Profile: Stephen Coleman

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My desire is to see the gospel make a real difference in people's lives, such that they take the gospel seriously and live for Christ and his kingdom in every part of life. To this end, with God's enabling I want to strive to teach, preach and apply God's word truthfully, faithfully, and relevantly. That desire and that goal have led me to pursue formal ministry training, and I'm now approaching the end of four profitable years of study at the RTC in Geelong.

My wife, Kristy, and I have been blessed with five children (ages 11 y.o. down to 5 m.o.), and during our time in Geelong, we've benefitted from participating in the life of the South Barwon church family.

Before moving to Geelong, we lived in Canberra and were part of the Reformed church there, serving in various capacities over the years, enjoying the fellowship of that church family, and being supported by them throughout my time at the RTC. While in Canberra, I worked for almost 10yrs in the field of engineering and information technology for the Department of Defence.

Some personal interests include cycling, music, photography, and, owing to the engineering background, some hands-on tinkering in the tool shed. Kristy appreci-

ates a variety of craft and sewing activities.

We are looking forward to undertaking a vicariate as an opportunity to serve the Lord in a church context somewhere, to further develop and train towards such service in the longer term. I hope to serve particularly in the areas of preaching and teaching God's word, and pastoral care. God has also given me some aptitude for organisation and administration, which I hope may be of some use wherever I have opportunity to serve.

