Dr. Donald Ray Howard, 79, died Tuesday, February 5, 2013, in Overland Park, Kansas, where he was visiting family, after having worked and resided in the Dallas area for 44 years.

Donald Howard was born on November 27, 1933, in Topeka, Kansas, the son of Laverne and Mildred Howard. Following his graduation from Topeka High School, he attended Washburn University, and then served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He married Esther in 1956, and the couple had five children: Harmony Howard, who preceded him in death in 1965, Melody Kirkland, Donald Howard, Daniel Howard, and Duane Howard. Other survivors include Jo Ann Hazzard Howard, whom he married in 1997, step-children, Cynthia Contess and Steve Hazzard, 16 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, his sister, Joyce Howard Anderson, and cousin, Glen Guffey.

Dr. Howard attended Talbot Theological Seminary, obtained his M.Th. and his Ph.D. from Bob Jones University, and was pastor, principal, vice president, and president of various organizations, as well as the founder of Calvary College, Accelerated Christian Education, School of Tomorrow, Responsive Education Solutions, and School Reform, Inc. A man of unique vision and leadership, Dr. Howard’s life’s pursuit was the advancement of individualized education and developing innovative tools that transformed education internationally. His life’s inspiration was Jeremiah 33:3: “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

A memorial service was held at Covenant Church in Carrollton, TX, on March 16, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Dr. Howard’s memory may be made to Orphan Rescue (PO Box 717, Lewisville, TX 75067).

Mr. Bob Gregory, Managing Director and CEO of Southern Cross Educational Enterprises, attended and had opportunity to speak at Dr. Howard’s Memorial Service on behalf of the A.C.E. family in the South Pacific and Indonesia. Below is Bob’s testimony, parts of which were presented at the Memorial Service for Dr. Howard.

Many thousands of folk around the globe owe a great debt to Drs. Donald and Esther Howard. None more so than my wife, Sandy and I and our family.

When, as young parents, God placed the conviction in our hearts to train our children in a Biblical Worldview system, we had no idea where to look. Then, along with a group of likeminded people with similar conviction, we decided to start our own school, Thornlie Christian College in Western Australia, where I subsequently served as Principal for 10 years. Having no idea what curriculum to use, we researched what was available...
Mr. Bob Gregory - SCEE Managing Director

From the MD

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and, at the 11th hour, came across A.C.E. We all embraced this God-given curriculum enthusiastically and Sandy and I had the privilege to see both our children raised as “A.C.E. thoroughbreds”. The Godly wisdom contained in the training materials helped us not only in the running of the school but also as parents and, for myself, as a Pastor in Thornlie Church of Christ.

To have now had the opportunity to lead this God ordained ministry of A.C.E. for the last 13 years around the South Pacific, and now in Indonesia, has been evidence of the grace of God and the truth of Paul’s benediction in Ephesians 3:20: “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think...” One could never have even imagined the enormous privilege afforded me to represent this Godly program, to work with such committed and diligent colleagues and to see the wonderful way in which it has touched the lives of so many people.

We have heard it said that Dr. Howard was a great visionary, a great leader, a great Educational Pioneer and a great reformer. I would like us also to recognise Dr. Howard as a great evangelistic and missionary entrepreneur. Let me share with you just one illustration of the lives that have been touched by this outstanding ministry.

Daniel Kolenda is a young man of some 30 years of age. When he and two friends graduated school together in the United States, they agreed to support one another in ministry. In order to honour his pledge to his friends, Daniel took a job in the mail room of the Christ for all Nations Ministry, headed by the great German/African evangelist Reinhard Bonnke. Such was his dedication and work ethic that he soon came to the attention of his superiors and was promoted in the ministry until he came to the attention of Reinhard himself and was appointed as his personal secretary.

As Reinhard was advancing in years he was praying about who should succeed him in the ministry. The Lord revealed that it should be none other than Daniel. When I met Daniel at the CFAN Crusade in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, in November 2010, he shared with me that he had already personally won more than ten million souls for Christ. Daniel was a “thoroughbred” A.C.E. Graduate and won the Preaching event at International Student Convention on six occasions. During my interview with him on the platform of the Ogbomosho Crusade, Daniel accredited A.C.E. with preparing him for the outstanding ministry into which The Lord has led him.

From Dr. Howard’s early, humble plea, “Dear God, if You would only grant us 30 schools...” Drs. Donald and Esther Howard have established a network of over 7,000 schools in 147 countries around the globe, reaching over one million young people each year. Now, considering there are 12 grade levels in most school systems, there could be approximately 83,000 students per level. We could draw from this that, potentially every year (EVERY YEAR), 83,000 trained, vibrant young people, armed with the Word of God in their hand and the Spirit of God in their hearts, are leaving school and going out into their own local communities, carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their own people groups.

Dr. John Haggai, one of the world’s foremost missionary statesmen, once said, “The most effective missionaries are those that are born within the (target) culture.” What Drs. Donald and Esther Howard have done is to present the world with not only the greatest educational tool available today but possibly, the World’s most effective evangelistic and missionary training tool. Not only have they trained up hundreds of thousands of young people to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ but they have developed a system that is able to reproduce itself and has done so around the globe – the mark of a genuine entrepreneur. They are, indeed, true missionary entrepreneurs.

A.C.E. may, indeed, be one of the most productive and effective evangelistic outreach ministries in the history of the world.

What a wonderful, prophetic motto adopted by Accelerated Christian Education:

“Reaching the World for Christ – one child at a time.”

Bob Gregory
Managing Director & CEO
As we look at the SCEE ministry outside of Australia we see the Lord doing some great things among our brothers and sisters in Indonesia and the South Pacific. We have just returned from Puncak (poon chuck) in Indonesia. Puncak is in the mountains in a more or less westerly direction from Jakarta. Camp David was the venue and there were about 270 people at convention this year. This is a massive increase over the 113 or so that we had last year. This time of the year in Indonesia is the end of their rainy season and we had lots of torrential rain. As a result of the wet weather I was forced to do something that I have never had to do at any student convention in the last 15 years. The athletics track is a clay gravel track and is very poorly drained so as a result of all the rain the track was so muddy and slippery I had to cancel all the track events. The students were, of course, very disappointed but accepted my decision in a gracious and mature manner. The students ably ministered to one another through the command performances each night and there was an encouraging spiritual response to the preaching of God’s Word. Many students made commitments to live for The Lord Jesus with no compromise.

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Roy Savage
Manager
Schools’ Services Department
What a wonderful time we had at the second Indonesian Student Convention! We had a total of 268 attendees from 12 schools, with 211 of those being participating students. This was a quantum leap from our 71 students from 9 schools at our inaugural Convention last year and really stretched both the students and the staff! A special thanks to Mitchell Evans, our lone 24/7 Squad member for Indonesia this year. What a blessing it was to see so many respond to the Word of God and to enjoy such warm fellowship with both staff and students. Watch out South Pacific! Indonesia is going to impact our area for Christ in a mighty way.

**PNG Mega Conference** will take place May 1-3 in Lae, and **PNG Islands Conference** will take place in Kokopo on May 6-7. We are currently receiving registrations for both these Conferences and trust that they will be a time of great blessing to all involved. Please keep these Conferences in your prayers.

**International Student Convention**

This will be in Warrensburg, Missouri from May 25-30. The Mehlert family from Jubilee Christian College DE and The Naylor family from Home Schooling NZ will be attending making total of 6 attendees from the South Pacific. Sarah and Rachel Mehlert and Esther-Shahn Naylor will be competing at ISC this year and I’m sure will keep the proud record of the South Pacific at ISC intact.

**South Pacific Educators’ Conference**

Watson Park Convention Centre, Dakabin, Queensland, is the venue again this year. It will be held from 18-20th June so mark this in your calendar today. With so many changes and things happening within the South Pacific this year, our speakers will all be home-grown, so you can be sure of a strong A.C.E. presence at the Conference. If you haven’t organised to come to this Conference it’s not too late. Registration Kits will be available via mail and download from the web at [www.scee.edu.au](http://www.scee.edu.au) within the next 2 weeks, so make sure that you get your Registration in early.

**Convention Preparation**

Now is the time to be checking on all the changes to the Guidelines and making sure that your Convention preparation is well underway. Just a few things I’d like to draw to your attention:

**Essay Writing**

Schools and Homeschools are now allowed to submit an Essay Topic Application Form if they wish to choose their own Essay Topic. Please check the Guidelines at page AC.22-AC.25 for the relevant details. The Essay Topic Application Form **MUST** be submitted 6 months prior to your Convention to allow for approval and response. Forms may be faxed or emailed and should be addressed to Kathy Fisher, Convention Coordinator.

**Powerpoint Presentations & Website Development**

Please **DO NOT** allow your students to simply copy and paste text from other internet sites for these events. This is plagiarism.

Plagiarised work, regardless of the event, **WILL NOT BE MARKED**.

**Coloured Pencils**

This is not a draw and colour competition. It is really sketching using colour! Students should use a variety of sketching techniques to overlay and build their work into a finished product.

**Mixed Media**

You must state the 3 (at least 3) different media that you have used on your Art Report so that the judges can easily see that you have met this criteria. Canvas or paper that you used to draw or paint on is **NOT** a media. Collage is a single media: that is, anything that has been glued to the canvas is collage, no matter the variety of things glued, and is considered as 1 media only.

**Futsal**

This event has been added to the sports at Convention. Please check the Guidelines carefully for the rules – see Guidelines page AT.23

**Needle and Thread**

Please note that a pattern **MUST** be submitted with each Needle and Thread event. Only 1 copy of the Pattern and Needle and Thread Report is to be submitted with each event.

We are looking forward to meeting with you all at Conventions this year!
Imanuela Akatemia
20th Anniversary Celebration.

On Friday 1st March Imanuela Akatemia celebrated the 20th Anniversary of their school. It was fitting that Pastor Bobby Matapo, who had the original vision for a Christian school, should now be the principal. In his opening speech he shared how after gaining this vision he meet Mike & Jude Sadler who were home schooling using ACE and so introduced Ps Bobby to ACE. He liked what he saw and with the help of David Worboys a school was started in 1993 with the hesitant approval of the Ministry of Education. In his speech Ps Bobby said, “Who could blame the MOE for being hesitant when the school was run by a policeman, a motor mechanic and a house wife!”

Now, 20 years later, there is a staff of 8 giving quality education to 80 students ranging from new entrance to Year 13. While working on the new school buildings in 2005 the then principal, Mike Sadler, was suddenly taken to be with the Lord. It was fitting that his wife Jude, should be present to cut the anniversary birthday cake.

Bob Gregory and Robert Steedman were privileged to attend this wonderful celebration. It was Bob’s first visit to the Cook Islands and he had opportunity to share at various meetings during the week leading up the day of the anniversary celebration.

At the close of his speech Bob presented principal Bobby with a gift marking the special occasion.

After a speech from the government representative, with drums beating in Cook Island style, the students presented a number of items.

True to Cook Island custom the celebration ended with a feast where a whole pig, which had been slowly roasted for many hours, was devoured by the many invited guests including the writer of this article.

Robert Steedman
Coordinator - NZ, Vanuatu, CI

Australian Educators’ Conferences and Forums

Victoria: April 15-16
Host School: Mildura Christian College
Email: admin@milduracc.vic.edu.au

Tasmania: April 18
Host School: Seabrook Christian School Launceston Campus
Email: somerset@seabrook.tas.edu.au

New South Wales: May 2-3
Host School: Southern Cross Baptist Church School
www.scbc.org.au

(For more information please contact the relevant school or the Educational Services Department at SCEE.)

CONTACT DETAILS
Have you changed your Post Office Box number?
Do we have your correct email address?
Please contact the office if any of your details change so that we can stay in touch with you!
The Importance of Training Students to Learn

A.C.E. is grateful for every one of you that God has called to the wonderful ministry of Christian education. Throughout the ages it has been God’s plan for parents to provide Godly training of children and young people. It is also very important that we keep the focus in the Learning Centre on learning rather than teaching. The staff provides a Learning Centre environment conducive to learning, but it is the student’s responsibility to learn. Romans 14:12 states, So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. As educators, our goal must always be to make certain every student in the Learning Centre is learning.

We have received questions and ideas concerning the need for and use of Solution Keys. Let us explain their purpose in light of the A.C.E. philosophy and methodology. The Solution Key was provided to help the high school supervisor who may have some academic gaps in his own background. It was never intended to be used as a “teacher”. Do you remember this statement or one similar to it from your A.C.E. training? “When a Supervisor does not know or understand a particular concept in a PACE, he should work the PACE(s) ahead of the student so that he masters the concepts to be learned by the student.” This will allow the supervisor to better assist the student when he encounters an academic roadblock. When a supervisor learns from the PACE, he is far better equipped to help the student than to repeat the Score Key answer.

In the Fourth Edition process, we are providing expanded detail in the teaching strips to ensure that every concept is self-instructional. Since “the PACE is the teacher” and each PACE contains self-instructional teaching strips, a supervisor may quickly review the teaching strip and assist the student in “finding the answer.” Students who learn to find their answers usually do not need much supervisory help. Remember, as a supervisor, your aim is to train students to learn on their own. This is a skill they will need throughout their lives. Whenever possible, the student should show his work. This allows the supervisor to review the student’s calculations and answers. The supervisor is then able to pinpoint the student’s error and provide extra help if necessary. This helps avoid academic gaps. Receiving answers from the Score Key creates academic gaps and must not be a part of the A.C.E. learning process.

The benefits of the A.C.E. program are evidenced in students trained properly using the procedures outlined in the Procedures Manual. Students possess high achievement skills and Godly character in their lives. The Word of God is in their hearts and on their lips. We encourage school staff to take the time to closely follow the procedures outlined in the Procedures Manual and reinforced in Supervisors’ Training and Christian Educators’ Conferences. These procedures have been tested and proven for over 42 years.

Placing the learning responsibility on the student will better prepare them for future service to God in the world in which they live. Although this requires additional effort on your part, the results will last for a lifetime...and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Esther 4:14

(Article from Jan-Feb 2013)

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

• Pray for Roy as he preaches at the National Student Convention in China March 27-30.
• Pray for preparations for Educators’ Conferences in PNG and Australia that are to be held in the next two months.
• Pray for the preparations that are being made for another year of Student Conventions.
  • Pray for safe travel for all those attending conferences and conventions.
  • Pray for wisdom for the staff in the schools as they minister to the students each day.
• Praise the Lord for the blessings of the Indonesian Student Convention and the lives that were touched each evening.
• Praise the Lord for Imanuela Akatemia in the Cook Islands, who have just celebrated their 20th anniversary and for the staff and students who have been impacted by this ministry.
As we all know, good teaching does not guarantee proper learning. The question is not, “Is my child being taught?” The question is, “Is my child learning?” The whole philosophy of A.C.E. is learning-based not teaching-based.

While the development and evaluation of the A.C.E. program has been in the making for over four decades, the academic philosophy of A.C.E. has been and is still summed up in the following “Five Laws of Learning” and is illustrated by the donkey and the cart.

With these laws in proper balance, your students will experience controlled, progressive, motivated learning and after proper diagnosis and prescription in all academic areas the result for all students using A.C.E., is an academic program tailored just for them.

As Christian educators’ we want to provide the best education possible and it is good to know that A.C.E. has the same goal in mind. They have developed a highly effective program to equip each student to meet tomorrow’s challenges. In order for the program to work properly each staff member, monitor, or parent involved in the Learning Centre should be familiar with these Five Laws so here’s a reminder of what they are.

1. **How heavy is the load?** (assigning the level)

   The pupil is placed on a **LEVEL** of curriculum where he can best perform. **LEVEL** acknowledges that all students are different.

   So we, being many...Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us... (Romans 12:5-6)

2. **How long is the stick?** (setting the goal)

   The pupil sets reasonable and appropriate **GOALS** to be achieved in a reasonable period of time. **GOALS** reflect good judgment.

   For which of you...sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost...? (Luke 14:28)

3. **How effective are the controls?** (providing motivation and control)

   The pupil receives **MOTIVATION** through encouragement and support and achieves **CONTROL** through guidance and discipline in order to assimilate, use, and experience the educational material. **MOTIVATION** is that inner desire prompted by the concerned supervisor. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily to the Lord...(Col 3:23) **CONTROL** acknowledges the necessity for discipline, guidance, and responsible leadership. *Train up a child in the way he should go...* (Proverbs 22:6)

4. **How hungry is the donkey?** (determining measurement)

   The pupil’s learning must be **MEASURED**, which relates to accountability. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required... (Luke 12:48)

5. **How big is the carrot?** (ascribing rewards)

   The pupil’s learning receives recognition and **REWARDS** for its effort and significance...reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:13-14)

This information has been extracted from the Procedures Manual I and page 3 of the March-May 2013 Accelerator.
Guangzhou Grace Academy is a Model school using the School of Tomorrow program and was opened in Guangzhou, China in 1994. If you believe God is leading you to learn more about this opportunity, please visit www.ggagga.net to download the APPLICATION FORM.

**VACANCIES for 2013-2015**

Supervisor for high school (9th grade +)
Supervisor for middle learning centre (grade 5-8)

**Benefits** include: salary, accommodation, and round trip airfare.

**MINIMUM PERSONNEL SPECIFICATION**

1. Born again Christian with a sense of God’s calling to Christian education
2. Native speaker of English
3. University Degree
4. At least 2 years of teaching experience
5. Pastoral recommendation letter
6. PREFERRED ACE School of Tomorrow Training Certificate

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**Galatians 6:9**

“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.”

**Stay the Course**

South Pacific A.C.E. Educators’ Conference
June 18-20, 2013

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Information and Registration Kits available soon!