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Youth Evangelism



I'm sitting here, searching for words, trying to tell you just how I'm feeling right now.

But I *can* tell you this much: I'm tingling with a new kind of excitement!

A man who lived more than 2,500 years ago must have had my recent experience in mind when he wrote about young men and women catching visions and "prophesying" (Joel 2:28,29). Because what happened to me a few weeks ago has left me with a new sense of awe at God's incredible ability to empower willing young people to do impossible things.

God has apparently had young people in mind to be at the forefront of "taking it to" the enemy in this final battle of Time. I often dreamed of such things happening. But I have now experienced it for myself. And I can report to you that this is the real thing.

Thanks largely to your financial assistance and sincere prayers, *It Is Written Oceania*

sponsored an event in Sydney, designed especially for youth. Not just any old kids, mind you. These were youth who can see straight through the empty promises of our media-driven society. They turned up to the University of New South Wales in their hundreds. *Fountain in The City* hosted the three-day event. You should have been there. This was really something to see!

They were there to learn how to introduce our amazing Prince Emanuel to people who have never heard of Him. They wanted to learn how to explain the Bible to those who have no idea what the book is all about. They came to all the programs and they soaked it all up like dry sponges under a running tap. And they wanted more.



Over 500 Youth Trained for Evangelism

These, on-fire “kids” came from more than 120 ordinary churches across our land. They arrived at the Uni on Thursday, 14 February and stayed all weekend. The event’s theme was: “It’s Time – to reach, preach and teach”. Not exactly a rock concert – but the place was electric with more power direct from the Source than any secular event ever boasted. You could feel it. You could see it on their faces. The buzz of conversation was completely different from ordinary themes. Five hundred and fifty youth, with intelligent, considered purpose were there for one wonderfully-exciting reason.

David Asscherick, director of the *Arise Institute* (USA), was the keynote speaker. And he delivered. In torrents. Once he remarked that listening to him was, “A little



like trying to drink from a fire hose.” And he certainly pumped it out. The kids were kept very busy with their notes and supplied workshop material, all carefully prepared to train them efficiently to be effective for the God of their lives.

They learned: how to introduce a person to the Saviour, how to speak with power, how to host small groups of questing people, how to nurture “newborns” into maturity, how to breath new life into their home churches, how to explain the Bible’s central message to people, how to live healthfully, how to make music a positive force, how to work with video

– and much more. As you can imagine, it was a pretty full-on time. But they handled it all so very well, and they wanted more!

Then came the acid test. Bursting with enthusiasm, these 550 youth went to the nearby people’s houses and within a few hours over 200 hundred families asked for them to come back and explain the best news human ears have ever heard, from the Bible. More than a hundred people from the community pre-registered for an up-coming public seminar to be held near them.

When the weekend drew to its climactic close, twenty-one of the youth asked to be baptised. But listen to this: sixty-five of them have committed to giving six months of their lives working full-time in their communities with the one objective of leading people to the Source of life everlasting.

All this is tremendously inspiring to us at *It Is Written Oceania*, as I’m sure you will realize. And it is no coincidence that this very month we are setting out in faith on a new project: *It Is Written Evangelism College–Oceania* (IIWEC-Oceania). The College will offer a six-month field school to



train young people to be truly effective in bearing the Good News of salvation to soul-hungry people. It will integrate beautifully with our television programs. People who respond to our weekly offers will be given the opportunity to look thoughtfully into the truly important things of life with the assistance of one of our College trainees.

A lot of prayerful planning has taken place and on March 31 this year the first intake of fifteen students will occur. David Asscherick and Lyle Southwell will provide



hands-on training. These wonderful young people will be equipped to deliver the very messages that the prophet John saw three, supernatural beings carrying in full flight across the heavens for this very moment.

As you know, *It Is Written Oceania* exists because people like you have generously provided funding. It is a self-supporting arm of the Seventh-day Adventist church. None of what you have read just now would have happened without your vital support. God bless you tremendously for your commitment. We thank you very sincerely. But can you imagine how you will feel when a crowd of people you never knew come up to you around the Tree of Life and someone steps forward and says, "We're here because you cared enough to do something about it – thank you – forever!"

Gary W Kent *Speaker / Director.*

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