

The **BACK** Pack

AUSTRALIA

1606		William Jansz - first European to see Australia
1788	Feb. 3	First Christian service is held.
	Feb. 6	First female convicts land—debauchery and riots immediately follow.
1798	Oct. 1	First Sydney church is destroyed by a fire deliberately set.
1826	Jun. 12	First gas lights are lit in Sydney.
1831	Apr. 24	First Baptist service is held in Sydney.
1835	Nov. 36	First Baptist church building project is started—opens the next year.
1847	Jun. 25	Melbourne is proclaimed a city.
1857	Aug. 10	Melbourne streets are lit by gas lights.
1900	Jan. 15	Suspected case of bubonic plague is reported—beginning of a ten-year epidemic.
1901	Jan. 1	Australia is proclaimed a commonwealth.
	Sep. 3	Australia chooses its flag from over 30,000 designs.
1908	Nov. 10	Canberra is chosen as the site for Australia's capital.
1912	Jul. 6	First automatic public telephones are installed.
1914	Apr. 11	First "Nothing-Over-a-Shilling" store opens (First dollar store!).
	Jul. 14	Australia decides to join WWI.
1918	Aug. 26	Australia decides to permit the use of the guillotine.
1939	Sep. 3	Australia joins in WWII.

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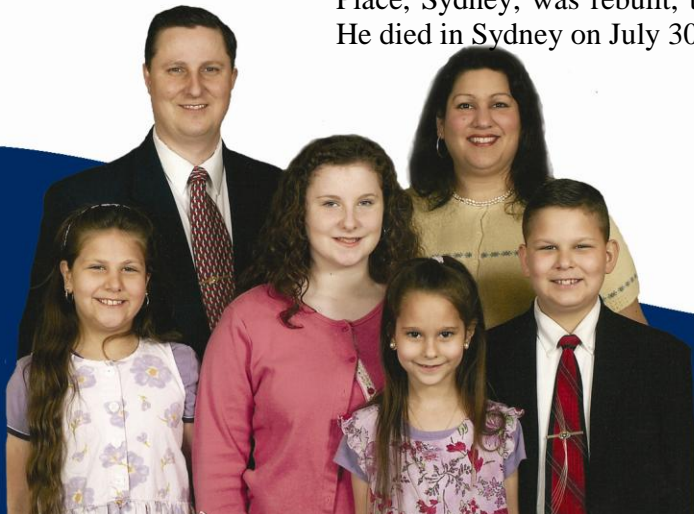
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Arthur Malcolm Stace, known as "Mr. Eternity," one of Australia's most famous persons, was born in 1885 and worked for many years for the Red Cross in Sydney. His two sisters became prostitutes, and as a boy, he was in and out of jail. In WWI he served as a stretcher-bearer, and after he returned home, he became an alcoholic and drank methylated spirits and shoe polish. In August of 1930, at the age of 45, he walked into St. Barnabas Church on Broadway in Sydney to attend a men-only meeting. He walked out a new man and attended the Burton Street Baptist Tabernacle, where the preacher, John Ridley, spirited him with the message of ETERNITY.

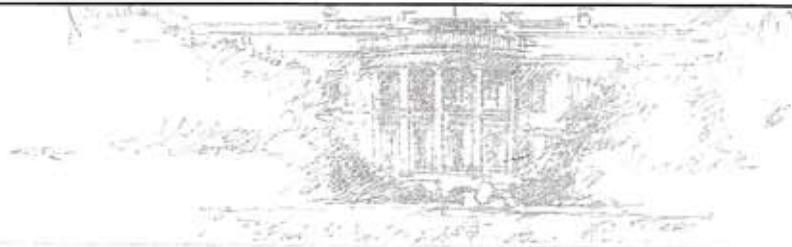
Unable to write his own name, he left the church and wrote the word *eternity* on the footpath. He believed that God had chosen him to spread the Gospel on the streets, and he spent the next 30 years writing *eternity* in either white or yellow chalk on the streets of Sydney. At the age of 57, he married a country girl name Pearl, whom he left each night so he could travel all over Sydney writing *eternity*. After he retired from the Red Cross, he traveled to Wollongong, Newcastle, and Campbelltown to spread his word. In 1963, when the GPO clock in Martin Place, Sydney, was rebuilt, they found *eternity* written inside the bell, where it still remains. He died in Sydney on July 30, 1963.



The Ron Back Family
Missionaries to Australia



From Bro. Daryl Whitehouse



July 31, 2006

Daryl Whitehouse
3301 W. 80th Ave.
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To whom it may concern:

I have known Ron Back for 8 years. Ron has many great qualities that will help him to be a success in his endeavors.

Ron is a very dedicated family man. He has put his family first while attending college and working. He and his wife, Laura, and their children are very strong. Ron has proved himself to be a man of endurance. When others gave up and quit during the tough times of attending school, working, and making time for family, Ron stuck with it even through very trying times.

Ron is one who is very giving. I have known him to give secretly to others who were having tough financial times. He has always given anonymously; he has a great heart. Ron is one who will jump to help whenever the need arises. He is someone whom I have been able to count on often.

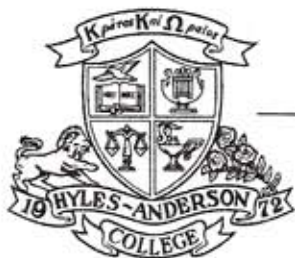
Ron is a faithful man. If he says he will do something, he will carry through. He always shows up to any meetings, classes, or services that are going on.

I would highly recommend Ron Back

Sincerely,

Daryl Whitehouse
Dean of Married Students
Hyles-Anderson College

From Dr. Ray Young



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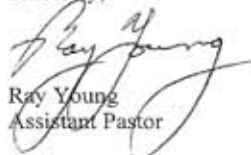
To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to highly recommend Brother Ron Back for the missionary work that he feels God has laid upon his heart. While he attended our college, he was a very faithful, dedicated, and zealous worker.

He and his wife seem to be totally dedicated to the work of Christ and to each other. They also have a fine family that will serve as a wonderful example to the people they reach through their missions work.

I feel that any help and/or support you can lend to this fine couple would be as unto the Lord and used by the Lord for the reaching of souls and furtherance of the Gospel.

Sincerely,



Ray Young
Assistant Pastor

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From Pastor Sam Carns



OPEN BIBLE
BAPTIST CHURCH

It was a blessed day when the Ron Back family moved back to Indiana after a four-year tour with the marines. Ron was saved in youth and only partially grounded in his faith during his time with the corps. Upon arriving back in Warsaw, he and his family actively began to look for a Baptist church. Eventually we met and served together for a number of years.

Ron was an outstanding church member: he attended all services, willingly gave his money and taught Sunday School faithfully. He had an unusual ability to get other men to go soul winning and he would do almost anything for Jesus. Ron was teachable, workable, and correctable.

Ron and I agreed that he would stay here and learn all that he could in a practical local church setting until he had to use his G.I. bill. The Back family then moved to the Hammond area to attend Hyles-Anderson College and graduated in 2006. Ron and Laura have weathered the "college storm" and have actively prepared for the Lord's work now and in the future.

Whatever Ron Back may or may not possess in some area of the Lord's work, it is compensated by his willingness to serve and his sincerity in what he does. We have every confidence that they will fulfill God's call for their lives.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SAM CARNS', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

SAM CARNS
Pastor

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January 2009

Dear Pastor,

Australia is very beautiful and a great place to go on vacation; it is one of Oceania's hotspots. But that's not what I think a pastor or a church wants to know about my country. I don't look at Australia and see a place to rest and relax; I see a place that is very desolate of God's Word and in great need of Bible-believing, fundamental, independent Baptist preachers.

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My name is Ron Back, and my family and I are on deputation not solely to start a new work in Australia but to help a missionary who is already on the field. His name is Rijn Abrell, and he has been in Australia since 1995. I have asked Bro. Abrell about the needs of a church in Australia, and just like in America, the number-one need is finances. Then next would be manpower to teach Sunday schools, go soul winning, help with Vacation Bible Schools, preach in public schools, and also to minister to the people.

As a missionary, there is a need to come off the field periodically. When this happens, the pulpit is left empty, or a very young Christian is asked, because of necessity, to fill the pulpit. My intent would be that there is never a time when our church in Australia would be without an American missionary.

My long-term plans are to expand the ministries Bro. Abrell has started and to add outreach ministries to them. We will be searching for men to train and starting new churches, serving the people of Australia and other countries throughout the world.

I am personally asking you to consider expanding your ministry by helping me serve in Australia. Thank you for your time in looking at our information. We know your time is very valuable.

Sincerely,

Ron Back
Missionary to Australia



The Ron Back Family
Missionaries to Australia



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My name is Ron Back. When I was eight years old, a missionary from a local independent Baptist church in Pierceton, Indiana, invited my brothers and me to church. My parents enjoyed the thought of having a break from us boys every Sunday, so they encouraged us to go with the missionary family. Shortly after this first encounter with Bro. and Mrs. Ernie Mason, I received Christ as my Saviour in Junior Church in 1980. I believe, even though I was only eight years old, that God put the desire in my heart to be a missionary, but since my family was not saved nor in a local church, Satan was able to quench that call.

My young adult years were spent out of church. I did not get scripturally baptized until 1994 while I was attending a Baptist church in Rancho Santa Marguerita, California, during my enlistment in the United States Marine Corps. Shortly after I was baptized, God called me a second time to the mission field under a missionary to Australia. I went to the pastor and inquired of him about missions. I thought God wanted me to go build churches physically with hammer and nails, not by preaching. My pastor told me that we did not support missionaries except the kind that go and preach the Gospel and win souls to Christ, building the churches with people, not materials. I was convinced that I was not the missionary type because I did not think I could talk or preach to large groups of people.

When my enlistment in the USMC was up, I chose to be a husband and a father instead of a career soldier. We went back to Warsaw, Indiana, where my family was and decided to start our family there also. Within two weeks of getting back to Warsaw in the spring of 1996, we found Open Bible Baptist Church, pastored by Sam Carns, a Hyles-Anderson College graduate. I thought that I had finally found a home that would be permanent for my whole family.

In May of 1996, Layne Jones, a missionary to the Philippines, preached at my home church of the need for more missionaries. This time I realized God's call on my life. I immediately responded to the invitation and surrendered to be a missionary. Within just a few months, I understood that God wanted me to go to Australia.

In July of 2001, I moved my family to Lake Station, Indiana, and started attending Hyles-Anderson College where, after five years, I successfully received a bachelor of science in missions. Now I am on the deputation trail raising support to work with a veteran missionary in his work in Australia.

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My name is Laura Back. I am blessed to be married to Ron Back and have four wonderful children. I was adopted at birth and raised in a traditional American family. When I was very young, my mother would take my sister and me to the Methodist church about once every other month. I remember that I loved getting dressed up and spending time alone with my mom, but I really had no idea what was going on at church. As we reached junior high age, our church attendance trickled off completely.

After I turned eighteen and moved away from home with a friend, I was introduced to the Mormon “church.” There was a young woman I worked with who took me under her wing and got me involved with the singles’ program. It didn’t take long until I was baptized for the remission of my sins. I was completely involved and on my way to the temple within a few months. Praise God, though, I was having financial trouble at the time and couldn’t get my tithes up to date, so was denied a temple recommendation. Right about that time, I had to move back home to my parents.

I had been home long enough to get a job when I met this young marine at my friend’s wedding. We started dating that day. A few months later, we were married at a little wedding chapel just off Camp Pendleton. I had mentioned that I was Mormon, but religion really wasn’t even discussed. We didn’t have a clue, but God is good. Our best man just happened to be the son of a preacher and determined to get us into a fundamental, independent, Bible-believing Baptist church. It took a few months for Ron to be home enough, but we did get into a good church. When the pastor visited our home, I convinced him and myself that I was already saved.

When Ron got out of the Marine Corps, we moved back to Indiana and joined Open Bible Baptist Church in Warsaw, pastored by Sam Carns. We dove right in and were completely involved right away. I attended Ladies’ Spectacular that year and received Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I was baptized soon after, and Pastor Carns spent five years getting us ready for college and eventually the mission field.

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