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## AUSTRALIA'S CHRISTIAN NEWSPAPER



### When Someone Does Something

A CALLER to a recent ABC 774 talk-back program on raising children said: 'We have a generation of kids who are lost if someone doesn't do something for them.'

Too true! Almost every day we hear of horror road smashes in which young people have been killed or injured, often as a result of 'hooning around'; of young people intent on obliterating themselves through the abuse of alcohol; of the steadily rising toll taken by illicit drugs on young people.

Yes indeed, 'someone needs to do something.' We should be grateful to the Federal Government for persisting with their tax increase on alcopops. Sales have dramatically decreased since the increase came into force. It's a pity about Senator Xenophon's amendments though, which the government dropped the second time around. Shame on the government for that. Shame on Senator Fielding, whose vote the first time around would have resulted in the passing of the Xenophon amendments and consequently an even more useful piece of legislation. Perhaps Christians really do have to be 'wise as serpents and harmless as doves' – Matthew 10.16 – and in that order!

But let's move on. One of the greatest forces for good among young people is that faithful band of Christians who go into our public schools week in, week out, year in, year out to teach Christian Religious Education. By their dogged perseverance they not only share the Gospel with these young people, they show that they care for the good of their souls.

And there is fruit for their labours.

Stories are constantly cropping up of people whose parents cared little or nothing for their souls, not sending them to Sunday School or taking them to church, and giving them no encouragement to believe. But somewhere along the line a faithful Scripture teacher at school made a mark on their young minds sufficient for them to come to faith in Christ.

The fields are ripe there in our public schools. So many are involved, so many more are needed. ACCESS Ministries here in Melbourne (phone 1800 063 341, [www.accessministries.org.au](http://www.accessministries.org.au)) will be pleased to hear from 'someone who will do something' (in fact, the most important thing of all) so that our young people will not be lost.

— *Bob Thomas*