

## **NEW LIGHT MINISTRIES**

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Dear Supporters,

Last letter for old 2008. Once again thank you for your support, but most of all, you're prayers that keep the shop going and its antique inhabitant.

Last July I reached my use by date, three score years and ten, 70 for those of you who do not remember the pre metric days.

During October I flew south to the funeral of the greatest supporter of the New Light Ministries and the shop on TI, my mother Gladys Merle Pedler, who went home to the Lord on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 aged 92. Mum and Dad were the pioneers of the first Church of Christ Sunday school at Bongeemba, and worked together to support the growth of the Church in Toowoomba.

Well it is wonderful to still be living a normal life in the flat. If there is one thing I'm sure of, the devil must feel that his time is very short by the misery he is causing. Ric Lippmann and his family, (church going believers,) who owned the small Torres Strait Airline, Aero Tropics; have been put out of business quite unnecessarily by the Federal Government in a particularly mean and nasty fashion.

There was no need for it, but they done it anyway. But the effect on the shop has been dramatic. Almost since the first year I opened the shop I have been earning some small regular money that has kept the shop floating on an even keel from selling tickets to the outer Islands for one or more of the small Charter Companies, the last one being Aero-Tropics who flew what is called 'Regular Public Transport.'

Now with government intervention that has been stopped. Now I'm back to running the shop on faith alone to keep going. No buying trip south to Brisbane in January to buy new stock as in the past. It costs a thousand dollars to come south just for the airfares alone. Without that income from the commission on the air fares, I cannot charge thousands of dollars to the New Light Ministry account for new stock in Brisbane, and pay for it in a reasonable time. Now I'm buying small amounts of stock from catalogues as money permits, and I'm determined to keep on going until they cart me off still proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The latest work in the shop I have undertaken has been to make three disc DVD sets of Bill Bright's, Transferable Concepts, for the local Bible Study Leaders. Also I'll be selling them the study books that go with the discs. The sample copies I have released so far have been very well received.

I'm also sending away for a supply of a very special book titled 'The Bible Prophecy Handbook,' by John R. Ecob D.D. editor of the Herald of Hope, given to me by a friend. This is a most remarkable up to date book on exactly where we are to today in these turbulent times. I enjoyed it immensely but it is not light reading.

As always, this time of the year Bible sales slack off and gift sales increase. From time to time I have a visitor from down south who compliment me on the wide variety of material I have in the shop. Recently I rang one of my major Brisbane suppliers for a particular children's Bible, only to find I had more in my shop than he had all his shops in Brisbane. Oh well, it just goes to show how valuable being an independent operator is.

Next year promises to be an exciting year, as we watch events in Jerusalem and race towards the end of the Church Age, until then.

Yours in Christ, Stan Pedler.