

# Margaret McIntyre

18 June 1925 – 27 August 2010

**A legacy to Christian Education**



# A call to teaching

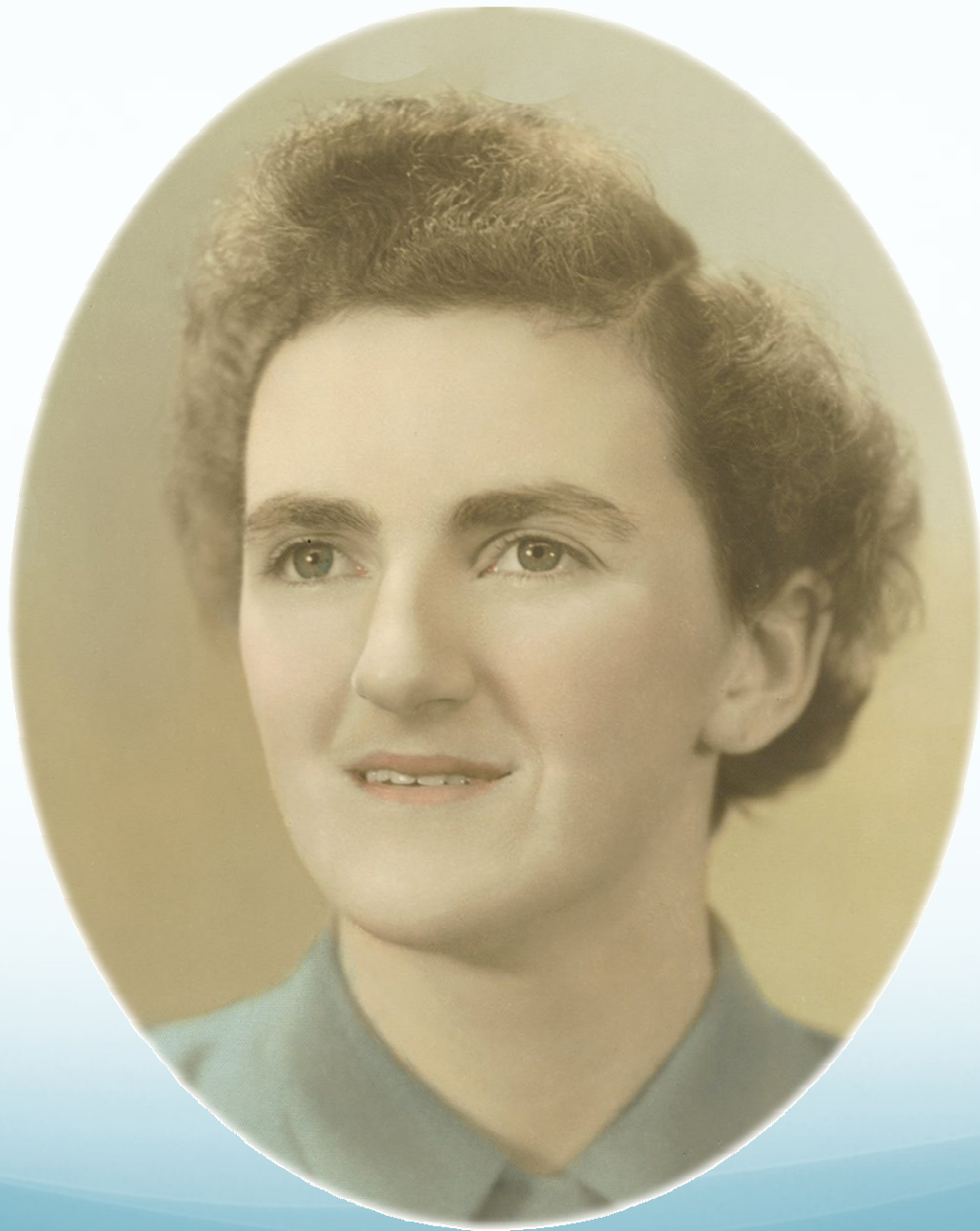
Margaret grew up in rural Victoria, Australia. Her father was principal of Dimboola Primary School.

In 1946, age 21, Margaret felt God calling her to teaching. She trained at the newly opened Ballarat teachers College, Victoria.



# Special Education

- In 1947 Margaret trained at Melbourne Teacher's College to work with children with special needs.
- She worked at Cheltenham Special School and Daylesford Primary School (Special ed. branch).
- She had a desire to help those with learning difficulties and relied on the Holy Spirit for insight.







# Work on the Mission Field

Margaret attended the “Young Women’s Missionary Movement, an evangelical arm of the Methodist church.

Her first job on the mission field was at Ballantyne Memorial School, Fiji.



# Work with Aboriginal Students

In 1954, Margaret worked at:

- Point Pearce, South Australia
- Alice Springs, School for Aboriginal students



# Art Appreciation

While working in the outback, Margaret developed a love for the work of indigenous artist, Albert Namajira.





# Papua New Guinea

In 1965 Margaret taught at a school on a small island off the Coast of Papua, New Guinea. This was a six hour boat trip from the mainland.

Her next job involved curriculum writing at Gaulim, New Britain. Her curriculum was used by grade 5 & 6 students in all the Methodist schools in the district.



# Christian School Pioneering in Australia

In the mid 1970s Margaret returned to Australia and founded Trinity Christian School, Rosewater, Adelaide. Today the school is known as Portside Christian College.

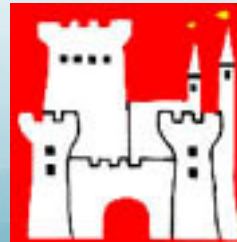
In 1975 Margaret helped in the establishment of Moonee Vale Christian School, Victoria.





# Hawaii, 1978

- Margaret attended a Christian Education seminar at the Y.W.A.M. base, Hawaii.
- Here God revealed a new approach to Christian school curriculum -
- A 'God-centered curriculum' built around the character and nature of God, e.g. God is creator, love, protector, pure.
- Margaret began writing curriculum based on the attributes of God.



# Seminars around the World

**Margaret conducted seminars at:**

**Capetown, South Africa, 1984**

- A home schooling system developed from this seminar.
- Northside Christian School, Capetown was founded.

**United Kingdom**

- Margaret's seminars led to the establishment of God-centred curriculum in Wales and at Dolphin Christian School, London.

# The New Zealand Connection

New Zealander Marty Heaslip, who had attended the Hawaii conference, took Margaret's curriculum to New Zealand. He conducted seminars which led to the development of God-centred curriculum in New Zealand.

# Goulburn, N.S.W.

- In the 1980s Margaret ran a small school for the children of staff members at the Y.W.A.M. base.
- She ran seminars and continued curriculum writing.

# Queensland

- Margaret moved to Queensland in 1984.
- She helped train staff at Logan Uniting Christian School and Calvary Christian College, under principal, Tim Rogers.
- She helped in the classrooms.
- She helped develop a curriculum with teachers from the Solomon Islands.









# Where He leads me I will follow

- Margaret spent her last years at Grace Court Retirement Village, Kew, Victoria.
- She continued to support Christian Educators through prayer and words of wisdom.
- She attended to launch of the Beacon Media website, which now carries much of her written work.



# Beacon Media website launch Dingley, Victoria, 2008









## Margaret with Christian educators





## Margaret's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday



# An Open Door

Margaret's ministry continues through the Beacon Media website

[www.beaconmedia.com.au](http://www.beaconmedia.com.au)



Margaret always worked sacrificially. She lived simply and got on with her work without a fanfare.

Her influence was profound. She impressed upon others the importance of relying on the Holy Spirit in classroom teaching and curriculum development. She passed the baton to others, who ran with that baton and passed it on again.

Margaret's calling was to teach teachers about God-centred curriculum built around the character and nature of God. We believe that through this website the baton will be passed to many.

“See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.”  
(Rev 3: 8).

*Only one life, will soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Margaret's writings can be found on the following pages of the Beacon Media website:*

- Home – “Origins”
- Secondary English – “Pacific Island Stories”
- God-centred education – “God’s character”
- Articles – “Pioneers” and “Testimony”

“Sample programs” under Primary – “curriculum” is based on her work.