



**The Incredible
Journey**

RIGHT *around* **AUSTRALIA**

Centennial Celebration

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Bubsie

1923 Citroën 5CV

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Bubsie RIGHT AROUND AUSTRALIA

In 1925 this small Citroën made history by being the first car to travel right around Australia.

The car was a 1923 5CV model. Now, what makes this little car, and this event of special interest to us at TIJ, is that its owner and driver was Nevill Westwood, a 22-year-old Seventh-day Adventist missionary/evangelist from Carmel College, Western Australia.

Nevill wanted to share the Good News of Jesus – the Everlasting Gospel – and the grand truths of the Bible. He decided that he would start by undertaking mission work in the remote bush of the northwest corner of Australia.

So, Nevill bought this car second-hand in Perth. It had already travelled 48,000 kilometres. He gave the little car a nickname – Bubsie – and left Perth with a Bible student, Greg Davies, in the Citroën on 4 August 1925 on an incredible missionary journey.

These brave evangelists had no spares and no support. They relied on their ingenuity and faith. And a great deal of both were needed to ensure they could get through some areas. Along the way punctured tyres were filled with grass and cowhide and the car was carried across the Fitzroy River by local Aboriginal people.

The little Citroën was the first car to cross from Western Australia into the Northern Territory. After many more challenges, the intrepid adventurers crossed the rabbit-proof fence into Queensland. Soft sand in creek beds were a problem, but luckily the little Citroën was quite light and could be dug out and pushed or pulled.

The journey to Brisbane and then on to Sydney was far easier than the earlier part of the drive, as the areas were more inhabited, and had a better road system.

Greg Davies quit the journey at Albury on the New South Wales and Victorian border. Nevill Westwood went on to Melbourne and Adelaide. He returned to Perth, escorted by a welcoming convoy of motorists





on 30 December 1925. He was the first person to drive right around Australia!

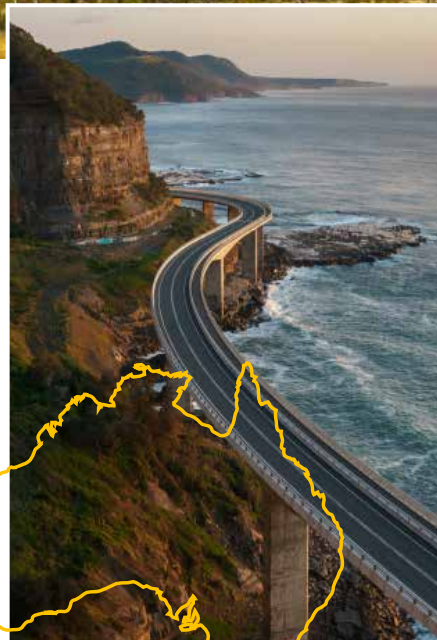
Nevill Westwood had one goal on this incredible journey: wherever he went, he shared the story of Jesus.

BREAKING NEWS!

Just like the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys captured the imagination of Nevill Westwood, so Nevill's missionary journey has captured our imagination at TIJ. And so, after 2 years of planning and discussion with Citroën Australia and the National Museum in Canberra, where the original 'Bubsie' is on display, THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY has big plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this pioneering event in 2025.

The plans include:

1. Retracing the steps of Nevill Westwood on his missionary trip around Australia in a similar 1923 Citroën 5CV.
2. Re-enacting a number of scenes from the original expedition.
3. In the true spirit of Nevill's journey, we'll be sharing the Everlasting Gospel as we go. This will include conducting major evangelistic campaigns in all the state capitals of Australia, as well as outreach programs and other forms of evangelism in many of the smaller regional centres and across rural Australia.
4. Producing a number of spiritual television programs for national and international broadcast.
5. Producing social media content on a daily basis that portrays each day's activities.
6. Engage with all forms of local and national media to promote the incredible journey of this young Seventh-day Adventist missionary/evangelist pioneer and the message he shared along the way.



PROGRESS REPORT

The plans are presently underway, as we've already travelled and explored much of the original Nevill Westwood route. We've also established a film crew to produce television programs of the journey, as well as a car crew to drive the vintage 1923 Citroën 5CV as we retrace Nevill's journey, and a small crew of actors to re-enact scenes along the way.

So, it's all happening! We, at The Incredible Journey, are excited about the potential of this 'once in a life-time' opportunity to share the Everlasting Gospel right around Australia.

- Gary Kent



Sharing Faith Right Around Australia

THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY is a faith-based ministry fully focused on Evangelism and sharing the Good News of Jesus and Bible Truth. We are totally dependent on the Lord to provide for our needs. Faith encourages us to place God in the centre and forefront of all that we do. Faith is our absolute trust in God's love for us regardless of our circumstances. Faith is our trust in God and His ability to provide for our needs. And at times, it is quite **INCREDIBLE** the way God provides for our **JOURNEY**. He's never let us down yet.

God has placed some amazing new opportunities before us and impressed us to move forward in **FAITH** yet again. By God's grace we plan to grasp these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to share the Everlasting Gospel 'Right Around Australia and Beyond' through television, radio, internet and print.

I would humbly like to invite you to join us on this **INCREDIBLE JOURNEY** of **FAITH**. I want to personally invite you to consider making a gift to The Incredible Journey and investing in eternity. Let's step out in **FAITH** together!

"Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that He is real and that He rewards those who truly want to find Him." Hebrews 11:6

Your support for THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY today will help:

- Produce a new tv series on the Bible book of Daniel
- Provide Conflict of the Ages books free for viewers
- Produce a new tv series of Health programs
- Produce a new tv series on leading Bible characters: Joseph and Moses
- Produce a new tv series 'What is Sin?'
- Conduct Public Evangelism Programs
- Purchase Prime Time television time slots for our programs

Thank you! — We would like to send a big Thank You to all those who have already supported The Incredible Journey!



RIGHT around AUSTRALIA

Project Details at a Glance

Join us for the incredible journey as we retrace and re-enact this epic, record-creating adventure.

There will never be another one like it!



Distance: **15,000 km around Australia** following in the tracks of Nevill Westwood.

WA

Event Starting and Completion Point: **Perth, Western Australia.**

5

Vehicles planned.

2025

Date: **First Half 2025.**

10

Crew planned.

100 DAYS

Event Duration: **100 days** (The original journey took about 4 months).

3

Produce **at least 3 different program variants** for broadcast/telecast.

New Outreach Flyers



Attention Grey Nomads

— We have designed a new outreach flyer to help share the Good News of Jesus' soon return with those in Australia's small towns and outback communities.

How you can help — When you're traveling, take some of these free flyers with you to distribute in letterboxes, libraries, and community centres around Australia.

If you're willing to help spread the gospel, please contact The Incredible Journey office on **0481 315 101**, info@tij.tv, or visit our website tijstore.tv/sharing to request these free flyers.

We appreciate your support in helping to reach our communities!



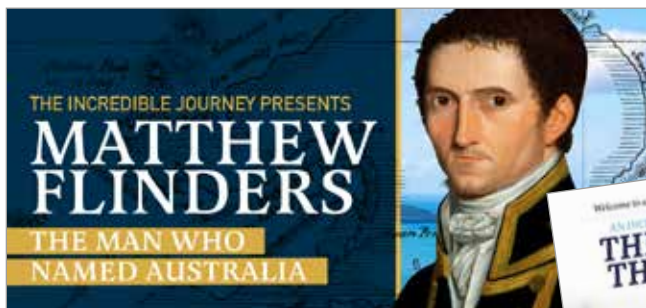
THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY HAS REACHED **10 MILLION VIEWS** ON YOUTUBE



To date we've had **10,353,149** views over all our programs and **98,352** subscribers.

The Bible Free Offer

On Sunday 12 June, we aired the new program **The Man Who Named Australia – Matthew Flinders**, with the Bible as the free offer. That week we **sent out 233 Bibles**. We also offered the TIJ Bible Reading Plan, and most took up this free offer also.



< To watch this program, simply scan the QR code.

448 Bible Reading plans have been sent out this year >



**233
BIBLES
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Featured Programs



Total YouTube Views: **5,431**



Total YouTube Views: **2,849**

To watch these programs, visit youtube.com/TheIncredibleJourney

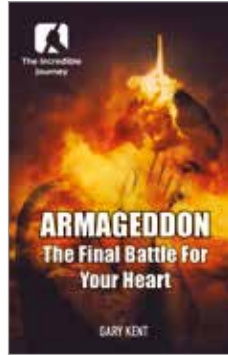
Recent Free Offers



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• eBook = 152
TOTAL: 602



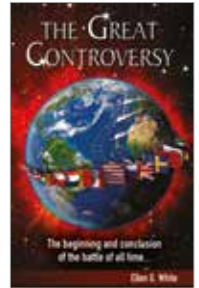
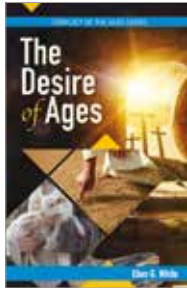
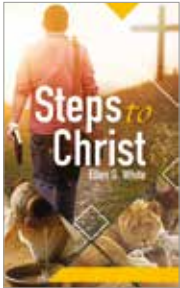
• Posted = 659
• eBook = 112
TOTAL: 771



• Posted = 345
• eBook = 238
TOTAL: 583



• Posted = 263
• eBook = 177
TOTAL: 440



We've given away 1000s of these books to viewers this year

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Patricia* regularly watches the Sunday morning religious programs on TV and typically turns it off after her regular programs have finished; however, one Sunday, she switched channels and saw Gary presenting on Constantine. Thinking it was a documentary, she continued watching and learned about the Sabbath for the first time. She said it was like being hit by a brick. Even though she was entrenched in Sunday, she started searching the Bible about the Sabbath and was convinced. She was so excited to have found the truth "before she died". She said that she probably wouldn't have watched the program if she hadn't thought it was a documentary and is very thankful. She's now attending her local Adventist church.

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*Name changed for privacy

Upcoming New Programs



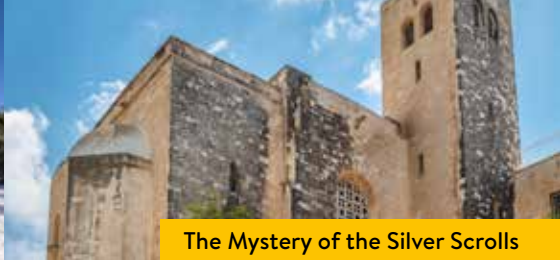
The Final Qantas 747 Flight



The Hunt For the Tiger



The Secrets of Fraser Island



The Mystery of the Silver Scrolls

• **The Final Qantas 747 Flight:** In July 2020 Qantas retired the last remaining Boeing 747 aircraft from its fleet. The flight departed Sydney's Kingsford Smith Airport and made its way across the Pacific Ocean, finally coming to rest in the massive aircraft boneyard in the Mojave Desert. It was a poignant moment for both Qantas and Australia as a nation. It signalled the end of an era.

• **The Secrets of Fraser Island:** Fraser Island has had many names. To its native Badtjala people it is known as K'gari. When European settlers first happened upon the island, they named it Great Sandy Island. Then, after a particularly dramatic incident involving a shipwreck, a damsel in distress and a timely rescue the island was rechristened Fraser Island, in memory of Eliza Fraser and her adventures there.

• **The Hunt for the Tiger:** In 1986, the Thylacine, commonly known as the "Tasmanian Tiger", was officially declared extinct by the Tasmanian government in Australia. Despite this, over 3000 sightings have taken place since the last one supposedly died in 1936, luring countless numbers of adventure seekers, trackers and amateur hikers into the Tasmanian wilderness for a chance at fame and fortune. But the real tragedy, is how the Thylacine even became extinct in the first place.

• **The Mystery of the Silver Scrolls:** In 1979, Gabriel Barkay made one of the most exciting and amazing discoveries in modern times, involving a hoard of treasure, including two silver scrolls bearing an ancient inscription that surprised the world.

Prayer requests — If you have a prayer request please send us an email at prayer@tij.tv or post your request to us at PO Box 5101 Dora Creek NSW 2264.

Leaving a Bequest — If you are considering a gift in your will for The Incredible Journey, please contact info@tij.tv and we'll be happy to assist you.

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