

# L'ABRI FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA

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Dear Friends,

We begin a new year in awe of the powerful forces at work deep within the physical world. The tsunami and consequent tragic loss of life jolt us into renewed awareness of our own frailty and mortality. Such a disaster should remind us of the enormity of the brokenness of this world, both physical and spiritual, and of our inability to set things right, however hard we try. God the Father willingly gave up His own Son in order to rescue those who acknowledge their own helplessness. We are urged in Luke 13 to come in repentance to the Father, who grieves over those who are lost while receiving with open arms those who turn to Him.

In March this year (11-13) there is to be a **thanksgiving jubilee conference** in St Louis, USA, to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of L'ABRI FELLOWSHIP. Anyone interested in the work of L'Abri is welcome to attend.

The conference will look back with thankfulness to God for what He has done through Francis and Edith Schaeffer and L'Abri. It will be a celebration of the wonderful tapestry He has woven and the many fruits He has borne through L'Abri. The challenges of the future will be considered and how L'Abri and those influenced by L'Abri can continue to make a contribution to the Lord's work of rescue and reconstruction.

For more information see [www.labrijubilee.org](http://www.labrijubilee.org), E-mail [rochester@labri.org](mailto:rochester@labri.org), Tel +1 507 536 0108.

The conference will be followed by the annual L'Abri Members' meeting and it will be our privilege to attend both.

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The next seminar to be held at **10 RIVER RD** in **ELDERSLIE** near **CAMDEN** is on Saturday

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2005**

The topic is **“The Da Vinci Code”** - a discussion based on the best selling book by Dan Brown.

**Kel Willis** will give three talks over the day/evening using Dan Brown's brilliantly written thriller as a backdrop to discuss the historicity of the New Testament's view of Jesus. The book's success and the release of the film this year will lead to a ready acceptance of a non-historical view of Jesus in the community at large. Kel aims to help those attending to sort out fact from fiction.

Please book in by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February to enable catering to be arranged for lunch and dinner. Arrival time is 9.30 am for a prompt 10 am start; the day concludes around 9 pm.  
Cost: \$20 including seminar and meals.

## **ATTENTION BOOK LOVERS**

At the February 19 seminar there will be a large selection of Christian books for sale at low prices. Our house is bursting at the seams and we need space so multiple copies must go.

However we are urging those who are hoarding our one and only copies of books from the library to feel conscience stricken and return the wanderers to their home on the shelf at Elderslie (post them if you can't get here in person). Your assistance in this will be much appreciated and you'll feel good about it too!

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### **DIRECTIONS TO ELDERSLIE**

If driving, make your way to the M5 motorway going south to Campbelltown, heading towards Canberra/Goulburn. Take the second Campbelltown turnoff then stay in the right lane which curves around and leads to Camden along the Narellan Rd across the motorway. Proceed along the Narellan Rd through 2 roundabouts and one set of lights then veer left on the Camden bypass heading for Picton. Just before a long bridge across the Nepean River keep to the left and follow the signs for Elderslie. At the STOP sign turn right under the bridge, follow Macarthur Rd up to the top where you must turn left. Go straight ahead into River Rd (instead of following the main road to the right) and we are the second house on the left. Please park facing down the hill only as the street is narrow.

If travelling by public transport take a train via the East Hills/Macarthur line to Campbelltown (about 1 hour from the city/Central. The bus for Elderslie is 895 (with a CAMDEN sign on the front) and leaves from the island halfway across the bus road. Ask to be put off at the corner of Merino Drive and Macarthur Rd (fare about \$4) in Elderslie. The bus stop is alongside a bare grassy park. Walk to the main road and turn left along Macarthur Road. Go along to the school crossing, cross over and walk to the left. The next corner is River Rd. Cross River Rd to our house at number 10. L'Abri sign on the verandah. The bus takes about half an hour.

### **Important Notes**

1. **An updated appendix to the catalogue of lectures on audiocassette is available from L'Abri Fellowship Australia.** Please contact us if you would like a copy of the appendix or the whole catalogue of nearly 1900 tapes.
2. **Australia is continually updating the e-mail list to reduce postage costs. If you would like to receive information by e-mail, then please send your e-mail address to [australia@labri.org](mailto:australia@labri.org)**

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### **PROPOSED DATES FOR FURTHER SEMINARS IN 2005 :**

APRIL 30	JUNE 4	JULY 9,16
AUGUST 20	OCTOBER 22	NOVEMBER 26

Mark your diary now. Details to be announced.

Kind regards, in Christ,

Frank and Heather Stootman