday was the feature day with an outside celebration. The guests were led to the celebration area by a number of sing sing groups dressed in full costume. Again the guest speaker challenged those attending. There was also the presentation of the certificate awarding the College the status of An Institution of Higher Education by representatives of the Department of Higher Education. The special Jubilee cake was also cut and a time capsule was handed to the Principal which contained items pertaining to the College in 2015. The afternoon was spent in fellowship and celebration at mumus around the College.

The College was honoured by the attendance of pioneer graduates (Ps Mandalaga Giawasi, Silas Pokikau (Blaise), Joshua Lukas and Traimya Kambipi) who were the guests of honour throughout the weekend. John and Ann Hitchen and Garth Morgan were also part of the pioneer group having been at the College from its foundation.

The College Board Chairman, Chris Alu and Principal Emeritus Joshua Daimoi and Mone Daimoi also took part in the weekend.



Thomas Elling (local leader), Silas Pokikau (Pioneer Student), Wilma Paka (Dept of Higher Education) and William Longgar (Principal) cut the Jubilee cake.



Celebrating 50 years of
Equipping Christian Leaders in Melanesia
1965 - 2015

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Jubilee Celebrations

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MiCamp Lake Taupo.

New Zealand

New Zealand celebrated CLTC's 50th anniversary in February. Carolyn Wickens shares her experiences of the celebration.

Carolyn went to CLTC with her parents, Graham and Joyce Walker, in 1965. Graham was General manager of CLTC, and from 1970 CEO of ATA, and its Beechwood, Transwest, Timberline and Highway Motors subsidiaries, all of which had past staff present at the reunion, including three of the Walker siblings.

On Friday 27th February 2015, about 95 folk arrived at MiCamp Lake Taupo in New Zealand for the weekend. This was to be the first of several gatherings this year to celebrate 50 years since CLTC began.

Rev Dr William Longgar and his wife Iru came from Papua New Guinea, others came from all around New Zealand, twelve from Australia and even one from California, for a weekend of reminiscing and renewing old friendships. Some had not seen each other for decades.

Singing praise songs like *How Great You Are* and *Oh For a Thousand Tongues To Sing* from the CLTC *Sing His Praise* book, brought back wonderful memories of Sunday mornings when the CLTC/ATA family would come together in the CLTC auditorium for praise and worship.

The beautiful location and perfect weather, along with delicious food added to the warm and friendly atmosphere. William shared his story with us, the current situation at CLTC and his hopes for the future for CLTC. John Hitchen led us into a time of thanksgiving and communion on the Sunday morning. We thank Ruth and Garth Morgan for their commitment and hard work in making this 50th reunion such a wonderful and memorable weekend.



William and Iru cutting the cake.



The Doncaster reunion.

Australia

The first Jubilee Celebration in Australia was an afternoon program held at Warragul, Victoria, for those from the Gippsland area, with many attending who had supported or visited CLTC over many years.

It was attended by seventy people and included sessions filled with information, pictures, memories and challenges. William and Iru Longgar were special guests and cut the anniversary cake with Peter and Marg Rowse whose significant contribution to CLTC covers many decades.

The main event of celebration took place on Saturday 28th March at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Doncaster. Over ninety people attended for all or part of the day.

It was a joy to welcome Paul and Liz McArthur, Rick Walker, Ruth and Garth Morgan (from NZ), Alan Baker (one of the earliest builders) and other friends from MAF and missionaries who had been associated with CLTC over the years. People who had lived at Banz, Lae, Mt Hagen, and Beechwood were in attendance, and also a number who had been involved with work parties over the years. A number of CLTC 'kids' were also able to attend, some with their own families.

Three individual sessions were held over the course of the day. The sessions focused on the history of the College; recognition of the new Principal and his journey; opportunity for memories and individuals' stories; a challenge for the present and the future and the need for continuing support and involvement from Australia. Several videos, DVDs and many old slides were viewed, relevant hymns from *Sing His Praise* sung throughout the day. Comments at the end of the day were very encouraging as people felt they had been challenged and inspired by the vital ministry of CLTC.



A special cake was part of the celebrations and this was cut by William and Iru Longgar (centre), Alan Baker (left) and Marg and Ade Rickard (longest serving staff members).

My Face will Go with You

(Exodus 33:1-23)

Moses was called upon by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt into Canaan, the Land of Promise. It was never going to be an easy task because Moses had to face the challenges of having to dispose of the previous occupants of the land, and of having to deal with the rebellious attitude of the people he was leading, the Israelites.

With the “face of God” going before them, there were many military campaigns to dispose of the previous occupants of the land. Many were successful and some were defeats, and with the defeat came lessons to be learnt about obedience to God’s commands. But the rebellious attitudes of the Israelites continued to be a thorn in the flesh to Moses’ leadership. God was about to bring destruction on them, but Moses, the leader that he was, interceded for the people and God relented (conceded). Then He instructed Moses where to lead the people next: *“Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way for you are stiff-necked people.”* (Ex. 33:3)

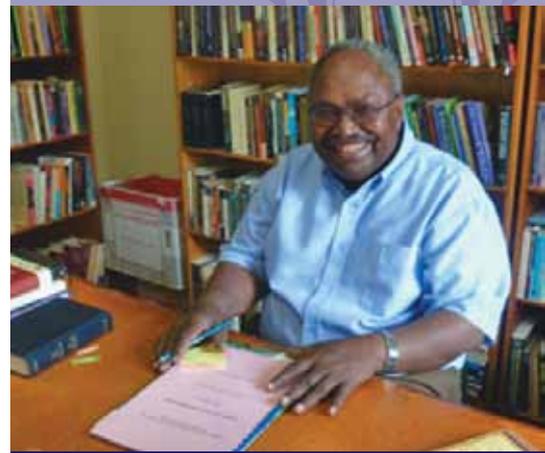
Moses was not about to continue the journey without God’s presence. He knew the necessity, the value, the delight of God’s company and he refused to move or to lead without His presence. *“If your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here”* (v. 15). So God agreed, *“My Presence will go with you.”* The Hebrew

actually says, *“My face will go with you.”*

Fifty years ago under the leadership of Dr Gil McArthur, the Christian Leaders’ Training College of Papua New Guinea began its journey as a theological institution to train young men and women as leaders for the churches and the nations of the Pacific. From a small and a humble beginning the “tiny acorn” planted in a vast swamp land in the Wahgi valley in 1965 has become a very beautiful sprawling campus, with the possibility of greater expansion, infra-structurally, logistically and academically. In the words of J O Sanders, it “has grown into a spreading oak under whose branches cluster a number of related enterprises, each of which remains true to the original vision – to plant throughout Melanesia [Pacific] men [and women] of God who will be effective messengers to their own generation” (1978:9).

The men to whom the vision of such a College was given, “had their eyes on tomorrow’s horizon, and planned for a harvest where the horizons lift. Theirs was a vision, not for one year or even ten years, but for eternity” (Sanders 1978:9). Today two thousand-plus graduates spread across the full breadth of the Pacific and are impacting on their churches and nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In many ways, “the face of God” has journeyed with the College for the last fifty years. Through pains and toils, death and sicknesses, the “face of God” sustained, protected and enabled the men and women who had led CLTC through those fifty years. Today we celebrate a success story that came in the midst of a lot of sacrifices. The unmarked graves at the main campus



**From the Principal
Rev Dr William Longgar**

Greetings to all our generous supporters in the ministry of Jesus Christ at CLTC.

in Banz are testimonies to the great price paid for success.

A Word of Appreciation

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Christian Leaders’ Training College, it is only right that I express my sincere thank you, to you our friends from New Zealand and Australia for selflessly giving your lives, time, labour and money so that CLTC could be a success story. I pay tribute to the contributions made by many of your colleagues who have been called home to higher services in glory. My wife and I were truly privileged to meet many of you at the Lake Taupo reunion in New Zealand and the reunions at Warragul Uniting Church and at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Melbourne, Australia. It was truly a humbling experience for us, as we interacted with you, and our hearts were quietly moved by the knowledge that these were the people who made a difference in the lives of the people and churches of the Pacific through CLTC. May I also sincerely thank our friends and partners in the US for your contribution over years to the growth and ministry of CLTC.

Thank you.

Rev Dr William K. Longgar
National Principal



Faculty 1973.



CLTC's Present Financial Needs

About 60% of the funding required to operate CLTC's three training centres at Banz (near Mt. Hagen), Lae and Port Moresby, is earned from the poultry business on the Banz campus, producing Day old meat chickens and table eggs. The remaining 40% comes from student fees (15%), property rents (5%) and donations (20%).



Late in 2014, the PNG Government's ban on imported uncooked poultry meat from Australia (due to poultry diseases) was lifted. Large volumes of Australian poultry meat came into PNG. The two large PNG based poultry meat producers responded by deciding not to grow all their day old chickens (DOC), but rather to sell some of their DOC's to 'street sellers' who flooded the Highlands markets, forcing CLTC to discount our DOC prices by up to 27%.

As we write, CLTC is struggling to pay CLTC staff wages and salaries and staff have been asked to consider cuts to their salaries, such has been the financial impact on the College through loss of DOC income during 2015.

Please pray in partnership with us, that this funding deficit might be provided by increased donations and a long term reinstatement of the PNG ban on the importation of uncooked poultry meat from Australia.

Donations may be banked online:
In PNG - Westpac Bank, Mt Hagen,
Acc Name: CLTC Institute of Higher Education,
BSB 038 038, Acc No 600 180 3621.
In Australia - Westpac Bank, Lilydale Vic,
Acc Name: Christian Leaders Training College,
BSB 033 107, Acc No 23 1483.
In New Zealand - CLTC, Westpac, 030155
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and 'present needs'.

Thank you sincerely for praying and responding.

William Longgar
Rev Dr William Longgar
National Principal

Garth Morgan
Garth Morgan
Council Treasurer

Testimony

A God who can mend

My name is Charles Maihi and I am from Yangoru in East Sepik Province. I am married with two children. My wife's name is Dianne and my two children are Marjorie and Othineal. Before coming to CLTC, I spent almost seven years of my life in the village after being pushed out of the normal education system in 2003.

That caused me a lot of frustration and bitterness. I thought that this was the end of my life. I thought that life had no purpose and was meaningless, and so before coming to CLTC, I engaged in many unhealthy activities like drinking alcohol and fighting. At one point I almost got killed. This made me come to my senses and so I had to recommit my life and seek God for the answers to these struggles. After I gave my life to the Lord He has never left me or abandoned me. **God has proven to be a father, in fact, more than a father, a provider, comforter, and guide.**

In 2011, God by His grace, opened the door for me to come to CLTC to do my Diploma in Ministry. After completing my Diploma, in 2013 God led me to go to Kikori (Gulf Province) and work as the hospital chaplain for one year as part of my internship programme. I had no idea of how to work in such a field but God helped me through. I completed my internship year and came back to CLTC in 2014 and took up the role of Student President. Again it was really challenging for me but God has been so good. With the prayers and support from the many families and friends in the College I was able to carry out this responsibility in a way that gives glory to God. Finally, in 2015 I am doing a Bachelor of Theology course and my wife is doing her second year in the Diploma in Ministry course.

We have a God who can mend all our scattered dreams and give us a new hope and a promising future. *Nothing is impossible for God to do* (Matt 1:37). If He can do it for me, He can do it for all of us. We only have to come back to Him and trust and believe in Him for He is the source of everything.

God bless

Charles Maihi



The Maihi family: Charles, Othineal, Marjorie and Dianne.

Recognition as an Institution of Higher Education



Mr Charles Mabia from The Department of Higher Education hands over the accreditation certificate at the Jubilee celebrations to the College Principal William Longgar and Board Chairman Chris Alu.

Another special honour for CLTC in this, the Jubilee year, was, when in March this year, CLTC was awarded full accreditation as An Institution of Higher Education by the Department of Higher Education.

This is wonderful news and an answer to prayer and an indication of the high standard reached by CLTC. It is also the result of many years of hard work by many members of staff and overseas advisors. The

process took seven years of reports and official auditing and inspections by the DHE. At first the College was recognised by a provisional accreditation and at the end of 2014 the OHE team made a final visit.

The accreditation shows that CLTC stands tall among the country's educational institutions.

The College will now be assessed every three years to ensure the high accreditation standards are being kept.



Faculty being trained in the E-learning

College moves into E-Learning

The CLTC E-Learning program was launched during the CLTC Jubilee weekend celebrations. As one of only two institutions in the country with such a system, the program will enable staff and students at all the CLTC campuses throughout the country to log into a program recording marks, setting assignments, setting reading passages, allowing students and lecturers to message each other and conduct on line discussions and many more features. The program was designed and set up by the IT department under the leadership of Jonathan Zureo. Staff and students are undergoing training to use the system.



E-learning 'turned on' by Charles Mabia from the Dept of Higher Education with IT manager Jonathan Zureo.



Rev Dr Joshua Daimoi at the award ceremony with the Governor General.

Emeritus Principal Honoured

Rev Dr Joshua Daimoi OL was honoured this year by the Papua New Guinea Government. He was made an Officer of The Order of the Logohu (an award for distinguished service to PNG) for his contribution to theological education and the Baptist Church. He was presented with the award by the Governor General at Government House in March.



The Pasifika Strategy video – A 9 minute video produced by Luminous Fish Productions and Overseas Council Australia promoting CLTC and its newly implemented Master of Theology program designed to give graduate level theological training to men and women throughout the South Pacific. See www.cltc.ac.pg



CLTC Stamp Launch

After several years of planning, Post PNG issued a set of nine stamps to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the College. These were officially launched in March by Executives of Post PNG at a ceremony at the CLTC Campus in Port Moresby. Television and newspapers covered the occasion. CLTC was recognised for its leadership in the country and as the Post PNG executive said, "CLTC has contributed so much to this country and we are honouring it by issuing them a stamp in recognition of their work. Through this stamp CLTC will be recognised both domestically and internationally."

The stamps can be viewed and purchased on line through the site www.postpng.staging.ifunk.net

CLTC is the first institution in PNG and possibly the only Bible College in the world to be honoured with a stamp issue.



Port Moresby Campus Dean Emmanuel Kauna and Council Chairman Chris Alu share with Post PNG executives far right and left



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