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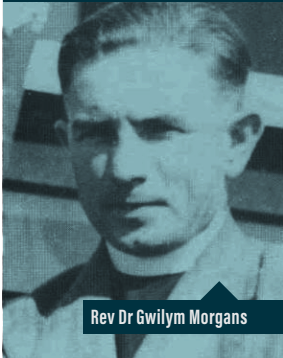
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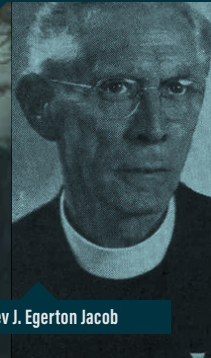
This year Brisbane School of Theology celebrates 75 years of teaching God's word and equipping people to take it to the world. In honour of this significant milestone we want to commemorate our rich history and reflect on what God has done in and through BST over the past 75 years. There's been several name changes, 11 principals, nearly 3000 students and hundreds of incredible stories to be told from these last 75 years. We give God the glory for it all.

BST : THE EARLY YEARS



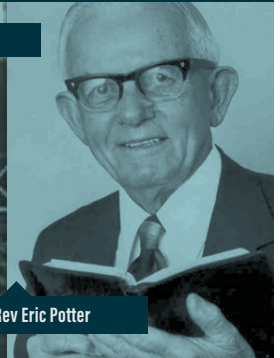
Rev Dr Gwilym Morgans

QBI, Toowong Opening, 1947



Rev J. Egerton Jacob

QBI, Toowong Opening, 1947



Rev Eric Potter

The story of BST began with Rev Dr Gwilym Morgans, a former Welsh boxer turned evangelistic preacher, who migrated to Australia in 1937 and began preaching at the Albion Baptist Church. He soon became pastor on a permanent basis. Seeing the need for training new converts, 'Morgie' (as he was affectionately known) started conducting regular Bible study classes for his young people.

In early 1943, Rev Dr Morgans expanded the Bible study classes, placing them on a systematic basis, and Queensland Bible Institute (QBI) was born. In 1944, QBI became fully interdenominational under Rev J. Egerton Jacob, from the nearby Lutwyche Methodist Church, and a Board composed of wide cross section of Brisbane's evangelical leadership. Rev Jacob was principal from 1944-48. L.K. Addison, a generous and enthusiastic voluntary board

member, purchased a 5.5 acre homestead in Toowong which previously operated as the Silky Oaks Children's Home. This amazing property, which officially opened on 5 July 1947, became our current residential training premises.

In 1948, Rev Eric Potter, from the Hamilton Methodist Church, became the new honorary principal on the recommendation of Rev Jacob, and continued to serve as principal until 1956. The first

official graduation ceremony was held on 2 December 1949. Harry Kleinschmidt (see his story on page 3), is our oldest living graduate from that first graduation ceremony. During Rev Potter's time, the college was actively involved in a number of evangelical Christian conferences including the Keswick Conventions, which were held on campus in Toowong, and the Easter Conventions at Mt Tamborine.

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Do you have a heart for seeing the gospel at work in Asian communities, both locally and around the world?

Please join us in supporting the Centre for Asian Christianity with a regular gift of **\$20 per month**, and help BST connect people in and from Asia with the gospel. Thank you!

Please visit bst.qld.edu.au/donate to give to our **CAC appeal** today.



UNAWARE MAYBE; BENEFITTING DAILY

REV DR RICHARD GIBSON,
BST PRINCIPAL



When someone applies to BST we don't ask them what they know about our history. They are drawn to some aspect of the college: emphasis on the Bible; commitment to mission; community life, etc. Some come on the back of a pastor's or friend's recommendation, unaware of the history. They might come in oblivious to the previous generations that established and sustained this college, and the thousands who have gone from this place to take the gospel to their world. But they benefit every day from the foresight and generosity of all those who have built the college and the commitments that shape its life.

George Bernard Shaw is claimed to have said, "Youth is wasted on the young." The same is often true of history. As a young man, I barely reflected on the sacrifices my parents had made, let alone the courage, faith and determination shown by grandparents and great-grandparents through the horrific days of World Wars and the Great Depression. In the same way, our students might not appreciate the history of the place. But every

day, as they sit in the lecture rooms, borrow books from the library, enjoy the community or grow from the teaching, they are benefitting from the generosity and labour of so many.

This year at BST we are celebrating our 75th anniversary. It's a fitting moment to pause and reflect on the many lives shaped by time studying and living at BST. One of our lecture rooms has graduation photos reaching back to the early fifties. They contain faces filled with the joy of knowing and serving the Lord; hearts filled with plans and possibilities for using their gifts and training to build the kingdom. There are carefully pressed suits and ties through the 50s and 60s, giving way to big dresses and even bigger hair of the 70s and 80s, and the increasingly cosmopolitan and multicultural cohorts of more recent decades.

No doubt Jesus' parable of the Sower (Mark 4:13-20) and the four soils provides some commentary. "Trouble or persecution," along with the "deceitfulness of wealth and desires for other things" have caused them to fall

away or be unfaithful. But for many, many of these faces, their time at BST (or QBI, or BCQ) gave way to a lifetime of bearing remarkable crops: "some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

From time to time we honour 'distinguished' graduates. This issue of Connect introduces you to a couple of these. But we also rejoice at what God has done through

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our 'undistinguished' graduates. Their story may not have come to our attention or even to the attention of many others, but we know that every life of faithful service and love is a

story of the faithfulness of God to his plans and promises.

Please join with us in thanking God for all his faithfulness over these 75 years. Please be in touch if you have a story to tell that helps us tell the story of all that God has done for the college and through the college.

If you would like to invite Richard or other BST faculty to guest speak at your church or event, please contact info@bst.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 3870 8355.

BST: THE EARLY YEARS (CONTINUED)



Visiting lecturer and Baptist minister, Rev C Harold Nicholls became QBI principal from 1957 through to 1969. Rev Nicholls was one of our longest serving principals and in that time oversaw many changes to QBI including: renovations to the main house to accommodate the growing number of students; the purchase of a house in nearby Terrace; the expansion of the curriculum to include an optional third year diploma for missionary candidates; the launch of the "Top of the Mount" college newsletter; the building of a two-level auditorium in 1963 as well as a two-story building to house more dorm rooms for students. Quite an incredible legacy.

We will share more of BST's history in the upcoming Connect editions.

HONOURING

OUR

DISTINGUISHED

GRADUATES



Harry Kleinschmidt

Betty Black

Harry Charles Kleinschmidt received the Distinguished Graduates Award, in recognition of his faithful service among the indigenous people of Australia in association with the Aborigines Inland Mission (AIM), now Australian Indigenous Ministries.

In 1948, Harry commenced studies at the Queensland Bible Institute as the first of three foundational students. He completed the course "very satisfactorily", although he had only a sixth grade education. He was described as having a "steady character" and as being "very earnest".

Before entering college, Harry worked as a farm labourer. When World War II broke out, he was called into the army and served in New Guinea where a friend led him to Christ. Through Mr Arnold Long, Harry was challenged about working among indigenous people and in December 1949, on completion of his studies, he joined AIM. His first posting was to Woorabinda in Central Queensland. He married Audrey Harvey in Brisbane and together they returned to Woorabinda. When their son was ready for school, the Kleinschmidts' requested a transfer which led to five years of service at Moree in northern NSW.

Ministry in Moree included Church services, Sunday school teaching, cottage meetings, open-air meetings, and visitations to outlying towns. Harry and Audrey experienced some lean times at Moree. How encouraged they were when local Christians would arrive at their home with a big box of groceries, God only knowing the cupboard was bare!

Following Moree, Harry spent six years in Townsville where his ministry included visits to Charters Towers and to Stuart Creek jail. In addition, he made four-hour trips, often in rough conditions, to Palm Island where there was a large aboriginal community.

The subsequent years were spent at Inala where Harry and Audrey faithfully served with indigenous people. Even in his older years, Harry continued to be active in the ministry of the AIM church at Inala.

Harry Kleinschmidt turns 100 years old on the 20 June 2018. We honour Harry, our first full-time residential graduate, for a life of faithful service to Christ and the indigenous peoples of Australia.

The Distinguished Graduate Award was awarded to Betty Black on 27 November 1998 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the work of mission in Africa and Australia in association with Sudan United Mission (SUM).

Betty Christie, entered the Queensland Bible Institute in 1953. Before completing her studies with excellent grades in 1955, she applied to SUM for work in the Sudan. Betty's call included a burden for leprosy sufferers. Although a trained nurse, she furthered her preparation by working at the leprosy colony on Peel Island in Moreton Bay, by taking linguistics training with SIL (then known as the Summer Institute of Linguistics) and by gaining experience in dental work and at a country hospital in Jandowae. Within a year of arriving in the Sudan in 1956, Betty married Keith Black whom she met at the SIL course, all the while learning the Arabic language.

In the ensuing years, Betty demonstrated an outstanding ability with languages. She, with Keith, translated the New Testament in the Nuba:Moro language as well as several Old Testament books and stories; she became an expert in literacy work, preparing reading primers, training teachers, and encouraging people to read and write their own language. Before assignment to the Republic of Tchad in 1968, Betty learnt French and later the Mesme language in which she did further literacy work. After an extended furlough, the Blacks were posted to the north-east of Nigeria where Betty learnt the difficult Kanure language and wrote a grammar to facilitate the learning of the language by others. The diversity of Betty's missionary work during twenty years of ministry in Africa demonstrated the immense contribution she made to the work of missions.

After returning from Africa, Betty moved to the SUM headquarters in Sydney, Keith having been appointed in 1979 as the Executive Director of the mission for Australia and New Zealand. Her work and ministry supporting missions continued over the next 17 years. In retirement, she continued her deputation ministry and served as an Action Partners committee member. Betty passed away in 2016. We honour Betty for her life of service to Christ and for her incredible achievements.



WHAT HAVE I GOT MYSELF INTO?

TITUS 1:1-4

Here in Titus chapter one Paul pushes us back to get real perspective of who we are, what we're doing and what we've got ourselves into. He insists that we have to go back much further than just our 75 years to tell the story that makes sense of this place (BST) and others like it. I suspect that Paul wrote to Titus at a time when Titus was entitled to ask "What have I got myself into?", because on the island of Crete, it was all getting real.

Titus had been left behind in Crete to sort out a messy situation: there was an urgent need for leaders; greedy false teachers were exploiting vulnerable church families; there were lots of new converts who had grown up in an immoral, self-indulgent Cretan culture, and were bringing that culture to church. It's a crucial moment in the life of the church. Paul is urging Titus to step up, to contend bravely for the truth of the gospel in the face

of opposition. It's as if Paul knows Titus is wondering "What have I got myself into?" Paul reminds Titus of the real context.

In these first verses, Paul takes Titus back. Paul could tell him the day and the hour when God grabbed hold of him and gave him a command that would determine the rest of his life. It happened on the day Paul was travelling

"...everything was about to change..."

to Damascus to persecute Christians. The risen Lord Jesus literally stopped him in his tracks and informed him that everything was about to change. God was about to save people in a way

and to an extent never seen before. God unveiled the fact that eternal life was being made available to people throughout the whole world. Good news was about to ring out to places it had never been heard!

To listen to Richard Gibson's message, from our 2018 Chapel commencement service, visit bst.qld.edu.au/blog



for supporting our Christmas Appeal!

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our recent Christmas appeal. Together, friends like you gave \$14,500 towards our Building Fund, which was a truly phenomenal result. Your support means we will be able to replace the old, rusted awning above Caulfield House in the next few weeks, and renovate the old and outdated bathroom in the women's accommodation units over the coming months.

If you would still like to help, you can give today by filling in the enclosed response form, or visit bst.qld.edu.au/donate and select Building Fund.

E V E N T S

BST OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY 2018

6PM FOR A GUIDED TOUR

6:30PM START FOR LECTURES

7:40PM FOR SUPPER, FOLLOWED BY AN INFORMATION SESSION

If you or someone you know is interested in growing deeper in their knowledge of the Bible, or has a keen desire to be prepared for ministry or cross-cultural work, come along to our Open Night and find out about the courses on offer and get a taste of a lecture taught in English or Mandarin.

Faculty and staff

SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (MASTER OF ARTS INTENSIVE)

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 23-27 JULY 2018

8:30AM - 3PM DAILY

BST CAMPUS

Christians are engaged in a war between good and evil. It's a war waged on many fronts - in our hearts and minds, in our churches, and in our world. This MA will give a biblical overview and bring clarity and depth on the subject of spiritual warfare.

Dr Scott Moreau

BST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 28 JULY 2018

9AM - 4PM

"NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD" THE CHRISTIAN AND THE POWERS

BST's annual missions conference is for anyone who is interested in local and global mission or keen to support it.

Dr Scott Moreau & Dr Darrell Bock

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