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# SEARCH + DREAM = DISCOVERY

BRIAN CURSON, Publishing Director, South Queensland Conference

JANET HARMAN started life in the small Queensland town of Gayndah, famous for its citrus fruit. During her late teens, Jan decided to change religions, forsaking her Methodist beliefs for the Assemblies of God Church. For a number of years Jan walked close to God, but one day the church members tried to make her speak in tongues. Jan felt it wasn't for her, so stopped going to church. In her own words Jan expressed what happened after this separation. "I thought I could remain a Christian on my own. But, of course, you can't."

The years passed by. Marriage, two children born into the family. Even though quite settled and content with things, in the back of her mind she felt something was wrong. The association with Christians, the closeness with God was not there, so Jan started to search among the different churches, but there didn't seem to be any room for spiritual growth, so Jan gave up her search.

Then one night God gave Jan a dream. It seemed that two conveyor belts packed with people were moving in the same direction, separated by only a short wall. The conveyor belt on which stood Jan's husband, was packed with people doing all the sins of this world—drinking, smoking, etc. It was dark and gloomy, and the expression on their faces was dismal and sad.

The other conveyor belt, on which Jan and her two children occupied a place, was just the opposite. It was brilliantly lit, and the faces of the few on board radiated happiness as they looked toward heaven. Just ahead the belts entered a tunnel in which they would be separated permanently. Jan and the children were pleading for Mr Harman to join them before it was too late. All he had to do was reach out and take a hand to get across to the family. At this critical moment Jan awakened from her dream, not knowing the end result.

Jan had no doubt about the meaning of her dream. She got the message to put her life in order and teach the children of Jesus' love. She concluded that it was better three be saved than four lost. Her husband would make his own decision, but she couldn't wait any longer.

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But there was a problem. What church should Jan join? She had tried and failed. Now it must be left in God's hands to direct. While waiting on God to answer her prayer, she studied the Bible continually. Just two weeks later a young woman named Heather Medhurst decided to visit Jan for the first time. They had spoken to each other when they met up the



From left: Brian Curson, Publishing director, South Queensland Conference; Amanda Harman; Heather Medhurst; Janet Harman; Jeremy Harman; John Hebbard, literature evangelist; Pastor M. Woods, minister, Maryborough church.

street, but had never visited before. After a short time the conversation changed to religion, and Jan soon realised that the things Heather believed and what she understood the Seventh-day Adventists believed, were the same things she had become convicted of since studying the Bible. But there was some uncertainty about the Sabbath, as it was something completely new to her. Heather made daily visits, giving Jan extra material on the Sabbath. So Jan decided to ask God to convict her beyond doubt, if this was the way she should go.

One day, shortly after Jan had just arrived home from visiting Heather, she was walking up the back steps when she heard someone knocking on the front door. The visitor was John Hebbard, a literature evangelist on his first day out on his own following training by the local Publishing director. Had he called a few seconds earlier he would have missed Jan. John demonstrated the health books and then commenced to promote our message book Today, Tomorrow and You. When Jan's eyes caught sight of the chapter entitled, "Which Is God's Day?" listed on the contents page, the question was asked, "Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" Jan was sure that this was an answer to her prayer.

John listened with amazement to the whole story as it flowed from Jan's lips.

Immediately John arranged to leave the Kenneth Cox videotapes and recording machine, much to the surprise of her husband. Fancy trusting complete strangers with such valuable equipment! John, living some distance away, called regularly to answer any questions and drop in further cassettes. Even though her husband didn't get involved, Jan partook hungrily of the spiritual food.

Now Heather invited Jan and her children along to the Sabbath services held in the home of a local church member at Gayndah. She loved the people and the message, and desired to be baptised. Baptismal studies commenced with Pastor Woods, the Maryborough church minister, and on Sabbath, August 24, the members of the Maryborough and Gayndah churches witnessed another precious soul miraculously directed to God's remnant church.

Today, Jan's testimony is, "I know I've discovered the church to which I want to belong. The love and fellowship I've found since becoming an Adventist still surprises me. I'm so glad to be home at last."

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In Touch With Our President ...

# "Unto You is Born a Saviour"



"WHAT KIND of a person is he?"

The questioner sat a table away from me enjoying a lunchtime snack. The answer drifted through the buzz and clatter of the cafe.

"Well, I don't know him really well; but he has a cool head and he likes people. I saw him in action.

The arrival of a salad sandwich turned my attention elsewhere. The question lingered on. "What kind of a person is he?" A common and interesting question. We like to fit people into categories; assign adjectives to them; slot them into the neat pigeonholes our minds provide.

But you cannot do that with Jesus Christ. Any attempt to give a final, absolute definition of His nature fails. We cannot ever

come to conclusions that describe Him fully.

Only through prayer and careful thought
may we even "speak the mystery of
Christ." Colossians 4:3. Human insufficiency veils our understanding of Him.

But the essential questions about Him that we direct at Inspiration do find answers.

Why was Jesus born?

"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

How did He become human?

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall over-shadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35.

How did the Father acknowledge Jesus?

"Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Luke 3:22.

From whom was Jesus descended?

"Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God," Luke 3:38.

So Jesus is both son and Son. Born of Mary and yet Son of God. Thus the word conveys the divine mystery of the human divine nature of Jesus Christ.

What kind of Person is He? He is Man of very man, and God of very God, as the ancient expressions of belief put it. You can neither lessen His humanity nor reduce His deity.

But that provokes further questions.

Did He sin?

"He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Was He tempted like we are?

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15.

Up to this point we have definite answers. But each of these provokes further questions. You can probably begin to ask them without help. Questions about His humanity. If He was the second Adam, does that mean He had the nature of Adam before or after the Fall? Did He inherit the sinful nature of the fallen Adam, or the unfallen nature of the original creation?

We could ask more questions. They go on and on in any inquiring mind. Not one of us can provide a completely satisfying answer. At this point we confront the mystery of godliness. Even if we have answers that satisfy us we should never be so arrogant as to insist that our answer is the final one, or must have everyone's assent.

Probing too deeply has dangers, as Ellen White reminds us. The Scriptures do not provide complete answers to every one of those questions.

Yet some questions may safely be asked, to which the Scriptures do provide the answers we need:

Who is Jesus Christ?

". . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

Why did He come among us?

"The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

What should we do about Him?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

At times people would lead us through forests of theology and speculation that do not direct us to pluck from the tree of life.

My desk has groaned under the photocopy blizzard that seeks to push this point or that about the nature of Jesus Christ. The material sounds persuasive, but so does the next mail that blows its white load my way.

Do not let yourself be moved from the one supreme truth about Jesus Christ: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." I Timothy 1:15. That message the whole world needs to know. Let us direct our energy toward the quest that Jesus Himself launched. Let us seek to lead sinners into a saving relationship with our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Walter R. L. Scragg President, South Pacific Division.



# South Queensland Camp Highlights

M. M. KENNAWAY, Communication Director, South Queensland Conference

THE SOUTH QUEENSLAND Conference camp-meeting held at Watson Park, Kallangur, September 26 to October 5, 1985, was again an event of spiritual and statistical significance. Meetings and reports, in harmony with the camp theme, "The Lord Leads," revealed a pervading spirit of gratitude for God's past blessings and confidence in His continuing guidance for the future.

A number of features were of particular interest. These were:

CHANGE OF PRESIDENTS—Following the call of Pastor H. G. Harker to serve as Trans-Tasman Union Conference president, the local conference executive committee called Pastor D. E. Lawson to serve as South Queensland president. Both retiring and newly appointed presidents were present for the whole of the camp. Pastor Harker served South Queensland for almost five years, and Pastor Lawson, a Queenslander by birth, has served in the Northern European and West African Division for ten years. He was division evangelist and Ministerial Association secretary before returning to Australia. Also present on the campground was one-time president Pastor Leo Rose and his wife, who served from 1972 to 1978. Three conference secretary-treasurers were together also—currently serving since 1979 R. E. Eager, previous secretary-treasurer I. R. Stratford, 1972 to 1978 inclusive, and former secretary-treasurer O. H. Twist, 1956 to 1967.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER—In addition to Division and union visitors, Pastor Morris L. Venden, Southwestern College youth pastor, from Keene, Texas, was the greatly appreciated speaker for both youth and seniors. His direct and simple presentations of the gospel built and fortified the spiritual experience of all who heard him speak.

ADVENTIST CHURCH CENTENARY—These celebrations were the focus of the second Sabbath afternoon program. A special pageant, Youth in Action, featuring period costume and absorbing historical background to the church, contributed to the general spirit of confidence and gratitude mentioned earlier.

ORDINATION—Two young men were set aside by ordination for the special work of the gospel ministry. These were Brother Stephen Currow, currently engaged in youth ministry in southern Queensland, and Brother Dragen Mladgen, ethnic pastor in the Brisbane district. Their wives, Narisa and Marica, joined them on the platform in total dedication to the cause of God.

FITNESS AND HEALTH—A very vital part of our message was emphasised again this camp with cooking demonstrations and guided physical activity in three areas—aerobics, running/jogging and walking

SOMERSET DAM REPORT—South Queensland has just embarked on a new project—900 acres of prime, freehold land on the shores of Somerset Dam, has just recently been acquired for development for a camp and convention site.

Three South Queensland Conference presidents: Pastors L. S. Rose; H. G. Harker; D. E. Lawson.



Pastor Geoffrey Youlden baptises Don Thomson at the South Queensland camp-meeting.

BAPTISM—During the first Sabbath divine service, eight people were baptised into Christ. This service was very inspirational and meaningful to those who attended as special guests from the Youlden World Report. Sixty-two made a decision for baptism. Then again on the second Sabbath afternoon, during the education program highlighting the soul-winning potential of our schools, eight young people were baptised. Two Sabbaths, two baptisms, double blessings.

CAMP STATISTICS—Figures for this year tell a story of continued growth and commitment. Four hundred and sixteen family tents and 224 caravans and forty huts housed the large number who attended. Each Sabbath saw over 4,000 people on the ground. Annual mission cash and pledges totalled a record \$50,436, which exceeded the previous highest figure in 1982 by \$8,000. Sabbath school offerings were \$9,625 and camp improvement offerings totalled \$12,411.00.

Praise God for what He has done and more for what He will do as we, His people, give ourselves totally to His service.

Three South Queensland Conference secretary-treasurers: Mr R. E. Eager; Pastor O. H. Twist; Pastor I. R. Stratford.



# A GLORIOUS DESTINY

J. G. COOMBS

YESTERDAY was a difficult one, and last night sleep didn't come easily. So I sat up in bed in the small hours of the morning with headphones on, and listened to Heifetz playing a Mozart concerto. A tide of peace engulfed my restless mind. Some day, said I to myself, I'll be able to play like that. With that kind of fluency, that kind of clarity, that kind of affinity with the soul of the music.

For God says that some day he'll glorify

And musically, that means a lot of things. It means I won't have to work hard at practice, as even Heifetz had to do. It means I will have the kind of violin that even Guernerius or Stradivarius would have despaired of making. It means I'll have a musical insight with technical ability to match that which even Heifetz would have coveted. It means that I'll be able to discover and explore musical horizons undreamt-of by mortal man.

Can this fantastic destiny really be for me, a poor, sinful mortal? Yes, God has promised it, even for me.

If any man-made promises for my future were one little bit as lavish as those God has proposed, I'd be deeply suspicious, if not downright scornful. But God is not a man. In His hands are resources beyond our imagination. He is unfettered by any limitations of time, space or creativity. And His love is just as measureless. It must be, for Him to be interested in a sinner such as me.

Yet it is so. Paul, writing to his congregations in pagan strongholds such as Corinth, Colosse and Thessalonica, and fully aware of the ingrained sinful background which continued to plague them in their daily battles, could still make statements such as: "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." And "When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." "God . . calls you into his kingdom and glory." (2 Corinthians 4:17; Colossians 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:12, NIV.)

But what backing do these lavish promissory notes have? The incarnate God submitted Himself into the hands of wicked men, allowing Himself to be crucified, thus paying the penalty for man's sinful spree. He is also only too well aware, then, of the depths of degradation and wickedness of which man is capable. And His triumphant resurrection, one of the best-established facts of history, was the supreme guarantee of His ability to fulfil His promise of a glorious eternal life for people such as me, a sinner.

Shortly before His crucifixion He referred to this future. "In my Father's house are many rooms. . . . I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am!" John 14:2, 3, NIV. And He made this promise immediately after foretel-

ling Peter's betrayal of Him. Oh yes, He was under no illusion concerning that impetuous rascal Peter—or me, either. Yet there were no reservations in His undertaking

What kind of place will this eternal home be? Paul, in Hebrews chapter 11, refers to it as a "country." Elsewhere in Scripture it is referred to as a "city." There will doubtless be a "city" within a "country." There will be no crime there: "My people will live in peaceful dwelling-places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest." There will also be no sickness: "No one living in Zion will say, I am ill; and the sins of those who dwell there will be forgiven." (Isaiah 32:18; 33:24, NIV.)

And there will be no sadness, death or pain; "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. ... No longer will there be any curse. ... There will be no more night. ... And they will reign for ever and ever." Revelation 21:4; 22:3-5.

This will be a beautiful haven for redeemed sinners, for the Source of all beauty will be its Creator. There will be no place for the ugly, the sordid. Beauty will be the watchword—beauty for the eyes, beauty for the ears, nothing but beauty. And it will be beauty of a degree unimaginable to poor mortals conditioned by this sin-polluted earth. While in this world we may gain occasional glimpses of beauty, only to be soon

blotted out by the sordid. But beauty will reign supreme in that country, for God Himself will also be there.

But because our concepts are so limited by our earthly experience, a full appreciation of what's in store for God's people is not now possible for us. With this in mind Paul also wrote, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." I Corinthians 2:9, NIV. Another inspired writer put it this way: "Every faculty will be developed, every capacity increased. . . There the grandest enterprises may be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations reached, the highest ambitions realised, and still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend...."—E. G. White, The Great Controversy, page 677.

And how may we qualify for admission? It's easy. You don't have to be a doctor of theology or do painful penance ten times a day. When Paul and Silas were in prison in Philippi and the prison building was wrecked by an earthquake, the panic-stricken gaoler rushed in asking, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" The answer? "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Acts 16:30, 31, NIV. Easy, isn't it? But there is no other way. For Christ Himself said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6, NIV.

But you can't buy, steal or swindle this prize. Moreover, there will be no imposters there. Or conscripts either. But neither will any who have accepted the Saviour's gracious offer in simple faith be excluded. It's too good a deal to pass up. Why not come to terms with with Him? The only alternative is death.

# MEET OUR AUTHORS 27—Noel Smith

NOEL H. J. SMITH was born in Hobart, Tasmania. As a young man he attended Avondale College. His first job was with the Sanitarium Health Food Company in Tasmania. He then worked in photolitho composing and literature evangelism, becoming a director of that work in Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland and Sydney. His ordination to the gospel ministry took place in New South Wales. He was appointed to pioneer publishing-evangelism in Sydney, establishing himself as a successful soul-winner in person-to-person evangelism.

While a Publishing Department director in Victoria, he directed a church building project in Hughesdale. In Queensland he was also church pastor and chairman of a church fundraising and building committee, where his flock built a church at Aspley, from the proceeds of waste paper.

When pastor of a company of twelve believers in New South Wales he followed up the literature ministry of Harold Edmunds. The congregation grew to forty-two members, and commenced a church building fund with waste cardboard. Today, a new church glorifies God in Muswellbrook. Now semiretired, Noel is pastor of another church with a building project in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney.

Pastor Smith has authored a book with the compelling title How YOU Can Be a Soul Winner, which outlines the initial steps and principles in successful soul-winning. Every Adventist should read this book for information and inspiration, and apply its principles. Available from our ABCs.



# Dear Uncle Bert and Aunt Lucy

SHERIDA CARRICK

I MISSED YOU at camp this year. It must be the first one you've missed in years. I wish you had been there, because Jesus was there. I walked and talked with Him. I know you're not surprised that Jesus was there, but I guess you

weren't expecting me.

Yes, I'm now a Seventh-day Adventist too. I was baptised at camp. My first camp and my first baptism. Well, the other baptism doesn't count. I was fourteen and came face to face with the doctrine of limbo and purgatory. I thought I'd baptise myself, just to be on the safe side. My motives were a little different this time. Finally I had found love, and I found it at the foot of the cross.

When, by grace, this Seventh-day Adventist message first began to penetrate my hard heart, I wondered, for just a moment, why Bert and Lucy had been keeping this to themselves all these years. That was a foolish thought, of course. Perhaps you tried with the older generation. I know the reception you would have received. You would have got the same from me too, once. I know you don't know me very well, but I know you now. In a way none of the other relatives do. I've heard the trumpet that your hearts beat to and glimpsed the glory of the Promised Land.

Perhaps you prayed for me. You may not have mentioned me by name; just lumped me in

with the rest of the family.

It doesn't matter. God knows my name and He's answered your prayer. I feel confident that you have included me in a prayer or two. I know this because I now pray for the rest of the family. Is it possible to hear this message and not want family and friends to stand with us when Jesus comes?

So now, I'm one of those strange relatives, too. The ones who are such a problem to feed when they come to visit. One of the aunts says, "Feed them corned meat." For some reason she thinks corned meat isn't really meat! My little sister has fed you egg and bacon pie-you left the bacon on the plate. She didn't mind. You'll be glad to know she's studying the SDA message too. Pray for her. And Uncle Bert, the family all know you're not really "one of them." You just did it to please Aunt Lucy. But I know better, Uncle Bert. I know you're "one of them," just as surely as I know "Lindy didn't do it.'

Let me share a litle of camp with you. Pastor Peter Joseit asked, "Do you know Christ? Do you really know Christ?" He brought us to the foot of the cross, and left us there in fellowship with our Saviour.

Pastor Lindsay Laws pointed out that of the many who deliberately choose the path of sin, few come back. His message was that it's far wiser not to take that path in the first place. I'm one of the few who came back, and I experienced more fully the awesome reality of saving grace.

Dr Allan Lindsay took us on a trip down memory lane, and for eleventh-hour labourers like myself, it was a thrill to catch a glimpse of the beginnings of this great church. Each evening we sat glued to our chairs as the history of the remnant people unfolded before us. Dr Lindsay also conducted a series of studies on Daniel, bringing new insights and understanding for many

Pastor Morris Venden inspired everyone with his delightful presentations. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he lifted up Christ to us. No matter what the subject, we always knew how Pastor Venden would end! Christ and His soon

coming was kept ever before us.

The music! How do I describe the music? Even if the plumpest, most mouth-watering, eye-pleasing piece of apricot pie had jumped up in front of me and said, "Eat me," I would have asked it to wait until the song service was over. I confess I heard music at camp such as I have never heard before. Every song was a prayer, and it wafted heavenward from joyous, faithful hearts. How I longed for Jesus to come when I heard that music!

Then there were the people. I never knew such people existed! First of all I found a whole church full of loving and lovable people at Inala. They spun a gossamer web of love and charity about me and supported me in my first encounter with Christ. The time came to break out of the cocoon, but I still carry some of the threads, and I'll help to weave more webs of support. Then I went to Kingaroy church and found more of the same sort of people. The kind of people who have joy and caring etched into the laugh lines of their faces. Next, I travelled to camp at Kallangur, and the place was teeming with them. All the tents, and caravans, and everywhere people who love the Lord, and they loved me, too. Strangers welcomed me into the fold with open arms; they don't see me as a Johnny-come-lately; they see only another soul who's been saved.

God has called me into His remnant church. I'm so glad I heard His voice. I've heard some of my cousins, your children, have left the church. They're in my prayers now. I may not always mention them by name, but God knows their names. He'll call them back. I pray they'll heed His call.

I'd like to say I'll see you at camp next year, but I may not be there. The theme of camp was "Jesus Leads." I believe Jesus is leading me to Avondale. Pray for me. I still need your

In closing, I must tell you Mum came out to camp on both Sabbaths. She also watched the Centenary service on television. While she may not have heard all the message yet, I know she has seen Seventh-day Adventists in a new light, and cannot help but be attracted. Please, don't be disappointed we failed to see it in you. People seldom see the true worth of their relatives.

And Dad-well, this will surprise you! I've read Scripture to him and he really listened! He tried not to show it, but I think underneath he really wanted to hear. He can't understand why the world is so wicked and why Lindy is still in gaol. It bothers him, and it's made him think.

You are now truly my family. I know what you think, and why you down tools on Friday evening and walk instead of run. Cousin Jack told us how you run about the farm all day (he couldn't keep up with you), but that come sundown Friday, you cease your chores and walk back to the house. He doesn't understand this Sabbath business, but I could tell he loves you. I love you too, and now by the grace of God, I also down tools come Friday evening.

Next time I see you, I won't greet you just as Aunt and Uncle, but as a sister and brother in Christ, longing for His soon return!

Your niece. Sherida.

(Note: Uncle Bert and Aunt Lucy are Bert and Lucy Atkinson of the Bundaberg church in Queensland.)

### QUEENSLAND CAMP **ORDINATIONS**



Pastor Stephen Currow and his wife, Narisa.

Pastor Dragan Mladgen and his wife, Marcia, with their daughters Jennifer and Martina



# WHERE IS THE PROMISE?

JOHN WILLIAMSON

EVE WOKE strangely early. It was predawn, and the sun would soon rise on another beautiful morning. She and Adam normally woke together at the moment the sun crested the edge of the world; then had worship and arranged their bower in expectation of God's coming to meet with them. God always brought something inexplicably delightful for them.

But today felt different. She and Adam were inseparable; but now he slept, so why not use the time walking in the inexhaustible beauties about her? Perhaps today she would go and look at the tree alone. In the past her view of the tree had been influenced, maybe biased, by the presence of Adam. God was a God of reason and would expect her to make up her own mind. Besides, they had talked with the angels who frequently visited them and had heard how God had dealt with independent thought in heaven; kindly, forgivingly, lovingly. Perhaps at the tree she might learn some way of preventing the sin problem from occuring in their happy home.

Yes, she would visit the tree. A sense of excitement tingled somewhere deep inside and a small streak of perversity sat like an imp on her shoulder and lightly fingered the strings of her conscience.

So she went to the tree. She looked, first distantly, then closely. No doubt this was the most beautiful tree in the garden; the best of God's creation. The imp, delighted with the soft sounds he had created, was now producing grand orchestral crescendos. Eve touched and then tasted. The sun's first rays glanced on the glistening fruit and she heard Adam's urgent voice seeking her.

No one could comprehend the depths of horror and despair which overwhelmed the couple as they sought to cover that which now seemed curiously disturbing to them. But then God came as He always did, and amid the blackness of their world a small, brilliant shaft of light pierced the gloom. Yes, death and misery had come; blood would flow; but a solution would just as certainly come. The Son of God Himself would one day be born of a virgin to give His life as guarantee for theirs.

Until then they would wait in faith and hope.

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It is 1556 AC, that is, "after creation," if one can believe certain fundamentalist historians who keep the records at the local council chambers. There is an old man called Methuselah living a few miles up the Euphrates River valley who claims to be a seventh descendant of Adam, the so-called "first man." He says he often talked to Adam about the origins of the world. Amazing how much credence some people give this folk story.

Even more amazing, this old fellow's grandson lives right here in town and is building a huge boat. When asked where all the water is, Noah says one day soon it will 'rain,' which is evidently to be caused by Yahweh sending water falling from the sky! He says it with such conviction that occasionally neighbours join him briefly in his work. Most, however, realise that Noah has been saying "the end is near" for twenty years now, and in any case they've heard of his weird old relative living up the valley.

One hundred more years pass. Despite the fact that Noah is a sincere and honest man, his next-door neighbour, Mahaleel, has many times only barely resisted the impulse to take Noah to court on the basis of 120 years of noise, nuisance and obstruction of view.

Now this fanatic next door has finally done it. Two weeks ago Mahaleel heard discord; Shem had said they should fit windows for navigation. Noah had replied that God had been captain and navigator for 120 years and wouldn't let them down now. To Mahaleel that had sounded like the presumption of an unsound bigot. Then one week ago Noah and his family visited around town, warned that this was D-day, and locked themselves in the boat. They've been there a week now, and in fairness to the old fellow, it's time to call the magistrate to have him scheduled and his family released.

As Mahaleel walks down to the courthouse a drop of water slants down from above, hits his nose and splatters onto his beard. A cold hand seems to clutch his heart. He pauses—nothing further happens. He looks up into the clear blue sky and continues toward his destination.

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It is 2551 AC. Imran Fareek and his only son Achmed, the apple of his father's eye, are grain merchants in Raamses, and the sun has smiled on their efforts. Achmed would soon take over the business, which has been in the family for thirty generations.

Each morning Imram places a small bowl of dates on the ledge in front of the little image of Horus and salaams his thanks to Ra for his good fortune. Indeed, all would be bliss if it were not for a local ethnic problem. Immigrant farmers from the Canaanite lands in the north had settled in Goshen two centuries before, and now form a large and politically restless community. They claim that a series of natural disasters in the south-west are a punishment by their God Yahweh for government supression of their rebelliousness.

The truth, however, is very different. The soothsayers and the men of science from the Astronomical Observatory at Thebes have established that the cause is the combined effect of an unseasonable sirocco at a time when the alignment of the heavenly bodies indicates a delayed punishment on Thutmose I for having accepted a foreign baby into the royal line at the whim of his daughter Hatshepsut, eighty years ago.

Pharaoh Amenhotep II has issued a strong statement denying a rumour, spread by these Hebrew farmers, that Yahweh will destroy the firstborn son of every family unless a lamb is offered in penance and concessions are made to Hebrew demands. The predicted day is today, Nisan 14. Imran has observed many of these zealots behaving unusually. Each family has selected only the best specimen of the new crop of lambs and killed it ceremonially, no doubt to

entice Yahweh to oblige their prediction of doom.

Oh well! There are more important things to do than to give credence to this nonsense. Darkness has long since come and he must hurry home. Achmed has been so successful that tonight Imran plans to discuss opening a branch market in Baal Zephon. Perhaps he can now retire and enjoy his heir's prosperity. What a son!

Imran bustles excitedly into the soft lamplight of his home. "Achmed," he calls, "Achmed, we must discuss the future; the gods say the time is propitious. . . . Achmed!"

But the house is still.

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It is 4000 AC in the little hillside town of Bethlehem. At Mordechai's tavern and hostelry things are humming. By decree of Caesar Augustus, first Emperor of Rome, a census has been called, and the travelling involving so many is good for business. Even the stables have been pressed into use to house the less important.

In the bustle of the late evening's business, a muffled cry and ensuing sounds of raised, excited voices mixed with the braying and bleating of disturbed animals draws his attention and his presence to the stables; but he soon returns. Not a fight after all. In response to the questioning glances of his patrons he announces, "Only a young village girl; given birth to a baby. The scuttlebutt from her townsfolk is that her husband married her in a bit of a hurry and unseemly late. No one is too sure who the real father is."

The matter is of little import and soon forgotten in the rising volume of a dozen conversations. Shimon has had an excellent increase in flock size as a result of this year's lambing season; should be good for a loan to some less fortunate! The cost of living in nearby Jerusalem has risen like the moon; two drachmas for a loaf of bread, can you believe! A young student from the school of Hillel remarks that the talk is mounting among some of his conservative teachers that it could be this year that Messiah will be born of a virgin as Isaiah had predicted. Someone makes a coarse jest about virgin pregnancy. Shemuel observes that Herod the Great, King of Palestine, has taken it seriously; there is even disturbing talk of a pogrom against male babies to forestall a challenge to his leadership. Caesar Augustus has received an additional name, Julius, in honour of his assassinated great uncle; he is now 'Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus,'' if you please! After solid rains, this year's vintage promises to be better than that in "the good year" a decade ago.

Then, in occasional still interludes in the raucous babble of the tavern's noise, there is wafted on the gentle breezes of the night the thin and distant strains of a choir.

And out on the purple hillside, far beyond the heady conviviality of the inn, three wise men follow a star.

# YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

### TRANS-AUSTRALIAN UNION

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide City: 82 Angas Street, Adelaide Adelaide River: Baptist church on road to War Cemetery

Berri: McIntosh Street, Berri Birdwood: Main Road, Birdwood Brighton: Amelia Street, Hove Coober Pedy: ring Jo Seric (73 5253)

College Park: 3A Baliol Street, College Park Copeville: SDA Church, Copeville Sabbath School 10.15 a.m.

Divine Service 11.30 a.m. Elizabeth: 20 Peterswool Road, Elizabeth Park Gawler: Twenty-second Street, Gawler

Kadina: Port Road, Newton, Kadina Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Mannum: 13 King George Street, Mannun Millicent: 100 Williams Road, Millicent Modbury: Corner Modbury Avenue and North East Road, Modbury

Mount Barker: Uniting Church, Wistow Road, Wistow

Mount Gambier: Suttontown Road, Mount

Morphett Vale: Pimpala Road, Morphett Vale Mundulla: Church of Christ building, Mundulla

> Sabbath School 11.00 a.m. Divine Service 1.30 p.m.

Murray Bridge: Standen Street, Murray Bridge

Sabbath School 9,45 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Naracoorte: Robertson Street, Naracoorte Noarlunga City: Christies Beach High School (Eastern Division), Beach Road, Christies

Nuriootpa: 1 Old Kapunda Road, Nuriootpa Para: Para Vista High School, Wright Road, Para Vista

Penola: Mount Gambier Road, Penola Port Augusta: 3 Fern Street, Port Augusta Port Lincoln: Edinburgh Street, Port Lincoln Port Pirie: Church Circle, Solomontown Prospect: 7 Balville Street, Prospect

Queenstown: Corner Webb Street and Langham Place, Queenstown

Rendelsham: SDA Church, Rendelsham Southern Memorial: 123 Edward Street,

Edwardstown Stirling: Snows Road, Stirling

Streaky Bay: 51 A Alfred Terrace, Streaky Bay Sabbath School 10.30 a.m.

Divine Service 2.30 p.m.

Tooperang: Goolwa-Meadows Road, Tooperang

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Trinity Gardens: 198 Portrush Road, Trinity Gardens

Waikerie: 6 Ross Street, Waikerie Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m. Whyalla: 63 Hincks Avenue, Whyalla

### SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES

Albury: 815 David Street, Albury Bathurst: 155 Lambert Street, Bathurst

Bega: 31 Upper Street, Bega Bowral: Banyette Street, Bowral

Broken Hill: 333 Wolfram Street, Broken Hill Canberra-National: Corner Gould and Macleay Streets, Turner

Canberra-Woden Valley: Ainsworth Street,

Cootamundra: Mackay Street, Cootamundra Cowra: 12 Denman Street, Cowra

Deniliquin Company: H.S. Teachers Centre,

Harflour Street, Deniliquin Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Dubbo: Corner Cobra and Sterling Streets, Dubbo

Forbes: 63 Calarie Road, Forbes (first and third Sabbaths)

Gilgandra: Dudley Street, Gilgandra (first Sabbath of the month only) Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.00 a.m.

Goulburn: Citizen Street, Goulburn Griffith: 202 Yambil Street, Griffith Leeton-Narrandera: 34 William Street, Nar-

randera Sabbath School 10.00 a.m.

Divine Service 11.30 a.m. Lithgow: 3 Albert Street, Lithgow

Mandurama: Loquat Street, Mandurama

(fortnightly only) Sabbath School 2.30 p.m. Divine Service 3.45 p.m.

Mudgee: Horatio Street, Mudgee

Narromine: 142 Derribong Street, Narromine

Nowra: 169 Mackay Street, Nowra Nyngan Company: CWA Hall, Nyngan Sabbath School 2.00 p.m.

Divine Service 3.00 p.m. Oak Flats: Fishers Street, Oak Flats

Oberon: Dart Street, Oberon Sabbath School 2.00 p.m. Divine Service 3.30 p.m. Orange: Icely Road, Orange

Parkes: Talbot Street, Parkes Temora: Polaris Street, Temora

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The Rock: Urana Street, The Rock (first Sabbath of the month only) Sabbath School 9.45 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Tottenham: Main Street, Tottenham Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Tumut: Russell Street, Tumut

Wagga Wagga: 75 Coleman Street, Wagga Wagga

West Wyalong: Girl Guide Hall, Kurrajong Street, West Wyalong

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### TASMANIA

Burnie: West Park Grove, Burnie Collinsvale: Main Road, Collinsvale Deloraine: Bass Highway, Deloraine

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Devonport: 156 Steele Street, Devonport Glen Huon: Seven Day Road (off Watson Rd). Glen Huon

Glenorchy: 518 Main Road, Montrose King Island: Albert Street, Currie, King Island

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Launceston: Talbot Road, South Launceston Margate: Channel Highway, Margate

New Norfolk: Montague Street, New Norfolk Rosny: 28 Riawena Road, Rosny

Scamander: Home of Mr Max Lesser, Maranatha Estate, Tasman Highway, Sca-

Scottsdale: Erina Street, Scottsdale Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Smithton: 44 Gibson Street, Smithton Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Ulverstone: Queens Street, West Ulverstone Wynyard: Corner Inglis and Cotton Streets, West Wynyard

### VICTORIA

Academy: Lilydale Adventist Academy, Edinburgh Road, Lilydale

Ararat: Corner Moore and Albert Streets, Ararat

Divine Service 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School 10.45 a.m.

Asian Company: 43-45 Ashmore Road, Forest

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.10 a.m.

Auburn: Victoria Road, Auburn Bairnsdale: Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.20 a.m.

Ballarat: 319 Drummond Street, South Ballarat

Bayles: Church is in the main street Sabbath School 10.30 a.m. Divine Service 12.00 noon

Benalla: 44 Smythe Street, Benalla Sabbath School 9.45 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Bendigo: 394 High Street, Golden Square Brighton: 88 Bay Street, North Brighton Burwood: 4 Renown Street, Burwood

Camperdown: Walls Street, Camperdown Sabbath School 10.30 a.m. Divine Service 11.45 a.m.

Castlemaine: Barker Street, Castlemaine Divine Service 9.00 a.m. Sabbath School 10.45 a.m.

Coburg: Dorset Road, Pascoe Vale Colac: 53 Manifold Street, Colac

Cowes Company: CWA Hall (opposite Rogan's Real Estate), Main Street, Cowes Sabbath School 3.00 p.m.

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Divine Service 4.15 p.m.

Croydon: Surrey Road, Croydon

Dandenong: 26 Hutton Street, Dandenong Dandenong Polish: 100 James Street, Dandenong

Dareton (NSW): Hume Street, a few metres off main Mildura-Wentworth Road, Dareton (turn off main road at Coomealla bus shed) Sabbath School 10.00 a.m.
Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

East Prahran: 8 Wynnstay Road, East Prahran Sabbath School 9.45 a.m. Divine Service 11.00 a.m.

Echuca: Corner Leichardt and Mitchell Streets, Echuca

Sabbath School 10.15 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Euroa: 22 Kirkland Street, Euroa Sabbath School 9.45 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Ferntree Gully: Corner Lyons Parade and Railway Avenue, Upper Ferntree Gully Frankston: Lot 106 Cranbourne Road,

Frankston

Geelong: 8-10 Little Myers Street, Geelong Geelong Hungarian: 22-24 Donnybrook Road, Norlane

Glenhuntly: 99 Grange Road, Glenhuntly Greek Company: 145 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy

Greensborough: 185 St Helena Road, Greensborough

Hamilton Company: 71 King Street, Hamilton

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Healesville: Symons Street, Healesville Horsham: Wilson Street, Horsham

Hughesdale: 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale Leongatha: Corner Hassett and A'Beckett Streets, Leongatha

> Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Lilydale: Hull Road, Lilydale (near Montrose/Lilydale Road)

Longwarry: Corner Princes Avenue and Church Street, Longwarry

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Maryborough: Raglan Street, Maryborough Mildura: 301 Deakin Avenue, Mildura

Moe: New Princes Highway (service road), Moe (turn left from Princes Highway at Watsons Road then follow the service road parallel to highway)

Mont Albert: 43 York Street, Mont Albert Moonee Ponds: 6 Hotham Street, Moonee Ponds

Nhill Company: 7-8 Belcher Street, Nhill Sabbath School 2.30 p.m. Divine Service 3.45 p.m.

North Fitzroy: 37a Alfred Crescent, North Fitzroy

Numurkah: 86 Tocumwal Road, Numurkah Sabbath School 10.30 a.m. Divine Service 11.45 a.m.

Nunawading: 169 Central Road, Nunawading Oakleigh Polish: Willgilson Court, Oakleigh (off Golf Links Avenue)

Orbost Company: Corner Gordon and Gladstone Streets, Orbost Sabbath School 10.00 a.m.

Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Portland: 85 Cape Nelson Road, Portland

Preston: 96 David Street, Preston

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Ringwood: 28 Mullum Mullum Road, Ringwood

Robinvale: Old Street, Robinvale Sabbath School 9.45 a.m.

St Albans: 3 West Esplanade, St Albans Sabbath School 10.00 a.m.

Sale: 15 Stawell Street, Sale Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Sandringham Spanish: 68 Highett Road, Hampton

Seddon Yugoslav: 21 Hotham Street, Seddon Sabbath School 10.00 a.m.

Shepparton: Corner Swallow and Baker Streets, Shepparton

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Spotswood: Robert Street, Spotswood Springvale: 46 Balmoral Avenue, Springvale Springvale Yugoslav: Corner Sullivan and

Nash Streets, Springvale Sabbath School 10.00 a.m.

Stawell Company: Clifton Avenue, Stawell Sabbath School 9.45 a.m.

Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Swan Hill: 460 Campbell Street, Swan Hill Traralgon: 85 Argyle Street (Princes Highway), Traralgon

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m.

Wangaratta: Phillipson Street, Wangaratta

Sabbath School 9.45 a.m.
Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Wantirna: Mountain Highway, Wantirna (between Burwood Highway and Koomba Road)

Sabbath School 9.20 a.m. Divine Service 10.50 a.m.

Warburton: Main Street, Warburton (opposite Signs Publishing Company)

Warragul: 43 Mason Street, Warragul Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Warrnambool: 101 Lava Street, Warrnambool

Sabbath School 9.45 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

### **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Albany: 326-328 Albany Highway, Albany Armadale: Corner Wungong and Ninth Avenue, Armadale

Avon Valley: Throssell Street, Northam Belmont: Corner Fulham and Paterson Streets, Kewdale

Bencubbin: Monger Street, Bencubbin Bickley: Off Lawnbrook Road, Bickley Bindoon: Great Eastern Highway, Bindoon Boddington: Main Street, Boddington Boyup Brook: Knapp Street, Boyup Brook Bunbury: Spencer Street, Bunbury

Busselton: Pettit Crescent, Busselton Capel: Scott Road, Capel

Carmel College: College Chapel, Carmel Carnarvon: CWA Hall, Stuart Street, Carnar-

Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Collie: Corner Wittenoom and Steere Streets,

Corrigin: Kirkwood Street, Corrigin Sabbath School 2.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.00 p.m. Cottesloe: Napier Street, Cottesloe Denmark: Mitchell Street, Denmark Derby Company: Telephone WA Conference due to irregular meeting times and venues Esperance: Foy Street, Esperance

Fremantle: Cleopatra Street, Palmyra Geraldton: Corner Holland and Milford Streets, Geraldton

Gosnells: 95 Wheatley Street, Gosnells Grass Patch: Lot 46 Richardson Street, Grass Patch

Harvey: 18 Young Street, Harvey Kalgoorlie: 28 Chetham Street, Kalgoorlie Karratha: Mirfin Way, Karratha Sabbath School 10.00 a.m.

Divine Service 11.15 a.m.

Mandurah: Anstruther Street, Mandurah

Maida Vale: Lot 21 Kalamunda Road, Maida

Vale
Manjimup: Corner Highfield and Maxwell
Streets, Manjimup

Margaret River: Congregational Church, Margaret River

Sabbath School 11.00 a.m. Divine Service 12.15 p.m.

Merredin: Kitchener Road, Merredin Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.25 a.m.

Midland: 10 Brockman Road, Midland

Moora: Beasley Street, Moora Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.30 a.m.

Morley: Benara Road, Morley (Noranda) Mount Barker: Albany-Perth Road, opposite

Mount Barker Railway Station

Mount Lawley: Walcott Street, Mount Lawley
Mullewa Mission Company: SDA Hall,
Mullewa

Sabbath School 3.00 p.m. Divine Service 4.00 p.m.

Narembeen: SDA Church, East Narembeen Sabbath School 10.00 a.m. Divine Service 11.20 a.m.

Narrogin: Furnival Street, Narrogin Osborne Park: Edward Street, Osborne Park Port Hedland: Stanley Street, South Hedland Rockingham: Wanliss Street, Rockingham Perth: 48 Havelock Street, West Perth Queens Park: Wharf Street, Queens Park Rossmoyne: Sherwin Lodge, Home for the

Aged, Bullcreek Road, Rossmoyne Scarborough: Corner Hancock Street and Sackville Terrace, Doubleview

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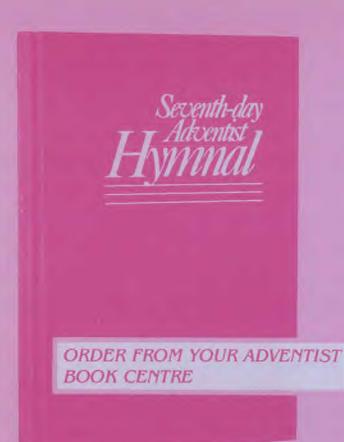
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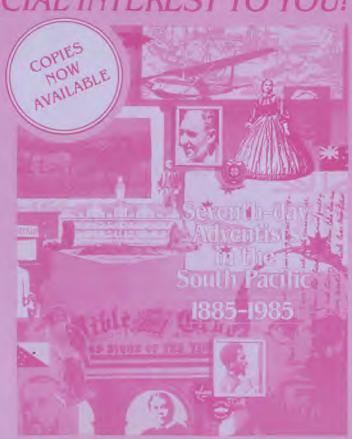
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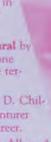
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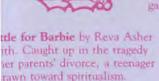
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# THE CHURCH ON NIUE ISLAND

FILIMONI BERA, Stewardship Director, CPUM

IT IS ALMOST a year ago since I last visited the church on Niue, but I have been kept in contact right through, following with great interest the development of the work of the Lord on this rocky little island. It is about 500 kilometres east of Tonga, and our church there is under the administration of the Tonga and Niue Mission. Most of the islanders have migrated to New Zealand, and their last census revealed that there were 2,500 Niueans remaining on the island. The place is very rocky, and yet they produce beautiful, tasty vegetables, such as tomatoes, cabbages, lettuce, carrots and watermelons, and there are pawpaws in abundance. There is no running stream, but the island has more than enough fresh well water for everyone. God has certainly blessed this place.

After arriving at the airport, I was met by the local pastor, and on the way to his residence we drove through the town, which has about six shops and other buildings, such as the post office and Government House, all looking across the deep blue sea spread as far as the eye can view. The people were happily going about their work, enjoying the beautiful sunshine and

unpolluted air.

The minister's home is within walking disance of town, but when we arrived, they were beating drums, and a group of our Adventist Youth and Pathfinders were practising marching. What a delight to meet these people! "Oh pastor, we are so happy to see you. Welcome to our island!" they exclaimed.

"What is going on here?" I asked, "The

people seem to be so happy."

"We are celebrating the tenth year of our independence! The public holiday lasts a week, and we are preparing floats and practising marching and singing for a competition tomorrow," replied Pastor Ofa.

Our floats pictured the dangers of drinking and smoking. This was displayed before the whole nation, and was watched by government and church leaders also. The people shouted and beat drums as our young people marched

through the little town of Alofi.

The evening celebration was the time when all our members and a few friends came together for a spiritual feast. I was conducting a week's seminar on Stewardship, and the Lord blessed those meetings. Musical items were given by the young people, and I was especially impressed with the singing of two brothers. I found out that these boys were sons of the local doctor, and their mother was a nurse. The parents attended every night, although they were not members of our church. At the close of the meeting on the Friday night, this couple came to see me.

"We are very impressed with the message, and we like your presentation. We want to give ourselves to God, but first we want to see our two boys dedicated to the Lord. Can you do this, even when we are not members of the church?" the doctor asked.

"Certainly, my brother. I am only too happy to do so. But you and your wife must remember

that these two young boys need you in the church to support and to love them," I replied.

So, at the beginning of the church service, we had this dedication service. The doctor and his wife, together with their youngest boy, came up to stand with the two boys. It was indeed a very solemn meeting, and I believe the Holy Spirit was present.

"I now dedicate these two boys to the Lord." I placed my hands on their shoulders, then looking at the parents challenged, "May you lead and guide and love them in the love of the Lord. We are looking forward, one day, to seeing them baptised together with you in this church."

There were many tears of joy, and we feel sure the word of God had taken deep root in the hearts of these parents. The pastor continued to study with them, and I rejoiced to learn that

about a month ago, the doctor, his wife and the two boys were baptised.

Yes, the work of God is going ahead on the island of Niue. Today, I received another letter from the church pastor and in part it reads: "I am rejoicing in the Lord. I am so happy to see progress and now I am studying with more families. Last Sunday, I began a Revelation Seminar, and about twenty-four people are attending. Please pray for the work of God in this area. We badly need a church building. We have about \$5,000 in our fund, but it will take a long time if we wait for sufficient funds to start building. Please help us."

So, that is the news from Niue. They need our prayers. They need a church building, and they are calling to their friends to help them build a church on Niue to witness to the glory of God.

### BUSY BENCUBBIN

RHONDA WALKER, Health and Temperance Secretary, Bencubbin Church, WA

ON SEPTEMBER 22, at our local show, the Bencubbin church held a health assessment tent. With an icy wind blowing and ominous clouds threatening, we were not too hopeful of any great attendance. To our surprise we had seventy-six people go through the program, which kept our little band of workers very busy. Many also indicated a desire to stop smoking, so we

hope to run a 5-Day Plan at the end of October.

We were really excited by the interest shown, as Bencubbin is only a small wheat-belt town 300 kilometres north-east of Perth. Our thirty-one members felt justly pleased also, when we were awarded the shield for the best small stand. It looks as if we've started an ongoing thing now!

We thank God that we've been able to reach so many people through health awareness, and we pray that with each exposure people will become more trusting of us and our message.

# Medical Supplies for Mission Hospitals

OVER THE YEARS many people have been involved in the collection of medical supplies for our mission hospitals. This has been much appreciated.

However, due to changes in government policy, and local needs, the following items are the only supplies now needed: antibiotics, analgesics, ointments for burns and cuts (not steroid), bandages and dressings.

Out of date supplies cannot be used by our medical institutions, so any drugs and ointments collected must be well within their expiry date, so as to allow shipping time to the islands.

If you have collected medical supplies in the past, or have contact with supply companies, it is suggested that you contact your local conference health and temperance director, so that he can coordinate supplies being sent to the South Pacific Division Health Services Department.

If there are any questions on supplies that may have been collected, please write or phone the Director of Health Services, South Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076. Phone (02) 48 1061.

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# DOVELE HONOUR ROLL

G. M. SMITH, Youth, Health and Temperance, and Communication Director, WPUM

THE LIST reads like the "Who's who of missionaries." The years of dedicated service given, the new territories opened by them, the adventures enjoyed, and difficulties endured—all for their Saviour—make them stand out as some of the greatest of the "apostles." In sitting and talking to them, one can't help but be impressed with the greatness, yet humble meekness of these men of God, some of the grandest missionaries of all time. And to think that they all came from the one small district, makes their endeavours and victories for the Lord even more impressive.

The reader could be forgiven for thinking reference was being made to the very first apostles, most coming from the region of Galilee. But in visiting the small village of Dovele, Vella Lavella Island in the Western Solomon Islands, a better comparison could hardly be found. In talking to the group of retired missionaries who left Vella for the Lord and have now returned in retirement, comparison to the very first missionaries sent out by the Lord Himself, seems most appropriate. At a time in the history of our church when we are looking back on our past 100 years, and often applauding the many mighty works of the pioneers, it seems fitting that a little emphasis should be given to some who were perhaps some of the greatest pioneers of all, yet were born in the Pacific islands with a complexion like charcoal.

In 1914 Pastor G. F. Jones landed at Viru Harbour in the Western Solomons, and commenced the work of the Adventist Church in the Solomon Islands. Pastor R. H. Tutty soon followed him, and a small group of young men from Dovele, on Vella Lavella, came to the school he commenced. Baptised with that first group in 1919, were Sasa Rore and Gorapava Kei. Sasa Rore began working for his own people in 1922, when he helped Pastor Tutty by teaching in the school at Boro, Dovele. Gorapava Kei was the first missionary to leave Dovele, moving into Ranoga in 1923, and after only six months, transferring to Choiseul Island to open up the work there.

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Pastor Sasa Rore showed tremendous leadership skills, which came to the fore during the second world war when, in the absence of European leadership, he helped to hold the work of God together in the Solomon Islands. He was first president of the Malaita Mission, and then gave years of service in Papua New Guinea. He retired after forty years of service, leaving his children—three ordained ministers, one teacher and two church leaders' wives—to continue his work.

Gorapava Kei gave thirty years of service, and was forced to retire through sickness. All of his nine children are strong Adventists, and one, the late Pastor Elisha Gorapava, was one of our most able leaders.

Vavoso, long retired, and as with Sasa Rore, now unable to walk without help, also gave some thirty years of service, including time in Papua New Guinea.

Sorengana Pojiala commenced working as a teacher for the church in 1942, and with some periods back home at Dovele with his family, gave a total of seventeen years' service.

Pastor Paul Jama was called to Papua New Guinea in 1948 from the school at Dovele where he was teaching. In 1960 he became president of the North Papuan Mission, holding that post for twelve years. After twenty-six years in Papua New Guinea he was called back to the Solomons, and has now retired after thirty-four years of service. One of his teachers in the early years was Gorapava Kei.

Pastor Daniel Kuma, recently retired, has just returned from twenty-six years in Papua New Guinea, and gave a total of thirty years' service. He also has carried presidential responsibilities, serving the church in that capacity at Morobe Mission.

Pastor Patovaki Muse was another missionary to Papua New Guinea, with most of his children—one minister, two minister's wives, and two builders—born in Papua New Guinea. He also gave thirty years of service.

Biah Karis, Pastor Isaac Moveni and Pastor Orepala Kuma, all gave service, seventeen, thirty-four and thirty-seven years respectively, within the Solomon Islands.

Pastors Manovaki and Salau, also from Dovele, each served the Lord for about forty years, most of their time given to Papua New Guinea. These were giants for the Lord, and both are now at rest.

However, all were not teachers or ministers. Others, who may not appear on the roll call, gave years of service in other capacities. Ale Pendava typifies these, giving many years to the gardens and campus at Western Solomon Islands Mission headquarters at Kukudu, helping to make it the attractive sight it is today,

Many of these men were the first Adventists in areas of the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. They came from a background of abject heathenism, but were prepared to be dropped from a mission boat, alone, or paddle their own canoe, sometimes for days, alone, into a hostile region, where strangers, especially Christians, were not welcomed. They faced hostility, persecution, and sometimes even the cooking pot. But for them, it was a joy to go on behalf of their Saviour, who for them had been willing to come into this hostile world, granting them freedom and eternity. Truly, the real spirit of the pioneers.

Approximately 400 years of service for the Lord, from just one small village! At least twenty-six children of these labourers are in church work today. And of all the children and grandchildren following, only one was spoken of as not being a regular churchgoer. What a tribute to those first godly parents! And to think that the parents of these pioneers were some of the fiercest and most feared warriors of the South Pacific. They were not cannibals at Dovele; they just drank their victims' blood!

The pioneers and mighty men of God from Dovele are a tribute to the power of God in the Pacific. Yes, Dovele district and its missionary greats could be compared with the region of Galilee and its original missionaries. But then, the dramatic changes and subsequent results at Dovele were probably even greater than in Galilee.

Ale Pendava, for many years gardener at Kukudu.

Front row (left to right): Pastor Isaac Moveni, Pastor Patovaki Muse, Pastor Daniel Kuma, Biah Karis. Back row: Pastor Orepala Kuma, Pastor Paul Jama, Gorapava Kei, Soren-

gana Pojiala. Photos: G. M. Smith.



# HOW HOMU HELPS

P. A. KNOPPER, Area Supervisor and Director of the Homu Laymen Training School

"IN 1951, 72 per cent of our church membership resided in Australia and New Zealand with only 28 per cent in our Pacific mission territory. Today, thirty-three years later, the position has about been reversed, with 70 per cent in the mission territory and 30 per cent in the home base."—AUSTRALASIAN RECORD, September 21, 1985.

In PNGUM 79,466 people are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, with 21,977 of the church members living in the Eastern Highlands/Simbu Mission (this is 27.6 per cent of the total PNGUM membership). By far the highest percentage of members live in the EH/S Mission. Last year in this mission 2,560 people were baptised, which is about the same as were baptised in Australia and New Zealand. With the EH/S Mission being only slightly larger than the Greater Sydney Conference, one can see that the work here is going ahead in leaps and bounds. The EH/S Mission has ninety-six organised churches with probably another 300 branch churches, with an average of one pastor or minister looking after seven to eight churches or about 700 church members. Most of these ministers have not gone to college to receive formal ministerial training, but have started work as laymen, followed by a year or two at our Omaura Bible School. In the writer's area. Mount Michael/Kimi district, there are seven ministers, but only two of these have been to college to do the ministerial course.

It is therefore quite evident that the work is moving forward rapidly, and as a result, most of the work has to be done by the church members. Many of these devote much of their time to lay work, visiting, giving Bible studies and leading out in branch churches. However, without some training and instruction much of their effort is not as effective as it could be. For this reason it was decided to build a training school for laymen, where men could come and receive instruction in church leadership.

As a result of generous donations from Australia and New Zealand, a beautiful complex was built here at Homu in 1983, comprising a classroom, four bedrooms, a storeroom, showers and toilets. The one thing missing at the school is a kitchen/dining room complex. At the moment the kitchen is still a grass hut, which is totally inadequate for looking after thirty to forty men. Since there is no building for them to eat in, the men just sit on the ground outside to eat their meals. This makes things rather awkward when it rains, which it does most afternoons here in the highlands at Homu.

We are hoping to build a kitchen/dining room complex next year if adequate funds are available. There are many other needs here at Homu Mission Station, but this is priority one, as the facilities are not only used for training laymen, but also for youth leadership, children's Sabbath school, and literature evangelist workshops, plus workers meetings and teacher in-service training.

As a result of this school over 100 men are trained in lay work each year. Three or four schools are conducted each year, and the men stay here for six weeks, receiving instruction in Bible Doctrines, Evangelism, Daniel and Revelation, and Church Leadership. For one week the men go to another area where they do practical training, learning how to visit, give Bible studies, and run evangelistic programs, etc.

When the men leave Homu they have a basic knowledge in evangelism and become more effective workers for God. Some of these men will go on to Omaura for further training and become paid workers; a few will be inspired to make the extra effort to go to Sonoma College and enter the ministerial course; still others will pack their few belongings and go to another district to help a new branch church or to start a church in a new area. But most will go back to their homes and villages and help with the work in their own church.

Because of the faithful work done by these laymen, God's work here in Papua New Guinea is moving forward, and more people are being brought to an understanding of Christ. And with the completion of the kitchen/dining room building, Homu will have a training centre of which the Eastern Highlands/Simbu Mission and all of Papua New Guinea can be proud, so that men and women may be equipped for service for the Master.

The Thirteenth Sabbath offering this quarter is for our own South Pacific Division.

Laymen who have graduated from Homu. Pastor Doug Robertson is on the right, and Peter Knopper on the left.



The Laymen Training School at Homu, In the Eastern Highlands of PNG.



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# "Where Will It End?"

WE ARE TOLD that "the church is to come behind in no gift," and the young Adventists of the University of the South Pacific in Fiji don't want to be caught sleeping when Jesus comes, so they are sowing seeds of truth and letting God bring the increase.

To many youth in this part of the world, university is only a place of dreams, for only the favoured few make it to such a place of worldly

Students come from all islands of the Pacific, and the church has some very keen Adventist students there, too. Now they not only study for credits, or honours, but they also study how to share their faith with fellow students at the

So the Adventist university students hired a bus and invited other students to come with them to a Kenneth Cox video mission being conducted in their Tamavua church. Believe it or not, they filled the bus each night for almost the whole program. When the mission concluded, our students could not sit still, for they had enjoyed the video program so much, and recognised the great potential of video to reach the masses.

So a buzz session of Adventist students was planned to discuss what to do next, and all agreed they should run their own video mission in the university itself. Plans were laid and the dates set, and we all wondered, Would it work? Would the students come to the Science Lecture Theatre for our program?

Well, they came, night after night. Some even sat on the window ledges, and in the aisles, just as they did in Paul's day, to hear the gospel preached.

One young Adventist student, who had almost slipped out of the church said to me one night, "You know, pastor, the other day I had the greatest experience I have had in a long time.

I think my ears revealed my interest in this conversation, for they felt as if they stretched like elastic on my head to catch every word the young man said. Here is his exciting experience.

"A student approached me about the Cox video series, and said, 'Man, I have never seen anything like these programs of religious tapes in my life. You know, we [meaning the Methodists] have only half the gospel; I never knew there was so much to the gospel. I wish I could have a set like this, for I would like to take them home for Dad to hear." " (Dad by the way, is a Methodist minister in Tonga.)

Now, I don't know about you, but I would like this student to have a set of videos to share with his dad and others, wouldn't you?

In due time, this large gathering of students will return to their home islands, and in the future many will become prominent citizens of their islands. We praise God they will carry with them a good knowledge of the three angels' messages, and of our Lord's return.

Our Adventist students look upon this particular outreach program as an exciting seed-sowing exercise. They plan to rerun the program in the early part of next year and, with the aid and blessing of God, they hope to see many precious university students accept the Advent message in a reaping program in 1986.

Now, if you don't hear of the end results of this program in the RECORD sometime, be listening and viewing heaven's TV program entitled "Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb" in the New Jerusalem. Maybe Jesus Himself will herald the good news to you, of the souls saved by our Adventist students' ministry on campus.

### My Favourite Recipe

### **CURRANT AND WALNUT LOAF**

250 g currants 1/2 cup chopped walnuts 30 g butter 1 cup boiling water 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon mixed spice 11/2 cups wholemeal SR flour I egg, beaten Pinch salt

Put the currants, walnuts and melted butter into a basin and pour boiling water over the mixture. Stir well. Add the egg, flour and spices to the mixture and mix well. Pour into a greased loaf tin. Bake at 180° for 45-50 minutes. Serve buttered.

B.M., NSW.



Thank You!

Please may I say "Thank you" to Ian Howie for his article "Of Salty Kids and Monasteries" (RECORD, October 19, 1985). I'm glad I'm not the only fuddy-duddy who would preserve my children in "brine," so to speak. This is a ques-tion with which I battled for some time. And on the same topic-thanks to Dr Clifford for seeing fit, despite the obstacles, to supply us with a Christian school here at Kabiufa.

And thanks to those teachers of mission "A" schools who are willing to sacrifice to help give our children Christian schooling.

Maria Williams, Kabiufa Adventist High School,

**Prayer Products** 

When Betty Larsen (nee Wright) wrote to the RECORD (6/7/85) in appreciation of youth camps in South New Zealand and their leaders of forty years ago—Pastors John Howse, John Wade, Keith Satchell, Len Hay, "Mum" Dixon, Pearl Harvey and myself—she did a lovely, inspiring thing.

What Betty did not know was that before each camp day's busy activities started, and at their close, we leaders gathered in a prayer circle to talk to the Lord about our young campers by

Some of those young people: Desmond Hills (now president Trans-Australian Union Conference); Robert Dixon (now prominent Adventist educator); Rex Robinson (now a church pastor); Adrienne Wiltshire (now wife of Adventist medical specialist Peter Martin); Daphne Wishart (now wife of Avondale's librarian Brian Townend); Ronald Harvey and Owen Holley (prominent effective laymen in South New Zealand).

One-time world leader of Adventist youth, the late A. W. Peterson, used to tell us that "the Adventist Church of tomorrow will march forward on the feet of its young people of today.

Press on, pray on, youth leaders of today. Yours is indeed a night and Larsen's nice letter again reminds us. W. A. Townend, Yours is indeed a high and holy calling, as Betty

Theology Department, Avondale College.

### Commitment to our Doctrines

I have been reading the RECORD of October 12, 1985. I note the statement adopted by the Division Session. We note that the Division delegates invite us to identify ourselves with it individually

I draw special attention to the paragraph which says, "We appeal to the Adventist family as a to join with us in total commitment to the doctrines, practices and standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church." That is a wise and good appeal. However, what are the doctrines of our church today?

Is it still our doctrine that there is a sanctuary in heaven, of which the one on earth was a type? That this sanctuary is the one to be cleansed at the end of the 2300 Days of Daniel 8:14? Do we still teach that the work of judgment began in 1844? See Fundamental Beliefs, Church Manual, 1951 edition, Item 14. That this cleansing of the sanctuary is a time of investigative judgment? Item

Is it still one of the doctrines that Christ's people should be a godly people? Item 17. Do we teach victory over sin in this life, here and now? Do we still teach that "every one who surrenders fully to God is given the privilege of living without sin"?-Review and Herald, 27/9/06.

We want to live in total commitment to our doctrines, but what are they?

R.R.D. Marks, NSW.

### How to Use the RECORD

Recently I was passing through a waiting room in a public hospital and was surprised to find six copies of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD on a table, along with general reading matter. There was not one copy of Signs of the Times, Alert or Good Health magazines to be seen. Being printed for the specific purpose of evangelism, these would have been much more appropriate in these circumstances.

If recipients of the RECORD are looking for something positive to do with these magazines when read, may I suggest there are many national workers in the islands who would be glad to receive them. Some time ago, Pastor Austen Fletcher made a call for help in this regard, and many people happily responded. The RECORD is being used in the best possible way by sending it to people who need to keep in touch with what is going on within our own church

Elaine Formenti, S.A.

(And to take or send to former Adventists! It could rekindle a flame as they read about what is happening in the family circle. Editor.)



BUTTSWORTH—DAVIS. "What better birthday present, Ross, than a beautiful bride!" were the pastor's words as he introduced Mr and Mrs Ross Buttsworth to the many friends and relatives gathered at Brightwaters church, New South Wales, on Sunday, October 27, 1985. Ross, son of Mr and Mrs Allan Buttsworth of Newcastle, and Robyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Des Davis of Boggabri, pledged their love to each other in a beautiful ceremony, enhanced with musical items by special friends. May God bless their new home in Newcastle.

Trevor Rogers.

McMURTRIE—DRUMMOND. Maida Vale church, Western Australia, was filled with family, friends and well-wishers who came to share in the very pleasant and relaxed wedding of Malcom McMurtrie and Robyn Drummond as they met to exchange vows on October 13, 1985. Robyn is the daughter of Carmel and Allan Drummond, and Mal the son of Elvie and Merv McMurtrie. May the Lord be with this fine Christian couple as they set up their new home together in Perth. L. J. Evans.

# Till He Comes

HARRISON. The sad day of Duncan Harrison's death occurred on October 24, 1985, in the Christchurch Public Hospital, New Zealand. After a long, courageous and determined battle with ill health, Duncan passed to his rest in full faith in the sure and certain hope of the happy resurrection day. A very large crowd of people gathered to farewell a dear friend and support the family. To Sandra and their two sons Paul and Scott, the certainty of being "caught up together" when Jesus comes is a precious hope. Fourteen of Scott's classmates from the Christchurch Adventist School sang a special message of comfort and encouragement.

P. J. Colquhoun.

MITCHELL. Born on September 23, 1897, Nancy Mary Mitchell was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Harker. She married Harold Mitchell in 1926—a happy union until he predeceased her in 1959. Nancy pursued a musical career, and was a very successful music teacher and a talented singer. She was a member of the North Sydney church and then later the Chatswood church, where for many years she was the organist. A cheerful, lovable person, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She passed to her rest at the Kings Langley Retirement Village and was buried in the Northern Suburbs Cemetery on October 21, 1985, to await the call of the Life-giver.

T. T. Turner.

PILKINGTON Kathleen Grace Pilkington was born in Ingham, Queensland, in 1898, and passed to her rest at the Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales, on October 30, 1985, in her eighty-seventh year. She was a member of the Rosendahl family, attending Avondale between 1917 and 1921. She was baptised by Pastor Robert Hare, widowed in 1954, and after a lifetime of caring for others was laid to rest in the Avondale Cemetery in the presence of relatives and friends in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection day. The writer was assisted by Pastor Arthur Needham.

S. M. Uttley.

STEHR. Edmund Arthur Stehr died on October 22, 1985, at Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand, and was buried at the South Auckland Cemetery on October 25, 1985. He is survived by his wife and his daughters, Christine and Patsy, and their families. A man notable for the warmth, genuineness and faithfulness of his friendships, he is very sadly missed. It was his joy to search deeply into the mysteries of God's love and purposes and to share his discoveries. The many friends present testified by their presence to the influence of his life. We laid him to rest with sorrow at the parting, but with the assurance of a joyful reunion at the resurrection morning.

I. B. Rankin.

### RETURN THANKS

Mr Stan Golby and family desire to thank all who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy in the recent sad loss of their loved wife, mother and grandmother, Netta Golby of Tuncurry.

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# FLASHPOINT

### JOY TOTENHOFER Assistant Editor



HELLO TO YOU! Isn't it wonderful when a member of the family who has been away returns home! My husband was away last week; not for long, but how the house echoed with happy conversation when he came home! I got to thinking about God waiting for us to come home—is He anticipating with pleasure the laughter and chatter when He shows us to our heavenly homes? He must be; otherwise He would never have agreed to the price our Saviour paid to redeem us, to make it possible.

GREATER SYDNEY CONFERENCE Session has been held, and administrative officers are as follows: President, Adrian Craig (formerly Ministerial secretary, TTUC); Secretary-Treasurer, E. R. Piez; Assistant Treasurer, W. J. Paynter; Church Ministries, Eric White, W. R. Sleight; Communication, Health and Temperance, Education, Trust Services, to be appointed, with the other positions being filled by those who are carrying on. The executive committee is comprised of the president and secretary, plus; E. B. Price; W. R. Sleight; F. Tassoni; D. Cowell; E. Rogers; Sister J. Baldwin; Sister J. Wood; J. Ockington.

SOME TEACHING APPOINTMENTS are as follows: David Iredale from study leave to principal, Adelaide High, SA; I. Whitson from principal, Adelaide High, to Newcastle, NNSW; Miss E. Haber from Warrnambool, Vic, to Mildura, Vic; Graham Coles from Launceston, Tas, to Warmambool; R. Reid from deputy to principal, Lilydale Academy; L. R. Bartlett from principal, Lilydale Academy, to study leave, USA; A. Johnson from private study, and Paul Dunne from Nunawading Primary, both to Lilydale Academy; D. Thomson from Shepparton, Vic, to Oakleigh, Vic; Ron Day from Carmel College, WA, to lecturer, Avondale College; Tony Robinson from Longburn College to dean of men, Carmel, WA; A. Grosse from Cook Islands to principal, Albany, WA; D. Quick from principal, Albany, to principal, Victoria Park, WA; M. Olsen from principal, Victoria Park, to principal,

Avondale Primary, NNSW; Ian Low from principal, Mount Gravatt, SQ, to principal, Albury, SNSW; R. Flynn from principal, Albury, to study leave; Mrs J. Mack from Warburton, Vic, to Avondale Primary; Miss A. Baldwin from Avondale Primary to Wahroonga, GS; F. Cracknell from Avondale Primary to Schools Music director. NNSW; A. French from Strathfield, GS, to Avondale High, NNSW: Miss R. McFarlane from Whangarei, NNZ, to principal, Balmoral, NNZ; Miss E. Stuart from Hamilton, NNZ, to South Auckland, NNZ; Mrs D. Barrow from GS to dean, Longburn; A. Stuart from Mackay, NA, to Longburn; V. Bonetti from Fulton, CPUM, to principal, Kosena: A. Cronk from private employment to Beulah, CPUM; Mrs E. Wilikai from private employment to Betikama, WPUM; M. Coulson from Longburn to Mackay; M. Brooks, Avondale graduate to Adelaide High; S. Eager, Avondale graduate, to Carmel College; K. Petrie, Longburn graduate, to principal, Whangarei.

IN OUR PART of the world the Appeal campaign is drawing to a successful conclusion, and we continue to receive stories of exploits by senior members. One Bendigo member has not missed a year of Ingathering since 1931. On her first Appeal she collected 5/6d by wheeling her baby in the pram from house to house. Another not-so-young supporter was assisting the pastor in the business area, but her feet were aching so much she felt she could not carry on. Then she remembered her car was parked four streets away, so she prayed for strength and pressed on with the task. By lunchtime she was back at her car with the task completed, and a total of \$100 toward the cause.

PAPATOETOE church (Auckland, NNZ) is bursting at the seams, so they have shifted to new accommodation at Kedgeley Intermediate School, Portage Road, Papatoetoe. But the venue is only temporary until their new church complex is constructed on land they own adjacent to the South Auckland School. They assure visitors they are always welcome-

A NEW Pathfinder Leadership course will be introduced in our Division in January 1986. Designed to provide further training over a three-year period, it will cover such areas as Administration, Human Relations, Community Ministry, Drill and Marching, as well as recreational subjects.

CHATSWOOD church, which evolved from the North Sydney church, has just celebrated their 80th anniversary.

TITHE income in the Greater Sydney Conference last year topped the \$4 million mark. Baptisms, too, have never been higher. The average of over 300 each year breaks all records for this conference.

A VEGETARIAN luncheon, provided by the staff at the CPUM, was served to celebrate the completion of the roof of the new headquarters office building. The roof went on in one day—hence the celebration. Hostel accommodation built on the lower floor is expected to be ready for the influx of committee members for annual meetings in Suva this month.

PASTOR SAVENACA TURAGA, the district director at Wainibuka, some distance down the road from Fulton College in Fiji, has accepted a call to care for the Fijian church in Greater Sydney for two years.

**ENVELOPES**, containing brochures regarding our Appeal, have been letterboxed in a pilot program in several conferences. One Canberra lady recently sent a cheque for \$20, and when the LA director asked her why she felt impressed to help us, she told of the kindness and helpfulness of the ladies in the SHF shop in her district. This was her way of saying Thank you to them. Reminds me of that statement: "If we would . . . be kind and courteous . . . there would be 100 conversions . . . where now there is only one."

"FINALLY, BRETHREN . . . ": We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.