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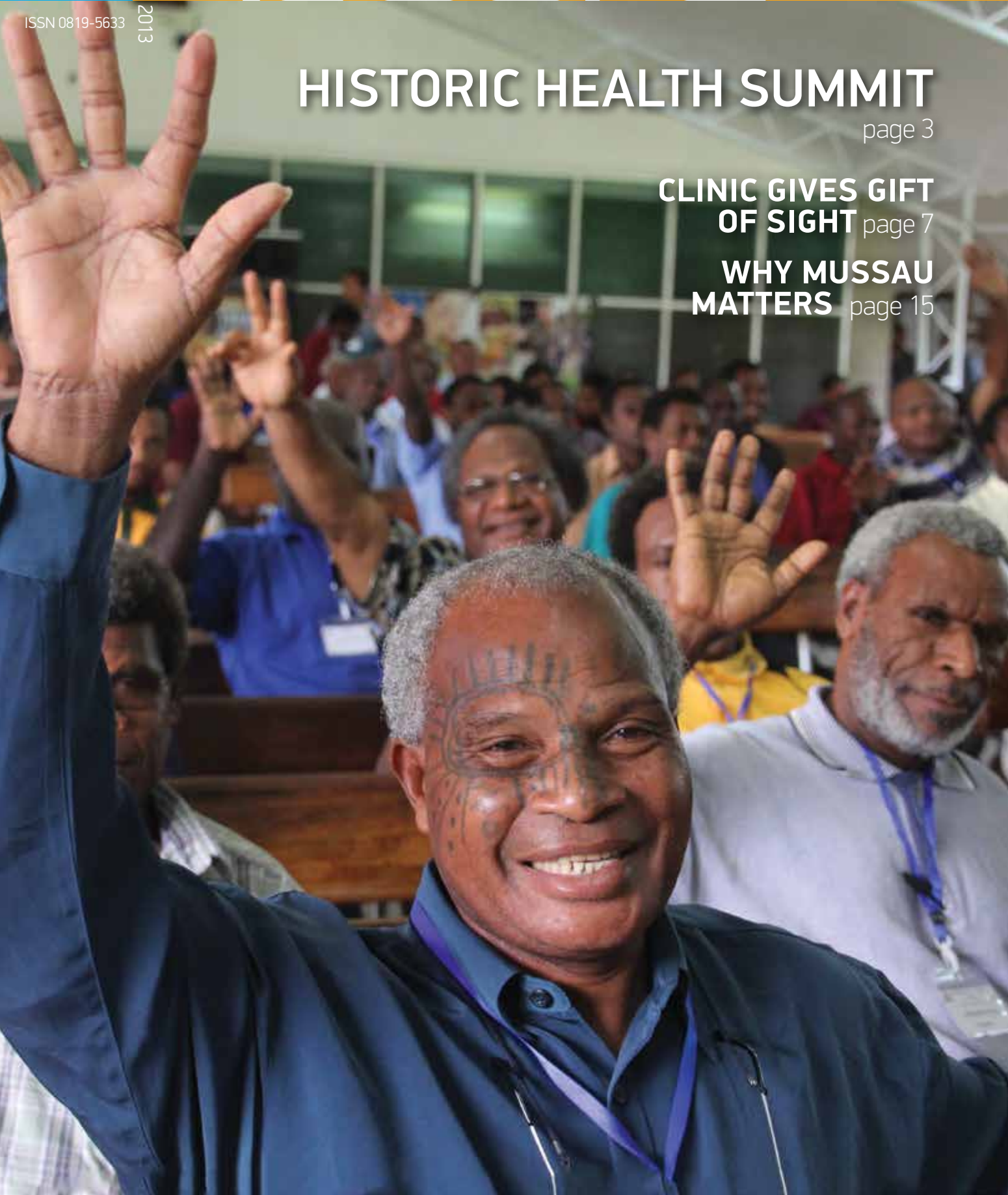
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## Historic health summit in PNG

*Goroka, Papua New Guinea*

At Goroka Airport in Papua New Guinea there's a large billboard for Milo. The slogan? "Milo Givim Yu Strong." The best feature? The gleaming clean, healthy tooth prominently displayed in the advertisement. There are a lot of good things you could imply about Milo, but a force for promoting dental health seems a little counterintuitive. And Milo's just one of the many highly refined foods advertised heavily in this mountaintop town.

It shouldn't be surprising that with an increase in the wide availability of high calorie, highly refined foods, lifestyle diseases like diabetes, heart attack and stroke are on the increase in PNG. There's also a threat from HIV/AIDS—particularly as men leave their families to work in mining sites and cities far from home.

Historically the Adventist Church's emphasis in PNG has been on health problems such as maternal health, infant mortality, infectious diseases and injuries. However, as PNG develops, the Church is working to also address the new lifestyle disease threat.

As part of this effort, the Church

organised a health summit at three sites—Port Moresby, Goroka and Sonoma, near Rabaul—last month. The concept was to provide practical training on health education, with the goal that every Adventist church, school and clinic will become a centre for health education. More than 1700 Adventist pastors, teachers and health workers were invited to the summit. In addition, some professionals from outside the Adventist community attended.

Many who presented at the summit are at the top of their field, including doctors Oscar and Eugenia Giordano, who lead an Adventist global effort in South Africa to stem the HIV/AIDS pandemic. There were also a number of presenters from PNG who added their expertise both on substantive issues and contextualising programs and methods to the various cultures in PNG.

"This health summit was directly related to the 'health promoting churches/schools/clinics and hospitals initiative' that's currently being rolled out Pacific-wide by the South Pacific



Attendees will take health principles back to their communities.

Division's Health team," said Pastor Kevin Price, director of the team. "We are determined to address the double disease burden that comes from communicable and lifestyle diseases that so many are experiencing in the Pacific. We believe our health message needs to be loudly re-proclaimed. There has never been a time when it has been more relevant."

The Church has long had a commitment to improving the health of the people of PNG. It currently operates 31 clinics there—many of them very remote—and recently acquired Komo Hospital. —Kevin Price/James Standish

## Safe water for 18,000 people

*Wahroonga, New South Wales*

By the end of June supporters of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia had donated enough money to secure safe water sources for more than 18,000 people as part of the agency's Neighbours in Need Appeal.

It costs \$A40 per person to secure a clean water source for someone in East Timor.

"Often poverty is just next door," said Mark Webster, CEO of ADRA Australia. "In our own communities and in the countries that we call neighbours thousands experience hardship that is difficult to comprehend."

Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, the funds from the Neighbours in Need Appeal will allow ADRA to continue a range of life-changing projects including: providing access to clean water and hygiene training to thousands of East Timorese; community meals projects that provide hot food to homeless and disadvantaged Australians; and a flying medical clinic that will provide health services to communities in Papua New Guinea's highlands.

"I'd like to thank everyone who helped us raise \$734,000—our second-highest ever end-of-financial year total."

But there's more to do.

"Our aim was to raise \$800,000, enough to assist a total of 22,000 people in the coming year," Mr Webster said. "We didn't meet our target, but we will be working hard to support those who need it most."

To learn more about ADRA's work and how you can help change lives visit <[www.adra.org.au](http://www.adra.org.au)> or connect at <[www.facebook.com/ADRAAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/ADRAAustralia)>. —Braden Blyde



Often people have to walk hours for clean water.





## Tough assignment

James Standish

Melinda Gates, of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation fame, gave a thought-provoking presentation on what non-profit organisations can learn from Coca-Cola. After all, no matter where you go on earth—even the most desperately poor places—the one constant, she observed, is Coke. If we could just follow their model, maybe we could deliver health and education to poverty-stricken people all over the world.

Maybe. But there's a hitch.

You see, I've just returned from a trip to places so far off the beaten path that they don't have Coca-Cola. But they still need health and education. And someone has figured out how to provide it. I'll give you a hint. It isn't Coke and it isn't Bill and Melinda Gates.

The place I visited is ranked by Transparency International as one of the most corrupt nations on earth. The US State Department reports that it has one of the highest crime rates in the world. It has over 800 languages, and cultural differences are vast. The topography in much of the country is so rugged there are no roads to connect the many regions. If that's not enough, a number of diseases—including malaria—are common.

In short, if you were going to find a hard place in which to do complex things, this nation would have to be among the toughest on the globe.

The place I'm talking about is, of course, Papua New Guinea. I recently returned from travel there, and the most striking impression I returned with—in addition to how stunningly beautiful the country is and how hospitable the people are—is how essential the Adventist Church is in providing health and education. In this piece I'll focus on education (see page 3 for an article on health care).

According to the Asian Development Bank, PNG's economy grew at an impressive 9.2 per cent last year. Nevertheless, its educational infrastructure lags. Some estimates put the nation's literacy rate at around 50 per cent. The need is acute, but who can answer the call?

During our travel we visited two islands that don't have Coca-Cola, or many other things associated with modernity. Yet these remote islands are serviced by an Adventist school. Think about providing education in

regions so remote that there are no phones, no running water, no scheduled flights to and from, and only sporadic electricity. All building materials must be shipped into a tiny dock and hauled by hand. And yet Adventists are there and have been for many years. The achievement of providing education under these circumstances is awe-inspiring.

And it isn't only in the primary and secondary educational sphere that Adventists are providing necessary infrastructure. The Pacific Adventist University (PAU) campus may well be the most beautiful of any Adventist higher educational entity in the world. The university is going ahead in leaps and bounds. It doubled its enrolment in just three years and currently has multiple large building projects underway. Frankly, I'm amazed at the audacity of our Church in building a university in PNG at all. Would you think of starting a university there? That it is thriving is a testament to what God can do when people are willing to dedicate their vision, resources and efforts to Him.

On my way home, I met an Australian woman who works for the PNG government overseeing higher education. When I mentioned that I'd been on the PAU campus, she spontaneously said, "PAU and Divine Word [Catholic] University, are the two best in the country." She went on to note that PAU's graduates are highly sought after by employers "because of their ethos". There's no better recommendation than that. Through education, the Adventist Church is creating the intellectual and spiritual backbone of the nation.

In talking of America's space exploration plans, John F Kennedy said Americans accepted the challenges "not because they are easy, but because they are hard . . ." Coca-Cola has now made it to space in the hands of American astronauts, but it still isn't available in some of the remote communities the Adventist Church serves in PNG. Why? Maybe because it's too hard. But it's through taking on the very toughest assignments that God has used the Adventist Church to achieve the most impressive things.

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## Indecent exposure

Linden Chuang

A friend of mine recently recalled his experience of being hypnotised. Well, he actually shared his girlfriend's take on what happened—he didn't remember a thing.

We had a good laugh over the various antics the hypnotist encouraged him to do, from playing a grand piano with fervour to playing a tiny piano with just two fingers. It may sound like an innocent stage act, but for hypnosis to work properly, the participant must willingly surrender their mind to the ideas and promptings of "the man with the watch".

Christians are generally apprehensive about the practice of hypnosis—and I count myself among the concerned. The idea of exposing my mind to the promptings of an external source makes me uneasy. Christians, however, have little to fear of the man with the watch. Of greater concern are the idiot and the box.

The tube. The telly. Yes, the idiot box.

"Oh, here we go," some of you might say. "Another discussion about the negative impact of television. I've heard it all before." And it's true—the old wives' tales that TV "melts your brain" and is a "tool of the devil" have been passed around for years. But have you ever considered the possibility there's a grain of truth to such tales?

When you watch TV, the right hemisphere of your brain—the side that allows for emotional and uncritical thinking—becomes twice as active as the left hemisphere—the analytical and critical side. As a result of this anomaly, the brain takes on a "passive" state, leaving the viewer susceptible to absorbing a large amount of information unfiltered<sup>1</sup>.

This passive response to watching television is akin to the state of the brain under the influence of hypnosis. And with the mental guards removed, we leave ourselves exposed to all sorts of perverted ideas and thoughts, which can ultimately lead to inappropriate actions.

For men, two key drawcards of TV shows and movies are fight scenes and attractive women. But television does a terrible job in portraying either in a pure and honest manner. Lengthy fist fights do little to represent the reality that a single hit can kill. Television encourages men to look lustfully at women—a serious offence according to the Bible (Matthew 5:28; Ephesians 5:3).

In spite of this, television is not the problem. While there's merit to the conversation that we're watching too much television<sup>2</sup>, the issue lies with us—what we're watching, what we're exposing our minds to. Television is just a tool, which can be used for good as well as evil.

You won't get any tips from me on what constitutes good or evil television, for the Bible already does a great job on offering some guidelines:

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8, KJV).

In keeping such verses in mind when deciding what we watch on television, we become Christians concerned with pleasing our Lord, and not just idiots hypnotised by a box.

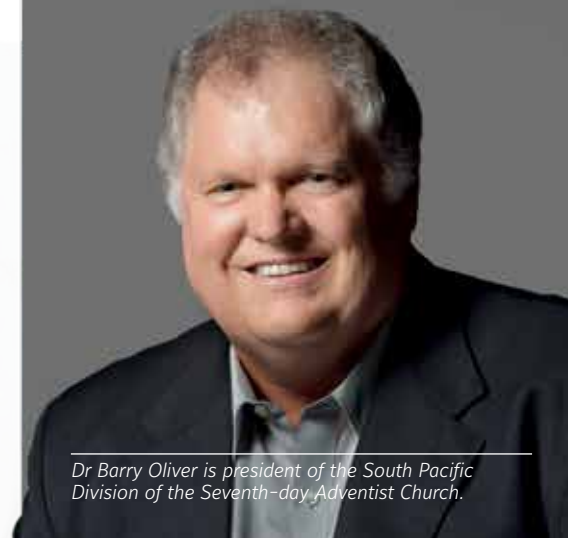
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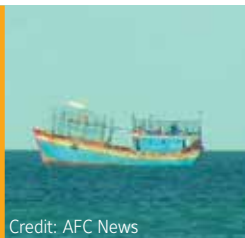
## Relationship or discipleship?

I have a question for you. Would you describe your experience with the Lord in terms of relationship, or would you describe it in terms of discipleship? This is not meant to be a trick question. You are perfectly correct if you are thinking that the answer is "both of the above". But I do have a reason for asking this question. You see, if you are female, you are more likely to think of your faith and experience in terms of relationship. If you are male, you are more likely to think of it in terms of discipleship. Notice I said "more likely". Both males and females think in terms of both relationship and discipleship. It's just that the emphasis is different.

And this brings me to my point. Have you ever thought about how you could make your church more attractive to different groups of people in your congregation? For example, have you ever considered that the language you use, the hymns you choose and the way in which the church is decorated may be making it difficult for some men to feel comfortable? Alternatively, the same could be said for some women or youth or ethnic groups. I'm not trying to be difficult here. I'm simply encouraging you to give thought as to how you can make church as welcoming as possible for as many as possible. Thoughtlessness can lead to carelessness and that may lead to excluding some who should be included.



Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Credit: AFC News

## Fleeing

Official figures show 759 Vietnamese asylum seekers have arrived in Australia by boat so far this year, up from fewer than 50 last year. The Refugee Action Coalition says it's a result of a Vietnamese government crackdown on dissidents and religious minorities, and on the underground Catholic Church in particular. —*CathNews*



Credit: Zongla

## Ongoing violence

Anglican church leaders in Northern Ireland have condemned riots in Belfast triggered by the ban of an Orange Order parade on July 12. More than 70 police officers were injured in the violence and disorder, which continued over four nights and included petrol bombs thrown by Protestant youths. —*Christian Today*



## Health message

The Adventist Church in Jamaica has welcomed new laws banning smoking in public places, saying it's a huge step in the right direction. But Dr Milton Gregory, who heads up the Church's health ministry department, said the government also needs to get serious about the toxic fumes being produced by smoky vehicles. —*Jamaica Gleaner*



## Not waiting

The Netherlands Adventist Church will immediately recognise all women pastors in their territory as being fully ordained. The Netherlands Union executive said equality outweighs unity. Constituents previously voted to ordain pastors "without regard to gender", but left room for the implementation to occur after the 2015 GC session. —*www.adventist.nl*



## Waterproof Bible

The Siawi people of Papua New Guinea's Western Sepik Province are thirsty for the Word of God in their own language. The New Tribes Mission organisation helped complete a New Testament translation and is now beginning the Old Testament. A humidity and monsoon-resistant waterproof edition is being planned. —*Mission Network News*



## Heavenly music

The Benedictines of Mary, based in Missouri, have topped the Billboard Classical Traditional Music chart for nine weeks running, with their new album, "Angels and Saints at Ephesus". In recent weeks, the album also topped Amazon's top 100 music list, outselling Daft Punk, Black Sabbath and Kanye West. —*Christian Newswire*



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## 700 lives saved as charity changes name

*Sydney, New South Wales*

A team of 48 volunteer medicos, coordinated by the Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH or "the San"), have marked their 22nd annual trip to Fiji by performing heart surgery on their 700th patient.

During the two-week surgery intensive in Fiji's capital, Suva, the volunteers operated on 43 adults and children, some of whom owe their lives to the team. "Our 700th patient was a 21-year-old boat mechanic who would have died within a year without surgery," said Melanie Windus, who coordinated the trip. "It was great to see how he was helped not just by our team, but by the hospital community and even the local Adventist Dorcas ladies."

The San's medical outreach program, which commenced in 1986, has extended to Tonga, Papua New Guinea, and parts of South-East Asia and Africa. Various SAH projects have focused on eye surgery, burns reconstruction and women's health, as well as heart surgery. But the growth of the program has sometimes been accompanied by confusion about the various project identities: "Opera-

tion Open Heart", "Gift of Sight", "HealthCare Outreach", et cetera.

Last month, final approval was granted for a name change to encompass all of the San's overseas volunteer medical projects: "Open

Heart International (OHI)". The new name has no effect on the legal structure of the program. "We still operate as part of the activities of Sydney Adventist Hospital and Adventist HealthCare Limited," said OHI manager Michael Were.

The rebadging is being highlighted by an awareness campaign, with a new website <[www.ohi.org.au](http://www.ohi.org.au)>, as well as a social media presence. OHI is currently looking for medical volunteers for 2014, when it will coordinate surgical outreach in seven countries including Fiji, the Philippines and Rwanda. —Kent Kingston



A volunteer assesses a young patient.

## Psalter re-releases historic albums

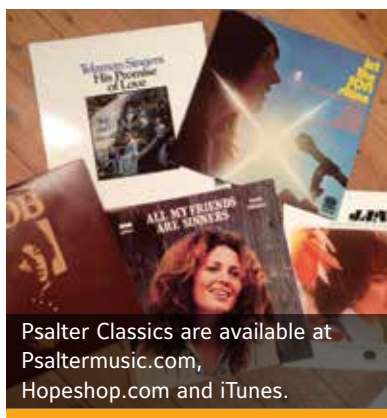
*Wahroonga, New South Wales*

An iconic Adventist album from the 1970s has been re-released by Psalter Music after being digitally restored and remastered.

Robert Wolfgramm's "Refugee" (originally released under the title "Bob") was launched on August 1 and is the first title in the Psalter Classics series.

Psalter manager Dale Willis is excited about the project. "This series features music that was iconic within the church music scene and its fringes at the time, and provides a nostalgic insight into some of the musicians, groups and songwriters who lived through it, spreading the Gospel through song," he said.

"All My Friends Are Sinners", originally released by the Galilee record label, will be released on September 1. Other albums originally under the Adventist Radio and Television label are due for release later this year. —Adventist Media Network



Psalter Classics are available at [Psaltermusic.com](http://Psaltermusic.com), [Hopeshop.com](http://Hopeshop.com) and iTunes.

## Clinic gives gift of sight

*Munda, Solomon Islands*

A new eye clinic has opened in Munda in the Western Province of Solomon Islands.

Medical officers from Australia came together with local staff to officially open the building in June. Following the ceremony, the visiting practitioners joined forces with local medical staff to perform 76 cataract surgeries and other eye procedures.

The new medical facility is the result of the vision of Dr Bradley Townend, an ophthalmologist from the Central Coast of New South Wales and a member of Erina church.

Having previously worked in the region, Dr Townend was aware of the need for an eye clinic in Munda—a sentiment shared by Dr Mundi Qalo, head of eye services in Solomon Islands and a member of the Adventist Church.

Construction projects in Solomon Islands have been

known to progress slowly. However, through funding provided by Dr Townend via the Hollows Foundation, and with the help of his father, Pastor Bill Townend, the project was completed in just 10 months.

The new clinic is fully equipped and has its own solar power installation. —Bill Townend/Linden Chuang



Dr Brad doing a pre-surgical assessment.



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## R MY STORY



**Dr Lalen Simeon**

My grandparents were missionaries from Mussau and so was my family. My dad was a teacher and a district director of our church work in Manus and Madang.

Because there was no appropriate school for me to attend where we served, I fell far behind in school. When I was 14 I was still only in the fourth grade.

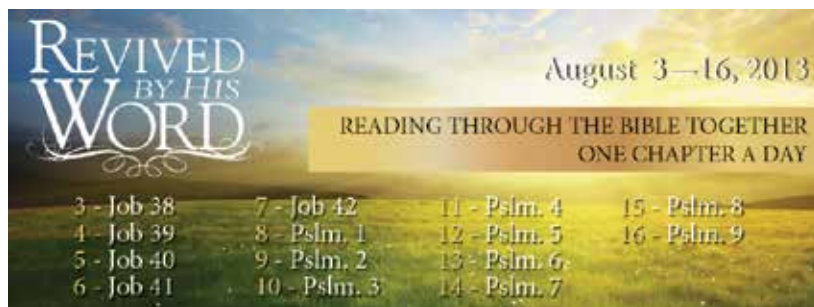
However, my mum told me, "Don't give up. If you work very hard you can make it. One day you will lead this family, so give it your best. You will be important and you will travel." I couldn't even imagine it.

As time went on I thought of what my mum had said, and it really resonated with me. I wanted to do well.

Jennifer Litau was older than me. She earned her BA. When she came home to Mussau I was very impressed. Then when she went on to get an MA it inspired me. I could see it was possible. Today we're colleagues, lecturing at Pacific Adventist University.

I suppose I could be working anywhere—at a state school or a secular company. But I think back on my missionary roots and I want to stay true to God's calling.

I believe God has used me to show to women in our region that we can do anything. It takes sacrifice and a lot of work. Sometimes it was lonely when I was working on my doctorate at the University of Wollongong. I just looked forward to Sabbath for the friendship at church. My message to my fellow women is to stay focused, plan and work towards your goals.—*Dr Lalen Simeon is director of Postgraduate Studies and Research at PAU.*





# Adventist youth impact South Africa

Renowned brain surgeon, Dr Ben Carson, implored Seventh-day Adventist young people to exercise their will-power and remain committed to God in a series of three speeches at the Seventh-day Adventist Church's world youth conference.

Dr Carson was a key presenter at the Impact South Africa: Third World Conference on Youth and Community Service, which was held last month. The event drew more than 3100 Adventist young people from 97 countries for two weeks of community service, workshops and worship.

The conference began with an opening ceremony, where attendees were greeted by Irvin Khoza, chair of the Premier Soccer League in South Africa, who expressed his gratitude to the Adventist Church for his upbringing.

Former General Conference Youth Ministries director Baraka Muganda, originally from Tanzania, was honoured for his service. And Mayor Kgosientso Ramokgopa, from the city of Tshwane, invited attendees to keep in their prayers former South African president Nelson Mandela.

Gilbert Cangy, director of Youth Ministries for the world Church and organiser of the conference, cited the meeting's theme—"Jesus is in the city because you are in the city"—before declaring the event officially open.

During the Sabbath morning worship service, Dr Carson recounted his experiences in becoming a neurosurgeon, as told in his book *Gifted Hands*. "Never get too big for God, never deny God, no matter where He takes you, no matter what roles you're in," Dr Carson said. "If you put Him first in your life, you will be extraordinarily successful."

Dr Carson and other presenters spoke to an audience of more than 18,000 conference attendees and community members at Lucas Masterpieces Moripe Stadium in Pretoria.

General Conference president, Dr Ted Wilson, similarly affirmed youth and urged them to continue carrying out the Adventist Church's mission.

"We love you and we're counting on you for the future," Dr Wilson said. "Impact your city. Impact your country. My brothers and sisters, impact the world for Jesus Christ!"

Pastor Cangy said the event successfully integrated youth from around the globe as a family of faith.

Following the morning service, dozens of attendees travelled throughout nearby neighbourhoods to distribute 20,000 copies of the book *The Great Hope*. The book is an abbreviated version of Ellen White's touchstone book, *The Great Controversy*.

David Asscherick, the self-described former purple-haired punk rocker, was the main speaker for the night meetings, held at the Saint George Hotel & Convention Centre. His devotionals focused on what he described as "non-negotiable" truths, chief among them that "God is love."

Another highlight included performances from South African *a cappella* group, Reality 7.

Before the conference began, many of the young people took the opportunity to serve others. Australian Samantha Lee (pictured) was among more than 1000 of the attendees who volunteered in 60 community service projects.

Ms Lee worked at a home for orphaned and homeless children, saying the week of service was her treat to herself—a trip to celebrate her 21st birthday.

"I wanted to go somewhere to help someone, not just have a holiday for myself," she said.

—Ansell Oliver/ANN



# Education for life

Carole Tasker has recently been named associate director for Adventist Education at the South Pacific Division (SPD).

## What is your background in education?

I started as a student missionary teaching at Lalovaea Adventist School in Samoa, between years studying education at Avondale. It's now called Samoa Adventist College. I recently visited—it was wonderful to see how the school has matured. There was even one teacher who I taught with in 1974, who is still teaching there! My year as a student missionary gave me a taste for overseas service.

While we lived in New Zealand, I taught at a state school. When we moved to the Solomons (1983–89), I taught at two of our schools there—Kukudu Adventist High School and Betikama Adventist High School. After my husband and I completed graduate degrees, we were called to go to Pacific Adventist College to teach. During that period, PAC became Pacific Adventist University.

## You received a PhD from Andrews University in religious education, focusing on personal spirituality. Were you sponsored?

Not at first. David, my husband, was sponsored to do his PhD. Fortunately, Carole Ferch-Johnson, who was then Women's Ministries director, organised the funds to cover

the costs of starting my PhD studies, for which I am eternally grateful. I promised God to continue studying as long as He gave me energy to work and study, and the funds. So I was working 30 hours a week, we still had two teenagers living at home, and I was taking two classes a semester. I wasn't bored!

Three years later, Dr Nemani Tausere, who was the SPD education director at the time, visited Andrews. During his visit, we talked about my studies, and he agreed to put a request in to the SPD to sponsor the remainder of my PhD studies.

## How did you feel when you first were called "Dr Tasker"?

I don't even remember it. I wasn't focused on titles, and I'm still not. The PhD was about becoming better equipped to serve God.

## How have you used your knowledge?

We went back to PAU, and I served as dean of the School of Education for six years. We were happy at PAU, and planned to stay until the Lord came. But then the General Conference called us to go to the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in the Philippines. This gave us wonderful exposure to Asia, as, in addition to the Philippines, we also taught at the AIAS





satellite campuses in Burma, Taiwan and Korea. And last year, I taught a class for ALLAS in Chile, South America.

### When David was called back to the SPD, what happened to your career?

Well, it took a new direction. I served part-time in a position endeavouring to nurture and inspire pastors' spouses and their families. My life philosophy has always been: find a need and fill it. There is a substantial need serving pastors' families, so I found the work enjoyable. I admit, though, it was hard to leave the classroom. I love teaching and I love mentoring students—encouraging them, praying together, all that goes with being an Adventist educator. I also missed living on a campus—that sense of community. So, coming back to the education field now, feels very much like coming home.

As I travel around the Pacific, many of the leaders, principals and teachers I meet were once my students. It's wonderful to see the impact that Adventist tertiary education is having on the lives of the next generation of church leaders, and how those leaders are educating and empowering their communities.

### What is your vision for Adventist education?

Most importantly, I want to ensure all our teachers are passionate for God. It's a matter of putting first things first. Unless teachers have a personal connection with God before they start their day in the classroom, their work will never be supernatural. I believe God wants to walk with every single teacher and student to ensure they reach their full, God-given potential.

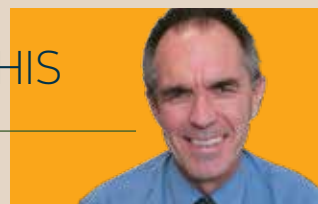
I want every student to live out God's plan for them. That plan might be very different than any of us expect. My life's journey has been nothing like I expected, but it has been very satisfying.



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## OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster



### Cloning Christ: Seven life-changing portraits from Patmos (Part 4: the Lamp Lighter)

Revelation's vision of the seven churches reveals that God's purpose for us is to be His witnesses. This is accomplished through Jesus—He is our priestly Mediator. Thus, Jesus is seen dressed in priestly garments, tending God's lamps so that they continue to shine for Him.

**Read** Revelation 1:12,13,20; 2:5; Exodus 28:4,31; Hebrews 7:25,26; Isaiah 42:6,7; 49:6; 60:1-3; Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 1:8; 20:24; Philippians 2:15.

As our priestly Mediator He helps us shine, firstly by revealing what hinders us from testifying (witnessing) for Him: losing our first love for Him and people; giving up under trials; compromising by not living by His Word or will; clinging to known sin (apostasy); not having the life-giving power of His Spirit; not intentionally being involved in witness and evangelism; not having Christ the Creator abiding in us. **Read** Revelation 2, 3.

Secondly, as our priestly Mediator, Jesus is perfectly situated to help us in what we lack to shine. Since He is fully human, He totally understands our spiritual struggles and temptations and can therefore sympathise with us and know what will be best to help us in our situation. **Read** Hebrews 2:17; 4:15. Since He is also fully divine, He has all the resources to help us. As God, He can: forgive us when we fall; impute and impart to us His perfect righteousness; draw us near to God; pour into our lives His love, His power to hold on under trial and to turn from sin; open the doors of human hearts to the Gospel. **Read** Revelation 2, 3; Matthew 9:6; Romans 8:1-4, Hebrews 4:16; 10:19-25; Romans 5:5; 8:9-11; John 7:37-39; Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 4:13; Revelation 12:11; 2 Corinthians 2:12.

Since Christ is your priestly Mediator in heaven's temple, and nothing can separate you from Him, why not come confidently to Him right now for all the help you need to shine brightly for Him today.

*Pastor Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism.*

# The Lazarus effect

by Timothy Standish

**Y**OU JUST WALKED OVER FROM JERUSALEM because something is happening in Bethany. Being a sensible person, you expect only the excitement of a bereaved family and the visit of an influential Teacher—Jesus Christ. Perhaps you are a Pharisee waiting to pounce if Jesus misinterprets the law. Or you're a Sadducee smugly confident in your worldly wisdom, yet sympathetic to the suffering of Mary and Martha as they mourn their brother. "It may be true that the idea of a resurrection is nonsense," you think, "but it's easy to see how simple-minded superstitious people might cling to such wishful thinking." Whether a Sadducee or a Pharisee, what happened after Jesus cried out, "Lazarus, come forth!" must have been mind-blowing.

Evidence can wreak havoc with our theories. This is as true today in the world of science as it was 2000 years ago in the hills of Judea. An example of unexpected evidence is the discovery of living organisms thought to have become extinct millions of years ago. Scientists call these living fossils "Lazarus species" because, like Lazarus, they appear to have come back from the dead.

Wollemi pines are an Australian example of a Lazarus species. These towering trees, first discovered as fossils, were thought to be extinct until a small stand was found in 1994 in the Wollemi National Park near Sydney. The Wollemi pine fossil record is commonly reported to span from 90 million to 2 million years ago. This means these trees appeared extinct but must have lived during the 2 million years fossils are absent. Could this interpretation of the fossil evidence possibly be correct? Or is it driven by philosophical assumptions having little to do with science?

Other examples of Lazarus species include coelacanth fish, thought to have become extinct some 65 million years ago, before being discovered alive and well off the coasts of Africa and Indonesia. Possibly the most spectacular

example of Lazarus species are modest-looking molluscs called monoplacophorans. According to common interpretations of the fossil record, monoplacophorans became extinct about 320 million years ago, yet we now know they are living deep in today's oceans, producing the same kind of shells found in the fossil record.

Lazarus species raise many questions. For example, if organisms can disappear from the fossil record for millions—or even hundreds of millions—of years and yet still be living, how can we be sure that they were not alive long before fossils of them first formed? As Bible-believers, we don't embrace the idea that life has been suffering and dying for millions of years. Lazarus species indicate that we should be thinking about mechanisms other than deep time to account for the order observed in the fossil record.

It is true: some data is well explained by invoking deep time, but that doesn't answer the fundamental question of veracity, as just about any theory explains some data. The trick is to elegantly explain all the data. It's also true that, while evidence accrues requiring heroic explanations if "deep time" interpretations are to be maintained, Bible-believers also lack glib explanations for some data. However, we maintain faith in a logically sufficient cause for what is observed in the creation and the Bible's historical record of the Creator's action in nature.

Of course, confronting evidence may not be sufficient to cause adherents to abandon cherished theories. How did those returning from Bethany respond to the startling evidence they witnessed? Some believed, others plotted to murder Jesus. We, similarly, when confronted with evidence about life on Earth, have a choice: we can recognise the handiwork of our Creator, or we can put faith in theories that explain Him away.



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## Top tips for prioritising

One of the best ways to help resolve stress in our lives and remain resilient during difficult times is to take the time to prioritise. Prioritising is recognising what's most important and giving it the time it deserves. By doing this effectively, we can become more resilient in work and family life, while gaining a real sense of fulfilment from everyday tasks. Here are some of our top tips for prioritising:

- > **Write a to-do list.** Even the best of us can have a job slip our mind. Writing a to-do list helps us keep track of jobs and can even be used as a way to visually rank the importance of tasks. It can also be really satisfying to cross jobs off the list once they're done!
- > **Set realistic goals.** It's a real motivation killer when you set yourself an hour to do a task at work or home and before you know it it's taken up your whole morning. But the truth is, this often has more to do with us underestimating the task than anything else. Be honest when setting goals to avoid unnecessary stress and disappointment, which brings us to our next tip . . .
- > **Expect to get interrupted.** We often think of interruptions as an unexpected inconvenience, but the truth is we should be expecting them—they happen all the time. Build a little extra time into your routine to stop them from throwing you off track.
- > **Review regularly.**  
Our priorities will often change depending on what's on our plate so by reviewing regularly we can ensure our time and effort are always being used where they're needed most.



### Black bean and avocado salad

Preparation time: 15 minutes Cooking time: nil Serves: 8

3 cups cooked black beans	¼ teaspoon garlic powder
3 cups corn kernels	1 lime, juiced
½ cup red onion, thinly sliced	1 lemon, juiced
¼ cup finely chopped coriander	2 large avocados, cubed

In a large bowl, combine black beans, corn kernels, red onion, coriander, garlic powder, lime juice, lemon juice and avocado. Toss gently to combine. Serve chilled.



**TIP:**  
You can use red kidney beans or any other beans of your choice in place of black beans

**NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:**  
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## Open day opens eyes

The Adventist Church in Vanuatu hosted an open day for Efate District women at Fresh Water Field on June 30. A highlight of the community event was the handicrafts and marching routines on display. "It is good for the Church to organise such activities," said Fresh Water Field community chief Kalangi Sawia, "as it encourages people to join a church and be involved in better activities." An open day for men was held the following Sunday. —*Adventist Media: Vanuatu*



## Kellyville turns 120

Kellyville Adventist Church (NSW) celebrated its 120th anniversary on June 22. The special Sabbath event brought together past and present members, including Daisy Ardley and her daughters Val Leek and Paula Weslake (pictured above), who all remember worshipping in the original weatherboard church that opened on June 24, 1893. Kellyville church will soon relocate to its fourth site. —*Dulce Ferguson*

## Featured flight

A photo and caption of Adventist Aviation Services' new aircraft has appeared in the "Traffic" section of the July issue of *Australian Aviation*. The P2-SDF plane was photographed approaching Townsville airport during a ferry flight from Hamilton, New Zealand, to Goroka, Papua New Guinea.



## Johnson honoured for health work

The General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church awarded Sibilla Johnson the Health Ministries Medal of Distinction for her lifetime of service in health ministry. Mrs Johnson—director of Adventist Health Ministries in Victoria—received the award at a ceremony at Sonoma College during the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Health Summit in July, with retiring world Church Health Ministries director, Dr Allan Handsides, and director elect, Dr Peter Landless, conducting the presentation. It was fitting the ceremony took place in PNG, as it was in that country that Mrs Johnson began her health ministry work in 1982.



## Blessing in the outback

While driving through remote Western Australia, Pastor Don Fehlberg and his wife came across a broken down vehicle surrounded by a group of young men. They needed a compressor to fix two flat tyres, and fortunately the Fehlbergs had one. While the tyres were being repaired, the Fehlbergs showed the group some "Jesus posters" produced by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Ministries department. The young men purchased 10 posters, some featuring Jesus and others with anti-smoking and anti-alcohol messages. After a group prayer, the two parties went their separate ways. —*NewsWest*



## Take 6 talks faith

Acclaimed American *a cappella* group Take 6—the sextet members are mostly Seventh-day Adventists—were featured on ABC Radio National's *The Rhythm Divine* show in July. In Australia as one of the keynote artists taking part in the Queensland Music Festival, three members of the group spoke openly with host Geoff Wood about their faith and its impact on their music.



## Small group, big result

They might live in one of the smallest retirement villages in Lake Macquarie (NSW), but the 12 residents of Wyee Point Adventist Retirement Village are proud of their biggest fundraising achievement. More than 100 people attended their "Biggest Morning Tea" event, with \$AU2500 being raised for the NSW Cancer Council. —*David Knight/NorthPoint*



## Blind challenge

Primary students at Avondale School in Cooranbong (NSW) have been treated to a hands-on experience of communication for the blind, with a display of resources and materials for the blind featured in the school's library. For many students, it was their first time using a braille book or being exposed to the challenges of vision impairment. The display was organised by school librarian Sue Blyde with the help of Christian Services for the Blind. —*Lee Dunstan*



# Why Mussau matters

by James Standish



In 1932, Captain McLaren brought a mission boat into the unentered territory of Mussau and Emirau. There was a good reason it was unentered: when the first missionary arrived he was clubbed to death and eaten.<sup>1</sup> So when Captain McLaren steered the boat into what is sometimes known as "Dead Man's Cove", he did so at considerable personal risk to himself and his team.

When the mission boat made its way towards Mussau, the warriors in their war canoes raced out to meet them. Things were looking very grim. And then the small group had an idea—sing. Their first barrage began with "anywhere with Jesus I can safely go . . ."

And that is when something astonishing happened. The warriors stopped rowing and started listening. And then the negotiating began. "If you teach us to sing like that, we'll spare your lives," the warriors offered. And so it began. Before too long, the entire island had become Adventist Christians.

But did it make any difference? No—one has been eaten

on the island since and a community of mighty warriors became the birthplace of mighty men and women of God. An Adventist school was set up, and good health practices adopted. And incredibly, Mussau and Emirau are doing a fabulous work for God all over Papua New Guinea and even further afield (see page 8 for an example).

But it isn't a simple story, because now we have third and fourth generation Adventists. And all the familiar struggles to keep the first love of faith alive, occur in this beautiful community. The problem is particularly severe when young people move off the islands. That said, the Advent faith is still very much alive on these islands—and judging by the beautiful children at church, it has a very bright future!

But did they ever learn to sing beautifully? Visit our website to hear the unrehearsed congregational singing and decide for yourself.



1. Some reports of his death don't mention cannibalism, but the oral tradition on the island indicates the missionary was indeed eaten.

## Barry goes back

IT'S ALMOST THREE DECADES SINCE THE OLIVER FAMILY packed their bags and headed from Rabaul, Papua New Guinea, to Australia. In those three decades a lot has happened. A volcanic eruption destroyed the town of Rabaul, the mission complex included, and left the old Oliver home a shambles. The one time mission man has become the Division man. The Oliver boys have grown up. Julie Oliver has survived a life-threatening illness. And Barry and Julie have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Last month, Barry returned to the New Britain and New Ireland Mission, and for the first time in all those years he travelled to the island of Mussau—a small place with a very big part in Adventist history.

"I love travelling throughout the Division," notes Barry, "but there's something very nostalgic about coming back here—it feels like coming home."

It's also a place rich with memories. "The last time I was in Mussau, Julie and my young boys were with me. It was very special as we travelled over on canoes—probably very similar to the ones that first met missionaries when they arrived here."

Barry also had the chance to visit his old home in Rabaul while in New Britain. The volcano was rumbling in the distance the day he visited. "I've got so many memories here. It was tough work, but I wouldn't give up the experience for anything. Doing cross-cultural service makes you see the world in a different way. I've drawn on the experience many times and continue to."





# A porn addict's journey

by Graham Hood

**M**Y NAME IS GRAHAM. I AM A BELIEVER IN JESUS Christ. And I struggle with porn addiction.

Some of you already know that as I wrote "Lonely Men Watch Porn" in the RECORD a couple of years ago, and I've presented on the issue in a number of churches. You may have understood from my testimony that I have had total victory over porn. This is not completely true.

A little while ago, after I slipped and viewed pornog-

raphy, I was scheduled to give my testimony. I felt like a hypocrite as I stood extolling the virtues of a Christ-centred recovery from sin when I had myself only just fallen. As I gave my testimony, God was telling me in no uncertain terms that He wanted me to tell the real story; but I couldn't. Why? Because in the audience was the woman who saved my life and my reason for still living—my beautiful wife, Michelle. While I had shared my fall with one of the people in my accountability team, I had not told her,



and I was not going to blurt it out in front of an audience, no matter how small.

The program ended and it was the next week when a woman contacted me for help with her porn addiction. I told her that I only had these conversations with women when my wife was present and asked permission to put her on speaker. She agreed and Michelle and I worked with her to help her understand her issues. When the conversation ended, Michelle hugged me and said, "You're my hero." I started to cry and she asked me what was wrong. I was filled with dread as I pondered my next words. This wonderful woman had trusted me above all other men in her life and I was about to reveal something that could destroy that trust.

She sat on my knee and asked me what was wrong. With a deep and nervous breath I found the courage to tell her that I had recently slipped back into porn.

She looked into my eyes and stroked my hair. Tears started to build in her eyes and she took a breath and said, "Oh sweetheart are you OK?" I replied that I wasn't OK and felt like a dog. She continued to stroke my hair and dry my tears and then she asked me if it was anything she had done to cause my fall. I was stunned by her response—it was the opposite to what I had expected. She then went on to ask me if there was anything at all she could do to make me feel better.

This was totally unexpected and as I looked into her face I saw the face of Jesus. Then she said something that I will never forget: "You are more my hero now than you have ever been." We then made a pact that I would make her my first call if I looked like stumbling again. She asked me if I had ever fallen before in the seven years we had been together. I confessed that I fell about once a year.

I want everyone to understand the magnitude of what happened:

- ▶ God made it clear that without hearing His voice I would be lost.
- ▶ God showed me how this fall had restricted me as a man and my ministry.
- ▶ God created an environment that challenged me to the truth.
- ▶ He gave Michelle the courage and the good sense to see this for what it was and give me the best support possible.
- ▶ He wanted us to use this experience to help others.
- ▶ He showed me an opportunity to understand where Satan had tripped me.
- ▶ He showed us how we should respond to others who fall.

From our experience, I believe we have insight into the way God would like us to act if our partner struggles with porn addiction, and falls:

- ▶ First, it is not about or because of you that your partner has fallen.
- ▶ Second, the person who has fallen already feels wretched and miserable from the fall, and the last thing he or she needs is to have the person they love most add to that feeling.
- ▶ Third, your partner has probably been living with and trying to battle the addiction since he or she was a child.
- ▶ Fourth, it may take a lifetime to beat the addiction. That does not mean that we throw those afflicted on the scrap heap. They need your support in ways that you might expect if it were you in their shoes.

Michelle's response to me was a Jesus response. In our ministry we encourage those who seek our support to understand that we are at war with evil; that there are only two sides from which to choose. We ask them which side they would like to be on and then encourage

them to make that choice in their daily lives by asking what would Jesus do (WWJD)?

Michelle's response has made me stronger than I have ever been in my battle with porn. I have not so much as had a lustful thought since we had that conversation. Why? Because I saw Jesus in my wife and I felt comforted.

In Matthew 5 Jesus tells us in His own words: "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." We don't have to get rid of the internet and put blocks on computers. That's not the answer. We must allow Christ to condition us for our journey into a sin-filled world. His blood will teflon coat us and make us impervious to the stain of repetitive sin.

I've been afflicted with this sin for more than four decades. As with all addictions, some people can give them up easier than others. Generally, there is no easy fix. Satan will always use your sin of choice as an entry point when you're down and out for the count.

Forgiveness and support to those addicted to pornography is not a cakewalk for spouses. It brings home all of their insecurities and can make spouses feel worthless when their life partner reveals the truth about a failure. I know this well, as I am still coming to terms with what my addiction has cost my family. But if the man in your life is struggling with pornography addiction then know this: he is wired to be a hero and anything that makes him feel less than that only makes the situation worse. There is hope for families where a partner is struggling with pornography, and that hope begins with the kind of love that only Jesus can inspire.

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*Graham Hood and his wife, Michelle, run Mission Serenity, based on the Gold Coast, Queensland.*

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We have six churches on  
Emirau. There are about 300  
residents on the islands—  
many of the people from  
our island live in Kavieng on  
New Ireland where there is  
employment.

During World War II, the  
Americans turned our island  
into a huge air base with  
both bombers and fighter  
planes flying from here. The  
airstrip we continue to use  
was constructed by them during that time. Today, we still have a lot of  
materials from the war on the island. Our entire population was moved to  
nearby Mussau Island by the Allies during the war.

When we moved back from Mussau, we all settled on the other side of  
the island. But then we had problems as our families grew and tensions  
mounted over land usage. So we moved back to the area we were original-  
ly from. We first built a church here in 1961. We replaced it with our current  
church in 1985.

We have the largest church on the island. All our homes are clustered  
around the village green, and our church is the centre of the village. Our  
greatest struggle now is with our young people who are tempted with all  
the usual things—betel nut, home brew, marijuana and so forth. This is par-  
ticularly an issue when people move off our island and into a town.

We live in a very cooperative manner. We garden together, we worship  
together—our life is all around our faith and our family. We recently all went  
on the island of Tsoi and built a church for the people over there. We love  
doing outreach!—*as told to James Standish*



## POLL

**What is the most damaging impact  
of porn? It:**

- objectifies women
- devalues intimacy
- is linked to human trafficking
- creates unrealistic expectations
- encourages promiscuity

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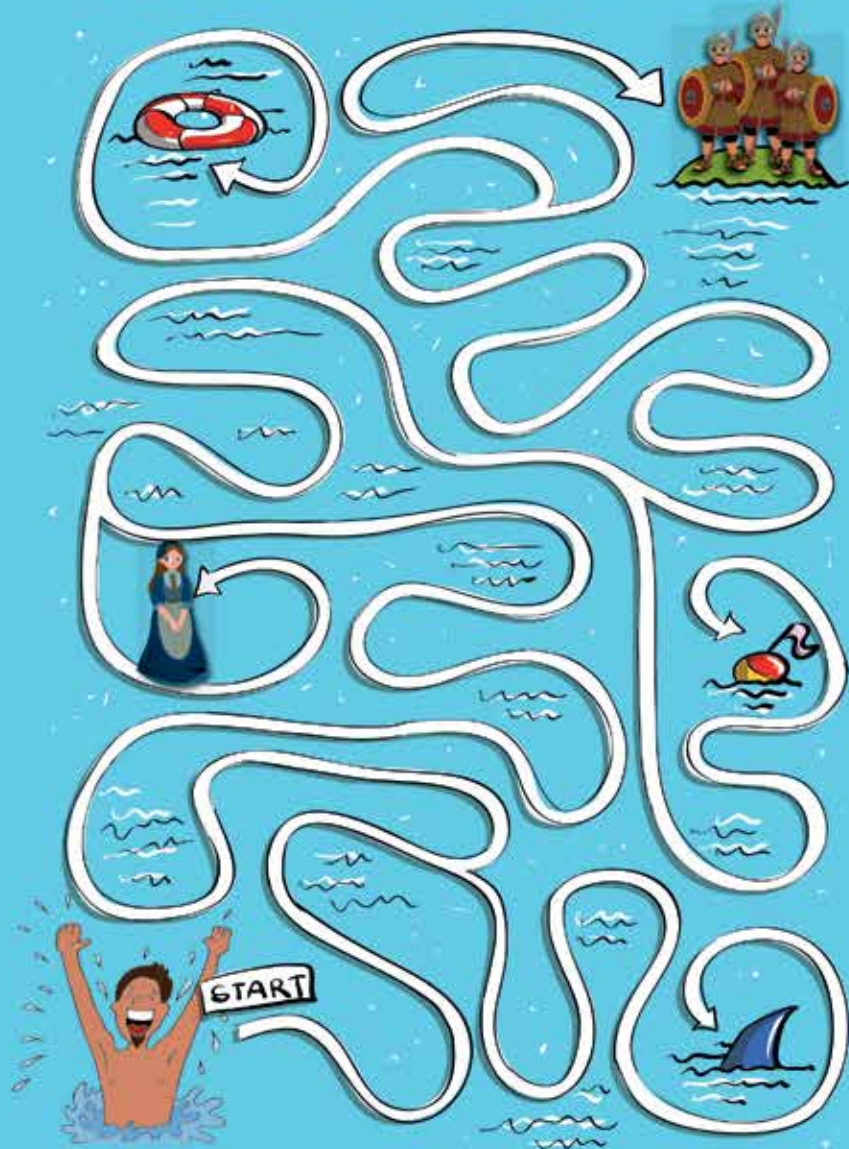
# Kids' Space

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Naaman travelled to see Elisha to get well. Elisha told him through  
a servant to go and wash in the river Jordan 7 times.  
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**Naaman is healed!** Help him tell the little  
maid and his soldiers - watch out for the shark!



WORSHIP MESSAGE: We serve God by doing good for others.  
MEMORY VERSE: "For we are...created...to do good works." Ephesians 2:10

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## SPOT ON

Graham Morris, Vic

I am writing to thank Pastor Errol Webster for his beautifully written "What is the Central Truth of Adventism?" (Feature, July 6).

He is spot on when he points out that where our focus is, is most important. People talk about the things that interest them. Within a few minutes of talking to someone you can pick up where their focus is—on Christ's salvation or on works!

If we are amazed at what God has done for sinful us through the gift of His Son, we will do nothing but talk about it. If we focus on "revival" as something that will come about as a result of us doing a whole lot of praying and pleading to the Father for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, instead of praying in response to God's love to us shown in the gift of His Son, then we will be disappointed yet again.

As Pastor Webster points out, we need to heed the apostle Paul and make the cross of Christ and His sacrifice the great theme of everything we say and do. "I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). But the question is, "Do we?" A passing reference is not the same thing as preaching about Christ Jesus! So often one hears, "Oh, yes, of course I believe in Christ's life, death and resurrection and that He is our High Priest, BUT . . ."

Do we really have our focus in the right place, today?

Ellen White, writing of the end time, states: "Light is to shine forth from God's people in clear, distinct rays, bringing Jesus before the churches and before the world . . . One in-

terest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other—Christ our Righteousness" (Review & Herald, December 23, 1890).

Thanks to Pastor Webster for his insightful article. May it cause us all to reconsider where we place our interest and desire.

## OUT OF DATE?

Gennaro Cozzi, Vic

Re: Should the Church ordain women? (Feature, June 29). This is the umpteenth voice pointing to the millennial fighting between sexes. I like the article, the reasons and proposal to avoid the one-size-fits-all policy to solve the problem. Let the local church leading team respond to the issue according to the local societal customs.

Anyway, if God created men and women equal in front of Him (Galatians 3:28), we have to find the reason why we males put ourselves on a high horse; and this wouldn't bring glory to our Father. Mightn't this supposed supremacy be the result of the first disobedience?

## SEEK TO PLEASE GOD

Bill Gates, NSW

1) Women can do anything that God leads them to do. No issue there.

2) 1 Timothy 2:12 says: "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man." Ordination of women would usurp authority over the man. Some argue that this was a cultural issue, not a divine ordinance. I will accept that this possibility exists.

3) However, there was a time when Israel was a theocracy under God. In that time, Moses' sister, Miriam, tried to usurp authority and take over

the leadership from Moses. God kicked her out of the camp and gave her leprosy for a week. That was not cultural. That was divine.

4) Deuteronomy 28 and 29 reveal the blessings of God contrasted with the curses of God. It all depends on obedience to His requirements.

Let us not seek to emulate the culture of our times but instead seek to please God. In the letters I have read so far, very little reference seems to be placed on what God wants. Scripture reveals that He placed the male in authority over both the wife and the church.

Let us be like Joshua and Caleb and do things God's way. It is always the best way.

## LEGACY OF LOVE

Leighton Heise, NSW

Thank you RECORD for publishing two stimulating and devotionally powerful articles (Features, June 15):

1) Jean Gersbach's moving and compelling confession. Wow. I wonder if I will ever understand forgiveness the way she does. I can only pray so.

2) Anthony McPherson's "Conspiracy Adventism". Just brilliant. He has articulated one of my pastoral worries over my seven years of ministry. In fact my wife, Ali, and I wrote a song based on our response to the "tension" in Adventism between great controversy and what McPherson terms "grand conspiracy" Adventism. Our song is called "Straight Stick" and appeals to our focus to be Jesus when all around is "crookedness" and "bent" claims to truth. His is the straight Truth (capital T intended).

Thanks Anthony, really appreciate your thoughtful and assertive work.



## APPRECIATION

**Chapman family.** Pastor Merv Chapman's wife, Aileen, and all the family, sincerely thank all those who kindly sent emails, cards and flowers, and prayed for our family.

**Patrick family.** Joan Patrick and family, Zanita, Adrielle, John, Emma and Leighton, would like to thank friends and relatives for the loving care and support during our recent bereavement when Arthur passed away. We have drawn much comfort from your thoughtfulness. Thank you so much.

## ANNIVERSARY

**Todd,** Colin and Delcia (nee Hess) were married 15.1.1963 in Rockhampton, Qld, by Pastor Charles Lowe. On 14.1.13, 55 guests gathered at the Nanango Cultural Centre to surprise them for their 50th wedding anniversary. Col and Del renewed their vows and "O Perfect Love" was sung as a special item—as it had been on their wedding day. It was a time to remember God's goodness, reminisce, laugh and love. They have four daughters, who are grateful for the love of their parents, and for being taught the love of God.

## WEDDINGS



**Ashmore-Smith.** Craig Ashmore, son of Terry and Rhonda Ashmore

(East Narembene, WA), and Emma Smith, daughter of Philip and Noelle Smith (Perth), were married 21.4.13 in the old Perth Town Hall. They have set up their home in Gosnells, Perth.

*Clark Riggins*

**Joseph-Dihm.** Bill Joseph, son of Marena and Monica Joseph (Papua New Guinea), and Margaret Dihm, daughter of William and Alice Dihm (Papua New Guinea), were married 26.5.13 in the Papua New Guinea High Commission office in Wellington, NZ. Traditional drum beats heralded the arrival of the beautiful bride. The newlyweds will live in Wellington.

*Jake Ormsby*

**Judan-Christian.** Christian Judan, son of Eliseo and Araceli Judan (Oriental Mindoro, Philippines), and Sheree Christian, daughter of Des and Pearl Christian (Porirua, NZ), were married 4.5.13 in the Porirua church. Sheree's grandmother travelled from Pitcairn Island, and sister from Canada, while Christian's family journeyed from the Philippines for the surprise wedding. The newlyweds will live in Porirua/Napier.

*Jake Ormsby*

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**Lane-Salazar.**  
Luke Peter Lane,  
son of Gary and  
Larae Lane

(Blaxland, NSW), and Melissa Sharon Salazar, daughter of Laurie and Christina Sinclair (Bathurst), were married 31.3.13 in Byng Uniting Church, followed by an afternoon tea at the Beekeepers Inn at Vittoria. Luke and Melissa met at an Adventist Singles camp in 2011. They are members of the Bathurst church, and will establish their home in Bathurst.

*Noreen Towers*



**Lewis-Lim.**  
Daniel Lewis, son  
of Garry Lewis  
(Auckland, NZ)

and Sandy Schofield (Yarrowongga Park, NSW), and Loo Peck Lim, daughter of Chui Tin Lim (deceased) and Ai Lang Ng (Pontian, Malaysia), were married 24.5.13 in Hunter Valley, NSW. The couple work for Adventist Media Network and have set up their home in Hornsby.

*Gary Webster*



**Say-Oo.** Dee  
Say, son of Saw  
Hi Htoo  
(deceased) and

Mary Mary (Kedron, Qld), and Mya Than Dah Oo, daughter of Her Lang and Daw New (both deceased), were married 19.5.13 in Albion church, Qld. Although Say and Mya lived in the same Karen refugee camp in Thailand, they didn't meet until coming to Brisbane as refugees.

*Mike Brownhill*



**Watson-Momers.**

Vaughan Watson,  
son of Jim and

Ethel Watson (Adelaide, SA), and Rika Mombers, daughter of Frederick and Susanna Snyman (both deceased), were married 26.5.13 at Trinity Gardens church, Adelaide. They will continue to live in Adelaide, where Vaughan works as a technician and Rika as a laboratory assistant. We claim God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11 for this much-loved couple as they begin their lives together.

*Glynn Slade*

## OBITUARIES

**Bolyos,** Rosalia (nee Posa), born 26.6.1930 in Hungary; died 16.5.13 in Dandenong Hospital, Vic. On 1.6.1947, she married Peter. She was predeceased by her husband and her son, Karl. She is survived by her daughter, Rose Penman (Berwick), and son, Les Bolyos (Geelong, Vic); five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Rose was a loving, tolerant and caring person, who loved the Lord. She was a hard worker and dearly loved by her family and friends.

*Robert Porter*

**Chapman,** Pastor Mervyn Austin, born 13.8.1921 in Raratonga, Cook Islands; died 31.5.13 in the Freemantle Hospital, WA. In 1943, he married Dorothy Lockyer (dec 2006) and in 2008, he married Aileen Chivers. He is survived by his wife (Thornlie, WA); his sons and their wives, Gary and Juliet (Hornsby, NSW), Ross and Cheryl (Albany, WA), Christopher (dec) and Jan (Applecross), Brian and Laurene (Carmel); step-children, Graeme Chivers, and Kaileen and her husband, Andrew Jaeger (both of Thornlie); 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and a step great-grandchild. Merv served in the airforce as a medic during World War II. He was a farmer and also taught at several schools. He was the manager of the Rossmoyne Retirement Village, and then was called into the ministry and pastored a number of Perth churches. He was ordained in 1984. Merv had a

direct link with the early Adventist pioneers in WA. He was loved and respected by his family, his pupils and scores of church members.

*Richard Reynolds, Don Fehlberg*

**Ellicott,** Noel, born in Trangie, NSW; died in Port Kembla. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Wollongong). Noel was a Christian gentleman and loved Jesus all of his life. He was a teacher in Sunday School at his local Church of England and he loved to open the Word of God and share it with his students. In his later life Noel began a search for more truth on the Sabbath question and became convinced that Saturday was God's will for Sabbath worship. He loved attending the Wollongong church and was much loved by his fellow members. Noel will be sorely missed and is one more friend and fellow believer to meet again at Christ's coming.

*John O'Malley*

**Foster,** Marcia Beryl (nee Mison), born 13.2.1939 in Port Macquarie, NSW; died 10.5.13 in the Bundaleer Nursing Home, Wauchope. On 7.12.1957, she married George Foster. She was predeceased by her son, Mark, in 1985. She is survived by her husband (Wauchope); her sister, Sylvia Porter (Wauchope); her children and their spouses, Peter and Maree Foster (Alstonville), Wayne and Yvonne Foster (Hillston), and Bronwyn and Franklin Lyon (Wauchope); eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Marcia was an active member of Port Macquarie and later Wauchope churches before her illness in her last few years of life.

*Joseph Maticic*

**Hardy,** Mary Elizabeth (nee Hollingsworth), born 26.8.1921 in Airlie, Vic; died 2.6.13 in Wilson's Lodge. In the early 1940s, she married Harold Hardy. She was predeceased by her husband, and by Keith Hardy. She is survived by her children, Valda Berry, Les Hardy and Margaret-Louise Bellchambers. Mary was a greatly loved sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who will be sorely missed until the resurrection morning.

*Lorenzo Berry, Orlando Berry*

**McGillivray,** Stella Greta Joyce (nee Cook), born 22.2.1922 in Coopernook, NSW; died 27.5.13 in Victoria Point, Qld. On 1.1.1941,

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she married Hector McGillivray, who predeceased her. She is survived by her six children and their spouses, Malcolm and Roz McGillivray (Bundaberg), Rhonda and Wayne Landall (Stanthorpe), Douglas McGillivray (Rath-downey), Carol and Ken Warn (Woodhill), Lachlan and Jocelyn McGillivray (Sovereign Islands), and Tania McGillivray and Matt Lenard (Kooralbyn); 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. Greta loved her family, and lived a long and full life.

*Judy Fua, Bob Possingham*

**Minns, Malcolm Frederick (Mac)**, born 19.8.1937; died 1.2.13. He was married to Margaret. He is survived by Kim, Denise, Malcolm and Lesley. Mac now rests in the hope of his Lord's soon appearing.

*Mark Venz*

**Patrick, Ronald Francis**, born 11.2.24 in Melbourne, Vic; died 16.5.13 in Inverell, NSW. In 1973, he married Edith. He is survived by his wife; his daughters, Dianne Garcia (Lulworth, Tas) and Margaret Simes (Perth, WA); grandchildren, Carley, Megan, Jonathon and Jessica; and great-grandchildren, Freya and Tahlita. Ron was a wagon driver, ice truck driver, taxi driver, coal miner, farmer, entertainer, puppeteer, ventriloquist and salesman. He lost contact with his daughters when they were young, and was thrilled to reconnect with them in his retirement years. He raced speedboats, rode motorbikes, and loved his veggie patch. His greatest passion in his later years was street evangelism, where he would ride his mobility scooter to town to share Jesus using Christian literature.

*Adam Cinzio*

**Savanah, Luc Andre**, born 4.1.1926 in Mauritius; died 23.5.13 in Berala on the Park nursing home, NSW. He and his wife, Raymonde, migrated to Australia in 1973. He is survived by his wife; and his sisters, Liliane Thomas and Jessy Bechard. He

was a faithful member of the Hurstville church for more than 25 years, and served as treasurer for many years. Luc is now waiting for his Saviour to take him home.

*Eddie Johnson, Jimmie Cha*

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