

EDITORIAL

During 2008, a number of Christian Leaders' Training College (CLTC) graduates embarked upon study towards a Master of Theology degree. From their work, we have chosen three of the major essays, which, we believe, will be of interest to readers. The fourth article comes from a CLTC student, who will complete his Bachelor of Theology degree this year.

In his article, **Moses Bakura** addresses the phenomenon of group conversions in Melanesia, in contrast to individual conversions, as experienced in Western countries. He then explores the relevant issues that group conversions create, and attempts to answer these from a Melanesian perspective.

George Mombi tackles an issue that is affecting many ministries at different levels across Melanesia. In cultures, which often desire technological and material gain, Christianity, coupled with prosperity theology, seems to be the ideal solution. George outlines why this theology is dangerous, and draws attention to the problems it causes.

Philip Bungo reviews the history of theological training in the Pacific region from the time of early missionisation onwards. In doing so, he considers the value of the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) model, but also challenges us regarding the relevance of much that is taught today.

Christian music plays a large part in the way that we worship, particularly for young people. **August Berita** is a talented young musician, who considers the issues involved in this very relevant matter.

Not everyone will agree with the conclusions reached by the authors. However, we hope that, as you grapple with the issues, the thoughts of the authors will help you grow in your understanding of what God's Word says to your life and culture.

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