
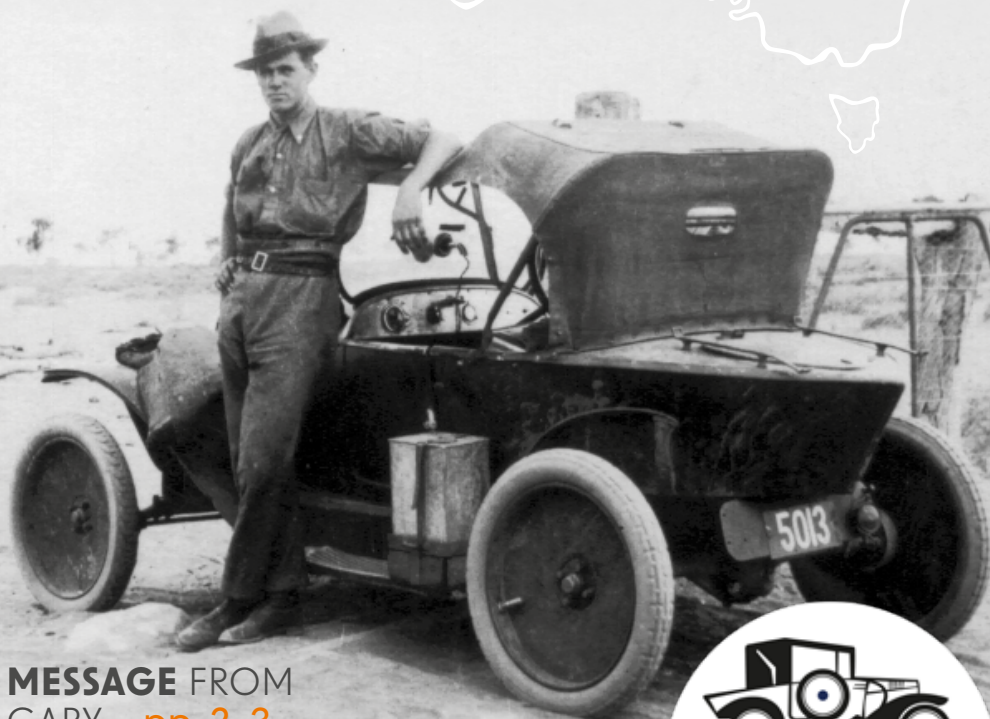


RIGHT AROUND  
*Australia* has begun!

 The Incredible Journey

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## Message from Gary

I have just spent the weekend on the road with “Bubsie” and her crew. Her epic journey has begun! I believe this is the start of great things. Because, like Nevill Westwood 100 years ago, our 2025 trip is motivated purely by our desire to share the gospel and grow the kingdom of God.

When the librarian at Carmel College, WA, shared Nevill Westwood’s diaries with me in early 2014, I was instantly captivated by the story of his Citroën 5CV, Bubsie, the first car to circumnavigate Australia.

What seized my attention was the sheer scale of the challenge. In 1925, when Nevill Westwood and his colleague, Greg Davies, embarked on this journey, the notion of driving around the entire continent seemed not just ambitious, but bordering on the impossible.

Much of Australia was still a vast, largely unmapped wilderness. The contrast between the fragile, almost toy-like Citroën 5CV and the harsh, unforgiving landscape it had to conquer was striking.

Bubsie’s epic journey took place in an era before smartphones, GPS, satellite phones, and even reliable maps of the largely unexplored outback.

In much of the country there were no roads, no petrol stations, no motor vehicle repair or spare-parts shops, no tyre shops, no roadside rest-areas or motels, and no supermarkets. The odds were stacked against a successful journey.

But why does Bubsie’s story matter? Why should we care about an automotive adventure that took place a century ago?

Firstly, Bubsie’s journey reminds us that great achievements often start with a simple idea and an unwavering commitment to seeing it through. In an age where we’re constantly pushing the boundaries of technology, Bubsie’s story serves as a humbling reminder of how far we’ve come and the innovation and courage of those who paved the way.

Secondly, this story provides a unique lens through which to view Australia’s history. It’s a snapshot of a nation. Through Bubsie’s journey, we gain insights into the Australia of the 1920s – its people, its challenges, and its evolving identity.



Thirdly, this story matters because it celebrates the collaborative spirit that has long been a hallmark of Australian culture. Bubsie’s success wasn’t just down to the determination of Westwood and his friend. It was made possible by the kindness of strangers, the wisdom and assistance of the Indigenous people, and the collective effort of communities across the continent. In our increasingly divided world, this reminder of our capacity for

cooperation and mutual support is more valuable than ever.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, this story matters because it transcends a mere automotive adventure. At its core, it's a spiritual odyssey, a testament to one man's unwavering faith and his extraordinary journey to share the message of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Bible to the remote and far-reaching corners of Australia.



As we look back on Bubsie's achievement from the vantage point of the 21st century, it's easy to forget how groundbreaking this journey was. Today, we can circumnavigate Australia on sealed roads, with rest stops and fuel stations at regular intervals. But in 1925, each day brought new challenges; each mile was hard-won, and the successful completion of the journey was anything but certain.

So, join us in 2025 as we celebrate the centenary of this incredible journey and follow the tyre tracks of Nevill and his trusty Bubsie right around Australia!

Gary Kent

## Partnership Weekend

Registrations are now open for our Gold Coast Partnership weekend. This year's theme is 'God's Legacy,' and we'll explore how we can pass on God's love and the knowledge of Jesus' soon return to the next generations.

For more information and to register visit the website below or phone us on **0481 315 101** and we'll be happy to help.

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**GOD'S LEGACY**  
Psalm 145:4  
One generation shall praise  
Your works to another, and shall  
declare Your mighty acts.

**23 - 25 MAY 2025** Gold Coast Partnership Weekend

## The Miracle Barn Find



I, Henk Viljoen, arrived in Australia and settled into my role as manager of The Incredible Journey (TIJ) in August of 2022. One of my immediate priorities was to find a Citroën 5CV of the right vintage for this project codenamed “Right Around Australia” (RAA).

Where would I find such a vehicle? Internet searches had yielded a few leads, but nothing firm. The current chairman of the board, Garry Harrowfield, a former rally driver and auto dealer, had contacts in automotive journalism and started calling and enquiring. One of these contacts, Will Hagon, informed us of a lead, and gave us a number. I called. We spoke. The current owner was willing to consider a sale – this was good progress, so we agreed to view the vehicle. Where should we be heading? A mere 50kms from the office in Dora Creek, to the shed of Paul Smythe, the undertaker in Rutherford! And this was the sight that greeted us... a yellow Citroën 5CV of the right vintage, mostly intact!

We had no guarantee that this vehicle would ever run again. We prayed and decided that we should proceed, taking faith in the unlikely find so near to the heart of our operation. Paul enquired who we were and why we were interested in the vehicle – we shared our plans. He generously reduced the price because we were aiming to do God’s work, he wanted to support us. We came to collect the vehicle, and as we loaded it up, he said: “Take this vehicle here also” – pointing to a bare frame and boxes filled with a variety of items. “My brother was going to do one up as well, but he is no longer able to.” What a godsend this second vehicle\* was, as we would learn later!





## THE RESTORATION CREW

Through the classic car clubs in the area, we found a restorer willing to make a start on our Bubsie. A while later, another miracle: Warren May and Colin Gibbs attended Grey Nomads and saw the, as yet, mostly unrestored RAA Bubsie and volunteered to take on the full restoration, complete engine rebuild, panel repair, and respray.

## THE FINAL PRODUCT

Warren, Colin, and Graham Tyler did a fantastic job restoring the primary vehicle to pristine condition. It was almost too good a job...

## TWICE!

Because now there was a new problem. TIJ intended to film several reenactments which would subject the vehicle to harsh handling. It had been restored to such an impressive degree that no one could imagine abusing this specimen in such a way. What to do? Risk the delivery of RAA by use of (and possible damage to) the flagship in filming or forego filming until the completion of RAA? Neither of these options were acceptable. But Warren and Colin were by now Citroën 5CV experts, having assembled the first one, they started to scrounge through the boxes of spares, and realised they had an almost complete second vehicle. Here was yet another miracle! Gary Kent managed to persuade Warren to take on the restoration of the second vehicle!



The completed second vehicle\* was a gift to enable filming of the reenactments. During a particularly demanding day filming various scenes of dune and river crossings, sadly the second vehicle's clutch bearing snapped clean off, thereby validating the concerns regarding the rigour of filming. However, the TIJ team have since repaired Bubsie B and we have a pair of vehicles as we commence RAA in 2025!

## THE MIRACLE FIND IN THE USA

TIJ had a desire to tell the story of Nevill Westwood and his reliable Bubsie beyond the borders of Australia. It is a story that should inspire young Christians worldwide to embrace mission in their local community. One key opportunity for global exposure of the RAA project is the annual ASI convention in the USA. The TIJ team attended in 2023 and found that our TIJ display was completely overshadowed by worthy ministries with helicopters and airplanes on display.

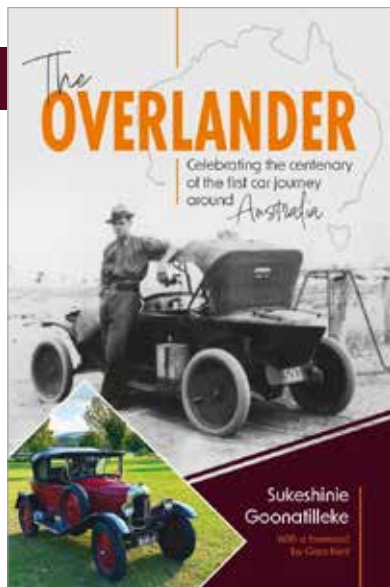


Who would take notice of our little display? I said "if only I could get Bubsie to the US to display" – but we would never consider shipping our vehicle to the US – it could take months and would introduce unacceptable risk. Gary Kent said, "we need to find a Citroën in the US". To comprehend how unlikely this would be, consider this: the Ford Model T was in production from 1908 to 1927... thus the US did not import Citroëns of this

vintage; they didn't need them. The US is also an enormous bit of real estate, should we come across a vehicle somewhere in that great country, it may be 1000's of miles from Orlando Florida where we needed it to be on display! And then, assuming we found it, in the US, near enough to transport to Orlando, what were the chances of the owner being willing to consider renting it to complete strangers from Australia? But, by another miracle, the TIJ team found a Citroën 5CV in Bradenton Florida, only 200kms from Orlando! The owner was willing to rent it to us and organised the necessary transport.

## GOD'S BLESSING

Friends, having experienced these and many other miracles of confirmation along the way to 2025, I am sincerely convinced and convicted that God has blessed this ministry, to tell the story of Bubsie, "Right Around Australia" and beyond! The Lord has provided all we need. Now it is up to us and our supporters and participants to deliver a year of evangelism like never before, through an initiative that will be marketed in mainstream media, and towns all over this great continent. Please partner with us, and consider supporting TIJ & RAA at [tij.tv/raa](http://tij.tv/raa)



## Resources

### THE OVERLANDER by Sukeshinie Goonatilleke

This full-colour booklet celebrates and shares the remarkable story and the faith that inspired the Adventist adventurers who made this historic journey in 1925. It features a simple re-telling of the story of Literature Evangelists Nevill Westwood, Greg Davies and the little Citroën Bubsie.

**AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT**  
[tijstore.tv/product/the-overlander](http://tijstore.tv/product/the-overlander)

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## GOD'S RESCUE PLAN & TODAY IN BIBLE PROPHECY by Allen Sonter

This book is about a great rescue, and when it will happen! God wants to rescue us from the evil power that is battling for control of this world and every person in it. Do you want to be on the side of a loving God in this cosmic war between good and evil, or do you want to live a life focused on self and fight on the side of the evil one? By default, we are all on the side of evil, but God has given us a way out. He is willing to rescue us if we choose to be on His side in this war. In this book you will learn how to become part of the rescue plan, and you will learn that the war is almost over. Details of the soon-coming end to the war and what to do to be rescued from the cataclysmic final events of history are outlined in this book. Rescue awaits if you join the winning side. Read this book to find out how!

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## Pr Kevin and Glenda Amos

Pastor Kevin and Glenda Amos are leading a team of people to take and display a restored vintage vehicle to as many community or church events as possible. This vehicle, Bubsie, is from the same year as the original car that circumnavigated Australia 100 years ago. Pastor Kevin and Glenda Amos have been asked to lead and coordinate the team to service these events, and they will visit over 270 locations for the Right Around Australia project in 2025.

Just as Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies wanted to share the gospel and the hope of the second coming of Jesus with as many people as possible in 1925, so too the Bubsie team sees this centennial project as a way to connect with our communities right around Australia. The team will be sharing the story of these two energetic young men and their ventures for God



and the hope they found in God and His prophetic Word. Our hope is that our local churches and faith communities will realise the potential to meet people and share everyday experiences in a way that will point them to the Saviour and His providences in our lives.

One of the challenges the team will face is to maintain the schedule that has been planned while also being open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in ways we may not have even imagined, and to be flexible to meet those opportunities. The highlight of this trip for us will be to see the way God leads and



provides daily in circumstances where we may not have answers or where we face obstacles. We have already seen this taking place in the first run of events that have been held, as people have talked with us from places where we are yet to go, opening up opportunities to refine events, just when we were wondering how to contact these areas. It is amazing to note the leading of God at these times and know that He is in control.

As we will be travelling over 25,000 kms, we ask that you pray for a hedge of protection to be placed around the team - protection in travel, protection in health and energy, protection for our equipment and vehicles and protection for our families. We have already seen the devil at work to try to distract us due to mechanical breakdowns, ill-health of family members, lack of engagement by communities, and many other little things that can cause concerns. However, we know the power of prayer to shield us, and we pray that every day you will present this project, our communities, and our team to God in prayer.

We cannot do this work unless we have the infilling of the Holy Spirit and an abiding relationship with Jesus. Pray that each day our lives will be held in God's hands, that we will be filled with His Spirit, and that the character of Jesus will be evident in our lives. May we know that everything that is accomplished is done only through Jesus Christ and to Him belongs the glory and praise.

Pray that we will experience the divine encounters that God plans for us – the people that we meet, the church families and communities that we visit, the providential openings that happen along the way.

Pray that whatever is said, shared, or expressed will bring glory to God and will draw people to see the amazing grace of God so that they will want a relationship with Him. Pray that Australia will be impacted with the gospel message and that God's purposes for salvation are achieved.







## Right Around Australia journey

Don't miss the chance to witness this incredible journey as we retrace history, visiting towns and cities across the country. Where will Bubsie be next? You can check out the schedule online here: [tij.tv/raa-route-plan](http://tij.tv/raa-route-plan)

- **March** – Sydney and South Coast NSW
- **April** – Victoria to South Australia
- **May** – South Australia to Western Australia
- **June** – Western Australia

### AVONDALE UNIVERSITY CHURCH BUBSIE DISPLAY – Sabbath 22 February

The morning program featured a short promo on the Right Around Australia event by Pr Kevin Amos, followed by a prayer of blessing from Pr Norman Hurlow. Over 600 attendees, including new university students, parents, and church members, participated. Copies of *The Overlander* and *God's Rescue Plan*, were shared with those interested in the story, along with QR code cards linking to The Incredible Journey programs.

The *Record* media team conducted an in-depth interview and took team photos, as did Pastor Terry Johnson, Union Conference President. It was encouraging to connect with visitors who will be along the planned route, inspiring them to involve their churches and schools. Many expressed prayer support for the journey, and some contributed financially to the project.

### LAKESIDE CHURCH – Wednesday 26 February

After setting up Bubsie near the main road with a gazebo and helium balloons, the team took a short break before the 4pm program. Students from Bonnell's Bay School arrived with their parents, excitedly sharing details of the car's story. Many posed for photos, while passing students waved and called out. The event featured a jumping castle, stalls, books, literature, and delicious food, including smoothies from the Bay Church food van.

Over 100 people attended, including community members who learned about the event through a letterbox drop. Pastor Kevin Amos gave a presentation under the trees near Bubsie, and several Citroën enthusiasts provided valuable contacts for future stops. It was a fantastic afternoon, and we appreciate Lakeside Church's hospitality and the successful distribution of *The Overlander*.

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### **AVONDALE SCHOOL – Friday 28 February**

Arriving after the buses had left, we set up the car under the bus shelter. While high school students attended chapel, upper primary classes viewed Bubsie and learned about its 1925 journey and centenary celebration.

Primary students moved to chapel, where Pastor Kevin spoke on life in the outback 100 years ago and Bible prophecy. High school classes later viewed the car, learning about Nevill Westwood. K-2 students had a similar session.

Over 550 people, including students, teachers, and parents, engaged with the project. The RAA team appreciated the school's hospitality and had a great time sharing with the students.



### **AVONDALE MEMORIAL FAMILY FUN DAY – Sunday 2 March**

The Bubsie trailer suffered a tyre puncture on Saturday, so Sunday morning began with unloading the trailer, changing the tyre, and fitting the spare. Instead of reloading, we drove Bubsie directly to the Avondale Memorial Fun Day, while Pieter and Veronica Raams transported the trailer separately. Once Bubsie was positioned at the center of the vintage and classic car display, we set up the gazebo and resource table, ready to engage with the many attendees arriving early for the day's activities.

The event featured vintage cars, a jumping castle, Sweet Valley Baby Animals petting zoo, Sita's Wood-fired pizzas, a teen group food van, the Lake Mac Zoo reptile show, and the Avondale Memorial Brass Band. Wooden puzzles entertained visitors, and Better Books and Foods



remained open. Guests received sample bags with resources, including *The Overlander* book and local brochures. Throughout the morning, Kevin shared Nevill's journey with Bubsie, and an interview with Paul Smythe documented how The Incredible Journey acquired and restored the Citroën. This was Paul's first time seeing the vehicle since its restoration. The day was a great success. We thank Pr Steve Magaitis and his congregation for everyone's contribution.

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## **GOSFORD CHURCH – BREAKFAST WITH GARY AND WORSHIP SERVICE**

– Sabbath 8 March

Morning began with an early drive to Gosford Church in Narara. While Cyclone Alfred loomed up north, our trip remained dry. We positioned Bubsie under cover at the display area. With the advertising banner and resource table set up, we enjoyed conversations with attendees over breakfast, sharing Nevill and Bubsie's story. The Gosford church's hospitality team provided a fantastic breakfast, followed by an engaging Q&A session after Pastor Kevin shared trip stories at Pr Gary Kent's request. During the breakfast worship, Pr Gary highlighted Nevill's enduring record as the first person to circumnavigate Australia by car, driven by his mission to bring hope—an ongoing challenge for us all today.

Several guests attended after receiving an invitation during the Food Pantry, including a man who proudly displayed his 1939 Ford Deluxe alongside Bubsie. He appreciated the effort to inspire the next generation with this historic journey. As the service ended, attendees were eager to explore ways to share the gospel, many recalling their participation in a 2024 discipleship seminar run by TIJ's Henk Viljoen. It was a blessed morning at Gosford.





**GOSFORD SDA CHURCH – FAMILY FUN DAY – Sunday 9 March**

We kicked off the third week of Bubsie’s odyssey with a drive to Gosford for the family fun day at Narara. Upon arrival, we moved the trailer, boosted Bubsie’s battery, and positioned her for display. Luke Reeves, a ropes course facilitator, kindly stepped in to help set up the Pinnacle Challenge course. The church team gathered for prayer before assisting with event preparations, including food stalls, inflatable play areas, and the jumping castle.

By 10am, everything was ready as the community arrived. We shared Bubsie’s story, took photos, and welcomed car enthusiasts, including Paul Smythe, Bubsie’s former owner, who enjoyed a drive. Radio Rhema FM conducted an interview about the Right Around Australia project, while attendees enjoyed great food and activities. The Pinnacle Challenge course mirrored the perseverance of Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies, who ventured into the outback a century ago, sharing hope step by step. The event was a success, and we thank Gosford Church for their hospitality and for helping celebrate this milestone in Australian motoring history.

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# RIGHT AROUND AUSTRALIA BLOG

Join us on this incredible journey as we retrace the footsteps of Nevill Westwood and his trusty Citroën 'Bubsie,' traveling across Australia to share the good news of Jesus' soon return. From rugged outback roads to bustling towns, experience the passion, faith, and adventure of this historic mission!

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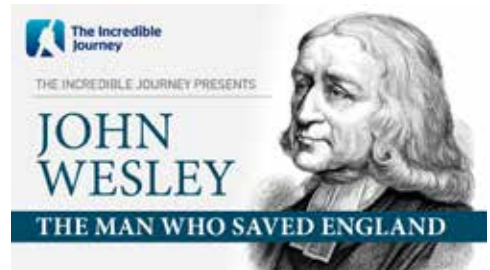
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- Produce a new TV series 'What is Sin?'
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- Purchase Prime Time television slots for our programs
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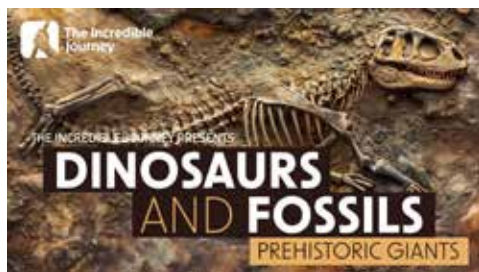
## New Programs



In 1580, Portuguese friar Antonio da Madalena set out from Alcobaça Monastery, eventually reaching Southeast Asia. In 1586, he discovered the vast ruins of Angkor—moated cities, grand palaces, and the iconic Angkor Wat. Built without mortar or machines, its origins remained a mystery. This program uncovers the secrets of this ancient wonder and its enduring message.



In June 1880, the Kelly gang clashed with Victoria Police in a dramatic shootout. As bullets flew, Ned Kelly and his gang donned homemade iron armour crafted from stolen ploughboards—a testament to Kelly's ingenuity. This program explores his story and the Biblical armour God provides for life's battles.



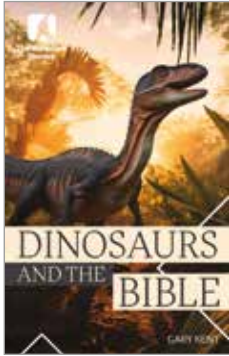
Since the early 19th century, fossil discoveries have amazed scientists. From Mary and Joseph Anning's 1810 find to the fierce dinosaurs of the 1820s, these buried giants reveal a lost world. But long before the discovery of these bones, the Bible offered us glimpses of strange creatures that once frolicked in the sea, roamed the earth, and sailed through the sky. This program explores these fascinating beasts and their origins.



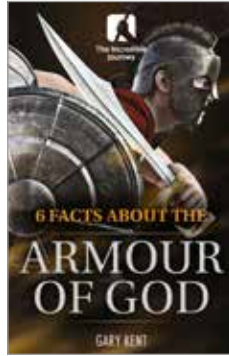
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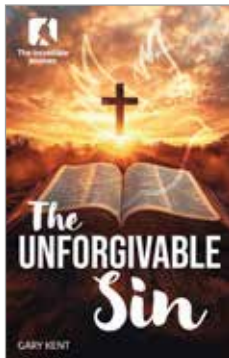
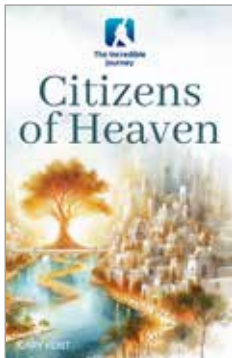
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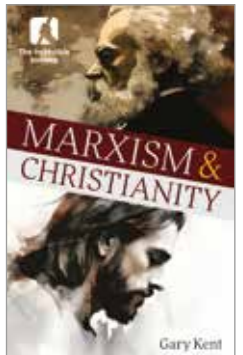
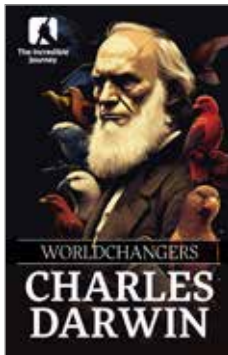
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## New Booklets Coming Soon / In Production

With Allen Sonter's help, we have been writing a series of new booklets covering topics that we believe will be of great interest.

These books will be available this year, so keep an eye on our website [tijstore.tv](http://tijstore.tv)





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## Psalm 145:4

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Along with our Partnership weekend on the Gold Coast we are also holding three Sunday lunch events around Australia, the first being in Melbourne on Sunday 13 April at the Parkroyal Monash. These programs run from 10am – 3pm, and include refreshments upon arrival, special music, a presentation from Gary Kent and a 3-course Lunch.

- **Melbourne – 13 April – Parkroyal Monash**

[tij.tv/event/melbourne-lunch-13-april](https://tij.tv/event/melbourne-lunch-13-april)

- **Gold Coast Partnership Weekend – 23–25 May – Mercure Gold Coast**

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- **Avondale – 12 October – 7 at Avondale**

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- **Sydney - 19 October – Rydges Norwest**

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