

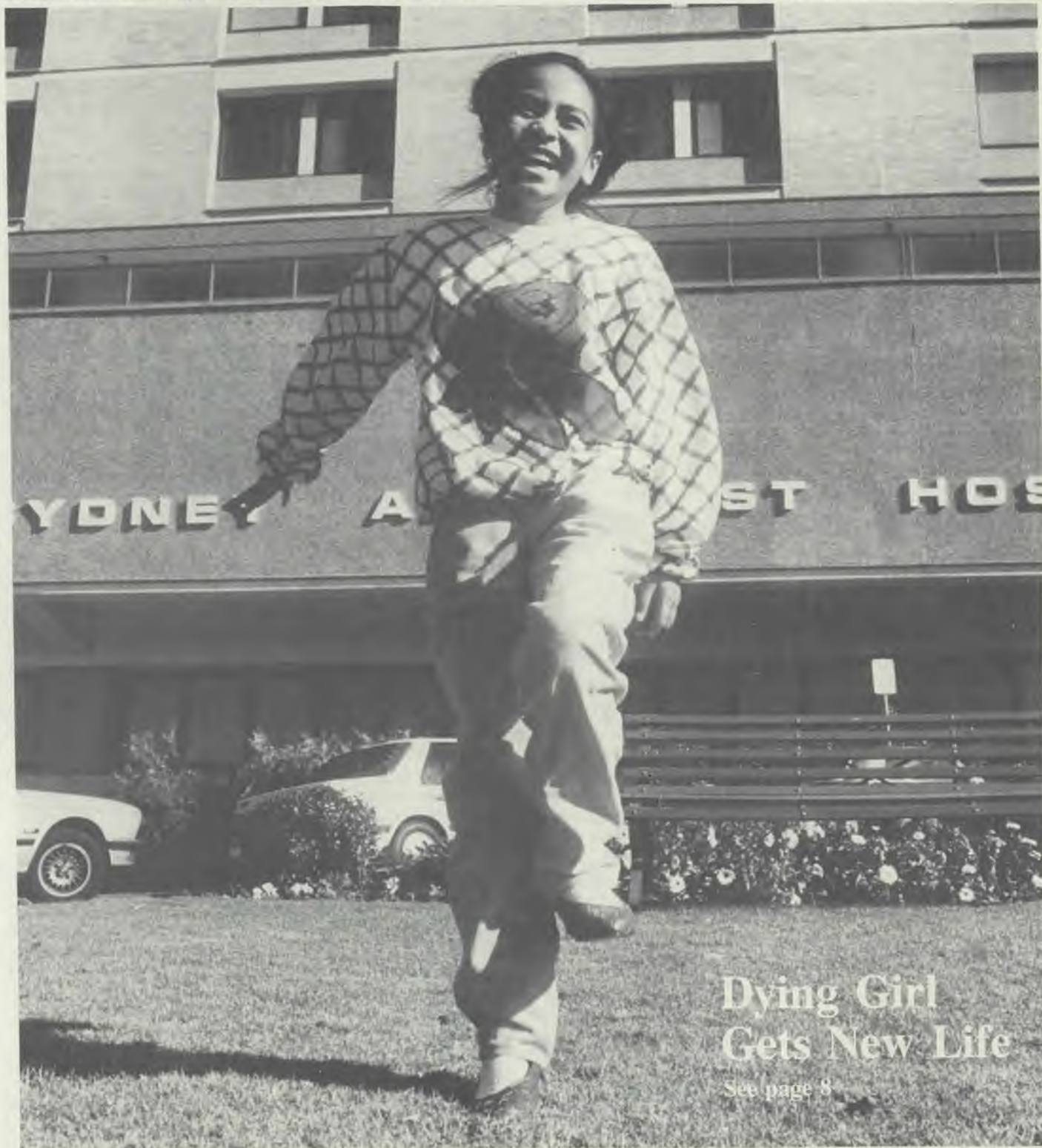
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# Stay with the Ship



THE BLACKNESS of the stormy night was impenetrable and frightening. We were lost, and our small flat-bottomed boat was being tossed about like a cork in a fathomless and shoreless ocean. The wind roared. Lightning flashed. Thunder rumbled. And the sea boiled.

Hours earlier, we had left the safety of the river and travelled several miles across open sea to an uninhabited island. We had been to this peaceful place before, so had no thought of danger. The island was like a little bit of heaven.

All too soon we were on our way home. Our dear friend Jim knew the sea and was a good captain. He had built the little boat we were in, and it was a credit to him. But it was not built for the wild conditions we were facing—the worst storm I have ever been in.

How we prayed that the one-cylinder inboard motor would keep going so Jim could keep the boat's nose facing the storm! The boat had a precious cargo aboard—three adults and four lovely children. The howling wind and violent sea claimed a few personal items that were loose in the boat, but the losses were hardly noticed; lives were in danger.

We had one "tube." It was our only lifeline. However, if we went down, would we be able to find it in the darkness? It would not support us all, anyway. The only safe thing to do was to stay in the boat.

Some of the time we had no idea what direction we were heading—farther out to sea, or closer to shore. Then the anchor rope flew overboard, and the anchor held fast. We were in real trouble, as Jim now had no control. Well do I remember him saying quietly, "Well, Bill, we are in God's hands now."

The wild sea was not the only danger—there were sharks, deadly sea wasps, ringed octopuses. We *must* stay in the boat. While we prayed, our little children huddled in the wet bow of the boat, singing the lovely Sabbath school song "Isn't He Wonderful!" What a rebuke for us adults!

It was the only time in my life that I have seen a ball of fire seemingly dance

on the water at the end of forked lightning. We tried to get the anchor free, but to no avail. Then a large wave caught the boat, lifted us high, and dropped boat and occupants over the reef. We were once again safe in the mouth of the river. How we thanked God for bringing us through!

I think of that experience whenever I read of the Apostle Paul's shipwreck. The crew were about to abandon ship—they thought all was lost. But Paul cried out, "Stay with the ship! Stay with the ship and your life will be safe." They obeyed, and their lives were saved.

What a lesson for us today! Some of our dear people seem to think that the Captain, our Lord, has abandoned His ship—that He has lost control. This type of thinking belittles the Saviour, for He said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5. He is leading His people, His church, His body. The gates of hell will not prevail against our Lord or His church.

"God has a church upon the earth who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 61.

God has given us a great and wonderful commission to spread the gospel, in the setting of the three angels of Revelation 14, to all nations in these

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last hours. Our all-compelling task is to lift up, to plant and to build. By God's grace I pledge (as all God's children must) to give the trumpet a certain sound until He comes.

My brothers and sisters, if you want to land safely on the evergreen shore, then love God, love your fellow man; be faithful and witness for Him, study the Word, pray often, and above all, "STAY WITH THE SHIP."

W. H. Otto,  
President,  
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# Of Caterpillars and Butterflies

KEVIN HOWSE

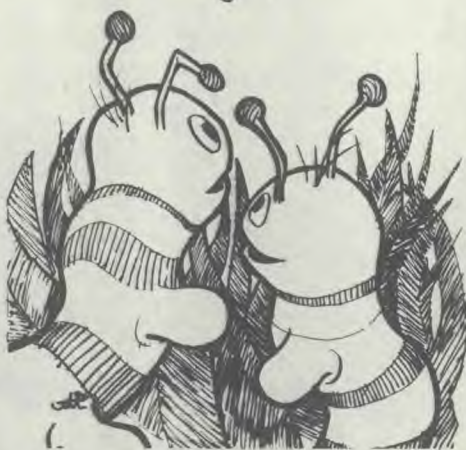
**Must enlightenment eclipse compassion and understanding?**

RECENTLY two caterpillars were inching their way through a front lawn. Every now and then they stopped to chew a delicate blade of unmown grass. As they feasted, a butterfly flew overhead. "Look up there," one caterpillar exclaimed to the other. "You would never see me flying in one of those things!"

Humans and that humble caterpillar have much in common. Admittedly, there are some differences in size, number of legs, rate of mobility, diet, and perhaps even intelligence. But we, too, fear and resist change and the growth it demands. Perhaps those who fear change most are those who cannot admit they need to grow.

Such thoughts of change threaten all the neatly packaged concepts of reality we wrap tightly around ourselves to feel secure, even superior. But the Christian life is a process of growth, and growth implies change.

This process of "pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God" (Philippians 3:14) demands that we be prepared to



In the enlightenment of its development, the butterfly had shrouded itself in its beauty and freedom and had despised those less mature than itself. But must enlightenment eclipse compassion and understanding?

So the story of the caterpillar and the butterfly is lived out in the day-to-day life of Christian men and women everywhere. If only the "caterpillar" would never forget the great destiny to which God will lead, and in so doing, open itself to the apparent risks of change and growth. Likewise, if only the "butterfly" would never forget his

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One would expect more from a beautiful butterfly. It should know better. It has every reason to be sympathetic and tolerant of a caterpillar's humble lot. Yet how quickly it forgets its lowly origin!

humble origins and for ever remember that, as one great "butterfly" put it, "There, but for the grace of God, crawl I." ■

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constantly move toward something better. It demands that we put off the childish as we become adult in our ways of thinking about God and life (1 Corinthians 13:11, 12). But the story doesn't end here.

Recently two butterflies were flying in the sky, dancing in the freedom of their newly discovered three-dimensional world. When revelling in the ecstasy of flight, one butterfly chanced to look down, spotting a creepy, crawly caterpillar inching his way through the grass. In a tone of derision and disgust, the butterfly muttered to the other, "Look down there. I'm glad I am not one of 'them.'"

## Thank You, Pastor Garne

R. L. COOMBE, Communication Director, South Pacific Division

THIS ISSUE of the South Pacific RECORD is the last for which Pastor Geoffrey Garne will be responsible as editor. On behalf of the officers of the Division and the magazine's many readers over the past five and a half years, I would like to say Thank you to Pastor Garne and pay tribute to his faithfulness in fulfilling his editorial responsibilities.

The world of magazine publishing can be very demanding, with its pressures for deadlines, relevance and impact. Nevertheless, in editing both the *Signs of the Times* and the RECORD, Pastor Garne has fulfilled his duties admirably and in a manner of which we are proud. His dedication to the Adventist Church and the publications he edited earned him wide respect.

Pastor Garne is a real gentleman, with an amazing memory for people's names. He has become so attached to the people of this Division that he will return permanently, following a holiday in South Africa, to take up pastoral employment in the South Queensland Conference.

Pastor Garne, for your contribution as editor and your many hours of toil in producing the past 283 issues of this paper, we thank you. ■



# Big Boys DO Cry

STANLEY WATSON

**Every male wants to be manly. But does manliness mean that he must never cry? What does the Biblical model of manliness suggest?**

THE SPECTACLE of an Australian Prime Minister weeping before a television audience of millions made headlines when it happened about two years ago. Mr Hawke explained that a family problem involving his daughter and son-in-law had been causing

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anguish. His concern, prompted by a probing question from a journalist, brought forth the tears. Nonetheless, Mr Hawke's tears created a field day for cartoonists, editorial writers and media commentators, because they viewed public tears from a national leader inappropriate.

A few days after the Prime Minister's show of emotion, Australian Cricket Test Captain Kim Hughes found it hard to read his resignation speech at a press conference following the second defeat by the West Indies. Choking back the tears, he finally fled the confines of the conference room, weeping, and the team manager had to finalise the formally written speech. This also caused media comment worldwide and brought to the fore the question of men weeping in public and whether it is the right thing to do.

The physiological and psychological reasons for men crying are buried deep in each person's make-up. In countries where the moods of the populace are mercurial and their behaviour excitable, tears come easily, whether from joy or anguish. Similarly, the horrors of war, scenes from the famine in Africa and other manifestations of humanity's inhumanity toward others causes tears to flow from many male eyes. And why shouldn't it be so?

Mr Hawke, Kim Hughes and other men who shed tears, whether of joy or



sorrow, are in good company. The Bible is full of instances where men,

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stalwarts of God, were reduced to tears—and were not ashamed of it. Joseph, Hezekiah, David, Solomon,

Paul, Peter and Jesus are but a few of the examples.

Who cannot be moved when reading of Joseph's confrontation with his youngest brother, Benjamin, after years of separation? "And he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there." Genesis 43:30. When he revealed his identity to his brothers, Joseph wept again.

Similar scenes occur daily at any airport or bus or train station as long-lost relatives, husbands, wives or children are welcomed home. Tears of joy flow unrestrained.

Other tears are of anguish, sometimes tinged with remorse. Dr Samuel Johnson said that "nothing concen-



brates a man's thoughts more than the knowledge that tomorrow he is to be hanged." This state of affairs faced Hezekiah, who was told to set his house in order as he was about to die (Isaiah 38:1). This news caused the king to turn his face to the wall and earnestly pray to the Lord, "and Hezekiah wept sore." Isaiah 38:3. The entreaty caused God to extend Hezekiah's life by 15 years.

David's request for divine forgiveness in Psalm 51 is awash with tears. "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness." Psalm 51:1. "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Verse 3. The spectre of

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David's past life was to haunt him all his days. Psalm 6:6 demonstrates the depth of his sorrow for his sin. "I am weary with my groaning; all the night make my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears."

Paul was driven to tears by the foolishness and perfidiousness of those who were a burden on his heart. "O foolish Galatians" (Galatians 3:1) was his cry for the inhabitants of that province. And to the people of Ephesus he said, "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears." Acts 20:31. Similarly, to the Corinthians he poured out his heart: "For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears. . . ." 2 Corinthians 2:4.

Paul's physical courage was undoubted. All the perils that befell him only increased his love of the Lord and fortified his belief in the call given him on the Damascus road. But hardy as he was, he could still be reduced to tears by the seeming indifference to heavenly things displayed by those he yearned to help. Paul's tears were those of compassion and frustration. They were shed for others and not for himself.

Peter, a big fisherman, who, in some

people's eyes, was as rough as they come, should have been as far removed from weeping as anyone could be. He had braved storms at sea and all the dangers that fishing entailed. But he "wept bitterly" after just one look from the One he had betrayed (Luke 22:61, 62).

Peter's sermon at Pentecost could not have been delivered if he had not had that cleansing experience outside the judgment hall and in Gethsemane. It made him a different man. As a result, he and the other disciples "turned the world upside down." Peter's tears of sorrow and despair made him malleable to the Lord's plans for him.

"Jesus wept" (John 11:35) is the shortest verse in the Bible. But contained in those two words is a powerful message about Christ's compassion. Not only does Jesus weep with those who mourn the loss of a loved one, but He will change tears of sadness to tears of gladness at the resurrection, just as happened in the case of Lazarus.

Jesus also wept over Jerusalem and its people's willingness to die (Matthew 23:37). In Gethsemane He shed tears for His disciples, for what they were about to face. Jesus' tears were always for others. They came from a heart brimming over with love. Yet never will anyone even approach the manliness He displayed wherever He went and in whatever He did.

In conclusion I would say that if I read my Bible correctly, the parental admonition that "big boys don't cry" is not valid. The evidence from

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Scripture and from the world around us shows that there are times when big boys *do* cry, and when they *should* cry. And they will feel better and the world will be a better place because they were manly enough, courageous enough, to do it. ■

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FOR THE CHILDREN

## Kind Katie

JEAN JONES

EVERY AFTERNOON when the weather was fine, the teacher told the children in Grade 3 to run along the footpath next to the school, right to the end of the street, and then back again.

One afternoon their teacher, Miss Duncan, said, "You are all running quite well now. I have decided that the one who runs back to school first today will be given a prize." Then off they all ran, each one hoping to get that prize.

Katie, was well ahead of the other children when she saw a little girl fall off her bike and hurt her knee. *Can I stop to help her and still win the race?* Katie asked herself. But just then some of the children were running past, and so Katie said to herself, *Well, I guess it doesn't matter about the prize anyway. I must help this little girl.* Katie lifted the girl onto her feet, and wiped the blood off her knee with a clean tissue. Then she looked at the bike, which wasn't damaged.

"You're all right now," she told the little girl. "Your knee isn't badly cut; just a little scratch. So come on, and I'll help you back on your bike and you can ride home." As the little girl rode away smiling, Katie felt rewarded for helping her.

Miss Duncan was smiling at the children, as she held up a nice book. "You all ran in very good time," she told the children. "But Andrew was here first. Congratulations, Andrew, and here is your prize."

Next morning, before starting school work, Miss Duncan told the children, "I have something special to tell you children this morning. Yesterday I gave the prize for winning the race to Andrew, and he deserved it.

"But this morning," the teacher went on, "I have another prize for someone who also deserves it. I've been told how Katie—who usually wins our races—stopped to help a little girl who had an accident with her bike.

"I want to give her a special prize today for being kind to others, which is much more important than being a good runner. ■



# Lessons From a Storm

DUDLEY A. KUCHEL

**The rain fell not in drops, but in sheets—as if the very clouds could no longer hold back their pent-up emotions. Would it ever end; would we be saved? we wondered.**

“BOYS, I think you had better head for home. A storm is brewing.” We had been helping, in our childish way, with haymaking in one of our farm paddocks on the rich Murray River flats near Murray Bridge in South Australia. Now our father was warning us to seek shelter.

The weather had become hot and oppressive on this particular summer morning, and even as we dropped our

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hayforks and began walking back to our homestead, the lightning began to flash and the thunder growl, heralding the approach of the gathering storm.

Hastening down the track toward home and shelter, we looked anxiously at the evermore fearful flashes of lightning, which lit the rapidly darkening skies with awesome brilliance. Peals of thunder like mighty explosions caused the earth to tremble. We were caught in the storm, with no place to hide.

My eight-year-old brother soon began to whimper. And before long, I lost my nerve—11-year-old that I was—and we both began screaming uncontrollably in terror. Rivers of fire poured to earth from the heavy clouds overhead. And in our childish imaginations we thought the dry, cracked, black-clay earth would be opened by the thunder's vibration and swallow us for ever.

The dry red gum trees seemed to raise their gaunt branches heavenward as if pleading desperately to be spared the fate of being shattered by the fiery

bolts of lightning that pierced the atmosphere from every direction. The rain fell not in drops, but in sheets—as if the very clouds could no longer hold back their pent-up emotions. Would it ever end; would we be saved? we wondered.

Then, as suddenly as it came, the storm ended. A friendly sun shone once more, causing a beautiful rainbow to appear among the receding clouds. Resuming our journey, we were met by one of our employees. Our mother had seen our plight from the front window and had sent help to calm and assist us. We were soon enjoying the peace and security of home.

Now, 60 years after that unforgettable experience, I hear the voice of my heavenly Father speaking to me in His Word: “Son, you had better head for home. A storm of evil is developing.” Even now I see the lightning flashes of prophecy confirming the certainty of the approaching holocaust.

If I had to endure the fury of the coming storm alone, I would be afraid as I was as a child. But God says, in Isaiah 41:10, 13: “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. . . . For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not; I will help thee.”

Beyond the darkness and above the raging of the storm stands God, still in control. His Word says: “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the

arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walked in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.” Psalm 91:1-7.

Despite the magnitude of Satan's fury, God assures us in Isaiah 43:1, 2: “Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.”

We may be caught in the storm, but God's Word tells us the storm will soon pass and the sunshine of His smile will appear. The rainbow of His covenant and love will break into view. Best of all, Jesus will lead us home, where we will reside in peace and safety, enjoying the ceaseless ages of eternity in His presence.

“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle

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of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Revelation 21:3, 4. ■

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# Because Someone Cared

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## An Appealing Story

IT WAS an exciting day in Toronto, Canada, when Gladys Struys, whose husband Oswin, sister Elna and brother-in-law Willem Vandergreft were to be baptised by Pastor Leslie Neal.

None of these persons would have been rejoicing in the blessed hope, were it not for the faithful member going from door to door and leaving the Ingathering leaflet in every home.

The Struyses were not home when the initial call was made. Upon returning home, Gladys picked up the mail and promptly deposited the Ingathering pamphlet in the garbage can. That night she could not sleep. "I believe it was the Spirit of God guiding me to pick up that leaflet and read it," she says with conviction, recalling that night's experience. "I am glad someone cared about us."

It was again the Spirit of God who prompted her to write for the Bible study guides. In response she had the lessons delivered in person by Marjorie Holm of Willowdale. Eager to know the Word of God, Gladys not only studied it for herself, but shared what she learned with her husband.

Marjorie, who was Gladys's first contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, married and moved west, but still did not forget her friend Gladys. "She used to write long letters from Saskatoon that helped me very much," recalls Gladys.

Meanwhile, Elna and Willem moved to Toronto from Curacao, Dutch West Indies. Both in the Netherlands and in Curacao they had belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church. But upon their arrival in Canada, "something kept them back" from joining a local congregation. And then came the wonderful meetings with Pastor Lowe. Gladys Struys, grateful that someone cared about her, cared about her family and invited them to the meetings. They came every night and now all four are finding fulfilment in the activities of the Willowdale congregation.

As I write this story, I ponder, where would the Struyses and the Vandergrefts be today if Marjorie, responsible for their street, did not care about them, or ignored the appeal of the Personal Ministries leader or "went

into hiding" during the Ingathering time?

It is very important that we leave our Ingathering magazines at every home we visit. May this story encourage us to go from door to door. May our conduct inspire confidence and faith in the contacts we make. By our lives let us tell the world that we are sincere Christians walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

A story like this can be experienced in every congregation if you:

1. Leave a piece of spiritual literature in every home.
2. Endeavour to enrol every contact in a Bible course.
3. Bring back to your pastor or Personal Ministries leader the names of all those who show an interest in the message.

—Canadian Adventist Messenger.

## For Their Sake A Caring Church Meets Human Needs

P. R. JACK, Appeal Coordinator, South Pacific Division

AUSTRALIA (often referred to as the "lucky country") and New Zealand have often been envied by people around the world because of their natural beauty and high standard of living. However, the financial crises now confronting these two nations is forcing us to accept a lower standard of living. As the Australian and New Zealand dollar continues to weaken against other currencies, we wonder what the ultimate impact may be. Nevertheless, despite the downward economic spiral, the "lucky" nomenclature still applies to both countries.

It was only when I became involved in mission service eight years ago that I began to understand the needs that exist in many other countries. And having just returned from a Pacific island itinerary, I am reminded again of the real human needs that exist in some areas not so fortunate as Australia and New Zealand.

### Needs Equal Opportunity

Jesus demonstrated how meeting physical needs is the best way to spread the gospel. As Ellen White notes: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, Follow me."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 143.

The less-developed areas of the world, where people more readily recognise their needs, afford wonderful opportunity to work as Jesus worked. Every church member in the so-called "lucky countries" can play a meaningful role in this Christ-centred approach to finishing the work of spreading the gospel.

### The Adventist Appeal

Your concern as a caring Christian can find expression in the annual Adventist Appeal. Here is a way to show sympathy for the underprivileged as Jesus did when he set foot on planet Earth. Here is opportunity to share in the joy and satisfaction of teaching people to follow Him.

As you prayerfully prepare for involvement in the 1986 Appeal campaign, do it not because you might happen to love knocking on doors and asking for money, but for *their* sake.

May every member of the church in this Division allow the Holy Spirit to make this year's Appeal a time of revival, a time of caring and a time of advance and victory for Jesus Christ. ■



# Dying Girl Gets New Life

SIX MONTHS AGO Alavini Heimuli was a very sick little girl expected to live less than a year.

Had she grown up in Australia, doctors would have diagnosed her heart condition and cured it in the first month of her life, but in Tonga, Alavini was eight and a half before her condition was diagnosed.

The operation needed to fix a hole in the heart is straightforward, but Tongan doctors did not have the technology or funds to set up a cardiac research centre.

Alavini's condition was diagnosed by a visiting medical team from the Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga, this year and the operation was performed. It revealed further complications and Alavini was flown to Sydney for an aortic valve replacement and correction of a ventricular septal defect.

"We have been overwhelmed by the assistance given to us by the hospital team. We could not ever have afforded the doctor's fees, hospital fees and air fare," Alavini's aunt and adoptive mother, Mele Heimuli, told the *Advocate*.

"The operation took three hours and 40 minutes, and when she came back to consciousness she asked me when was the operation going to start.

"She was in intensive care for two nights and the hospital discharged her after 11 days. Now it is a month since the operation and she has not been short of breath once."

Despite the trauma of the operation, the trip on an aeroplane to a different country has been very exciting for the little girl from Tonga.

"We took her to the zoo and she was so excited by all the animals. She loves animals, and she was really interested in the kangaroos and the wombats," Mele said.

Alavini's life would never have been saved without the dedication, commitment and generosity of the medical team.

The team of 37 surgeons, nurses, technicians and other personnel were in Tonga on the Operation Open Heart for Tonga program initiated by a band of hospital staff and underwritten by hospital administrators.

The program grew from a visit to the island to visit his missionary parents by a cardiac nurse from the hospital, Russell Lee. He noted the lack of education in the people regarding cardiac health care and the high incidence of rheumatic heart disease. Rheumatic heart disease is caused by simple infections going untreated.

Operation Open Heart for Tonga took more than two years to organise. All personnel donated their time, either through holiday leave or leave without pay, and paid their own fares to Tonga.

"We raised \$120,000 through donations and equipment and supplies worth more than \$200,000 were donated or lent to us by medical suppliers," Mr Lee said.

"Because all those involved in the program, from the general superintendent of the hospital to the surgeons and nursing staff, have given their time free, every cent we have raised had gone straight to the Tongan people."

—*North Shore Advocate*.

## Tongan Girl Says Thank You and Goodbye

More than 100 Tongans, and members of the hospital volunteer team who had helped carry out 14 other successful heart operations in Tonga were present when Alavini Heimuli said goodbye and thank you at a farewell function at Sydney Adventist Hospital on Wednesday, July 23. Later that day, Alavini flew home to Tonga for a new life with a brighter future.

As a way of saying thank you, Alavini did a traditional Tongan thanksgiving dance, which raised nearly \$700 for the next stage of the Tongan Heart Project, says Sydney Adventist Hospital public relations officer Brian Sode-man. ■

## Longburn Sinks Well, Gets Good Water

LONGBURN Adventist College in New Zealand now has an abundance of pure, sweet water. It bubbles out (photo) at the rate of 400 litres per minute from a bore rammed 146 metres into the river gravel.

"Generations of students and staff have had to contend with the bore water, guaranteed to paralyse the palate and turn white washing into brown blemishes," says college principal John Hammond. The college board took action in February this year to sink a new bore.

"The old bore went down only 30 metres and we hoped to find purer water at a slightly greater depth," says Mr Hammond. For several months, the daily routine of college life has been punctuated by the pounding of machinery as a 15-centimetre steel pipe was put down.

"Now," says Mr Hammond, "we appreciate more fully the words of the prophet in Isaiah 12:3, 4, NIV: 'With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation, in that day you will say: 'Give thanks to the Lord.' ' ' ' ■



Photo: J. G. Hammond.





Peter, now a Christian.

A FORMER village terrorist in Papua New Guinea has been introduced to Christ by close relatives who are members of the Kerowagi Adventist Youth Club.

## PNG Man Forsakes Rascals for Religion

"Instead of fighting with Peter," said mission Communication director Matupit Darius, "our young people started witnessing. Soon Peter realised that Adventists have something better, and he was hooked."

Peter involved himself in youth activities and, without realising it, his rough exterior began to change. He was converted.

Even the village priest had been in fear of Peter, who had several times threatened to kill him. However, the priest, an expatriate, knew that if he handed Peter over to police it would incur the wrath of other terrorists and warrant payback.

But the priest as well soon noticed

the change in Peter. Now he could travel throughout his parish without fear. And happy about this change, the priest visited the Adventist minister and thanked him and the young people for their contribution to Peter's conversion.

The Kerowagi Youth Club has 80 active members who conduct a strong witnessing program, engage in singing groups and marching drills and generally enjoy good fellowship among Christians.

"Adventist Youth in Papua New Guinea are risking even their lives as they participate in Harvest '90 outreach," says Pastor Darius. "And they are seeing results." ■

## Brothers-in-law in PNG Build New Church

A NEW CHURCH built from permanent materials stands today at Amaiyufa in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea as a witness to the power of a changed life.

Benefa Garfive and his brother-in-law Gai Duwambane who is the elected member for the Daulo electorate, have led in the fundraising for and erection of the new Amaiyufa church.

"But Ben and Gai were not always interested in church," says Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission president Albert Godfrey.

Benefa was a coffee buyer renowned for his drinking, fighting and bad language. After Ben married Gai's sister, Gai despised him for the way he treated his wife—until Ben experienced conversion and changed his lifestyle, that is.

Eventually Gai asked what had produced the change. Ben told of his contact with the "Seven-day" mission and what he had learned, particularly about the coming of Jesus, health and hygiene, and the standards expected of those expecting to meet Jesus.

Gai was impressed, especially by his brother-in-law's changed life. He decided he also wanted this new lifestyle.

Following Bible studies, Gai was baptised. Together, the two com-

menced to witness to their family and friends. Gradually a company of believers grew until they needed a church building.

"Gai was a successful businessman and was encouraged to stand for elections in the national parliament,"

says Pastor Godfrey. "He won, and now represents the Daulo electorate. His support and leadership in the church, together with that of the brother-in-law who introduced him to Christ, has resulted in the new church at Amaiyufa." ■



Gai Duwambani (left) and his brother-in-law, Benefa Garfive. In the background is the new Amaiyufa church on the day it was dedicated.

Photo: A. Godfrey.





Bruce Roach is baptised by Pastor Ed Parker.

## Alcoholic Calls His Baptism a Special Victory

A MAN WAS baptised recently in Warburton as a direct result of the Alcohol Recovery Program at the Warburton Health Care Centre.

Bruce Roach, took this step as "a public testimony of God's compassion" to him.

"We are delighted he has chosen to live in Warburton," says Kevin

Murray, church communication secretary. "He comes to us with many talents, and will be a valuable asset to our church."

Describing his experience, Bruce says:

"I DID NOT realise I was an alcoholic until 1971, when utter despair drove me to call for help. God

guided me to seek help in Alcoholics Anonymous.

"I enjoyed 12 years of sobriety, while I practised the program of recovery contained in the 12 steps suggested in Alcoholics Anonymous.

"While we, as Christians, have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, we always remain sinners by nature until the day we die; it is similar with the alcoholic. We are safe so long as we keep fit spiritually.

"I neglected this, picked up a drink, reverted to much worse than before and became physically, mentally and spiritually bankrupt.

"It is easy to neglect the spiritual program and rest on our laurels, but if we do we are headed for trouble," says Bruce.

"We are never cured of alcoholism. We have a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition. Every day we must carry the vision of God's will into all our activities."

"I was virtually at death's door when in November 1983 I admitted myself to the Alcohol Recovery Program at Warburton Health Care Centre. Based upon the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, but administered by the Alcohol Recovery coordinator, doctors and hospital staff, the Warburton program is more embracing. All concerned give a witness to Jesus and, as an ex-patient, I thank God for this. I remind everyone at the Warburton Health Care Centre that their lives—from the gardener to the cook to the waitresses to the nurses—play a vital role in helping the patients.

"I thank God for their influence, which culminated in my baptism." ■

## Faith For Today Receives Award

NAT E. DEVENISH, Manager, Adventist Media Centre



Faith For Today's Bronze Award.

FAITH FOR TODAY'S television series "Christian Lifestyle Magazine" recently won a Bronze Award for excellence at the International Film and Television Festival of New York.

The award, for a religious broadcast series, is the most prestigious recognition the new series has yet received say Faith For Today's directors. It continues Faith For Today's 36-year tradition of award-winning religious programming. The New York competition is the largest film and television competition in the world, with more than 5,300 entries.

Faith For Today director Dan Matthews, who hosts the series, says, "We've felt all along that we had an outstanding program, and this award confirms our feelings as fact."

The South Pacific Division Adventist Media Centre's new television series "Focus on Living" will include footage from Faith For Today's "Christian Lifestyle Magazine." Marilyn Loveless, researcher/script writer for "Focus on Living," previously worked in a similar capacity for "Christian Lifestyle Magazine" program. ■



# Tonga: Facing the Challenge

"LACK OF good men, shortage of finance, and inadequate buildings are but a few of the major challenges facing the Adventist work in Tonga," says Pastor F. K. Bera, who visited Tonga recently.

"But despite the problems, we need to be courageous and move forward in faith.

"The churches in Tonga are doing just that. They have set objectives in their Harvest '90 program," says Pastor Bera, Central Pacific Union Mission Stewardship and director, "and the future is looking bright."

Tonga, a flat, fertile land, grows beautiful vegetables and root crops. Watermelon, once a quick source of income, can no longer be exported to New Zealand, and this has adversely affected church finances.

"During our Stewardship seminars in Tonga," Pastor Bera says, "we had helpful discussions and came up with some practical suggestions. It is important that our churches establish tithe houses. Workers are encouraged to plant 10 vanilla bean plants around their backyards as an investment to support the mission, and set an example to other members, who may choose other crops suitable to their location.

## Importance of Mission Schools

While in Tonga, Pastor Bera spent time with the students of Beulah College. "Beulah is well known for its instrumental band; its academic achievement; and its supply of vegetables to the main market in town," says Pastor Bera. "Last year, the college profited by more than \$17,000 from vegetable sales

"It was indeed a pleasant sight to scan the faces of the 365 students and to hear their inspiring singing," says Pastor Bera. "Mission schools have played an important part in establishing our work in the Pacific islands. Beulah is no exception."

A total of 169 of Beulah's current students come from non-Adventist homes, presenting a golden opportunity for evangelism. Every Sabbath these students study the Bible, and last year, the college baptised 49 such students. "But we need Bibles for these youth," says Pastor Bera.

The College church pastor also cares

for a church company just over a kilometre from Beulah. "At the night meeting with this group," continues Pastor Bera, "I was introduced to a young lady who was baptised two weeks ago. This so antagonised her family that they told her to leave home.

"It was encouraging to talk with the staff," says Pastor Bera. "Sione Pulini, who teaches agricultural subjects, is a former Beulah student who came from a non-Adventist home. Now, through his witness, his father, sister and brothers are members of our church. His sister is in charge of the clinic work at Vava'u."

Beulah College principal Tesimale Latu also was a Beulah student who came with no Adventist background, and three other teachers became

Adventists while studying there. In fact, in the Tonga Mission, two departmental leaders, five ordained pastors and three licenced ministers became Adventists through the college.

Pastor Bera's itinerary ended in Vava'u, where the district pastor took him to land given to the church by the village chief.

Plans for Division president Walter R. L. Scragg to plant trees on this block had had to be cancelled because of a typhoid outbreak. After Pastor Bera planted the trees, an elder commented; "Now you have planted the trees, we'll wait for Pastor Scragg and Pastor Boucher [the mission president] to come and plant the church building." ■

## Victorian Volunteers Build Church on Niue

W. D. BOUCHER, President, Tonga-Niue Mission

IT IS STRANGELY QUIET at the mission compound on the island of Niue. No longer does the whine of the power saw, the staccato of hammers driving nails or the hum of cement mixers break the silence. The volunteers have gone. But where coconut palms once stood, a beautiful building now brings honour and glory to God—thanks to people in a faraway land who cared enough to give of their time, their means and their talents.

The fly 'n' build team worked for three weeks, from July 4 to 23. The group came from Warragul, Moe, Warburton and Ferntree Gully, Victoria, and consisted of two women and 10 men—two of whom were non-Adventists. In addition, the volunteer manual arts teacher in Tonga, Alistair Macgillivray, and I flew in to lend a hand. For their part, the local Adventists worked hard and gave of their best in food and drink. As a result, the two groups formed strong bonds of friendship.

From the outset it was a cooperative effort. The Warragul and Moe churches raised several thousand dollars, and other churches in Victoria also contributed. The Niueans themselves raised just on \$NZ6,000 toward the project, which was no mean feat.

On the job, the men and women of two nations put forth a concerted effort. Women carried bricks in the heat of the day; men laboured tirelessly. Both worked from daylight until well into the night.

Passers-by marvelled at the speed of construction and that men and women would care enough to come so far to build a church for strangers. What they could not understand was that the Adventist family is global by nature and therefore we are all one in Christ.

From one small dot of an island in the vast Pacific Ocean, the inhabitants say "Thank you" to all who made it possible, to all who made a dream come true. ■



# Woollahra Church: Tribute to Two Sisters

GLEND A QUINN

TODAY, September 27, the Woollahra church building in Sydney is 50 years old. What many members may not realise is that the church exists today largely because of the vision and generosity of two women—the Kerby sisters.

It was in 1914 that Laura and Isabel Kerby were baptised and became members of the Woollahra Seventh-day Adventist church. These two women had first come in contact with the church through the Sydney Sanitarium, where in those days many people spent their yearly holidays enjoying the food, fresh air and water treatments.

Laura and Isabel lived in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, where they helped their brother run a laundry business. A successful business, it had the contract for laundering the Carnegie Shipping Lines linen as well as other smaller laundering contracts. Although not

wealthy, the women were comfortably situated and owned their own home.

When they became Adventists, the sisters did not think it fitting that the Adventist company should meet in rented halls, so they determined to see a church built. By the time the Woollahra church was established in 1902, a building fund had been started. But having their own church seemed an impossible dream to most of the small group of members.

## Many Sacrifices

By the late 1920s, more people had joined the church, and the members began fundraising in earnest.

Most money came from outright donation, even though in the Depression it was a struggle and required many sacrifices.

As their personal contribution, the Kerby sisters bought a two-storey, white-weatherboard house (reportedly

for £26) and rented it out so they could put the rent money into the church building fund. The house was situated on Edgecliffe Road. It was in a convenient location for the Eastern Suburbs, but was below road level. When the Kerby sisters offered to donate the land if the new church could be built on it, the congregation accepted the offer gratefully.

A relatively new Adventist on the North Shore, Harold R. Mead, an architect of some note, agreed to design a building suitable for the awkward block of land. He succeeded in designing a large and beautiful church with its front door at street level and a spacious hall underneath. The cost was £5,000, only £1,850 of which had to be borrowed from the conference.

The church was completed in 1936 and officially opened on September 27 of the same year. The Kerby sisters, who had suffered from poor health for some time, were unable to attend the opening ceremony, but they rejoiced at the realisation of their dream. The following year both women died. But the results of their gift live on. ■

## LE Director Reports Breakthrough in Nauru

THE TINY Pacific island of Nauru—famous for its phosphate—appears on the threshold of an Adventist breakthrough following a recent visit from Western Pacific Union Mission Publishing director Pastor Clarrie O'Neill and his wife, Lydia.

The O'Neills' visit coincided with an educational tour by a singing group from Betikama High School in the Solomon Islands. The group combined public engagements in the Nauru Civic Centre with special performances at meetings with the two dozen Seventh-day Adventists who live in Nauru.

"Nauru has always been on my prayer list," says Pastor O'Neill, a veteran literature evangelist. "I wanted to present our publications to people of influence on the island. My wife was praying in the hotel room, with her Bible open before her, when a breeze flicked some pages over and her eyes fell on Isaiah 45:2, 'I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight. . . .'

"Shortly after arriving," he continues, "we were endeavouring to hail a taxi, since it was raining heavily. A man offered us a lift in his car. I felt God sent this Indian gentleman to help us."

Pastor O'Neill soon discovered that the man is chief legal advisor to the Nauruan President, and had just arrived back from a visit with him to Australia, where the President had remained for medical care. The man, also a barrister and solicitor, arranged interviews for Pastor O'Neill with influential people on the island—the Chief Secretary to the President, the Minister of Health and Education, the Controller of Libraries (who purchased our books for the government library), the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Airlines.

## High-level Visits

"These men in turn arranged for Pastor O'Neill to see Dr Kiki, superintendent of the Nauru Hospital, who expressed deep concern at the number of cases of diabetes on the

island. In addition, he purchased medical books and agreed to associate with Pastor O'Neill to conduct a 5-Day Plan in a heavy-smoking community.

Pastor O'Neill also addressed an independent Christian group whose leader is now Nauru harbourmaster. The group included the Australian High Commissioner and his wife.

"To complete our prayer answers," says Pastor O'Neill, "one of our faithful believers on Nauru volunteered to become a literature evangelist. Praise God for the evidence of His leading!"

Pastor O'Neill says he saw other evidences of God's leading when the leader of a Protestant church on the island offered to sell Adventist books in his well-located bookstore—the only one in Nauru. The Independent Church also requested a set of Kenneth Cox's "Dimensions in Prophecy" videos for evangelism.

"If any reader would like to donate a set for this purpose, I'll be glad to hear from them," says Pastor O'Neill. "We must act while the door is open." ■



## Golden Weddings

### Penrose

MR AND MRS Roy Penrose of Roma, south-western Queensland, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 5 at a function attended by family and friends.

For many years the Penrose home has been a source of inspiration and hospitality as travelling evangelistic teams and itinerant workers have visited in the district. On Sabbaths a

small group of believers met in their home.

"It is largely due to the Christian influence of this couple that there is now an Adventist church established in this isolated area," says Garry Hodgkin, minister at Roma.

"Their church friends join with their children and grandchildren in wishing them God's blessings," he says. ■

### Lockwood

LES AND NANCY LOCKWOOD celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Wynnum church hall in Queensland on June 14, 1986, at a surprise formal dinner for 84 guests.

Features of the evening included a "This Is Your Life" presentation, an address on marriage by local pastor Keith Miller, and musical selections.

Les and Nancy met at a church social evening in Leicester, England, in 1928. Eight years later, they married in the same Church of Christ where they had met.

Following war service, they accepted an invitation from Les's uncle

in Australia to come and live in Wynnum. Upon reaching Fremantle, they received a telegram informing them that the uncle had died. They continued on to Brisbane and eventually bought the uncle's home.

The Lockwoods attended the local Church of Christ until the church secretary invited them to hear Pastor George Burnside at the Brisbane City Hall. In 1953 Nancy became a Seventh-day Adventist, and Les joined the church several years later. Over the years they have both used their artistic talents in many aspects of church work. —Dell Topel.



### Watt

ON MAY 4, 1986, at the Senior Citizens Hall in Cairns, northern Queensland, Ivy and Charlie Watt celebrated their golden wedding. Their marriage had taken place in the Baptist church in Cairns on May 2, 1936.

Three girls were born to this marriage; Ivy, Shirley and Margaret. They, together with many friends, were delighted to celebrate this wonderful occasion together.

Ivy and Charlie were directed to God's church by Pastor Jim Cherry during his mission in 1961. Both have given loving Christian service since then. May God continue to bless this much-loved couple. —M. Honey.



### Roll

A LARGE GROUP of friends and relatives recently gathered to celebrate the golden wedding of Chris and Meg Roll (nee Gough). The function was held at the home of Russell and Shirley Morgan (nee Roll) at Rosedale, near Bundaberg, Queensland, where Chris and Meg have spent all their lives. The family became Seventh-day Adventists under the ministry of Pastors Cherry, Sleight and Otto, who conducted a mission in Bundaberg, and they have served the church there in many capacities over the years.

All of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are still members of the church and most were there to join in the celebration. As well as the Morgans, Pastor Maurice Woods and his wife Marjorie (nee Roll) of Maryborough, and Pastor Maurice Roll and his wife Judy from Coorabong swelled the group of family members. Of special interest was the up-to-date wedding group photo of bride, groom, best man (Arthur Roll of Maryborough) and bridesmaid (Rose Wooldridge of Bundaberg).

For most of his life Chris worked for



the Qunaba Sugar Mill, and before his retirement was manager of Windermere Sugar Plantation and a much-respected member of the cane-farming community. May the Lord grant this dedicated couple many more years of happiness together.

—M. L. Woods.



The Editor  
South Pacific Record.



#### Modern Bible Translations

Re the letter on page 14 of the RECORD dated 31/5/86, relating to the NIV Bible, Mrs Cox has done a good job of drawing our attention to the errors. I noticed a glaring error in the Good News Bible in a text vital to Adventism—Daniel 8:14. I exhort all Adventists to do as I did: replace your Good News Version with a New King James Version, which is reliable and accurate.

Graham Sparkes, Qld.

#### Percussion and Repercussion

R. E. Miller's letter (*South Pacific Record*, 12/7/86) says, "There should be no percussion instruments used, either in accompanying singing or in a purely instrumental item to provide a 'beat.'"

His statement brought to my mind the words of the psalmists: "Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with *tambourine* and harp." Psalm 149:3, NIV. "... praise him with *tambourine* and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the *clash of cymbals*, praise him with resounding cymbals. . . ." Psalm 150:4, 5, NIV. "Begin the music, strike the *tambourine*. . . ." Psalm 81:2, NIV.

B. Gaeta, NSW.

## Testimony

SPRING is here, the evidence  
Portrayed before my eyes,  
Sent by a Loving Father,  
All bountiful, all wise.

Gaily coloured blossoms  
Spread about my feet,  
Myriad singing birds,  
Their praises ever sweet.

Smiling, happy children,  
With love they do declare,  
Testify God's goodness,  
And His tender care.

—Daphne Ochtomann.

#### Church Needs Revival

The intention of this letter is not to support or ridicule any article covered by your magazine, but to bring attention to the condition of our church.

It is my belief that we are living in the last days of earth's history. As such, we should be "as a light that shineth in a dark place," not the easygoing, self-satisfied, Laodicean church we have become.

While our motives are good, we are too busy trying to do things on our own, when the Lord has told us in Zechariah that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit." This is the only way to spread the good news and bring about revival—by Spirit-filled men and women working in and for our church.

Michael Grass, NSW.

#### SIGNS in Times Past

The lovely picture and article on the front page of the SOUTH PACIFIC RECORD (26/7/86) reinforces how God can use even thrown-away copies of *Signs of the Times* to save lives for His kingdom.

Early in the 1930s, when I was a young person in Christchurch, New Zealand, I used to post copies of the *Signs* to addresses selected at random from the Country District telephone directory. Years later, in Australia, while entertaining two dedicated young colporteurs in our home, I learned that one of them had become an Adventist as a result of those papers. Recently I met him again and he told me he thought others in those country districts had become Adventists as a result of those posted *Signs*. This really "made my day."

Should anyone read this, who in the early 1930s in New Zealand received the *Signs* anonymously, I would love to hear from them.

Mrs Mavis Rudge, Qld.  
(Box 555, Coolangatta 4225)

#### Bad Sign

My heart cries out in despair as I read of the decline in *Signs of the Times* sales. I would plead with all fellow readers of the RECORD to rally to the cause, to pray and plead and pay for the *Signs* outreach.

Far too many of us plead that we are incapable of door-to-door witnessing. But all can sacrifice in a small way and send a soul winner by mail. I know that *Signs* works.

Time is short. The very fact that *Signs* needs urgent help is a bad sign of the times.

Thomas Barrett, WA.

#### Veiling the Cross

I did not see Gavin Rowe's letter (RECORD 24/5/86) about the cross in the Avondale church. The first I knew about it was from the letters by Pastor Heise and Dr Ball (RECORD 19/7/86), which have left me stunned. To think, after 56 years of Adventism, that I would hear of a cross in an Adventist church!

Dr Ball upholds the idea, quoting Sister White's statement that "There is power in the exaltation of the cross." However, that reverence and exaltation is supposed to be in the heart, not in an image—which the same God distinctly forbids in his second commandment.

If the cross at Avondale cannot be removed, it should at least be completely veiled, so as to be unnoticed by those attending the church.

Mrs S. B. Low, Qld.

#### Editorial Appreciated

I appreciated the recent editorial on sanctification (SOUTH PACIFIC RECORD 26/7/86). It seems this subject has been misunderstood by many, particularly in recent times. The editorial's manner of dealing with this beautiful truth was so clear that no one should ever err in understanding and teaching this important facet of truth.

E. R. Hinze, NSW.

## Till He Comes

ATKINS. Edna May Atkins passed peacefully to rest at her home in Lansdowne, New South Wales, on August 21, 1986. Born on October 17, 1912, Edna married Charles Atkins in 1929, and they enjoyed 57 years of companionship. About 40 years ago Edna joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church under the ministry of the late Pastor Vic Warden. She remained a faithful, active member until failing health prevented her attendance. She is survived by her husband, daughters Ivy (Mrs Stapleford), Alma (Mrs Hay), sons Dennis, Bill, Max and Owen, 23 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. After a service at the Taree church, we laid our sister to rest in the Dawson Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.

A. D. Judd.

HOBSON. Laurence Cedric Hobson died suddenly at his home at Thornlands, Brisbane, Queensland, on August 3, 1986, aged 71 years. When Laurie was four years of age, his mother accepted the Advent message and he remained faithful until the time of his death. He received his early schooling at the Hawthorn Adventist School, Melbourne, Victoria, and in 1936 attended Avondale College. In 1945 he married Shirley Kent at Geelong, and they spent the years 1947 to 1952 in mission service at Mona Mona. An energetic worker for the church, Laurie helped in the establishment of the Capalaba church, Brisbane. He was laid to rest in the Redland Bay Cemetery by Pastor D. Brennan and the writer. Left to mourn are his wife, son Dan and his wife Carol, and their two children.

V. Novelty.

HODGSON. Eileen Maria Hodgson was a delightful lady—generous, gracious, bright, a sincere Christian

with an infectious sense of humour. For five years she battled with a terminal disease, but told no one, not even her doctor. Her condition was revealed only in the last week of her life. A member of the Castle Hill church, Sydney, New South Wales, she will be sorely missed by her family and friends. After a service at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, her family of four sons, Len, David, Keith and Peter and their wives, her daughter Margaret, niece Joan and husband, and nephew Frank and wife, returned to the Castle Hill church for a service in which the theme was one of thanksgiving. Eileen's earthly pilgrimage of 73 years ended on August 19, 1986.

R. H. Parr.

LONG. Clarice Long died suddenly at her home on August 20, 1986. Words of comfort were extended to her husband Henry, daughter Deirdre and her family, and other relatives and friends who gathered at the Bundaberg Seventh-day Adventist church, Queensland, on August 22. We were reminded of Jesus' promise of eternal life as the words of the song "There's a Land That Is Fairer Than Day" were sung as the casket was carefully taken to the Bundaberg Crematorium.

L. G. Parker.

PRIOR. The presence of so many loved ones and friends, who gathered at the Karrakatta Cemetery, Western Australia, on August 21, 1986, to lay to rest Alfred John Prior, indicated the high regard and deep friendships established over the years. With his wife Linda, Alf had enriched the lives of so many. He was blessed with a bright, pleasant personality and was always good company. He will be sadly missed, especially by his loving wife, their daughter Beverley, son Athol, and their families. Pastor Merv Tonkin assisted the writer in ministering comfort and hope, encouraging all to be prepared and look for the great reunion day.

M. A. Chapman.



**RICHEY.** Minnie Mahala Richey (nee Peatey) passed away in her sleep on September 18, 1986, at her home in Busselton, Western Australia, at the age of 94 years. Minnie lived a full and useful life in the service of others. As matron of many country hospitals in Queensland, South Australia and the West, she will be remembered well for her devoted love and care. A faithful member of the Busselton church for about 33 years, even in her advancing years she continued to attend all services. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all her loved ones, relatives and close friends in the loss of their loved one. The large number of church members and friends appreciated the words of Brad Kempf, who assisted the writer at the graveside service.  
Don Davies.

**SCHULZ.** After leaving Hobart, Tasmania, where she was born, "home" for Betty Schulz was many places—Melbourne, Sydney, Warburton, and then 30 years ago Queensland. After the passing of her husband, Betty met Percy Schulz and they married, creating an extremely happy home. But it was to be short-lived. Betty needed surgery on a painful knee, and while in the Mater Hospital, Brisbane, she suffered a heart attack from which she never recovered. Husband Percy, daughters Marita and Carol, and son George, and their families, mourn the passing of a truly delightful Christian lady, who was taken from them unexpectedly on July 20, 1986.  
C. R. Wallace.

**SMITH.** On a cold winter's day at the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong, New South Wales, a large group gathered to express their sorrow at the passing of Elaine Smith, who fell asleep in Jesus on July 29, 1986, in the Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga. Elaine was born on March 13, 1939, at Wahroonga, and though menaced by disease for many years, her life and work were a lesson to all. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her; by the Sanitarium Health Food Company who benefited from her devotion to duty; by the youth of the church to whom she specially ministered; by her family and husband Bob, who long for the day of reunion. At the graveside service the writer was assisted by Pastors R. A. Evans and E. B. Price.  
Carole Ferch.

**TALMAGE.** Reginald Talmage passed quietly to his rest on August 4, 1986, at the Liverpool Hospital, New South Wales, at the age of 75. He was the much-loved husband of Minnie, the father of their four children, and a greatly missed grandfather. Just a week and a half before his death, Reg and Minnie had celebrated their golden wedding. Reg now rests in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Leppington, Sydney. Sister Talmage, a much-appreciated member of the Liverpool church, and her family, were encouraged to trust in a loving Saviour who knows us each one, understands our sorrow, and longs to have us in the home He is preparing.  
J. R. Richardson.

#### AGED CARE PROJECT OFFICER

The South Australian Conference has an immediate need for a Promotion and Project Officer for their aged care program. The conference plans to expand the present facility with the addition of housing units and an aged care hostel. This responsibility will require communication skills on a personal and professional basis, and will provide real satisfaction for the right person. The time involvement would be from 6 to 12 months. The conditions of employment are to be negotiated. Write to The Secretary, South Australian Conference of the SDA Church, PO Box 120, Prospect, SA 5082, or phone (08) 269 2177 for further details.

#### AVONDALE COLLEGE 2ND ANNUAL AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT September 28, 1986

Tee-off times are between 8 am and 9.45 am. Maximum number of players is 80 (or 40 teams of 2). The fee is \$6. To register please send \$6, your name (and partner's if possible) and handicap (or 3 recent scores for 18 holes of golf) to Dan Gentry, PE Department, Avondale College, PO Box 19, Cooranbong, NSW 2265. Phone (049) 77 1107, A/H (049) 77 1600.

#### AVONDALE SUZUKI PIANO SUMMER SCHOOL

Avondale College Church Suzuki Piano Summer School, Monday, December 29, 1986, to Thursday, January 1, 1987. For all children currently enrolled in Suzuki piano lessons. Activities will include group sessions, musicianship, private lessons, concerts, recreation. Outstanding teachers: Mrs Pam Clifford, Mr Grant Mead, Mrs Donna Madigan, Mrs Sue Driscoll, Mr David Clark and guest tutor Miss Itsuko Miyazawa from Japan. Send for application to: Suzuki Piano Summer School, Avondale College Church Office, PO Box 19, Cooranbong, NSW 2265. Applications close November 21, 1986.

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#### MURRAY BRIDGE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS November 15, 1986

All past members, ministers, teachers and friends are invited to participate in the celebrations planned for this day. If you have anything of interest, such as photographs, newspaper cuttings, etc, please contact Mr Norman Green, PO Box 866, Murray Bridge, SA 5253. Phone (085) 32 3904. All are invited to a luncheon.

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#### SOUTH NSW TRIENNIAL SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the regular Triennial Session of the South New South Wales Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be conducted at the Canberra National church, Macleay Street, Turner, ACT, on November 8 and 9, 1986.

The business of the session will be as provided in the constitution, incorporating the presentation of reports and financial statements for the triennial period and including minor changes to the constitution. The first meeting will commence at 8 pm, Saturday, November 8.

A. R. Butler, Secretary-treasurer.

#### THE STORY OF THE ADELAIDE CITY CHURCH

This book of its history and people makes fascinating reading. Anyone who has ever attended the City church will want one. It will also make an excellent gift to former members and friends. \$10 each plus packing and postage \$1. Order from Centenary Committee, 82 Angus Street, Adelaide, SA 5000. You will not be disappointed.

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#### QUALIFIED TEACHERS NEEDED

Are you a qualified primary or secondary teacher? Would you like to join the teaching ministry of the church? Does service in a mission school challenge you?

If you would like to be considered for a position in 1987, write immediately to: Education Department, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076, or contact the local conference education director for an application form.

The first meeting of the Central Staffing Committee convenes September 30 to fill vacancies in our school system for 1987.

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# FLASHPOINT

JOY TOTENHOFER  
Assistant Editor



**THE EASTERN Highlands Simbu Mission** in Papua New Guinea have established 130 new companies in the first seven months of 1986, reports mission president Bert Godfrey. Pastor Godfrey says this is in response to the mission's Harvest '90 aim to "Grow One"—that is, for every church to plant another company.

**PASTOR CHESTER STANLEY**, Ministerial Association secretary for the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, reports that the mission is conducting 480 new branch Sabbath schools. He says branch Sabbath schools are a key tool used in evangelism in the region.

**INVERCARGILL** in South New Zealand—the most southerly church in the South Pacific Division—has acquired land adjacent to their school and is venturing into hothouse vegetable growing to augment church and school funds. Members envisage building a new church, community health centre and youth hall on a portion of the land.

**A NUMBER** of non-Adventists are attending church, and 10 homes are open for Bible studies following an evangelistic program on the northern Gold Coast in Queensland run by Pastor Ross Baines.

**A NEW** hydro-electric generating plant is being installed at Atoifi to replace the 60-year-old unit that has served the hospital for the past 10 years. The new equipment, which will provide equivalent power, using less water and fuel, costs \$60,000. Following assistance from ADRA, \$32,000 still has to be found. But, as Atoifi manager Ira Dawson says, "The Lord has always supplied our needs and we know He'll not fail us now."

**BEGINNING** on October 12, North New South Wales Conference Health and Temperance director Larry Laredo will conduct three 5-Day Stop Smoking Plans concurrently in the Kempsey area: a morning program for staff at Telecom, an afternoon program for the Aboriginal community and an evening program for local townspeople.

**OPEN HOUSE DAY** for Adventist Book Centres is listed in the Church Calendar for October 5. However, to fit in with local programs, some conferences are planning on different dates. North New South Wales is holding theirs **TOMORROW**, September 28, while South New South Wales and Greater Sydney's will be on October 12. Watch your local conference announcements so you will not miss out.

**THE NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES Conference**, in association with the Adventist Media Centre, has recently used 90-second spot advertisements on radio, promoting health and archaeology courses, and the results are encouraging, conference officials say. Ninety-two people responded to promotions used on station 2HD Newcastle, and 26 requested information on a vegetarian diet. The conference plans further promotions this month.

**FOLLOWING** cyclone Namu, a worker from Atoifi Hospital in the Solomon Islands found 253 people in 34 villages who had been existing by chewing leaves and eating roots. The staff at Atoifi have sent meagre basic supplies to each village. Some of the chiefs in this area, three days' walk into the hills, have requested medical help from the hospital and are building a place to conduct a clinic.

**JOHN AND PAT FRETEN**, volunteers working on King Island (north-east of Tasmania), lead an Adventist congregation of seven members. A recent series of vegetarian cooking classes and Wa-Rite seminars have developed friendships and also boosted sales in their health food shop, profits from which go to community projects and overseas church projects. The Fretens are planning two Revelation Seminars. Visitors frequently come to the church, which is the only church on the island that has its building lit at night.

**THE SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES Conference** reports a 10 per cent tithe increase during the first half of this year compared with the same period last year.

**MR VERN HERBERT** returned home to Auckland recently after five months of teaching English and Geography as a volunteer at Papaaroa College in the Cook Islands. Mr Metui Albert, formerly senior finance officer with Air Pacific, is now treasurer of the Fiji Mission. And in French Polynesia, Charles Atger has left government employment after six years to work for the church.

**TODAY'S** Thirteenth Sabbath Special Projects Offering will aid the South American Division.

**WAHROONGA'S** Temperance secretary, Jonathan Duffy, is organising an offensive to combat drug use by teenagers on Sydney's affluent North Shore. Initially the Wahroonga group plan to give instruction to primary-age children, later adding classes for parents of teenagers with drug problems.

**A NEW COMPANY** recently met for the first time at the Kingston State High School in southern Queensland following a Revelation Seminar conducted by David Gilmore and Tom Longshaw.

**GEOFF BARON**, an elder of the Broken Hill Adventist church, was recently awarded an OBE from Her Majesty, the Queen.

**THE YOUNG** church in southern New South Wales has approved an extension that will almost double the church's seating capacity. Funds from the sale of the Grenfell church will partially defray the cost.

**THE ADVENTIST MEDIA** Centre reports the completion of 15 programs in the "Focus on Living" series. Negotiations are under way for their use on TV stations in Australia and New Zealand.

**NINE REVELATION Seminars** in Tasmania have resulted in 14 baptisms, four rebaptisms and a further 20 people attending church. Four new seminars have just commenced.

**"FINALLY, BRETHERN . . ."**: Fear knocked on the door, faith opened it and there was nothing there.