



## Autumn 2012



### Gotta love this one.....

Jesus came to give life and life abundantly - looks like these two are testing it to the max. This abundant life is about living life to the max. We are called to be different, to be radical and not conformed to this world.

What does that mean for you?

Perhaps not wheelies on a Goldie (or any other bike for that matter), but maybe it is time to get out in some way of a comfort zone that you may find yourself in, and step out for the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit, start living more radically in some way - would love to hear if you are doing that, and we can put stories in the next mag!! Or if you want to discuss some ideas, give me a yell, love to support you in any way possible.

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## **The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



Jesus told his disciples to "WATCH AND PRAY" .. and the time honored tradition of sleeping in church was born. **Mt. 26:36-46**

Will you 'Watch and pray' or 'Snooze and play'?

How about making a choice this Easter to do the former if you have not been there recently?

# Chairman's Chat

Well what can be said about our summer of riding ... our bikes got washed too often (organic cleansing), our wet weather gear was well & truly utilised, we can spot a diesel rainbow at 30 paces. It is often adversity that brings about the greatest rewards, do you remember the rides where it has bucketed down, hailed even and the laughs you had at your own or others expense, I know that my wet ride memories involve others, dry ride memories are self-centred - how I nailed that bend etc etc. So next time the forecast is gloomy, don't push the bike back into the shed, call a mate and go for a ride - who knows what the rewards are that await you.

In amongst all this wet weather the committee gathered to put in place plans for the year. We have the fellowship weekend in Singleton Apr 27-29 which is always a fantastic catch up and time of fellowship and sharing with the wonderful folk up there. There are local rides, church raids and more as well as the Triennial Combined Clubs event in Victoria Apr 20-22. We are putting in place a prayer warrior group to take on your requests and to form a foundation from which CMA can minister, support and grow - you can contact them via [pray4u@nsw.cmaaus.org](mailto:pray4u@nsw.cmaaus.org) or talk direct to Sonya who is coordinating it on 0435 391293.

Personally I have been reading and enjoying Ecclesiastes recently, a curious book which seems on the one hand to cast a web of despair but buried amongst it are rays of hope and pearls of wisdom. Take for instance the following:

Ecc5:19 Sometimes God gives a man wealth and possessions. He makes it possible for him to enjoy them. He helps him accept the life he has given him. He helps him to be happy in his work. All of those things are gifts from God.

Often I hear people criticise other Christians who have and enjoy possessions they themselves don't have, saying they should sell it and give to the poor. Sure there are biblical precedents for that as well, but the more I read the more I believe that God wants us to enjoy life, and if He has blessed you with wealth and possessions then use them to honour Him. John10: 10: 'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.'

So why am I saying this - you each have been blessed with the ability to ride, most have been blessed with motorcycles as well, so go forth showing off your ride making sure that all you meet know that it is because God has blessed you that you are riding, because of God you are who you are - because of God's forgiveness and unconditional love they can enjoy the blessing of hope that you have, and yes - even go out on the wet days - but do it with a smile on your dial and joy in your heart.

Bless you all and keep the rubber side down and the eyes and hopes up!

Doddles

Psalm 45:4 - In your majesty, ride out to victory, defending truth, humility, and justice. Go forth to perform awe-inspiring deeds.

# I was a Saint

This is the story of how I got my Triumph Thunderbird Saint.

It was 1969 I think, Harry Pyne had a ex Police Saint on his shop floor and it was time to be rid of the Matchless. I spoke to Harry and he wanted \$650 for it. A lot of money then. Anyway, the end result was that I didn't have enough money for a deposit. When I arrived home my mother asked where the new bike was. I explained the situation to her and all she said was "that's a shame".

A few days later when I got home my mother said I should go into town and pick up my new bike. I explained again that I didn't have the money yet, she just said "I fixed that up, go in and get it".

Now as I was not actually there at the time I can only relate the storey as told to me by several others that were there !

Mother arrived at Harry Pyne's shop early one morning and was greeted by Harry ( remember they were great mates back in their youth ). Mother says " I want a word with you Harry ! "

Now you need to know that Harry was not a man that could be easily intimidated, Harry was a NSW Champion Short Track racer in his youth and even into his late adult life, so he was tough ! Harry was also one of the best bike salesmen in the country, winning many awards and trips overseas for his salesmanship. He was also known by some as " Zeke the Wolf " because he could be rather crafty if you tried to pull the wool over his eyes.

You didn't mess with Harry !

Personally I never had any problems with the man and am proud to say he was a friend. In all the years I knew him he never failed to ask " how's ya mum ? and how's ya dad ? " every time we would meet no matter where it was.

"What can I do do for ya Gwenny ? " he always called her Gwenny.

Now they say that to see David slay Goliath and watch as Delilah brought down Sampson would have be something you would buy tickets to, BUT to see a tiny 5 foot short red headed woman prodding Harry Pyne in the chest until she had backed him all the way across the showroom floor and up against the wall was a sight to behold !!

To Harry's staff it was probably like watching Australia win the Americas Cup.

I can't write here just exactly what was said ( very little by Harry apparently ) as I once overheard a truck driver say " shit man ! you've never been told off until the little redhead woman from Hanging Rock has told ya off !! " and I believe the Navy used her to train the sailors in " Navy Speak " ! ( in other words she tough the sailors how to swear)

Suffice to say that words like mean, miserable, tightass, lowdown, son of a female dog were all thrown in there somewhere.

THEN she dropped the killer of all questions to Harry !

**" do ya want me to have to take him down to Frazers' to get a bike ? "**

Harry crumbled ..... !!! I picked the bike up the next day !

Every now and then I wonder just what went on with those guys way back in the days when they would all hang out together, it would have be a great time to be around. Obviously the rivalry between Pyne and Frazzer was very strong !

I loved my Thunderbird, even with it's typical Triumph "death wobbles" each time you hammered her into a corner. One draw back though was that it came all set up as a Police bike and I owned a white helmet ( although we didn't *have* to wear them at that time ) so going anywhere was mostly slow if there was traffic, they would all sit spot on the speed limit! BUT then I painted my helmet in psychedelic colours !!

But that is another story.....Kimbo.



.....Now that's a bike!!

# Hunter Ride - Broke and Beyond

Saturday ride - we left at 8am, from Caltex Toronto. 14 bikes turned up, a collection of saints and sinners, smokers and sheilas, 18 of us or close to it. We rode to Cessnock, through wineries, to Broke, Bulga and stopped at Singleton for morning tea. Coffee, cake, great mate!

The scenery of the Broken Back Range made great conversations. With full bellies and some of us with lungs full of smoke, off we went on the return journey home through Lorn, Maitland, and finally Macca's at Edgeworth for \$2 cheese burgers. What a great half day ride we had. Thanks for the great company of the new riders that turned up and also to Marnie for keeping up with us (only had her L's two weeks) - well done.

But most of all thanks to our Lord for answering our prayer for no rain.

Ross Clarke

# Coast and High Country

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, eleven riders and pillion passengers set out on nine bikes on a tour through the Snowy Mountains under the banner of CMA.

The ride was organized and coordinated by Roy Breyley and took over 6 weeks to bring together from its inception. Without doubt, all of the planning efforts paid off - culminating in what will probably be the highlight of our riding calendar for 2012.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 11 of us set off on 8 bikes & 1 scooter to do a 4 day run that many have been doing annually. There was Roy & Jenny Breyley on Roy's Triumph Bonnie , Kevin Kettlewell on his Suzuki V-Strom 1000 , Glenys Kettlewell on her T-Max 500 scooter , John Rushton on his BMW R1200R , Rose Rushton on her BMW 650 , Dennis & Linda Houghton on a BIG BMW , Dave Poulden on his Suzuki 500 GS , John Crocket, & Sharon Robinson on her Honda CB400. We arrived back Monday 20<sup>th</sup> having clocked about 1,200 kms.

We started off at 8am from outside Great Southern Motorcycles at South Nowra with our 1<sup>st</sup> stop being at Batemans Bay for a leisurely morning tea. Next was Bermagui for a fish n chip lunch with the seagulls by the harbour . After another very leisurely stop it was off to our day 1 destination at Merimbula ; the Sapphire Coast Resort . After most of us had a dip in the heated pool we joined in the free sausage sizzle provided by the resort on Friday nights . Then it was time to bed down after a good day riding. The only rain that day was at Bermagui where we got a couple of decent storms, but not while we were riding - a blessing, thank you Lord.

Day 2 took us along Mt Darragh Road to Bombala then on the Monaro Hwy, Snowy River Hwy and Barry Way to Jindabyne where we enjoyed a quick lunch before heading off into the high country. The crew enjoyed a brief stop at Scammell's Ridge Lookout (pictured) along the Alpine Way before reaching Khancoban. The day finished across the Victoria/NSW border at Corryong - dinner at Corryong Pub and a good night's sleep at Corryong Van Park



Day 3 (Sunday) was commenced with prayer and a devotional talk given by John Rushton. The talk was based on the CMA objective '*to encourage Christian riders in their God given ministries*'. The scripture was Hebrews 10:24-25 '*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as we see the Day approaching.*' We were encouraged to consider the big

picture purpose of living in Gods Kingdom and to take advantage of our time away together to 'spur one another on' in the ministries God has called us to.

The ride today took us from Corryong to Australia's highest town, Kiandra, via Elliott Way. Along the way some enjoyed a delicious brunch at the 4 Bears Café at Cabramurra (a treat not to be missed 'best food I have had in a long time' - Sharon). As we travelled into Cooma to end the day we were treated to a spectacular view of a storm front over the Cooma Valley (thankfully moving away from us). After a great dinner at the local Chinese we then bedded down for the night at the Cooma Van Park. The ride got off to a slightly delayed start, when Dennis's big BMW would not start. After a short conference of the great mechanical minds it was decided that a push was in order. This is why we ride in groups! With the BMW fired up we were on our way.



Day 4 saw us on the road heading home via the Monaro Hwy, to Bredbo for brekkie at the famous Bredbo Pancakes (I am sure the bikes were moving slower as we left there with all the full tummy's & Rose with all the gifts she purchased for her grandkids). After a quick fuel stop in Queanbeyan it was off up the Kings Hwy to Bungendore, then onto Tarago Rd to Tarago, Oallen, Windellama, & Nerriga where we had our final meal together (till next trip of course). After bidding each other farewell, we rode the final leg back to Nowra, & alas, reality.



With great company, delicious food , good accommodation, & awesome roads, we were greatly blessed for the whole trip. Sharon says 'this was my first 4 day ride & I found it to be one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. Being surrounded by Christian people who also share my passion for riding was a real blessing . I would like to thank Roy for putting the route together & Glenys for organising most of the accommodation . See you next year, guys!' With that sort of recommendation, perhaps there will be even more starters next year.

From the Robinsons and John Rushton

# **Buying a Helmet... cover your cranium**

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Courtesy Elwyn Jordan <http://theoldbloke.homestead.com> (check ti out for other good stuff) - thanks champion.

If you value your head, (*and I think most of us do!*), then helmets are important. So here are **a few tips from The Old Bloke on buying a helmet.**

I should mention that these tips are not just my opinions (although some are), but are gained from authorities such as the Motorcycle Safety Council Of NSW (click [here](#) to go to their web-site), and other researched material.

## **HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU REPLACE YOUR HELMET**

This is a bit of tricky one, as opinions and advice vary, but one thing's for sure - don't leave it as long as I did with my mid-1980s Arai! (See the item "Buying A Helmet" in the "Happenings" section).

The short answer is "**when it needs replacing**". And that can vary depending on how often you use it. I still think it's only logical that if you use your helmet every day, rain, hail or shine, it will deteriorate more quickly - and therefore need replacing sooner - than if you only use it on weekends. In use the padding will compress, and the helmet will get looser on your head. When it gets loose, it's time to replace it! I've heard people who use their lid every day say they've worn-out a cheap helmet in a year! I've heard others say they've had their helmet for almost as long as I had my old Arai and it's still been okay.

Arai say to replace the helmet **5 years after it is first worn, or 7 years after it is manufactured; which ever comes first**. That's probably a pretty good guide, although I'd have to point out again that the amount of use is a factor.

Needless to say, if it has been damaged in a crash, then it has to be replaced. But **let's bust a myth here**. You've probably heard that you should replace your helmet if you drop it; even if it just falls off your bike while stationary. That never made sense to me! How can something that is designed to protect you in a crash on the highway be rendered unsafe by falling a couple of feet off your stationary bike? Well, basically it can't! As they say on the Motorcycle Safety Council, if you threw it violently at a brick wall then it might get damaged, but it shouldn't get damaged just by falling off your bike. (*Unless your bike is parked on the top floor of a multi-story!*). So if you drop your helmet or it rolls off your bike, inspect it for damage by all means, but it shouldn't need replacing.

## **HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR HELMET**

There are many factors involved in the process of deciding what helmet to buy. So let's look at some of them.

### **PRICE**

Cheap helmets are unsafe, right? Well, no. So it's **time to bust another myth**. The top-shelf models might be safer, certainly, but even the cheapest helmets, provided they carry the AS1698 sticker, have been certified as providing a level of protection that meets the Australian standard. And it's a pretty high standard too. The Motorcycle Safety Council gives good advice when it says not to put all your money into the helmet and then scrimp on the rest of your clothing. A cheap helmet will give good protection and leave you with more money to put into a good quality jacket, good quality riding pants and so on. It's important to protect your head, but the rest of your body is important as well!

I'm writing this after buying the Arai I described in the second episode of "Buying A Helmet" in the "Happenings" section. So I've just bought an expensive helmet. A helmet like that costs about the same as one year's registration. So looked at that way, it's not really that expensive. And as I said there, you do notice a difference in the comfort of the lining and the quality of the construction etc. So for your own comfort I'd recommend not buying the cheapest thing on the shelf. More expensive helmets will last longer too. It comes down to a budget thing. Choose something that you can afford. And whatever that is, you can be assured that it is still "safe".

### **FIBREGLASS OR PLASTIC?**

Okay, **time to shatter another myth!** Fibreglass is much safer than plastic, right? Well, not necessarily! To understand this you have to realise what part of the helmet does the actual protecting. The shell is what holds everything together, and is a "container" for the Styrofoam type stuff which is what actually absorbs the impact. The shell must withstand the initial impact of what you crash onto, and keep all the insides intact. If it split open as soon as it hit the ground it wouldn't do much good! It must also withstand a certain amount of friction against whatever you crash on. For example, if you come off on the road and slide down the bitumen, the shell must withstand the grinding-away that the bitumen is inflicting upon it. The Styrofoam type stuff inside the helmet is what protects your head against the impact of hitting the road. Now, fibreglass has traditionally been the best material to provide these features. And it probably still is. But the plastic type shells have been designed to withstand pretty high forces of impact and friction also, so they are actually very safe. Remember both types have been certified as meeting the required Australian standards.

### **WHICH BRANDS?**

We're back to that same thing again; all brands on sale in Australia have been manufactured to a high standard - high enough to gain approval by the testing authorities. Of course the more expensive brands are a bit "better" than the "cheap" brands. If they weren't then they wouldn't sell any, would they! And I've covered this in the "Price" section above. For example, Shoei is a "better" brand than THH. And so it will be a "better" helmet. But both are safe. **Make your choice on what you can afford, and what is comfortable and what fits you, rather than on price alone or on brand.**

### **COMFORT**

This is a biggie! Remember you will be wearing your helmet for a long time, so it has to be comfortable. If you are being distracted by a helmet that is uncomfortable or giving you a headache etc, then your ability to ride safely will be effected. In fact you might even find yourself not wanting to ride because you have to wear that "uncomfortable thing" on your head! So make sure what you buy is comfortable, and that you will be happy to wear it for a few hours at a stretch. To help make your choice here, don't just put the helmet on in the shop and take it off again. Leave it on for a few minutes and walk around with it. Shake your head a bit. Try to evaluate how comfortable it feels, and how you will feel after wearing it for an extended period of time.

### **FIT**

There is a guide for what size you should get for the size of your head. Web-sites of the major manufacturers will have the table, and you will also find it on the Motorcycle Safety Council's web-site. Get a dress-maker's type tape and measure your head just above your eyebrows. Then compare it to the table to see what you should be wearing. But, and this is a big "but", this is meant as a guide only. It's a pretty important guide, but it is just a guide. The main thing is that **it should fit your head snuggly**. You shouldn't be able to move it around on your head. But neither should it be excessively tight! For example, if there is pressure against your forehead then it is too tight. One test is to put the helmet on, do up the straps, then grab the back of it, at your neck, and try to pull it

up over your head. It will move up a bit, of course, but it shouldn't move too far. If you can pull it off your head that way then it is definitely too big!

The important thing with fit is how it **fits your head**, not how the cheek-pads fit your face. This is important because the cheek-pads can give you a false sense of fit. For example, a helmet can be tight on your face, but loose on your head. That's no good! The more expensive models of Arai have removable cheek-pads, and they recommend taking the pads out to assess how the helmet fits. (Arai can supply different size cheek-pads so you can tailor that part to the particular shape of your face).

### **WHEN WAS IT MADE?**

Something that surprised me when I was looking at helmets when I bought the Arai (*and I looked at a lot!*), was how old some of them were! **It wasn't uncommon for helmets on the shelf to be a couple of years old or more!** From what Arai say about when to replace your helmet, it appears that they expect there might be up to a couple of years between leaving the factory and being sold to the customer. And to some extent you can understand it. After all, there are so many different combinations of brand, model, size, colour and graphics, that it is inevitable that some are going to sit in stock for a while. But I still think it **should be relatively new!** *The oldest I saw was well into its 4th year! I wouldn't have bought that!* If you find a helmet you want, but it is more than two years old, I would be asking the shop to order in a new one. That was what I intended doing if the situation arose, but as it turned out they had to order one in anyway to get the size / graphic combination I wanted. Although I still mentioned the age issue, and told them I didn't want to pay that sort of money for something that was too old. What I got was still well over a year old, but I accepted that as it seemed to fall within Arai's guide-lines, and it had been boxed up all its life, so not subject to shop wear-and-tear etc.

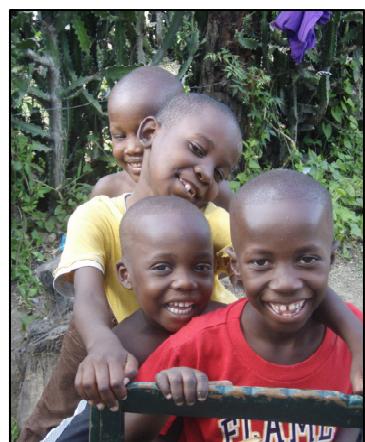
Okay, well I hope that helps you a little bit when you go to buy your next helmet. It's a big choice (*and gets bigger the more you spend on it I suppose*), so you need to know what to look for, and what factors are important etc.

## **Reminder about Haiti and what's next**

Last year at the CMA NSW Committee voted unanimously to purchase a **small motorcycle** for the Good Samaritan Children's Home in North Haiti. This orphanage is one that Lisa and Cay first visited in July 2010 and felt the burden to help in some way. Since then, through God's provision and giving human hearts, we have managed to rent a home for the 24 children



who live in, send them all to school (for some it is the very first time even though they are 11 yrs old), pay their fees and school materials for the 2011 academic year, and provide them 2 meals a day. Most of the children now have a sponsor who helps contribute to the financial cost of raising the child as well as forming a relationship through letters and photos. **We have one young lady called Lourd-Jina, 12yrs old, who still needs a sponsor.** She has a gorgeous personality and as you can see a beautiful smile.



Some of the boys pretending to drive a car

We are also looking for "Friends of the Orphanage" to pray for the children and staff as well as support financially. Think about whether this is an area you would like to help with.

The Good Samaritan Children's Home (GSCH) started in 2008 with some Haitian Christian adults forming a small committee to help care for children who were living in very difficult situations - some children were on the streets trying to fend for themselves, others have no parents, whilst others only have one parent who cannot care for nor feed them. This is when the Good Samaritan Children's Home North Haiti was birthed. The group of adults rented a tiny house to give the children somewhere to live and they tried to care for them as best as they could.



Wow only 6 on this bike. Looks like a human sandwich.

Lisa, Max and Cay first heard about the children from a Haitian friend who lives in Port au Prince. Frantz is a teacher at another orphanage and his friend Dr Wilbert runs the GSCH. Frantz contacted us in Australia and said that Dr Wilbert was struggling to feed the children as all of the committee were volunteers and no one had a full time job. We promised to visit the home and help where we could. No one would have imagined that we would be forming a ministry to help these children and committed volunteers but God has been directing us in that area. Dr Wilbert is a real medical Dr and he often catches a taxi to head out to rural villages to run a medical clinic in a church. He is rarely paid,

although may sometimes receive some rice or beans for his services. He is a man after God's own heart. The motorcycle donated by CMA NSW is used for Dr Wilbert to continue his rural clinics, as well as assist the orphanage in buying their food. It also transports the 4 smallest children to school as the distance is quite far for them to walk. Pictured here is Antonio, one of the volunteers and the 4 smallest children and Dada (our oldest girl). The bike we bought was similar to this, although we are hoping to fix a rickshaw type set up to it. If you would like more information on the Good Samaritan Children's Home please feel free to email: [cay@maxncay.com](mailto:cay@maxncay.com) or checkout [www.maxncay.com](http://www.maxncay.com) or <http://cobsamathaiti.webnode.com/> or phone 0421 855 770 Thank you.

# Haiti 2012 Trip - 28 March - April

by Max Merritt

It has been two years since the earth quake hit Port Au Prince the capital city in the country of Haiti.

More than 70% of people live on less than US\$2 per day and 86% of people live in slum conditions (Pre earth quake - packed in cement housing, poorly built). After the Earth Quake of January 2010 people were forced to live in little two man tents or lean-tos made from tarpaulins.

Still over 80% of the people in Port au Prince live in these make shift accommodations. The lack of Government help and infrastructure has pushed the price of food well beyond the affordability of the average family. In the north and other remote regions of Haiti, food prices have raised over 200%, for example 20kg of rice is anywhere from US\$70 to US\$90 a bag.

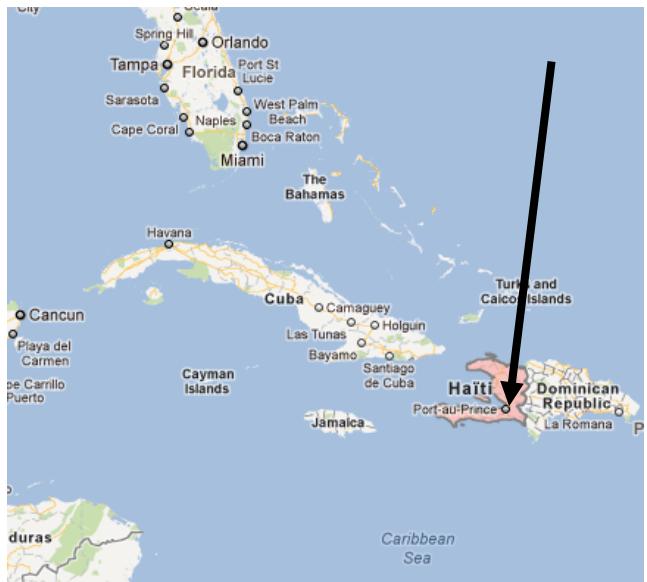
Basic building materials can be sourced at 3 times the price we would pay for something here at our local Bunning's or in the US Lowes hardware store.

**We will be away for 3 weeks and we would like to achieve the following:**

- build chairs and tables for the dining room and upstairs study areas for the staff and children,
- build two chicken coops to start the animal husbandry (chickens for eating, eggs, breeding and selling)
- build a swing or activity set for the children's play area and for one of the local schools
- give encouragement to the staff through bible studies, prayer time, praise and worship
- assist the staff with a kid's ministry project
- assist the locals with rebuilding a small hut for a long term volunteer of the orphanage who has had a stroke, his home (3m x 4m x just over 2m high) is barely standing and floods every time it rains
- continue building the boundary fence to the \*land for the children's future home.

Good Samaritan Children's Home is currently renting the house 24 children call home and the small block next door as a play area. The Government has leased a block of land, further up the road on the fringe of town, to Good Samaritan and they need to purchase the title to the land in order to ensure a future home for the children.

\*The Good Samaritan Committee, from money donated so far, has made a start to fencing the perimeter of the land. However, a lot more is needed to be done before the boundary of the land can be secured. 'Limonade' is a small town just a 2 minute drive from the land. The Good Samaritan Committee has informed us that, with the recent completion of the University in Limonade, there are people now looking to buy land nearby to build houses and facilities for the university. The block of land leased from the government is in prime position and is at risk of being sold if we do not secure the title soon. Please pray that the funds will be raised to purchase the title (close to \$5,000).



**Prayer needs for Good Samaritan Children's Home and the team:**

- as mentioned above most urgent are finances to secure the title of the 7 hectares land for the future home of the children (Close to \$5,000)
- have opportunity to make some good connections with larger charity groups
- continued provision for the children and volunteers
- the safety of the team: Max, Cay, John, Portia and Jocasta, while we are away from our families
- finances to purchase the building materials needed to complete the perimeter wall, build furniture etc. (furniture, chicken coop etc approx \$3,000, perimeter wall - around \$20,000)
- that we will be good witnesses and a recognition that our only hope is in Christ
- protection of our luggage to arrive safely at Good Samaritan Children's Home
- for good health and team cohesion while we are away

Max & Cay Merritt in Haiti  
(CMA Canberra)

**Thank you for your ongoing prayer and support for the  
Good Samaritan Children's Home.**

Contact Max for further details on [max@maxncay.com](mailto:max@maxncay.com) or mobile: 0402 813 011

Donations can be made either via PayPal link found on [www.maxncay.com](http://www.maxncay.com)

Or cheque, cash or direct debit to Hughes Baptist Church

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"He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honours God." **Proverbs 14:31**

## Some upcoming events - here and there

- Communion on the cliff, third Sunday of each month, Bald Hill Lookout at Stanwell Tops, 1.30pm. Contact Doodles for more details.
- Friday 27 April to Sunday 29 April, Singleton Fellowship weekend
- Sunday 18 March 9.30am, CHURCH RAID, St St Johns Anglican Darlinghurst 120 Darlinghurst Rd, Darlinghurst
- April 20-22 Australian Christian Clubs conference, Victoria. Contact John Krause for more information - 0414 450 224, or email [john@cyc.org.au](mailto:john@cyc.org.au) or [www.forestedge.cyc.org.au](http://www.forestedge.cyc.org.au)
- National Run - Tasmania, 5-7 October 2012. For details:

Go to <http://cmaaus.org/tas/>

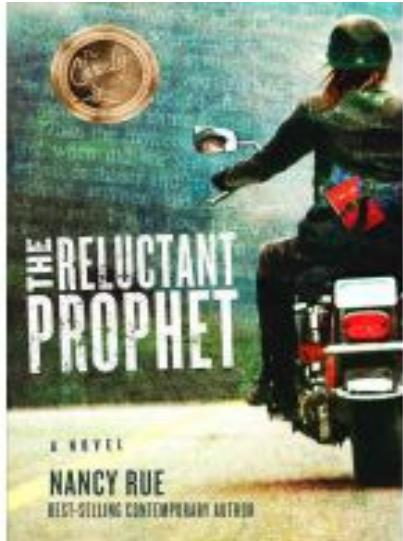
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**NOTE** - For other local rides, contact your local area co-ordinator, check the net, or take the initiative and put forward a plan for a ride - good chance the co-ordinators will back you on it.

# Book Review.... The Reluctant Prophet



.....From Cay Merritt

**Great book - especially if you're in to bikes and hearing God's voice**

One Sunday, 42-year-old Allison senses a divine nudge to buy a Harley motorcycle and go wherever it takes her. Soon she is wondering if she is called to present the reality of Christ to one of society's darkest corners--and challenge her own church to look beyond their fears.

Read this book after good friend Lisa Clarke passed it to me and said she couldn't put it down. First chapter was a bit dry but after the scene was set, I could not put it down. A great book - interesting mix of characters and has excellent parallels for a Christian's walk. So jump on and enjoy the ride.

I (Mark), and my wife Karen, have also read the book and found it a very good read.

Book is available from Koorong, and probably some other booksellers.

## Favourite Bible Passages

You may recall I added this piece in last month..... and offered people the opportunity of contributing. However, I am thinking you either loved what I put in so much that you want me to do it again, or you just plain forgot to send me your contribution. Your chance to submit something for next time... send it in..... PLEASE, or you will get me again again.

Remember, the idea is to **share your favourite (or one of them) Bible passages and why you like it, what it means to you**. No guarantee to publish everything, but will try.

This month we will go Old Testament with **Joshua 24:14-15** 'Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom

you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'

It is easy to see this as irrelevant today - Amorites? The River? Egypt? Nothing to do with me! Well maybe it is....let me explain. Read the passage again (please). We dwell in a land where people serve many gods - money, family, house, bike, car, career, other religions, and so on. And temptation is there in front of us every day - to serve other gods in some way. What sticks out for me in the passage is that we need to CHOOSE TODAY and EVERY DAY who we will serve. We make an initial choice to follow Jesus, but we must choose DAILY to keep that commitment, to put Jesus as number one in our lives. Who will YOU choose to serve TODAY? What about TOMORROW? I pray you will choose to serve the Lord Jesus Christ EACH day, and I also pray that the cry of your heart and that of your family will be 'As for me and my house, **WE WILL SERVE THE LORD'**

The Lord bless you, Mark. Love to hear back any comments (good or bad) on this - thanks.

# Odds, ends, ads

I put this in last time, but leave it here for your perusal.....

From Ken Rich - I run a site called Biker Heaven - <http://bikerheaven.org>

Rey Perez is my friend, and I help him on the Internet. I help distribute his Biker Ministry media with sites like this one - <http://reyperez.me>

Also see - <http://indiegospel.org/profiles/blogs/prayer-request-for-a-biker>

1. Rivet Rainlock Freeway Jacket  
Removable lining. Size Small  
As new. Retail round \$250.  
**SALE: \$150 ONO**



2. Walden Miller Black Leather  
Jacket Size 42. Unisex In good  
Condition.  
Zips all good and work well.  
**SALE: \$ Make an offer**

3. Big Boys Gortex pants.  
As new. Size 5XL.  
**SALE: \$ Make an offer**

To buy or make an offer on these items  
call Cay on **0421 855 770** or email  
[cay@maxncay.com](mailto:cay@maxncay.com)



Also for sale - call Mark Bevan on 0410 629 850 or email [mkbevan@bigpond.com](mailto:mkbevan@bigpond.com) - **2 Jackets** -

1. **Rivet Gunbarrel** size XXXL - it is big, warm - removable liner, body armour, good condition except needs re-seal on couple of small bits of leaky stitching. \$100 or best offer
2. **Belstaff** made in Oz, 115cm. Free can of Driza-bone oilskin reproofer with this one. \$50 or offer  
They have to go!!



**Anything for sale - provided it is at least remotely Bike related -  
let me know details, send a pic, and it will go here - FREE!!**



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1. I believe God to be the true creator of all things.
2. Jesus Christ is the only answer to everyone's spiritual needs.
3. Jesus Christ's death for our sins and his resurrection are the basis of all Christian Life.
4. The Holy Spirit is the source of power for Christian living.
5. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three persons, yet one God.
6. The Bible is the authoritative Word of God in all circumstances of life.
7. I have repented ( turned ) away from the sins of my past life, confessed them to God and asked Him to forgive me for them.
8. I have committed my life to Jesus Christ and now acknowledge Him as my Lord and Saviour.
9. I will endeavour to remain faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible and to the Aims of the Christian Motorcyclist's Association.

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