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Howdy! A friend in Caloundra did my last hurried Newsletter for me – sure was appreciated (gave her the details over the phone).

[The last few months](#) the Lord has been putting me through a testing time. After the ear operation last October 1 thought that was it! – but no! The day before I was to get the grommets out, the week after Easter, both ears got infected again – grommets blocked - which the E.N.T. specialist said wouldn't happen! So the last two months have been Doctor, antibiotics, doctor, antibiotics, doctor, antibiotics, - 1 week later the other drum busted. Trip to the ENT specialist again. (I've had 6 different antibiotics in 2 months, tablets and drops.) Both ears are badly infected again – big grommets blocked. That's where things stand at the moment 24th May. (Very deaf – embarrassing always saying "What did you say?" even when the person's right beside you – I'm learning to lip read!)

P.S. [Update 23-06-08](#) Referred to another E.N.T. specialist in Cairns. Pray they will be able to sort out this ear problem.

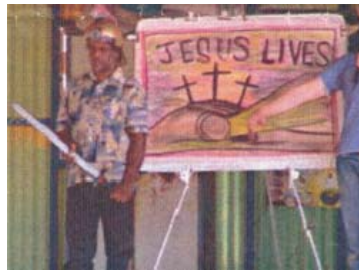
The [Easter Convention](#) went off terrific. A number of people came to the Lord for the first time and many others got straightened out with the Lord over particular problems.

The speaker pulled out 3 weeks before !!! Lord help!!

Easter Convention Soapy Bore 2008



Men at morning Men's meeting



David and Paul. Sketches and illustrations for the studies.



Ladies Meeting

After a number of phone calls Paul Johnson, who was coming up anyway to help with the kids ended up as the speaker. He had been with Open Air Campaigners for 10 years so his sketch board and acting messages went over real good. A couple of the blokes commented "He's better than the Aboriginal speakers we've had before."

[The Bookshop](#) was nearly sold out – Sold the most Bibles I've sold in one go – 13 – plus most of all the language recording Bible lessons on CD and cassette with the picture books to go with them. I can't remember exactly how much - but about \$4,500 worth of things sold.

[The bus](#) went good all the way. Hit a beauty bump under one patch of bull dust! Smashed a few of my bookshop boxes. I'll have to get a water tank put in sometime.

[A very brief account](#) of one of the many knocks on the door. – (He was in a hurry and worried) – "You pray for my wife." "Yeah, sure mate – how will I pray for her?" "I lit her" "You what?" "I lit her" (far from casual conversation) "Don't know if I poured kerosene or metho on her and lit her with a cigarette lighter", (me thinking steady on – they can make up big stories out of small things) "Where?" "Down the river at dinner camp. We all drinking there". "How did you put the fire out?" "Chucked dirt on her". (me thinking - good for infection) I still didn't know the extent of this "They are going to kill me tonight" (repeated many times) "Who?" "Her relations". (This sounded serious by now) "I'll get 10 years for this"(repeated many times.) "Where is she?" "In emergency" (me thinks yeouch! Serious alright) "Where's the baby?" (nearly 2 months old) "Lake Nash". "Why did you do it?" "I don't know. Mind just went funny." "Don't you think you should tell the Police? I'll take you up - better than they got to find you". "Lazarus in the Bible died aye, and God brought him to life again in three days" "Yeah", "If they kill me tonight will God make me alive again in three days?" (me—blank—Lord help!) "You go up and see her now—I'm worried about her—she pregnant you know—just a little bit not a lot". "Yeah, sure I'll go and see her but what are you going to do?" "Take me to cousin's place". I dropped him there and went up to the hospital – Wow! - Could not recognize her. Skin burnt off her face and arms. Prayed for her. She was then asking the African Doctor if she would get her colour back. Next day she was flown to Brisbane to the burns unit in Royal Brisbane Hospital. A week later I heard she was not co-operating with the doctors -2 weeks later she is back in Mt isa. On the grog again. (Many of the people run away from hospital because they are so frightened.)

[Pray](#): for Sarah Butcher and Claude King now doing Emmaus Bible Study courses. Pray they will stick at it.

[Pray](#): 3 days of Bible Studies planned at Irramana June long weekend got washed out. Relocated to Ooratippra Station for 1 day then had to head for Lake Nash. Gruelling 1/2 hour drive - through rain, water, mud & bogs, then 4 hours of dust towing. Pray God's continued blessing for all who attended studies. Set up bookshop & used clothing. Home exhausted Tues. night.

[Pray](#): for a 3 day children's programme in early July run by the AMOS team.

[Pray](#): for the September Nth Q'ld Aboriginal Christian Convention at Delta Downs station north of Normanton and the Bookshop sales there.

[Pray](#): for my health, a solution to my ear problems, and for restoration of my hearing.

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