

this week @ carey

30 April 2012

Tuesday @ Carey

Chapel: Dr Myk Habets, facilitated by Eve Gumbley and Peter Reid.

Interview: Libby Little: Libby Little and her husband Tom worked in Afghanistan for over 32 years in medical assistance and training programmes to improve the lives of the Afghan people, especially their eyesight. They helped establish and grow the Noor Eye Hospital in Kabul and related ministries elsewhere in the country. Libby also served as an English teacher and in leadership roles for the expatriate community in Afghanistan. Her story now includes the sad task of serving without Tom, murdered in Afghanistan in 2010. She and her husband were honoured in 2011 with the Presidential Medal of freedom for the humanitarian work that they did in Afghanistan.



Now we know where Masterchef Nadia learns her stuff from - go Siong!

wednesday prayer bell

When the bell rings on Wednesdays at 12.40 come to the Chapel and join with Carey Staff as we pray together for our world. We would love to have you join us!

carey prayer chain

We're keen to offer faithful, daily prayer for students, lecturers and friends/family – please email your requests to carey.prayer@gmail.com or anonymously in Nigel Irwin's pigeon hole if you wish. And if you'd like to join the prayer-chain, let me (Nigel) know. James 5:16, Phil 4:6

Carey Mission Week - 7-10 May 2012

A week of awareness, learning and challenge focused on world mission (facilitated by Mission World)

- Community Worship: Guest speaker: Christine Harding from OMF
- Guest speaker at Tuesday lunch: Ian Robertson from *Tranzsend* based in Thailand.
- Information session on 'exploring next steps to involvement in mission'
- Guest speakers in various classes and formation groups
- Good food giveaways including Mission Breakfast on Wednesday
- Displays from different agencies and personnel available to talk with

“Short Term Mission Long Term Impact”

(Thursday 10 May from 7:00-9:00pm)

with *Urban Neighbors of Hope*
regional leader

Jon Owen

Peter Hart writes:

I like to read a lot (one reason I enjoy travelling to Carey by train!). I try to make sure that I am reading regularly books from each of three categories. I thought I'd share some recent reading with you, so you'll see some of what has been shaping my thinking.

Category One: something to “nourish the soul”. Thomas Green's "When the Well Runs Dry" is a contemporary 'classic' on prayer (published first in 1979). Green was a Jesuit priest, and operated as a spiritual director to many people over the years. I have found this one of the most helpful books I have read on prayer – particularly as I went through a particularly “dry” spiritual patch in the early part of this year. Green draws heavily from the writings of Theresa of Avila and St John of the Cross, combining their thoughts with his own experiences in journeying with others through the seasons of life. I am feeling truly 'nourished', and encouraged to journey much more confidently through times when God seems distant and detached.

Category Two: something to expand my thinking. Ian Adams, in his book 'Cave, Refectory, Road', unpacks perspectives of the old monastic ways and shows their relevance for the growing numbers of Christian communities that have been developing both within the church, and on the fringes of church. Dietrich Bonhoeffer (in 'The Cost of Discipleship') recognised the role that the monasteries had originally played on the fringes of the established church, with their focus on total commitment to the way of Christ and, by their existence, calling the church to aspire to more radical obedience. Adams sees a similar role for Christian communities today, but suggests that the older monastic emphases on 'cave' (ie times for being still, and reflecting), 'refectory' (ie hospitality practised in community) and 'road' (ie a faith that is taken out and lived in the world) are valuable foundations. Today, I believe, Christians are searching for authenticity in faith, to find a lived reality that is in harmony with the gospel. Are Christian communities a way of keeping the church 'sharp'?

Category Three: a biography to inspire. When in Europe last July, I became aware of Frank Buchman, an American whose influence had a profound impact on the reconciliation and reconstruction of post-war Europe. Garth Lean's biography of Buchman, 'On the Tail of a Comet', details the life of this remarkable (and often controversial) man who, in his early years as a Christian worker in the universities on America's east coast, inspired a generation of Christian students to think beyond themselves to becoming agents of change in the world. In the 1920's and 1930's, in Europe, he birthed the 'Oxford Movement', influencing political and other leaders all over Europe and Scandinavia for Christ. On the eve of the second world war, as European nations were re-arming themselves for war, Buchman introduced the need for Moral Rearmament, an ideology which had enormous world-wide impact before, during and after the war. This all makes me wonder how the gospel we believe in is truly 'good news' to our generation, if it doesn't impact and influence society for good?

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