

JACOB'S LADDER

NEWSLETTER

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more on INVOLVEMENT

"The list of our responsibilities may be impressive but our actual involvement is nil" - Steen wrote that last time and how true it is, as I found out in my own life. A couple of years ago I was President of a local Youth Fellowship (as far as I could tell doing a reasonable job!?) but within a few months I was a Zone President, Coffee Lounge Manager, on the JL Management Committee, attending LYSA meetings and also on a few subcommittees. At first it was great fun, and I revelled in the work but as the year wore on these 'works' took their toll and I became less and less efficient.

Then I took up study and finally began to realize that I had to cut down on things. Now its come to the stage where from early December I'll only be a Manager at Jacob's Ladder. I'm looking forward to that time because I'll be able to give it my full attention when needed. (We heard that - Ed) Sure I'm going to be involved in my Youth Fellowship and Zone activities and Sem life. But at least I'll be able to concentrate in one area and, with God's help, make my involvement worthwhile.

Do get involved, but make your involvement worthwhile and consider whether God really wants you doing just what you're doing! May God's Peace disturb you!

Peter Bean.

WORKERS'

MEETING

WED 5TH DEC 8 00 PM JAKES

"OCCULTISM"

PASTOR TED PRENZLER

FULL TIME YOUTH WORKER

As most of you will know, Pastor Doug Kuhl will be working with Young People in Adelaide next year. His work will centre around the activities of Jacob's Ladder. He will also be an Associate Pastor to the St Stephen's congregation in Wakefield Street Adelaide. The terms of reference call for him to spend approximately 25% of his time with Saints and the rest in Youth Mission outreach. His special responsibilities include "Spiritual assistance to the leaders and workers of Jacob's Ladder Coffee Lounge, ...working among the unchurched young people of Adelaide, especially those who visit Jacob's Ladder, and...working among young Lutherans, living or employed in the city, who are not attached to a city or suburban congregation."

Pastor Doug will be inducted at St Stephen's at

10 AM SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY

He will preach at Saints on December 30th at 10 am.

As a welcome and Christmas present for Pastor Doug and his family we (that's Jakes and Saints) plan to fill their pantry. Contributions can be brought to Jacob's Ladder by Saturday 22nd December or to Saints no later than the following morning.

As you may have guessed it costs money to employ a guy. This is being provided by Jacob's Ladder, Saint Stephens and the South Australian District of the Lutheran Church. Jake's share is \$2000 per year. Since the Coffee Lounge itself doesn't make a profit, we have to rely on our friends to raise this amount. Small amounts can be raised by concerts etc but the vast majority will have to come from concerned groups and individuals. Donations can be sent direct to our treasurer: Mr E.F. Dutschke,
72 Harvey Street,
Collinswood 5081.

or simply put your donation in a suitably marked envelope and drop it in at JL or give it to a manager.
Our sincere thanks to those who have in the past supported this cause. We look forward to your continued interest.

A SHORT POEM

Eternity to me, is life with God to be
No man can ever see, the wonder that is He
Until the day he takes us to be His
And there's nothing that we'll ever miss
For life with God is purity
Lord with you I'll always be.

NOW THE STORY

How did I become a Christian? Funny, nobody ever asks me. I'd really love to tell everybody. Sometimes I still do but those occasions are getting rarer and rarer. For various reasons, none of which I'll go into, nobody seems to be interested in the how, when, and wherefore. So - I'm going to tell you!

Once upon a time there were two flats next door to each other in a middle-class western suburb of Adelaide. One had three charming, Christian lads dwelling in it and the other was vacant. At that time I was working across the road from this block of flats and living quite some distance away in Modbury. Some girls I worked with put it into my head that it would be much easier for me were I living across the road in the vacant flat. I agreed. So a quick call to a good friend of mine who was also dissatisfied with her dwelling arrangements and presto there we were living next door to those lads.

This is where it all began. Being friendly, sort-of single unattached girls we soon got to know our neighbours very well. One in particular. This guy was always lugging me about this wierdo thing called Christianity. Being a very with it, 'girl of the world' type person, lots of hang-ups and all that, I wasn't easily fooled by that kind of jargon. But it wasn't so much what he said, it was those peculiar things he did, like listening to my many hang-ups and other assorted problems, and being kind and willing to help, without any strings attached. Like taking us to the X-Mart Saturday mornings and picking us up, letting us use the phone, TV etc, and always as if it wasn't any trouble at all. Always happy and smiling as if he'd just found a \$10 note. I thought to myself: this guy must have something we don't know about. Boy! I found it! It's this strange and wonderful thing called Christianity. I was all ears. I mean, if it makes you like that, then I certainly wanted to know about it. So he told me. It wasn't as easy as I thought it would be. I tried and tried to get the gist of it but it just seemed beyond my comprehension to fully understand what it was all about. Then I was just about out of my mind with despair, thinking it would never happen to me, the Holy Spirit came. And all at once everything was clear as a bell. As if someone had struck a match in the dark. Now I could see. How simple and easy everything was to understand. It kind of made me think, wondering what I had used for brains before then. At that time the logic of the experience hadn't dawned on me but my other helpful neighbour later pointed out the cause of

it all. Well, how could it have been anything else? After all, these things are certainly not induced by human inspiration. Well, now that I've used all the big words, I can tell you in plain English - my life has certainly been changed in a tremendous way. All of a sudden all those horrid sins that you have committed are forgiven. I seemed to suffer a partial loss of memory about all the hang-ups that had built up in my mind. What a terrific feeling to be free, really free. I certainly haven't looked back. But then, after becoming a Christian, who could. On that day when my eyes were opened I was born again. This time to be a child of God. Halleluia for that too.

I could go on for several more pages but you've probably got the picture. Besides, someone would probably get upset!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Ursula Schultz.

(Many thanks for your story Ushie. It was really tremendous. I bet Glenn thinks so too!!! We all join you in praising and thanking God)

McNALLY

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

9 DECEMBER 10.30.AM

EVERYBODY WELCOME

If you can stay for lunch this is really appreciated by the boys. To be sure you get a feed contact Leonor or one of the other managers soon.

The response to our appeal for small gifts for the boys has so far not been overwhelming. Small packages containing such things as sweets, chocolates, tracts, gospels etc can be dropped off at Jakes. Then we will distribute them to the boys at the Christmas Service.

NEWS & VIEWS

The following letter has been received from the IMC:
Recently the "Institutional Missions Committee of the S.A. District of the Lutheran Church of Australia met with the various Chaplains under its control to hear their reports and discuss their work. Mr Heyne told us of the very fine help he is receiving from the youth at "Jacob's Ladder", at the McNally Training Centre. The IMC wishes to convey thanks to all those youth who have given their time and energy in service of their Lord by helping those at McNally. You can be assured that the Church and the Chaplain appreciate your efforts of the past and look forward to continued support in the future.

With every good wish in your Christian endeavours,
Hedley Krieg. (sec, IMC)

Peter Bean from Warradale has agreed to become a Manager at Jacob's Ladder. Peter was a Manager until a year ago when studies forced him to withdraw for a season. Welcome back!

As many students will be out of Adelaide during December January and February the Jacob's Ladder will have to lean heavily on the Local Fellowships. Can you help???

Our Newsletter still needs contributors. Please hand articles to one of the Managers or mail them to Doug Vogelsang, 18 Torrens Street, Gilberton.

Blessed Christmas to all from the establishment at Jacob's Ladder.

CHRIST CONVERSATION COFFEE

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