

Andy Bennett CV – 2021

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IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Married to Jenny since 1977. Two adult children.

QUALIFICATIONS

B Sc (Hons) Computers & Communications Eng
University of Essex, UK (1973)

Grad Dip Divinity
Australian College of Theology via BCSA (2007)

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

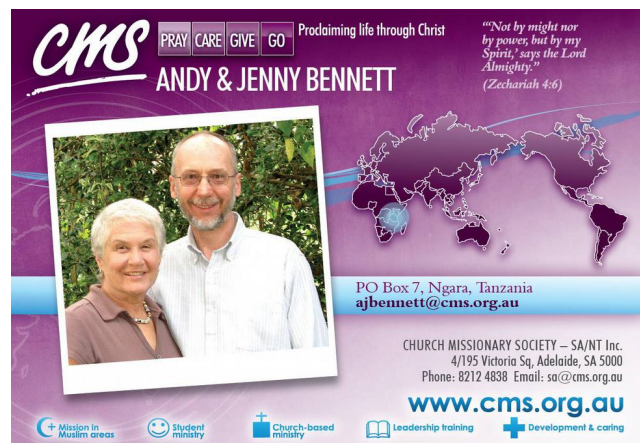
- Decades in IT and related roles in the South Australian Public Service including programmer, project manager and systems manager, from 1973 onwards.
- Senior Adviser, SA Ministry of Technology, 1980-84. Advising on social and economic implications of technological change. Chairman of SA Branch of Australian Computer Society.
- Manager, Internal Audit, SA Education Department, 1984-85.
- Systems Manager, SA Economic Development Authority, 1985-89.
- SA WorkCover, 1989-95. Various roles including Records Management Administrator, Information Strategy Manager, Strategic Services Manager, Levy Support Manager.
- Implementation Consultant, EDS Project, SA Dept. of Admin. & Info. Services, 1995-96. Largest IT outsourcing project in southern hemisphere (over \$600m).
- Senior Policy Adviser on Emergency Services to SA Deputy Premier, 1996-97.
- Director, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Project, 1997-2001. Managing tendering for a \$10m CAD system for SA police, fire, ambulance and emergency services (five agencies).
- Customer Service Manager, AusIndustry (Australian Government), 2001-2007. Managing research and development grants (\$100K to \$5m) to dozens of companies in SA.
- Missionary with CMS Australia 2007-2018. Ten years in various development roles with the Diocese of Kagera, Anglican Church of Tanzania, including Coordinator of Education, Director of Development, founder of Kagera Solar Enterprise (solar power social enterprise), and founder of Bible Knowledge program. Ordained as Anglican priest 2016.
- Retired in Adelaide in early 2018. Since then have continued fundraising for Bible Knowledge teaching program, volunteering at local church, and managing the family superannuation.

INVOLVEMENT IN BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Jenny and I were missionaries with the Church Missionary Society of Australia (CMS-A) – see www.cms.org.au/2017/07/spotlight-workers-leaving-location. We worked in Tanzania from 2008 to 2017 for the Diocese of Kagera, Anglican Church of Tanzania. During 2015-2017 I established and coordinated a Bible Knowledge (BK) program for the diocese (www.bibleknowledgegetz.com/bk-program). When I handed over to a Tanzanian coordinator in August 2017 we had 27 participating schools with nearly 4,000 participating students (including in the neighbouring dioceses of Lweru and Biharamulo).

Since leaving Tanzania and retiring, I have continued to support the BK program, primarily by writing additional teaching materials, establishing and maintaining a website, fundraising and advising.

Disclaimer: I do not handle any funds relating to the Bible Knowledge program. All donations are made either directly to the program, or to non-profit organisations such as SparkLit (see www.sparklit.org/2020/11/12/bible-knowledge-is-in-demand). Nor do I receive financial or any other material benefit relating to the Bible Knowledge program. On the contrary, Jenny and I have contributed considerable personal funds to the BK program.



Andy & Jenny with CMS-A in 2010



7th October 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

REFERENCE FOR ANDY BENNETT AND THE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE TEACHING PROGRAM

I would like to confirm that Andy Bennett was a missionary with CMS Australia during 2008-2017 and during that time served with the Diocese of Kagera, Anglican Church of Tanzania.

A major part of his work there was to establish the Bible Knowledge teaching program for the diocese, which encourages and supports secondary schools in teaching this subject – one of the optional subjects in all Tanzanian secondary schools.

Andy coordinated this program until his departure in August 2017, prior to retiring as planned. I have discussed this program with various bishops in Tanzania, and it is held in high regard. I also understand that the program continues to be well coordinated by a Tanzanian pastor who reports to diocesan management, with whom CMS Australia has had a productive relationship for many years.

I would highly recommend the Bible Knowledge program as a worthy cause for financial support, and can vouch for Andy Bennett as being of high integrity and being legitimately involved in fundraising for it in a voluntary capacity.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Richards', written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth Richards
Regional Mission Director