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Celebration Dinner

On Saturday, 18 September 2004, 70 supporters, friends and past and present Board members of the Pocket Testament League gathered at the Eastwood Baptist Church for a dinner to thank God for George Glazier's 32 years of faithful service in the League. Also present were his daughter, son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and relatives. A sing-along hymn session and musical items were presented, including George's rendition of "The Holy City".



Keith Williams and various people, and greetings from those unable to attend the function were read out.



A plaque of appreciation was presented to George by Mr Stan Gelding, former treasurer of the League.



Tributes to George and the faithfulness of God over the past 32 years were expressed by Rev

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George, we salute you!

by Rev Keith Williams,
former member of TPTL Board



In our life time we meet many people who make up a wonderful mosaic and who complement life's experiences. **George Glazier** has added to my life's montage and I thank **God** for him.

We met many years ago when I was a representative on the South Coast of New South Wales for the Bible Society in Australia. George was then working for the Department of Main Roads based in Bega. My friendship with him eventually saw me join the ministry of the Pocket Testament League.

George impressed me greatly. There are two words that fit my memory of him. The first word is *commitment*. George, like all of us, has limitations and imperfections. But he was and is committed to His Lord and Saviour! James 2:18 and 26, in my view, fit his commitment to his Lord. "...some will say, 'You have faith, I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show my faith by what I do. As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deed is dead."

I have never heard anything in his spoken word, or seen anything in his behaviour or practice that would alter that opinion. He has been and still is committed to friends near and far, to the Bible, to his family, to the church and to the Pocket Testament League. We are the richer for it.

The second word is *loyalty*. If George believes in a person or an organisation we can expect his loyalty. His love and loyalty for his wife and daughter in their illness are outstanding. He gave support to his sister, going the extra mile in his love for her. He loves and is loyal to his son and daughter-in-law and their children.

He has been the loyal anchor-man for TPTL, It would be hard to estimate how much his work for

the League is worth. We can only say, 'Thank you, George!'

His loyalty to Somchai and Sengthong in Thailand has been remarkable. He supported them in practical and monetary terms for many years. He has visited them at his own expense and lifted their spirits when they have been feeling low.

George, for your love and loyalty to the Lord, your family, your church, the Pocket Testament League, and your friends, we salute you!

Annual General Meeting

A report

The meeting, held on Sunday, 31 October 2004 at St Thomas' Anglican Church in Kingsgrove, commenced with the singing of the hymn, "Trust and Obey". There were twelve company members present.

The report of our Field Officer, Stephen Downie's many speaking engagements to a diverse mix of denominations brought much appreciation and thanks to God. He had also spoken in several Christian schools and distributed gospels in a number of prisons.

The Treasurer, Mr John Kingsmill, reported that the League, with God's blessings, had been able to operate close to the budget.

Dario and Martha Rosso's radio ministry had stopped. They are now waiting for the Lord's leading as they work out their priorities.

Mr Ian McIntyre of Muswellbrook was elected to the Board. Rev Ronnie Goh and Mr Roy Leembruggen were re-elected.

At the Executive Board meeting that followed the AGM, Mr George Glazier was elected *President*, Mr Roy Leembruggen *Vice-President*, and Mr John Kingsmill *Treasurer*.

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Christmas Meditation

Matthew 1:18-25

While much of the focus this Christmas will be on Jesus, which is how it should be, and to a lesser extent on Mary, and rightly so, there is another reflection through the eyes of Joseph.

In an age when male identity can be confused, when there is so much fear, anger and bitterness between the sexes, and when roles can be reverse and a father is shattered and ignored, we see in Joseph a gentleman and a lovely concern.

When it was discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph had it in his heart to end the relationship but to do it quietly, without fuss and to respect the feelings of Mary.

We live with modern virtues of assertiveness, rights, competition and power. Joseph shows us a lovely quiet strength. He reminds us of the pastoral care component in all human relationships.

It was during the night, under the conviction of God, that Joseph responded to the message of the Lord and went ahead with the marriage. The events and circumstances were understood. The result was a family cared for and supported.

These things we can all do. Like Joseph, we can care for our families and support them through troubled times without fuss or fanfare.

Joseph was a good man.

Stephen Downie

Pastor Somchai writes:

Greetings to you from all of us here in Thailand in Jesus' precious name!

The mission team and I were away from Bangkok for our outreach ministry in Eastern Thailand.

Thank you for praying for our *Leadership Training Seminar* for 50 pastors and leaders in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 11th to 18th October, and our *Practical Outreach Training* for youth at Surin Province in Northeast Thailand from 22nd to 26th October.

A group of young people from Singapore joined our Christmas Outreach Campaign in Central and Northern Thailand from 4th to 15th November.

George and Rita Galieh from Australia will be participating with us at our Christmas Campaign from 21st November to 22nd December. We will be ministering in South Thailand (22nd to 30th November), Northern Thailand (2nd to 15th December) and Bangkok (16th to 21st December). The Galieh return to Australia on 22nd December.

We thank God for George and Rita. They are specially gifted in music and preaching.

We will continue our Christmas campaign till early January 2005. Please pray for us.

Thank your for supporting our work.

From the Field Officer.....

It is always interesting to go into a region or country town and minister in Churches. You get a feeling for the different gifts of each church and you come away saying, "*How good it is there are different ministries to proclaim the message of the Gospel of Christ.*" Some have a distinctive ministry for men or ladies, some have home groups, some have a strong Bible teaching ministry, others have a lovely caring ministry to individuals. Truly, the fellowship of the Churches to people is a blessing.

It was a privilege to minister in churches in Albury/Wodonga, Taree, Central Coast and Dubbo in NSW.

In Dubbo it was a blessing to be with the Christian Assembly, Baptist, Salvation Army, Church of Christ and the Presbyterians. I was able to deliver 100 gospels to Dubbo Cornerstone Community for scripture lessons in schools and address the Dubbo Christian Community School Assembly with 600 students.

In the country you see the effects of the drought and how the community faces the challenge to survive and adjust. I come away often from these experiences with the country church that they recognise the spiritual drought in the community and are working in various ways to bring the message of God's love; and they are praying for new growth and vigor.

In some way TPTL ministry is there to offer encouragement to churches, to stimulate personal evangelism and to inspire each other to continue in God's word.

Stephen Downie

News in Brief:

- **The International Conference of the Pocket Testament League** was to have been held in October this year but was deferred to January 2005 because of the opening of the Baptist Church in Yugoslavia. The conference will be held in Delhi, India. There will be two days (24th and 25th) of sightseeing around Delhi, followed by a celebration of India's Foundation Day on 26th January. After the three days conference sessions, the delegates will help in local churches on Sunday 30th January.

TPTL Australia will be represented by the President of the Board, *Mr George Glazier*, and our Field Officer, *Stephen Downie*. *Pastor Somchai* and his wife *Saengthong* are expected to represent Thailand. George and Stephen will link up with them in Bangkok on 23rd January and they will fly together to Delhi on the 24th. On their return to Sydney, they will spend three and a half days in Bangkok.

The League has recently received a request for printing John's Gospel in the Myanmar (Burma) language. In order to clarify the full nature of this request, George and Stephen will, on their way to Bangkok from Delhi, spend three and a half days in Yangon (formerly Rangoon) to meet with several Christians leaders. Please pray for this visit. A report of the outcome will be printed in a later issue of *New Flashes*.

- The Pocket Testament League is planning to invite **Pastor Somchai** and his wife **Saengthong** to come to Sydney for three to four weeks some time during May and June for the celebration of their **30 years as evangelists of TPTL**. The dates will be firmed up as soon as Somchai returns from his outreach campaign in Northern Thailand. The dates and detailed plans of the celebration will be printed in the next issue of *News Flashes*.

In the Mail....

Geoffrey of Narraweena, NSW, writes: My mother passed away last Saturday. She had been a long term supporter of TPTL. She and I always looked forward to receiving *News Flashes*. Please take Mum's name off your mailing list. From now on please address *News Flashes* to me.

Marley of Mareeba writes: I am sending this from prison. I got a Pocket Testament of my own and when I read it, I got really surprised....I want you to send two Pocket Testament and some of your free Gospel of John Correspondence Course to my kids. I will be very glad if my kids receive them....it will give me hope in doing my time before I go home. I know the Lord is with me all the time and He is blessing each and everyone of us all the time.

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