



New journey for Jarrod

It only took one night to turn Jarrod's life around.

A drunken decision to "hit the road" with friends cost him his girlfriend's life and set Jarrod on a road of remorse, court cases and nightmares.

When the Wesley Mission Newcastle Youth Service (NYS) Streetsmart team first met Jarrod he was very drunk and told how he had lost his girlfriend two years before. Michael, a team member, left him a note:

"Jarrod, it's time to take control. Give us a call."

Three days later he did and Jarrod's road to recovery began. Through the professional counselling service Jarrod received help with his alcoholism, and with his burden of guilt as a result of the accident.

"Jarrod is not drinking now. There's a long way to go for him but he has developed greater resilience and self esteem, is applying for jobs and has improved his home life," said Michael.

Since July 2004 Wesley Mission NYS Streetsmart has assisted hundreds of troubled 12 to 24 year olds, and hope to expand their services. More early-intervention programs are planned and local high schools are encouraged to get involved with mentoring and life skills programs.

"These programs will enable us to work with more at-risk young people like Jarrod" said Michael, "We want to assist them in developing skills to overcome the many tough situations they face."

Streetsmart Youth Services is a program providing assistance, relief, information, training and referral service to the youth in Newcastle & Lower Hunter Area. To find out more contact (02) 4991 5500.

LAUNCH OF THE GORDON MOYES SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

"When God conceived the world, that was poetry; He formed it, and that was sculpture; He coloured it, and that was painting; He peopled it with living beings, and that was the grand, divine, eternal drama."

Charlotte Cushman



After twenty-seven wonderful years Rev. Dr. Gordon Moyes retires as Superintendent of Wesley Mission at the end of this year, 2005.

Under his leadership, building on the work of his predecessor, Sir Alan Walker, and his predecessors, and with the help of six thousand people, paid staff and voluntary, the Mission has experienced extraordinary and successful growth in Word and Deed.

It has been decided to honour his contribution by establishing the Gordon Moyes Scholarship Foundation (GMSF). This Foundation will provide scholarships to enable meritorious students to attend the Wesley Institute. Wesley Mission has been engaged in theological education since 1884. Its educational activities now reside within Wesley Institute, a fully accredited, degree granting tertiary institution, specializing in training for ministry and the creative arts.

Scholarships will pay fees for up to three years, subject to satisfactory progress. Estimates indicate that, on average, a sum

of approximately \$100,000 will support a scholarship indefinitely.

A wide appeal is being conducted to raise funds for the establishment of the GMSF. If you are thinking of contributing to a farewell gift for Dr. Moyes you should be aware that it is his wish that your contribution go to the Foundation. The other Officers of the Mission, Dr. Jim Pendlebury and I, encourage you to follow his wish. The more you donate the more scholarships we will be able to provide. Bequests will be most welcome.

Yours Sincerely,

David Greatorex AO
Chairman of the Foundation Appeal

We all cherish the work that Dr. Moyes has done in his 27 years of service and the many lives that he has touched.

To make a gift for the Gordon Moyes Scholarship Foundation, simply send your donation with the coupon below.

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Sarah's Story street life and stolen youth

I grew up as one of eight children. My father left when I was 7 years old leaving mum to provide and care for the family. I remember having to share one pair of school shoes with three sisters and not having any clothes of my own, so mum could pay bills. I shared an overcrowded room with four siblings; I fought badly with

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GOD MADE MY LIFE COMPLETE WHEN I PLACED ALL THE PIECES BEFORE HIM. WHEN I GOT MY ACT TOGETHER, HE GAVE ME A FRESH START. (Psalm 18:20 The Message) 



Sarah looks forward to studying social work at university.

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my brother, Jason. We just couldn't get on. At fourteen, Mum asked me to leave home.

This was my chance to escape and be free. I got involved in drugs and was soon addicted. I stole to get money to support my habit. I was in and out of refuges but would often leave within a few days.

I enjoyed school but was high most days and got in many fights. I lost count how many times I was suspended. I didn't talk to my family and didn't care about them.

I thought I was free, but I felt unhappy and alone, and had no one to help me.

When I was seventeen, Accommodation Services placed me with Wesley Dalmar. At first I didn't talk much. I didn't know if I could trust these people.

But I could. Wesley Dalmar encouraged me into drug detox and rehab and helped me set goals. The Wesley caseworker helped me begin studying and build my self confidence. I started to feel happier that people really cared about me even when I made mistakes.

I am now twenty and have a full time job that I love. I hope to study social work at university and work with children and young people. I've worked through the barriers with my family and love my sisters, brothers and mother.

I feel confident about the future and thank God and Wesley for a second chance at life.

YOUR SPECIAL PERSON Thank You!

In the recent Winter Appeal, we asked our friends to tell us about their special person, the response was overwhelming! Here are some we thought especially heart-warming.

That special person is...

... Nana Weston, aged 104, is always there, finding something positive despite various disabilities, laughing heartily, continually smiling, showing interest in anything new! J L Hamilton PUTNEY NSW
... my mother who has always made me



Gordon Moyes

Rev. Dr. Gordon Moyes AC, MLC
Superintendent,
Wesley Mission

and my 4 siblings feel very much loved and very special. She reaches out and shows so much kindness to many other people too. L Baker THE BASIN VIC
... my husband Colin, who loves me for me. He knows when I'm hurting and makes me laugh. He is my hero!
L Smith OAKLANDS NSW

From the desk of Rev. Dr. Gordon Moyes

I meet regularly with hundreds of young people, and some are clients of varied Wesley Mission services you will read about in these pages.

Some of them have been suicidal, depressed, and suffering from alcohol and drug abuse. Some have known broken families, imprisonment and long-term unemployment.

But not all older teenagers and young adults are like this. Hundreds of them are to be found every week in Wesley Centre in church services, study groups, outreach programs and sporting teams. About one thousand older teenagers and young adults are in church services each Sunday. All of these older teenagers and young adults have a sense of purpose and commitment because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

The contrast between those who are clients of Wesley Mission, and those who are members of Wesley Mission, is that the latter are full of hope. They are part of the answer to society's problems, not part of the problem. For the rest, we are seeking to help them by restoring hope.

FACT 1 Suicide accounted for 19% of deaths among older teenagers (17-19) in 2000, making it the second most common cause of death in that age group.

(ABS, Suicides: Recent Trends, 2003)

Jennifer takes control



Jennifer faces the future with courage and confidence.

Jennifer phoned Wesley Mission Lifeline Sydney in a moment of desperation three years ago. She didn't know what to expect but just needed to tell someone, anyone, what she had done.

Jennifer believes the call saved her life. "I phoned Lifeline after a suicide attempt. It wasn't the first time I'd tried and if it wasn't for that call, it may not have been the last," says Jennifer. "It was at a point in my life where I'd had enough. Things were really falling apart and I felt no one understood me and no one cared. My life was very painful and I had no idea how to deal with it."

Through the care and attention she was given Jennifer was able to vent her frustration and anger without feeling judged or rejected; something she was not used to. Most importantly, Lifeline provided an atmosphere of safety and confidentiality for Jennifer to express what she was going through. Lifeline helped her begin the process of moving on and taking control of her life.

Wesley Mission's Lifeline telephone counselling service is provided by over 270 trained volunteers across their Sydney and Sutherland Centres. They service some of the most isolated and lonely people in our society by providing confidential, one-to-one communication.

Lifeline Australia provides 24-hour telephone counselling services for the cost of a local call through the national accessible number 13 11 14.

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In some Frontlines stories, names and some details have been changed and/or models have been used to protect identities and maintain confidentiality

Wesley Mission is a part of the Uniting Church in Australia.

FACT 2 The highest age-specific suicide rate for males was 25-29 age group. (ABS, Suicides: Recent Trends, 2003)



Haven of Hope

"Depression surrounds us all. It is so common. It is real and it is scary."

Maria came to this agonising conclusion after watching her depressive brother, Andreas, hospitalised with self-destructive behaviour. The family feared he was attempting to take his life. Maria knew things had to change.

"Depression used to have a social stigma, but I think now people can see that there's nothing to be ashamed of. Anyone can be affected," said Maria.

"It's so important that we support our loved ones who suffer from depression. Our family had to learn to be more tolerant and accepting of Andreas."

Wanting to see others supported in their fight with depression, Maria donated to Wesley Mission's LifeForce Suicide Prevention program. The donation led to a splashy surprise for Maria. She was the recipient of a swimming pool generously donated by Blue Haven Pools to the LifeForce initiative.

Now Maria is able to stretch her love and support to brother Andreas by offering him dips during the warm summer months.

WESLEY MISSION'S VISION
Serving People,
Building Hope,
Honouring God

YES, I WANT TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE make positive changes and take control of their lives

I would like to give:

- \$45 towards programs to build confidence and self-esteem
- \$24 to give troubled youth 24-hour access to phone counselling
- \$75 to help young people achieve goals for a healthier future
- \$150 towards suicide prevention programs and counselling
- \$225 towards crisis accommodation for homeless young people
- My choice \$

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