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Political rivals address church leaders

Annandale, New South Wales

NSW Premier Mike Baird and Opposition Leader Luke Foley addressed 400 senior church leaders, charity leaders and Christian voters at the Make It Count election forum on March 3.

The forum was organised by the Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) and held at the Village Church, Annandale.

In his address, Mr Baird discussed the role of Christianity in public life, including the importance of supporting homeless and disadvantaged youth.

"In a faith context . . . every single person matters," Mr Baird said. "Imagine being in a position where you can make a difference for them."

Mr Foley also acknowledged the significance of being "the Christian voice in the public square" and stated that "Do unto others as you would want done unto you" has

always anchored his involvement in public life.

Pastor Michael Worker, Greater Sydney Conference president, noted that it was a respectable campaign that focused on policy rather than personal attack. "The tone and presentation of both men has been outstanding," he said.

ACL managing director Lyle Shelton expressed gratitude for Mr Baird and Mr Foley's willingness to engage with NSW's Christian constituency and be open about how their faith informs their approach to public policy.

—*Vania Chew/ACL*



NSW Premier Mike Baird.

ADRA receives NGO of the Year honour

Apia, Samoa

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Samoa has been named Non-Government Organisation (NGO) of the Year in Newsline's honour list of 2014.

The recognition is due to ADRA Samoa's frontline work after Cyclone Evans and its continued support of the affected communities. One of the first NGOs on the ground, ADRA Samoa provided shelters for the families whose homes had been destroyed. The agency then provided those same communities with water tanks.

ADRA also started a Sustainable Economic Development Fund (SEDF) project, where communities grow their own food to eat and sell. More than 3000 families have benefited from these initiatives.

ADRA Samoa director Su'a Julia Wallwork said, "[We] seem to go from level to level. We've gained recognition of international donors, and our government. We serve an amazing God." —*Jarrold Stackelroth/Newsline*



A family with one of the shelters.

Church planting focus in Vanuatu

Port Vila, Vanuatu

Riding the evangelistic momentum started at the Port Vila evangelism program in 2014, the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) has run a program to train young people to plant new churches.

Attended by 139 people, the Pacific Reach Youth Training Program at Crystal Blue Port Vila was designed to fulfill the TPUM vision statement of equipping Adventist youths, in particular, to be able to plant new churches, run Bible studies and disciple others.

"We at the TPUM are so pleased to see the incredible growth after the PV14 Hope for Port Vila evangelistic meetings and the large number of people being baptised," TPUM president Pastor Glen Townend said. "We believe that Vanuatu can become a vibrant Adventist movement, living and sharing our hope in Jesus and transforming the Pacific."

When, in 2014, the same training was held at Fulton College (Fiji) with more than 200 participants, Vanuatu

was able to send 15 young people. This time all the participants were from Vanuatu, with more than 50 from Efate and 20 female participants. Comments coming out from the training site have been very positive.

The program facilitators included Pastor Townend, TPUM secretary Pastor Maveni Kaufononga, TPUM youth director Pastor Faafetai Matai and Dr Peter Roennfeldt, a specialist in church planting from Australia. —*Jean Pierre Niptik*



This presenter draws in dirt to illustrate.



Sabbath defence

James Standish

Eternity, the newspaper of the Australian Bible Society, recently ran a piece questioning the Sabbath doctrine. I wrote a response, which *Eternity* was graceful enough to print (see p 10). I received a number of notes from Adventists, pleased to see Sabbath explained to the broader Christian community. But I feel no joy. I feel no joy because even as I write to explain the Sabbath to other Christians, I know that there is a growing movement within our Church that irrevocably undermines the foundation of the Sabbath, and much more. And all across the Western Church we are displaying the lack of fortitude to necessarily address the magnitude of the challenge.

There are two ways to attack any institution. The first is to do a full frontal attack, but generally that will be seen for what it is. A much better strategy is to undermine the foundation of the institution and then wait for it to collapse in upon itself.

What we believe about creation is the foundation for what we believe about the character of God, the story of salvation and the Sabbath. And today there's a growing conflict within our Church between creationists and theistic evolutionists. This should shock us out of our complacency. Why?

Theistic evolution requires us to believe one of three possible explanations about the Ten Commandments—all of which reflect badly on the character of God. The first is that God claimed to do something in six days that He did not do.

A second explanation is the Ten Commandments are a hoax. But Jesus came and confirmed them. So Jesus Himself would have to be complicit in the hoax or ignorant of it. If ignorant, He could not be divine, as God is omniscient.

Some try to weasel around the problem by saying God really didn't mean "six days" when He wrote with His finger "six days" in tablets of stone. But to believe this, we have to imagine the greatest Communicator somehow managed to flub His message, with the foreknowledge that people for thousands of years would be misled by His words. And if "days" in the Ten Commandments really mean "epochs", Sabbath should be an epoch, not a day. Using this interpre-

tive prism, the Ten Commandments could mean anything at all. Maybe don't murder secretly means don't ride donkeys? Who knows? We'll have to wait for an expert to give us the hidden meaning. Rather than the Rock of Ages, we would be dealing with a god made of quicksand.

But there's a bigger problem. Theistic evolutionists believe our all-powerful God deliberately and callously created animals to suffer and die in endless cycles throughout the eons, when, by definition, He could have created animals perfect from the start and avoided the excruciating pain common in nature. Atheist evolutionists deny God's hand in nature's suffering; theistic evolutionists blame Him for it. Which is doing the greater disservice to God's character?

What of the story of salvation? Theistic evolutionists believe death is God's building block of life and predates not only humanity but also sin. Why do we need a saviour? To save us from the cycles of death put in place by the saviour, of course. Sound nonsensical? That's because it is.

And then we come to the Sabbath. God tells us, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. For in . . ." Go ahead, you fill in the rest. If He really didn't, why are we keeping a weekly Sabbath? No creation week, no foundation for Sabbath. Full stop.

The temptation to mould God's Word around men's theories is not new. In fact, Ellen White had this to say about this specific problem:

"Millions of years, it is claimed, were required for the evolution of the earth from chaos; and in order to accommodate the Bible to this supposed revelation of science, the days of creation are assumed to have been vast, indefinite periods, covering thousands or even millions of years. Such a conclusion is wholly uncalled for" (*Education*, p 128,129).

Our greatest threat today isn't from Evangelicals attacking the Sabbath; we can easily withstand that. But what we can't withstand is our creation foundation being hollowed out. Evolution undermines the foundation of our faith in the character of God, the story of salvation and the Sabbath. Either we muster the fortitude to address the challenge or, in time, God's Church will collapse in upon its hollowed out foundations.

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Be prepared

Jarrod Stackelroth

A small Christian congregation in the village of al-Our, Egypt, has been decimated. Thirteen of the 21 Coptic Christians kidnapped and murdered in Libya from that small village—husbands, brothers, sons and cousins of those left behind.

According to Open Doors, each month 322 Christians are killed for their faith around the world. There is an obvious escalation of violence and tension that is often not reported in the mainstream media.

But maybe more insidious is the subtle erosion of Christianity in the secular nations of the West, where outright violence is not acceptable but warriors take to their keyboards and billboards to attack Christian values.

Built on Judeo-Christian heritage, these once “Christian” nations are turning their backs on the very principles they were founded on in the name of inclusion, tolerance and political correctness. Vocal minorities shout down Christians who stand in public or politics.

We are complicit. We’ve been silenced—partly by our lukewarm faith, our guilt for sins in the past, interpreting “turn the other cheek” as passiveness and part ignorance of our own heritage and doctrines—we know what we believe and are happy to stick to it but don’t have the confidence to answer or convince others. Some speak out but a common narrative, a strong voice, is missing.

Adventists have a proud history of fighting for religious freedom and yet most of us have little or no understanding of the issues at stake or what our Church is doing to address them. We’ve left it with the religious liberty department. We’ve dropped the ball.

I’m reminded of the story of the 10 virgins. As Adventists one of our foundations is the soon coming of Christ. Yet we seem to have lost any urgency. It’s like we’re falling asleep and running low on oil, just as things around the world are heating up. What can we do?

Be alert: We must pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us every day. To enter our hearts and minds and give us spiritual discernment so we understand what current events mean in light of prophecy. If we are not filled with the Spirit we’ll hear, “I don’t know you”.

Be ready: Peter says that we must be ready at all times with an answer for our faith (see 1 Peter 3:15). How many of us read Christian apologetics or equip ourselves at church or Sabbath School to answer the post-Christian theories that are a religion for the world today.

Be loving: This is a big one. Christians are accused of being false, hypocritical and unloving. We are not. We are called to be like God and God is love. The world around us is filled with broken, fallen humanity. We are also fallen and broken. And yet we pretend we’ve got it all together and have all the answers. Instead we must look at this world with the love that drove Jesus to come down and die on the cross. That sort of love, dying for the unlovable and undeserving, is a powerful witness and hard to argue against.

Christianity is under attack and we are not even awake to it. In the end God doesn’t need us to defend Him. But we need us to defend Him because it will keep our faith strong and our lamps filled.

Jarrod Stackelroth is associate editor of Adventist Record.



This is how we are known

I have just returned from Papua New Guinea where I had the privilege of participating in the opening and dedication of the new Kama church in Goroka. It was a day of praise and celebration for the Church family in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea. Thousands of people witnessed a pipe band, marching Pathfinders attired in their uniforms, the beautiful singing and the joy as we gave thanks to God for His blessings. It was a marvellous day.

As I sat on the platform I looked around at the beautiful church building that was being dedicated to God. I looked at the magnificent kwila timber that had been used to line the sanctuary. In total, the building had cost the congregation more than four million kina. But it was being dedicated debt-free. Some members with tears in their eyes spoke of their church as a gift of love to the praise and glory of God.

I looked into the faces of our brothers and sisters—members of the Kama church. I saw the joy, the expectation and the commitment that enabled them to complete this amazing project.

As I do so often when I sit on platforms around the Division, I said a silent prayer of thanks to God for the people I saw before me. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is what it is because of the power and presence of the Spirit of God working in the hearts of people—people just like you as you read your *Record* today. Please take the time to care for the members of your Church family. Please thank God for them. It was Jesus who said, “everyone will know you are my disciples as they see the love you have for one another” (John 13:35).

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



Peacemakers

Adventists and Muslims have reconciled in At-ebubu, Ghana, after a land dispute culminated in a church mission house being destroyed by fire. Muslim leaders expressed regret for the damage and said they'd build a new mission house. Conference president Paul Amo Kyere-meh offered forgiveness and surrendered the land in question. —*SPY Ghana*



Help needed

ADRA is supporting campaigns in Australia and New Zealand that urge governments to be more generous towards the world's poor. The Campaign for Australian Aid has been prompted by cutbacks in foreign aid by Australian governments. In New Zealand, a coalition of non-government organisations is focusing on needs in Syria and Iraq. —*Australian Aid / Scoop NZ*



Destruction

Australia's oldest wooden church building was destroyed by Tropical Cyclone Marcia, which hit the central Queensland coast last month. The Congregational church building was built in Rockhampton in 1874 but moved to a hilltop outside town after its deconsecration about 30 years ago. Two other churches at the site survived the storm. —*ABC Open*



Searching for answers

A Chinese man, Mr Wu, travelled nearly 10,000 kilometres to California to ask Adventist evangelist Doug Batchelor for baptism. Two years ago, Mr Wu, a Buddhist, sold his business and started travelling around China, seeking Bible-believing Christians. After encountering Adventist teachings in *Amazing Facts* materials, Mr Wu decided he'd found the truth. —*Doug Batchelor*



Alcohol abuse

A report from the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education says around 140,000 Australian children are badly affected by the alcohol use of caregivers, and that alcohol played a part in child protection authorities removing 10,000 children from their homes. Church leaders say alcohol's role in family violence needs more recognition. —*NSW Council of Churches*



Stats of shame

Google statistics show that internet users in Papua New Guinea are more likely than people in other countries to search for the words "porn" and "pornography". Other strongly Christian Pacific nations—Solomon Islands, Fiji and the Marshall Islands—are high on the list, along with African countries. Church leaders say parents' help is needed. —*Google Trends / Radio Australia*

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Adventist Health raising depression awareness

Cooranbong, New South Wales

Depression is one of the most common disorders in the world and the leading cause of disability. It has also been shown to be a major factor in approximately two-thirds of suicides. But while depression is common, researchers suggest it's a subject that continues to be ignored.¹

To increase awareness of the growing rate of depression, the South Pacific Division's (SPD) Adventist Health Ministries department is assisting Nedley Health Solutions in providing mental health resources and training for church members across Australia and New Zealand.

The training will be based on Dr Neil Nedley's highly-acclaimed Depression Recovery Program (DRP), which has helped thousands of people suffering with depression and anxiety achieve better mental health.

SPD Adventist Health director Pastor Kevin Price said this renewed focus on mental health is a "fitting step" for the Church, as "wholistic health has long been a part of our Adventist DNA".

Three people are already certified to conduct facilitators training for the DRP in Australia and New Zealand. The program also featured as part of this year's Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) Summit at Avondale College of Higher Education in February, with more than 140 people taking part in the two-day facilitators training.

CHIP in Churches Program director (SPD) and Summit coordinator Dr Paul Rankin said the DRP "will give us another way to equip our churches to make a positive impact in the community" in a similar way to CHIP.

Dr Nedley, one of the international guest speakers at the summit, said he hopes the resources and training will help lift the "stigma" that continues to be associated with

depression.

"People who have depression think they will be looked down upon by others, so they tend to not want to open up about it," he said. "Anyone can experience depression but that doesn't make you a bad person."

The Adventist physician and president of the Weimar Institute (US) also said while there are more than 100 causes of major depression, there are "100 simple things people can do to help their mental health".

"You don't have to continue to put up with depression or anxiety as if it's something that's just going to be a part of your life," Dr Nedley said. "These things can be reversed. Once you learn the principles and apply them amazing results can come about."

Pastor Price said churches looking to run the program can contact the Adventist Health Ministries department at <healthinfo@adventist.org.au>. However, he also stressed the importance of having church board approval and an Adventist health professional involved in the training sessions. —Linden Chuang

1. Heidi Ledford, "Medical research: If depression were cancer". *Nature*, Vol 515, p 182-184.



Dr Neil Nedley.

Cyclone impacts Queensland Adventists

Yeppoon, Queensland

After experiencing the fury of Tropical Cyclone Marcia last month, Adventists living in central Queensland struggled without electricity for several days while they started the massive clean up.

Mark Turner, who pastors the Yeppoon and Rockhampton churches, expressed his gratitude for the safety of local Adventists.

"We had a lot of text messages and phone calls—people just telling us they were praying for us," he said. "The fact that we've all

come through unscathed is a big answer to prayer."

A number of members' houses sustained minor damage, as did the Yeppoon and Rockhampton church buildings. Several units at the Capricorn Adventist Retirement Village in Rockhampton needed repair, with falling trees putting holes in roofs and strong winds blowing out windows and garage doors.

"There's going to be a lot of traumatised people," said Pastor Turner, referring to the wider community. "We've got 300 homes that are destroyed—more than that that are unlivable." In Rockhampton, church members have been helping. "Those who have got chainsaws have been out trying to help clear trees and do what they can to make sure their neighbours are safe," Pastor Turner said.

ADRA does not have a formal emergency management role in the region, but is working with local Adventists to plan longer term assistance as people rebuild their lives. —Kent Kingston



Minor damage to Yeppoon church.

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Churches planted at record rate

Silver Spring, Maryland, US

Seventh-day Adventist churches are springing up around the world at the fastest rate in the denomination's 152-year history, with a new building opening its doors to worshippers every 3.58 hours, according to newly released figures.

A record 2446 new churches opened last year, helping fuel the largest single-year increase in membership and bringing total membership to nearly 18.5 million, according to the Office of Archives, Statistics and Research.

Pastor Gary Krause, director of Adventist Mission, whose missionaries play a key role in opening new churches, praised God for the impressive growth figures and called for the Adventist Church to push ahead boldly in its Revelation 14-inspired mission to proclaim Jesus' soon coming.

"These statistics suggest that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is heading in the right direction in its mission and must keep that focus," Pastor Krause said. "Countless studies show that church planting is the most effective form of sustained church growth—confirming the testimony of the book of Acts, the counsel of Ellen White and the Adventist Church's own history."

The ratio of one new Adventist church opening every 3.58 hours last year compares with one church opening every 4.25 hours in 2013 and the previous record of 3.71 hours in 2005.

A main way that the Adventist Church has sought to foster the growth of new churches is through the General Conference's Office of Adventist Mission, which oversees six Global Mission centres and a Global Mission pioneer movement with a mandate to start new groups of believers in new geographical areas and among new people groups.

The Adventist Church ended 2014—the 10th consecutive year in which more than 2000 churches were organised—with a total of 78,810 churches, compared with 57,850 in 2004, 38,779 in 1994 and 7818 in 1934.

Newly compiled figures indicate that a record 1,167,796 people joined the Adventist Church last year, surpassing the 1,091,222 people who joined in 2013 and the previous record of 1,139,000 in 2011.

That means 3197 new members joined the Church every day, or 133 every hour, and 2.22 every minute, giving the denomination a total membership of 18,479,257 at the end of 2014.

Today, one out of every 392 people in the global population of 7.238 billion is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, an uptick from one in 393 people in 2013 and one in 459 people a decade earlier in 2004.—Andrew McChesney/Adventist Review

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Recapturing Adventism's big picture

by Jarrod Stackelroth

For the first time in more than a decade, the South Pacific Division (SPD) has held a Bible conference, taking the "Recapturing the big picture" theme on the road. The conference was held in three venues: at Avondale College of Higher Education, where roughly 120 attended, Fulton College (150) and Pacific Adventist University (160).

Organised by outgoing SPD field and ministerial secretary Dr David Tasker, the conference served to acquaint pastors with issues like the nature and place of the spirit of prophecy, the role of Ellen G White, the establishment of doctrine such as the investigative judgement and the divinity of Christ as well as dealing with some of the controversies that have struck the Church in the past 30 years.

Dr Tasker said the conference "reinforced the importance of gaining our understanding from Scripture and not from a pressure group".

All of the presenters were systematic theologians, meaning that they looked at overall themes and big picture issues rather than specific or narrow fields of interest.

Guest lecturers included prolific author Dr George Knight, now retired, who presented his journey in the science of salvation; Andrews University lecturers Dr Darius Jankiewicz and Dr John Reeve, specialists in historical theology; Dr John Reeve, also from Andrews, Dr Kwabena Donker from the Biblical Research Institute; and Dr Kendra Haloviak-Valentine (who took the morning devotions) and her husband Dr Gil Valentine, author and specialist on Ellen G White.

"This was an incredibly significant event for our Church around the Pacific," said Dr Barry Oliver, SPD president and final presenter at each event.

The Avondale program was attended by ministers with Masters qualifications or above from across Australia and New Zealand, while the events at Fulton and Pacific Adventist University (PAU) were limited to pastors with at least Bachelors qualifications.

There were breakout discussion groups after each lecture at Avondale and Fulton. This allowed participants to engage more directly, asking questions and going deeper into the issues being presented. At PAU, due to space constraints, there was an open forum Q&A session instead. "One of the strengths of these conferences was the programmed discussion groups," Dr Tasker said. "We've never had Bible conferences with this much discussion."

One of the topics that resonated most with participants in the island venues was from Dr Kwabena Donker, who spoke about the clash of culture and the spiritualism that is a part of life for many church members across the world.

The Ghanaian doctor told participants that the village he is from is the centre of spiritualism and voodoo in Ghana, a real "heart of darkness".

"We need to do this kind of thing—speak in a safe environment, freely, without fear—we need to do this more regularly and examine these hot topics," said Dr Tasker, who has recently taken up a position lecturing in Old Testament studies at Avondale College.

The event served as a handover of sorts. Dr Tasker's role has been split into two: Dr Branimir Schubert has taken on the ministerial secretary role and Dr Graeme Humble is the new field secretary.

"The value of the conference is to let the pastors know that we have a prophetic and salvific heritage that we need to continually make afresh for each new generation as it comes through. [They] need to own the faith and not just blindly accept it from the 'elders' but carefully evaluate and internalise it," Dr Tasker said.

The cost of the event makes it unlikely that it will be held more than once every five years. However, Dr Tasker hopes to run similar conferences at Avondale more frequently where interested pastors and lay-people can pay their own way. Until then, plans will continue for the next biblical conference some time before 2020.

We have a prophetic and salvific heritage that we need to continually make afresh for each new generation. . .

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Adventist leader publicly defends Sabbath

What do we do when an eloquent and influential person writes something we believe contradicts the Bible? Feel intimidated? Shrug our shoulders and walk away? Get angry and rude? Or do we respectfully engage?

That was the question that faced Australian Adventists recently when the Australian Bible Society

ran a piece in its influential newspaper questioning Sabbath observance. Rather than let it slide by, *Adventist Record* editor James Standish submitted a response that was published this month.

How well does the Seventh-day Adventist perspective stack up against thoughtful and insightful critiques?

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<http://www.biblesociety.org.au/news/take-sabbath-day>

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CHIP charging on, changing lives

by Linden Chuang

More than 250 people gathered at Avondale College of Higher Education (NSW) for the biennial Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) Summit.

Held from February 12–16, it was the first Australian summit since the new CHIP program was launched two years ago following a substantial investment by the South Pacific Division (SPD) and Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing.

Participants travelled from as far as England and the United States to attend the event, which also featured facilitators training for CHIP and the Depression Recovery Program.

Featured speakers included Dr Neil Nedley, founder of the Depression Recovery Program, Pastor Don McIntosh, health evangelism specialist from California (US), and dietitian, nutritionist and internationally acclaimed speaker Brenda Davis.

CHIP founder Dr Hans Diehl and Avondale College senior lecturer Dr Darren Morton also presented during the event. The summit was hosted and organised by Dr Paul Rankin, CHIP in Churches Program director for the SPD.

"The spirit and enthusiasm of those at the summit was amazing, I was really delighted with the way everything went," Dr Rankin said. "God really blessed. There were some moments that you just couldn't manufacture."

One of those moments came on Sabbath morning when Sister Pat Quinn—a Catholic nun turned CHIP evangelist—was presented with an award for her dedication to sharing CHIP with communities around Toowoomba (Qld).

Sister Pat described herself as "75 going on 50" after losing more than 40 kilograms "and all the pain that was ever in my body" through the lifestyle education program. She encouraged attendees to not hesitate in sharing the life-changing message of CHIP with their friends and neighbours.

"Everywhere I go, they all say the same thing: 'If only I knew about it sooner'," she said.

"That was a really special moment," said Dr Rankin on presenting Sister Pat with her award. "To see Sister Pat become a CHIP evangelist is really inspiring, and demonstrates the power of the program to build bridges into the

community."

A number of other testimonies of the impact of CHIP were shared on Sabbath morning. The program has already seen great success in

several remote Aboriginal communities. CHIP leaders are also working with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency on a new "illiterate" version of the program for communities in developing countries.

Despite its success over the past two years, CHIP leaders believe the program has only just begun to hint at its "world-changing" potential.

The rate of chronic diseases of lifestyle* is steadily increasing worldwide, which means lifestyle medicine has taken on a greater significance.

"We now have convincing evidence that many of the chronic lifestyle diseases can not only be prevented [through lifestyle medicine], but also arrested and often reversed," Dr Diehl said.

The CHIP founder also said the Seventh-day Adventist Church, with its message of wholistic health, has the potential to be the "leader" in lifestyle medicine "if we are serious about it".

Speaking on the Friday night of the summit, Dr Morton said Adventists have "the privilege of being custodians of a real unique and distinctive message".

"I'm passionate to see church members capture this vision," he added. "Lifestyle medicine is the new frontier of health care. It will change the world." ↻

* Chronic diseases of lifestyle (CDL) are a group of diseases that share similar risk factors because of exposure, over many decades, to unhealthy diets, smoking, lack of exercise and possibly stress. <<http://www.mrc.ac.za/chronic/overview.htm>>

For more information about CHIP, please visit <www.chiphealth.org.au>.



Sister Pat with Dr Paul Rankin.



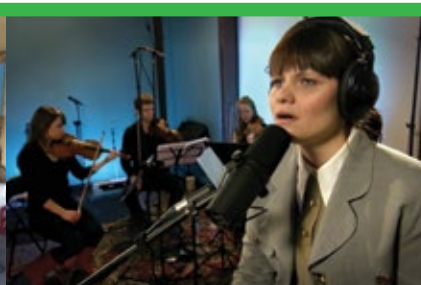
Sewing class is in session

Pacific Adventist University lecturer Heather Vanua is conducting a program for professional women to help them develop their knowledge and skills in sewing. More than 100 women have registered for the program, which is being held at the Carr Memorial Primary School at Waigani (PNG). The community service program is part of Mrs Vanua's Masters in Business Administration (MBA) studies through the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies. —PNG Loop/Record staff



Sweet 60

Wallsend Adventist church's Pathfinder Club celebrated its 60th anniversary on December 6 last year, with former club directors and members joining current Pathfinders and Adventurers for the special event. The club held its first official meeting on December 18, 1954 at the local Rawson Hall. Sixty years later the group is flourishing as one of the largest Pathfinder clubs in the North New South Wales Conference. Among the special guests at the celebration was Jack Bennett, who hosted the first Pathfinder meeting in 1954. Mr Bennett was given the honour of cutting the 60th birthday cake in recognition of his significant contribution to the club. —Joy Guy



Thank you

After many years of service, 95-year-old Eunice Turner (left) has retired from her volunteer work with the Southport Add-Care Op Shop (Qld). Eunice caught a taxi each Tuesday at her own expense to spend four hours ironing clothes for the centre. The shop also said goodbye to volunteer Liela Smyth (right), who blessed Add-Care for many years with her sewing and mending skills. Both are members of Gold Coast Central church. —Maureen Bainbridge

Sweet summer service

Yes, that's a mountain of mangoes (above). Mind you, they weren't bought—they were hand-picked by a group of retired Capalaba church members wanting to do something special for nursing homes across Redland Shire (Qld). It took two 4WD vehicles and trailers to move the mangoes, which were also delivered to residents in Rathmines (NSW). —Heather Hagen

Making some noise

Despite being recorded in 2012, HopeChannel's *Live @ Psalter Studios* continues to be a hit online. Anna Weatherup's rendition of "Nearer My God to Thee" has garnered more than 56,000 views on YouTube. Psalter Music director Dale Willis said it's "great to see content produced at our Adventist Media studio [in Wahroonga] reaching people across digital platforms". —HopeChannel



Helping hand

Epauto Seventh-day Adventist church in Port Vila (Vanuatu) has received a cheque for Vt767,000 (\$A9127) from the Pacific Education and Medical Foundation (PEMF) for a new toilet and shower block. PEMF chairman Dr Kevin Lai and his team handed the cheque to Epauto church pastor Kaijo Timothy on February 11. A number of church elders and members also took part in the presentation. Senior elder Daniel Yawha said the new block will be used by church members and visitors as well as Epauto school students. PEMF is a not-for-profit organisation in Thailand that promotes health awareness in accordance with traditional Chinese medicine. —Adventist Media: Vanuatu



New building for a new beginning

The Entrance and Erina churches on the Central Coast (NSW) are joining forces to build a new church known as Forrester's Beach Seventh-day Adventist Church. A small group of leaders from both churches gathered on Sunday, March 1 to celebrate the ground-breaking of this new project and to pray for God's blessing on the construction, which began the next day. The new church is expected to be completed within six months. Both Erina and The Entrance church properties have already been sold. —Glenda Harker



Time to account?

by Dr Sherry Hattingh

AS A CHILD IN SOUTH AFRICA I SPENT THE morning in school and the afternoon playing “school” at home on our farm teaching what I had learned to our farmhand’s children. My “school” operated out of Dad’s storage shed with neatly arranged wooden tomato box desks and a hand bell to announce the start and end. I did my best with what little I had and my “teaching” was far from competent. Today, teaching is my profession. I’ve trained in the discipline and honed my art. But just as when I was a child, I’m still learning every day as I teach.

From a child, I’ve also striven to be a disciple of Jesus. How am I tracking? That depends on how we define discipleship and how we measure it. There is, it turns out, surprising disagreement within Christianity over discipleship. Should we be monks purifying our souls? Should we aim for great material success to spread the influence of the gospel? Is discipleship about an inner discipline? Is it measured by what we do? Is it faith, is it works, is it about what we consume or what we discard? Is it all of that, none of that or something completely different? And if it is something real, tangible, definable, can it be measured? Can we know how we as individuals are tracking and how we as a Church are progressing?

Some are opposed to the idea of defining and then measuring discipleship. But it turns out the Bible pro-

vides specific traits of a disciple (see, for example, Matthew 28:19,20; John 15:8; Luke 9:23). Why provide those specific traits if we don’t take a minute to compare our lives to those biblical ideals? Today we measure baptisms. We measure tithe. We measure institutional growth. We measure the trajectory of offerings. All good. But none of those measures gets to the heart of what Jesus calls us to do: make disciples, baptise them and teach them to obey

all that He has commanded. If we don’t measure discipleship we can be tracking brilliantly in every area we account for and not know we are utterly failing in our core mission, or vice versa.

Discipleship is all about being transformed, maturing, remaining active, nurturing, growing, serving. Currently we’re conducting a South Pacific Division-wide survey on these aspects. The

more of us who participate, the better idea we’ll have of our strengths and our spiritual needs. Please visit: <www.surveymonkey.com/r/GrowingDisciples> and complete the survey. You don’t have to give your name and no-one will be looking over your shoulder. You can even do it during the break between Sabbath School and church on your phone. Or, dare I say it, during a lull in the sermon! You might be very surprised by the outcome!



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Heritage

by Melinda Southon

IN 1903, MY GREAT-GRANDMOTHER EMILY BEST WROTE to her eight children as she lay dying in Gympie Hospital, some 70km over rough bush track from her family. She was dying of gangrene of the arm, which was progressively amputated using only chloroform as an anaesthetic. Six days after writing the letter, she died, aged just 41:

My chief regret now is that I did not spend more time in teaching you more of Him and His love. Some years ago when we were at the farm you remember, I did try to spend one part of the day in this blessed way, but something, no matter what now, caused that time to be discontinued. Dear Arthur and Teddie have sometimes had this blessed privilege with me, when you bigger ones were at church, but, my dearies, all of you have this matter in your own hands.

Mollie, Gracie, Georgie, Jack and Arthur, you all can read, and I earnestly ask that some time or other in the day you will spend some time in reading God's Word and as Teddy, Dorothy and Marjory grow older and able to read for themselves, you will teach them to do this. Also, tell them not to forget to start the day with prayer, giving thanks to God for all His Goodness, and ask them to end each day the same . . .

I feel as I lie here that nothing is of any use but to know the Lord Jesus. I feel if I had to go over my time again I should never be tired of the theme or be tired of telling. One happy comfort I have now is, He does sustain me. It is very hard not to see any of your dear faces just now when I want you so much; but God is good, and underneath me are His everlasting arms.

My great-grandmother on the other side of my family faced heartbreakingly difficult times too. After having eight children, one of whom died, her husband was killed by the kick of a horse. She was left with seven children to care for and a farm to run. Weighing on her was also the premature death of her father, who had committed suicide. As the world slipped into economic depression, she also took her own life.

My family is not unique. Tragedy of almost incompre-

hensible scale punctuates the lives of everyone living in a sinful world, as does courage and faith even in the hardest of circumstances. The tragedies, and how they are handled, become interwoven into our heritage.

I am fortunate. My parents gave me a heritage of Christian love. My childhood memories are of Mum reading her Bible in the early hours of the morning and of Dad in his study praying and studying his Bible.

But today I'm challenged with the kind of heritage I'm going to provide to my children. There are some mums who are constantly yelling at their children. I swore to myself that I would not do that and yet at times I catch myself doing the same thing.

It's very easy in a busy household for me to think, "I'll pray more when I get these kids off to school . . . when the kids start sleeping I'll read my Bible more first thing in the morning . . . I'll cook dinner then I'll play with the kids . . . I'll check Facebook then I'll read my devotional, etc." Maybe all of us make excuses like that? But Ec-

clesiastes 11:4 says: "If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."

Just as we plan for birthdays and holidays, we must plan for the spiritual heritage we will give our children. That doesn't begin with what I tell them; it begins with how I invest my own time. Am I spending enough time studying my Bible? Do I spend more time praying or on Facebook? Do I pray with and for my children every day? Are my children seeing me spend time with God? Colossians 4:2 says: "Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart."

We have no choice in our heritage—we inherit the good and the bad, the beautiful, the heartbreaking, the courageous and the tragic—but we do have a choice in the heritage we leave for the next generation. All of us will one day look back over our lives like my great-grandmother Emily Best did. And none of us will regret the time we invested providing a heritage of God's love to our children. **R**

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Paleo or plant-based #2

The paleo diet attracts a lot of people because it's a simple idea that makes sense. For optimal health we should look to eat a diet like that of our ancestors; the diets that were being eaten before we started to see our current epidemic of chronic disease. So does this mean the paleo diet could be protective against chronic disease? Well the answer is both yes and no.

Brenda Davis, one of the world's leading experts in plant-based nutrition, presented her investigations into the paleo-based diet at "Paleo or Plant-based? Tackling Current Controversies in Nutrition", a recent event at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. She looked at the studies analysing what Palaeolithic nutrition actually looked like, with a comprehensive breakdown of the levels of different nutrients provided. She then compared these levels to those provided by a popular modern day paleo diet meal plan and one other non-paleo diet meal plan.

What Brenda found was that of the 17 nutrients analysed, the modern day paleo meal plan was only closest to the traditional Palaeolithic diet in four of these, while the non-paleo diet was closest in the other 13. So while traditional Palaeolithic diets appear to have been quite healthy, modern day paleo diets seem to bear little resemblance to them. So what was the non-paleo diet meal plan that was far more closely aligned with the traditional Palaeolithic diet data? A completely plant based one; the type of diet that has been shown time and time again to be one of the healthiest ways to eat.



Chickpea and broad bean salad

Preparation time: 20 minutes Cooking time: 7 minutes Serves: 6

600g packet of frozen broad beans
2 x 400g can chickpeas, drained
1 small red onion, finely diced
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon ground coriander
1 tablespoon paprika
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon reduced-salt soy sauce
2 lemons, juice only
½ cup macadamia nuts, roasted
½ cup parsley leaves, torn
¼ cup mint leaves, torn

1. Cook the broad beans in a large pan of boiling water for 7 minutes, then drain and refresh under cold water. Drain again and slip off the grey skin from each bean.
2. Mix everything together except the herbs and nuts and leave to marinate for 20 minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning.
3. Mix in most of the herbs at the last minute, reserving a little to scatter on top.

NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE: Kilojoules 1400kJ (355 Cal). Protein 17g. Total fat 16g. Carbohydrate 26g. Sodium 465mg. Potassium 550mg. Calcium 110mg. Iron 5.2mg. Fibre 12g.

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by Vania Chew

IT DIDN'T MATTER WHERE JOSHUA CORDA LOOKED—at signs, number plates, clocks or speedometers—the same numbers kept popping up everywhere. What did they mean? Was the universe trying to tell him something?

Brought up Catholic, Joshua stopped attending church in his teens. He became interested in conspiracy theories and gradually lost confidence in Christianity.

"People said the world was going to end in December 2012 [when the Mayan calendar ended] and it made me start asking questions," he says. "Is this true? How can I survive and save the people closest to me?"

He began consulting with clairvoyants, tarot card readers and white witches. Their answers didn't satisfy him.

What do you do when nobody can answer your questions?

Joshua decided he needed to develop psychic powers himself.

"I began studying the New Age movement," he says. "I was at the home of some New Age healers and they offered me a book. I was given the choice between a book on Rosicrucians and a book called *The Aquarian Gospel of*

Jesus Christ. It was probably my Catholic background but I was drawn to the latter."

The book, published in 1908, is touted by New Agers as a transcript of mystical knowledge concerning the 18 years of Jesus' life not mentioned in the Bible.

Ironically, it was through reading the book that Joshua first learned about the Sabbath—and Adventists.

"I read the Ten Commandments in this book, particularly the fourth which I hadn't really noticed before, and saw it mentioned the Sabbath," he says.

He looked up "Sabbath" in an encyclopedia and learned that it fell on Saturday, the seventh day of the week. He also discovered most Christians had adopted Sunday as their day of rest but that Seventh-day Adventists, a Christian denomination, still kept

the seventh day holy.

"I remember wanting to keep the Sabbath because I was inspired," Joshua says. "But I didn't know how to do it."

Joshua was doing some landscaping work with his father at Mangrove Mountain (NSW) when his dad mentioned that a family friend attended a nearby ashram.

"I saw these numbers all the time and believed it was confirmation I was on the right track in my quest for answers."

Joshua's ears immediately pricked up. He had become interested in yoga and was eager to learn from master yogis.

The ashram was 40 minutes from his home and the courses were a week long at most. This didn't appeal to Joshua, who had his heart set on something further away and with a longer duration of study. He learned they had a sister ashram in Victoria that offered a 10-week yogi course and decided to go there instead.

On his way to the ashram he noticed the numbers 333 on various number plates.

"New Agers believe there are meanings attached to recurring numbers," he explains. "I saw these numbers all the time and believed it was confirmation I was on the right track in my quest for answers. I was looking for answers everywhere—except God."

Joshua stayed at the Victorian ashram for four months and then went on to an ashram in India, living what he describes as "the yogi lifestyle".

"People treat yogi gurus like gods . . . it was something new for me to observe their level of devotion to these people," he recalls.

When Joshua returned to Australia he joined the WWOOF (Willing Workers On Organic Farms) scheme, in which people volunteer on farms and receive food and accommodation in exchange for labour.

"I met Delphine at the second property I visited," he says. "She was an interesting mixture of spiritual orientations—she identified as a clairvoyant, Buddhist and Christian!"

Delphine offered Joshua a place to stay and introduced him to Tibetan Buddhism. Soon he was doing volunteer work at the Buddhist centre she attended.

"Buddhism never made sense to me," he says. "They don't believe in God as Creator but they do believe in deities and universal laws. I tried to ask them who put those laws in place and they couldn't tell me. Buddhism didn't answer the questions I had—it only created more."

One afternoon Delphine picked Joshua up after his volunteer work at the Buddhist centre. He glanced at the dashboard and noticed the time: 3:33pm.

"There are those numbers again!" he exclaimed aloud. Delphine looked at him strangely.

"I told her about the numbers, hoping she might be able to help shed light on what they meant," he says. "She told me to be patient because the significance might reveal itself to me in time."

Joshua wouldn't have to be patient for much longer. His answers weren't far away.

When Delphine's mother Gaya, an Adventist, came to visit, Joshua asked her what Adventists believed.

"We believe the seventh day of the week, which is on Saturday, is the Sabbath," she replied. In that instant Joshua remembered what he had read in the encyclopedia.

Not long after Gaya's visit, it was her birthday and it

happened to fall on Sabbath. Delphine and Joshua decided to visit Gaya's church that day.

Sabbath School had started by the time they arrived so Gaya

took Joshua downstairs and introduced him to the pastor, explaining that Joshua was on a spiritual journey.

They talked for a while until the pastor unexpectedly asked, "Joshua, would you like to know God's telephone number?"

Joshua was bewildered. Was this some weird Christian thing? But he decided to go along with it anyway. "Sure!"

The pastor looked into his eyes and slowly said: "Jeremiah 33:3."

Joshua froze. There were those numbers again!

He stared at the pastor in disbelief. "You don't know what those numbers mean to me."

The pastor looked up the verse in the Bible for him: "Call unto Me and I will answer you. And I will show you great and mighty things which you know not."

That afternoon, on a bushwalk, Joshua met another woman. As they talked, the woman shared that she also had the same numbers recur in her life. Joshua was stunned. He immediately shared what he had learned in church that morning.

That night he went home and lifted his heart up to God in prayer.

Joshua quickly lost interest in the New Age and began hungering for a deeper knowledge of God. The door was opened for him to go on a mission trip to Thailand and help build a Bible college. During his time in Thailand he was convicted to commit his life to God and was baptised on October 16, 2010.

"My family were worried that I had joined some weird cult," he laughs. "But God is good. He answered my prayers—my mum and dad were baptised on September 27 last year." And Delphine? "She was rebaptised into the Adventist Church too."

And as for mystical numbers? Joshua has learned that a life lived in Christ isn't about secret codes, it's about the open acceptance of Jesus.



Josh (centre) with Gaya and Delphine.

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OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

R RECORD REWIND

Adventist women preachers

Jews in the news: dreamtime omens

The story behind Daniel 2's prophecy has vital lessons as to how God's end-time Israelites should live so as to fulfil God's purpose for their lives.

These lessons include: in love, God speaks to humans in ways with which they are familiar. Here he used a dream, which to a Babylonian was an omen of things to come; the impotence of the psychics with all their astrology charts and other paraphernalia to predict the future, in contrast to God's prophets; the place of trials in the life of God's people, which here enabled Daniel to reveal the power of God; and the concern and care we should have for those inside and outside the faith.

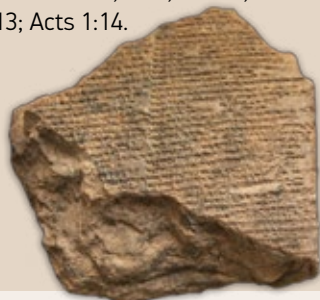
Read Daniel 2:1-4,12,13,24-28,45-49.

But two other lessons stand out. Firstly, the significance of prophecy in reaching non-believers. In order to bring Nebuchadnezzar to faith, God gave him two prophetic dreams, with interpretations from His prophet. Just google "prophecy" and you'll see that many people today also want to know the future. None less than Jesus believed that fulfilled prophecy helps people to have faith in God. As a young seeker it certainly did that for me.

Read Daniel 2, 4; 2:46,47; John 14:29.

Finally, like a shining beacon, is the importance and power of prayer. Prayer is a feature of Daniel's book. In this case, when faced with death Daniel went on his knees but not alone. His three friends joined him. As a result the Spirit came on Daniel, giving him the gift of prophecy. Earnest and sincere prayer, and that corporately, is one of God's means of sending His Spirit in greater power on His church.

Read Daniel 2:17-23; 6:10; 9:3-21; 10:2-12; Luke 11:13; Acts 1:14.



This "Dream Omen" tablet in the British Museum reveals that, just as the Bible says, dreams were very significant to the ancient Babylonians.

Women preachers were rare in the 19th century. While Ellen White was well known as a powerful speaker, few contemporary Adventists would be aware that from 1878 to 1910 there were 31 other women to whom the Church provided ministerial licences. While most were on the denominational payroll, at least one, dentist Dr Margaret Caro in Napier, New Zealand, was self-supporting. The Church was small back then and women held a higher proportion of ministerial and leadership/departmental roles at the time than in the decades following.



Some of these lady pastors were particularly effective. Ellen Lane was an especially powerful preacher who drew large crowds. One Sabbath morning in Virginia her husband Elbert attracted only 35 people while the next day 650 came to hear Ellen preach. Lulu Wightman was licensed in 1898 and between 1895 and 1905 she planted 12 new churches in New York state. Then she and her husband, licensed in 1904, together raised up five more churches. In 1903, New York had 11 ministers and two Bible workers but 60 per cent of the new converts that year were won by the Wightmans and one Bible worker. Also very effective in her ministry was Jessie Weiss Curtis, whose reputation in 1927 as a preacher attracted press coverage, the reporter writing, "Coming from a radius of 20 miles, there have been as many as 110 automobile loads at a single service." There are other notable examples that space prevents us from sharing here.

Ellen White, remembering that the first preacher to tell of a risen Christ was a woman, observed in the January 2, 1879 *Review* that "the refining, softening influence of Christian women is needed in the great work of preaching the truth". In 1895 she recommended the ordination of some women to deaconess-related work, a suggestion soon implemented in the Ashfield church in Sydney by Pastors Corliss and McCullagh "by prayer and the laying on of hands". Five years later this was repeated in the same church with Elder W C White officiating on that occasion.

With the numbers of women pastors increasing in the early years of the Adventist Church it was inevitable the issue of ordination for them would come up for discussion. In 1881 the following resolution was offered to the General Conference session: "That females possessing the necessary qualification . . . may be set aside by ordination to the work of the Christian ministry." Referred to the General Conference Committee for consideration, there is no record the matter was ever addressed. However, the important thing to note is that if Ellen White believed that it was theologically wrong to ordain women to ministry she would have said so at the time—and she did not. After her death, her former assistant, CC Crisler, responded to an enquiry by writing, "This is not suggesting, much less saying, that no women are fitted for such labor (sic), and that none should ever be ordained; it is simply saying that so far as my knowledge extends, Sister White never encouraged church officials to depart from the general *customs* of the Church in those matters" (italics supplied).

The reality is that during her lifetime the formal ordination of women pastors to paid ministry was not a priority for Ellen White. As always, her constant focus was on the Church achieving a greater unity and a deeper spirituality.

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Kids' SPACE

Hi Kids!

Notice all the 'white' colour words in the story?

Jesus rests in a sealed tomb over Sabbath. On Sunday morning an earthquake shakes the ground. An angel rolls the stone away. Jesus is alive! The soldiers are afraid and run away. Ladies who come to the tomb find it empty! Angels tell them that Jesus is risen!

Find them here in this

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"He is not here; He has risen!"

Luke 24:6, NIV (Memory Verse:)

Because He lives again, I can choose to have a happy future with Jesus!

(Worship Message)

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LETTERS

MILLER'S STORY

Ruth Crocombe, PNG

I was greatly interested to see the profile of Harry W Miller in Record Rewind (June 7, 2014). I am currently writing my Masters of Philosophy thesis on the role Seventh-day Adventist missionaries played in Nationalist China. However, I was saddened to see there were a number of statements that require some clarification and correction.

Firstly, there is no historical record that Miller ever negotiated for Chiang's release during the Xi'an Incident, and Miller's biography, written at his behest, does not make this claim. It is true that Miller was asked to negotiate for Chiang's release by Madame Chiang due to his close relationship with Zhang Xueliang (Chang Hsueh-liang). However, Miller felt it was inappropriate for a missionary to take on a political role of this nature.

The description of the photo accompanying the article is also inaccurate. Although the plane did belong to Zhang Xueliang, it was not used by Miller for the purpose of conducting negotiations with Chiang Kai-shek's kidnappers.

On March 28, 1936, Clarence Creagar Crisler (secretary of the China Division) died en route to Tibet. A few days later, Miller made use of Zhang's plane to take a party from Church headquarters in Shanghai to attend the funeral. A copy of this photo, held in the Ellen G White Estate gallery, identifies the plane as belonging to "Marshall Chang". Pictured, from left to right in the photo, are: Mrs Li (Crisler's secretary) Miss Bessie Mount (China Division Sabbath School secretary) Mrs Crisler (wife), Beatrice Crisler (daughter, a music teacher at the Far

Eastern Academy in Shanghai), HW Miller and Pastor OA Hall, who conducted the funeral service. All are members of the party attending Crisler's funeral. Please continue to profile our early missionary pioneers. Many of them have stories that deserve a wider audience.

WHAT GOD WANTS?

Tony Bates, Vic

I am responding to "Five ways Muslims are more biblical than Adventists" (Editorial, December 20, 2014) because I think the piece is absolutely absurd.

Firstly, which Adventists is the author referring to and which Muslims is he referring to? In both groups there are so many different types. In contradiction to the editorial, News In Brief in the same issue featured an item: "Adventists massacred". By who? Were their actions biblical?

How can you really tell whether those five points are biblical? For example, the first states that Muslims seek the will of the Lord? Do all of them? Is that the same will that leads ISIS to rape, torture and kill? Is the respect sincere or out of fear of punishment? That also goes for modesty. Is it because of fear?

Sincerely praying and fasting does not necessarily mean holiness, as Jesus Himself did warn against repetitive prayers and fasting for strife.

I think that no comparison should have been made between the two faiths because it falls flat through so many contradictions.

If we want to win Muslims it is not through showing them where they are better than us but in serving them and living principles we believe in.

BLESSED

Margaret and Errol Arthur, Vic

We can understand your "Love life advice" (Editorial, February 7) for Valentine's Day and rejoice with you that you experience and enjoy a "Christian home".

We agree with your steps, [but] regarding step 3—it should be pointed out that we have to learn to love. We are naturally selfish creatures. "Love is a principle as well as an emotion . . ." (Ellen White, "How God's love is Manifested", Part 1). "It is not merely a sentiment or an emotion. It is a living principle that is manifest in action."

These days there seems to be more emphasis on the emotion—to express love is so important but even more so is for it to be shown when perhaps the feeling is not there. For example, a husband comes home after a long work day; he finds his wife, perhaps not looking her best, feeling frazzled, the house messy, things not organised, the meal not ready—the best thing is to "wash the dishes". Quietly, gently help and encourage her. Perhaps she has had a trying day with the children or studying or working.

Having "special time" together, having a "holiday without the children", would be great. But not all families can afford such! As a minister once said, "Marriage is not all 'moonlight and roses' but 'daylight and dishes' also."

Steps 1,2,4 and 5 are excellent; step 3 needs to be more inclusive of everyday life. [Love is] not merely a sentiment or emotion but a living principle by God's grace in all circumstances. Just some thoughts to share after almost 65 blessed years together with God.

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POSITIONS VACANT

■ Assistant chief financial officer—Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited (Brisbane, Qld).

Senior position responsible to the chief financial officer, various areas of financial management, reporting and administration functions. The successful applicant will be an active member of the Adventist Church, hold business/management/accounting academic qualifications, member/eligible to be a member of professional accounting organisation (CA/CPA) and demonstrate current extensive and relevant financial management and administration experience. They should possess general ICT knowledge and good communication and relational skills. Written applications, including detailed resume and references, should be forwarded to: Chief Financial Officer, Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane, QLD 4000. Administration reserves the right to make an appointment to this position. Only current residents of Australia and New Zealand need apply. Applications close **March 25, 2015**.

■ Aged care accountant—Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Limited (Brisbane, Qld).

Senior full-time position commencing March 2015 as part of the Conference finance team and responsible to the chief operating officer for all financial transaction processing and reporting within the aged care ministry of the Conference. The successful applicant should be a practising member of the Adventist Church and hold business/management/accounting academic qualifications (degree level), be a member or eligible member of a professional accounting organisation (CA/CPA), demonstrate current experience in financial management and possess good communication and relational skills. Send written applications to: Chief Financial Officer, Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Limited, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Administration reserves the right to appoint this position. Only current residents of Australia/New Zealand need apply. Applications close **March 25, 2015**.

■ Business manager—Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Limited (Brisbane-based).

Senior position responsible to the chief financial officer and various areas of financial management within the growing education ministry of the Conference. The successful candidate will work in close consultation with the school principal to achieve positive financial/management aims and objectives for the school. S/he should be an active member of the Adventist Church and hold business/management/accounting academic qualifications (degree level), demonstrate current relevant experience in financial management/administration and possess good communication and relational skills—essential for this position. Send written applications to: Chief Financial Officer, Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Limited, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Administration reserves the right to appoint this position. Only current residents of Australia and New Zealand need apply. Applications close **March 25, 2015**.

■ Assistant manager—Better Books and Food (Cooranbong, NSW).

The North New South Wales Conference is seeking to appoint an assistant manager. This position will provide support to the manager in managing workflow, daily operations and in the supervision and training of staff. The position will report directly to the store manager, and will require sound administrative, key board and data entry skills and experience. To discuss the role or to request a job description, please contact Gillian Knight, (02) 4951 8088 or email <gillianknight@adventist.org.au>. Applications are to be submitted in writing by email to <gillianknight@adventist.org.au>, addressing the essential and desirable criteria outlined in the job description. Applications close **April 3, 2015**.

■ Business manager (part-time)—Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Limited (Sunshine Coast).

Senior position responsible to CFO and various financial management areas within the growing education ministry of the Conference. Successful candidate will work in consultation with the school principal to achieve positive financial/management aims and objectives for the school. Should be an active member of the Adventist Church and hold business/management/accounting academic qualifications (degree level), demonstrate current relevant experience in financial management/administration and possess good communication and relational skills essential for this position. This position is part-time (20 hrs per week). Send written applications to: Chief Financial Officer, Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Limited, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Administration reserves the right to appoint this position. Only current residents of Australia and New Zealand need apply. Applications close **March 25, 2015**.

■ Chief executive officer—Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Ltd.

This position involves giving leadership and representing aged care in South Queensland. Reporting to the Board, you will manage the operational activities of the organisation while driving strategic direction. A major measure of your performance will be an effective and harmonious relationship with residents, families, staff and other stakeholders. Cognisant of industry "best practice", you will ensure provision, delivery and quality of care is in accordance with the needs of residents/clients and in step with aged care standards and ongoing reform. The successful applicant should have high level management and administrative skills, and tertiary qualifications in management. Written applications, curriculum vitae and referees should be forwarded to: Secretary, Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Limited, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane, Qld 4000 or fax to (07) 3236 1305 or email to <colinrenfrew@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **April 30, 2015**.

■ Executive care manager—Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Ltd.

This position involves overseeing the care needs of the system, the development and monitoring of consistent policies and procedures, and working with local care managers to ensure the best possible care for residents and the compliance with aged care accreditation standards. The successful applicant should have a tertiary qualification and experience in nursing administration with previous experience in caring for aged and disabled persons, and current registration with the Queensland Nursing Council or ability to achieve such registration. An understanding of Commonwealth Government funding policies and procedures for residential aged care is essential. Written applications, curriculum vitae and referees should be forwarded to: Secretary, Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Limited, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane, Qld 4000, or fax to (07) 3236 1305, or email to <colinrenfrew@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **April 30, 2015**.

■ Assistant accountant—North NSW Conference (Wallsend, NSW)

is seeking to appoint an assistant accountant to provide a range of accounting services. This will include providing information and support for the adoption of Best Practice Accounting Principles. Reporting directly to the senior accountant this position will require a high level of computer literacy. The successful applicant will be involved in training and presenting, and efficiently processing data on a timely basis. To discuss the role or to request a job description, please contact: Gillian Knight (02) 4951 8088 or email <gillianknight@adventist.org.au>. Please submit written applications to <gillianknight@adventist.org.au> addressing the essential and desirable criteria outlined in the job description. Applications close **April 15, 2015**.

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APPRECIATION

Barnard. Pastor Leonard Henry. Noela and family members wish to express deep gratitude for the love, prayers, encouragement and thoughtfulness conveyed in so many ways during recent months. Len especially appreciated the many visits from his friends. A special thank you to the staff of Avondale House Cooranbong for their wonderful love, nursing care and attention shown during Len's stay. It was a great comfort and very much appreciated. Since Len's passing, floral tributes, cards and acts of hospitality etc. have given much support. Thank you. Len now rests until Jesus returns.

ANNIVERSARIES



McInnes. Roderick and Ann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends in a picturesque setting by the riverside in Ballina, NSW on 25.1.15. The highlight of the occasion was their recommitment to each other by the renewal of their marriage vows. May God continue to bless you both in the years to come.



Tiller. Fred and Barbara celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 2.1.15. God blessed them with four children, Rosalind (deceased), Lawrence, Merryl and Alan; six grandchildren, Katrina, David, Tamara-Jade, Matthew, Michael and Alexandra and two great-grandchildren, Lilly and Dylan. They met at Crosslands camp as teenagers. They have been members of Auburn, Gosford, Inverell, Maleny and now Toowoomba church.

WEDDINGS

Charlesworth-Demetriou. Keiran John Charlesworth, son of Lyndel Charlesworth (Clontarf, Qld) and John Charlesworth (deceased), and Suzanne Robin Demetriou, daughter of Margaret Roebig (Upper Kedron) and Robert Rose (deceased), were married 1.2.15 on the Redcliffe Jetty, Redcliffe.

Mike Brownhill



Eyre-Canestrari. Nathan Eyre, son of Andrew and Beth Eyre

(Harvey, WA), and Isabella Canestrari, daughter of Alberto and Tina Canestrari (Perth), were married 7.12.14 at Camp Logue Brook. The childhood sweethearts solemnised their wedding in the picturesque grounds of the WA Youth Camp-Camp Logue Brook. Nathan grew up as a child on the property, which was a beautiful outdoor setting for both ceremony and reception.

Derek McCutcheon

King-Richards. Simon King, son of Stephen and Kathy King (Newcastle, NSW) and Lynelle Richards, daughter of Ross and Wanda Richards (Moree), were married 9.11.14 in a garden ceremony in Tingira Heights. Simon and Lynelle met in 2011 at NNSW Big Camp. As the relationship grew Lynelle moved to the Newcastle area where Simon worked so they could become better acquainted. Their family and friends wish them the fullness of Gods blessing as they begin their married life together in Newcastle.

Ricky Hergenhan



Miller-Moore. Daniel James Miller, son of Geoff and Bev

Miller (Kenilworth, Qld), and Sheree Leigh Moore, daughter of Cristine Wills (Toowoomba) and Gary Moore (Gladstone), were married 25.1.15 at AnnaBella the Wedding Chapel, Sunshine Coast.

Nick Kross



Oberson-Clark. Christopher Francois Oberson, son of Monique

(deceased) and Francois Oberson, and Naomi Clark, daughter of Esther and Darran Clark, were married 26.10.14 in the Albury church, NSW. They are living in Wodonga, Vic.

Dragan Kanazir

OBITUARIES

Barnard, Leonard Henry, born 11.11.1919 in Wellington, NZ; died 14.1.15 in Cooranbong, NSW. On 28.12.1943, he married Mavis Parker in Hawera, NZ, who predeceased him in 2005. In 2006, he married Noela Shinnars. He is

survived by his wife (Cooranbong, NSW); his daughters, Sharyn and Fred Lang (Mitcham, Vic) and Kaye and Ken Hawkes (Cooranbong); and grandchildren, Louise, Mark, Bradley and Brendan; and five great-grandchildren. After a number of years in army medical work in PNG, he secured a pilot's licence with the dream of becoming a mission pilot. In 1964, 18 years later, he flew the first Adventist Mission plane after raising \$16,500 to purchase the brand new Cessna 180. Regarded as the father of Mission aviation in the South Pacific he founded Aviation Associations. Len and his wife Mavis served in a number of locations in the Highlands of PNG. In Len's later years he could not keep out of the sky and flew ultralight aircraft until he was 90, becoming the oldest active recreational pilot.

Adrian Craig, Roger Nixon

Baynes, Leonard Stanley, born 9.5.1921; died 13.2.15 in Estia Health Nursing Home, Strathalbyn, SA. He married Constance Doreen Baynes (Connie), who predeceased him in 2009. He is survived by his daughters, Wendy and Terry Brown (Echunga), and Lorraine. Len attended school at Woodville, SA. He went to the school of mines, did an apprenticeship at Holden as a machinist fitter and turner, did farming in Mylor, was good at welding, worked at the Oldfields Bakery doing deliveries in a horse-drawn cart, and was a storeman in Kondoparinga Dairy Vales cheese factory in Meadows. Len was baptised in the Murray Bridge church on 27.10.1996 by Pastor Allan Croft.

Lee Bowditch-Walsh

Gannaway, Albert Wilfred (Wil), born 29.8.1931; died 26.1.15 at Adventist Retirement Hostel, Victoria Point, Qld. On 2.7.55 he married Bev in Essendon, Vic. He is survived by his wife; and his children, Bruce, Susie and Mike. Wil's earliest spiritual influence was through an Adventist teacher at Collingwood Technical School, who impressed Wil with Bible prophecy and encouraged him to join his brass band, which later led to Wil joining the Advent Brass Band. Years later, an Adventist colporteur left a *Steps to Christ* with Bev. When Wil recognised its origin and remembered his earlier spiritual

influences, he declared to Bev, "If you want to, they are the ones to go to." They were baptised in 1972, in East Prahran church. Wil served his Church faithfully for all of his able years.

Alvin Coltheart

Haslam, Mark, born 21.12.1972 in Brisbane, Qld; died 12.7.14 in Toowoomba. On 27.12.1999, he married Natalie. He is survived by his wife; his children, Noah and Jessica (Toowoomba); his parents Steve and Marilyn Haslam (Mackay); and his sisters and their spouses, Suzan and Sean, and Lynette and Brendan. Mark served God faithfully and pioneered in health ministry. His family look forward to seeing him again on Resurrection morning.

Andrew Feaveai

Hawkes, Freda May, born 28.2.1921 in Broken Hill, NSW; died 27.11.14 in Cooranbong. On 15.1.1946 she married Pastor Lester Hawkes. She is survived by her husband; Lyn (Sydney), Ken (Martinsville) and Robyn Scale (Alice Springs, NT). Freda was an unsung heroine of Adventist mission in the Pacific. Her life includes 55 years of active service covering PNG, Pitcairn, Thailand, South New Zealand and Australia. A lady of dignity, courage, skill and perseverance but intertwined with all these attributes a lady of faith. Freda was a lady of endless energy whose diminished sight in recent years caused her much frustration but her love of family and church were evident by that engaging smile.

Alan Saunders

Henderson, Joyce Ruby (nee Alford), born 30.9.1920 in Perth, WA; died 22.1.15 in Fremantle, following a brief illness. In 1944, she married John Henderson who predeceased her in 2006. She is survived by her son, Peter and Fiona; and her grandson, Daniel. With her family she became a member of the Fremantle church as a teenager. She was an accomplished musician and shared her talent in the church and community, still playing regularly in Sherwin Lodge until two weeks before her death. Joyce made a huge contribution to the church and community throughout her life as a nurse, a teacher, a musician and in leadership roles in WCTU, WA. Faithful till the end.

Roger Millist

Masoe-Potoi, Tofilau Tamala Tolutasi, born in Apia, Samoa; died 23.1.15 in Blacktown Hospital, Sydney, NSW. He married Nofoa Faiumu-Potoi. He is survived by his wife; his children and their families, Dominic, Desley and Donny; and grandchildren, Blake Hooper Masoe-Potoi, Aliyah Masoe-Potoi, Matavius-James Potoi-Petaia and Kadeeja Potoi-Petaia. A committed member of Mt Druitt Samoan church, he is sadly missed by his family and church community. Until the Resurrection morning, sleep well Tofilau.

*Asofitu Leatuavao
Neone Okesene*

McPhail, Malcolm Joseph (Mac), born 29.10.1922 in Toowoomba, Qld; died 21.12.14 in Toowoomba. On 26.2.1955, he married Sheila Dennehy. He is survived by his wife; and his children, Malcolm, and Karen McPhail (all of Toowoomba). Mac saw no problem too big. His hard work and love for God will be missed by the Toowoomba Central church.

Clive Butcher, Andrew Feaveai

Thompson, Desmond Cranston, born 23.12.1937; died 30.12.14 at home in Murwillumbah, NSW. He is survived by three children and their families, Sean (Brisbane, Qld.), Scott (Bali) and Marlis (Kingscliff, NSW); and a brother, Gary (Buderim, Qld). Although he spent some time in Melbourne in his early life, where he trained as a teacher, he returned to the Northern Rivers Mullumbimby area, where he engaged in various business ventures. In retirement he was active in church life and for some years pioneered the reading and taping of the "Signs" for the vision impaired. Des sleeps in Jesus, in the sure hope of a resurrection at the soon return of his Lord.

Malcolm Allen

Young-Starr, Lavinia Catherine

(nee Duncombe), born 1.9.1921 in Swansea, Tas; died 27.1.15 in Cooranbong, NSW. On 17.9.1941, she married Donald Young who predeceased her in 1994. In 1998, she married Pastor Phil Starr who also predeceased her in 2004. She was also predeceased by her child, Ashley. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Melvern (California, USA), Adele Rowden-Johnson (Ellalong, NSW), Cameron, (Chinchilla, Qld) and Lorena Bowers (California, USA); her 22 grandchildren and her 35 great grandchildren. Cath is remembered for her passion for God and family and commitment to her church and ministry in both Australia and America. Cath had a mischievous love of life, a vibrant prayer life and confidence in God's promises.

Raymond Coombe

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—Helen Keller.

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■ **Assistant Cook—Cedarvale Health and Lifestyle Retreat (Kangaroo Valley, NSW),** is seeking a person who is passionate about cooking and has good interpersonal skills. Can be either a part or full-time position. Training is available. Position available immediately. For more information phone (02) 4465 1362 or email <info@cedarvaleretreat.com.au>.

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■ **Grey Nomad volunteers.** Are you travelling through Western Australia and have a heart for helping Aboriginal young people? Karatundi Aboriginal Education Community is looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of ways including in the caravan park and shop and in keeping the school and grounds in good condition. If you have current working with children and TRBWA credentials there are also roles open in the school. Accommodation will be in the caravan park and will be without charge for those who are willing to help. There is no minimum time but all assistance will be appreciated. For more information please contact the school principal, Mr Stephen Hill at <principal@karatundi.wa.edu.au>.

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VOLUNTEERS

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Contact SPD Adventist Volunteers
<volunteers@adventist.org.au>.

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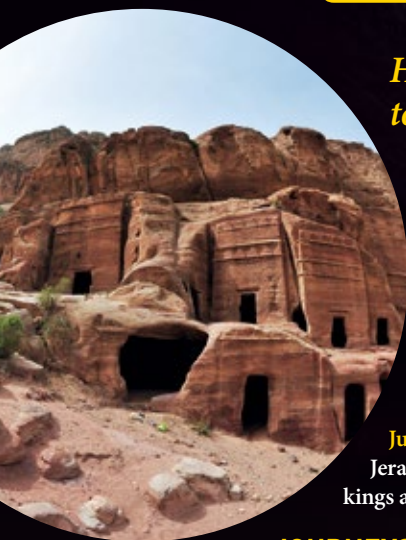
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