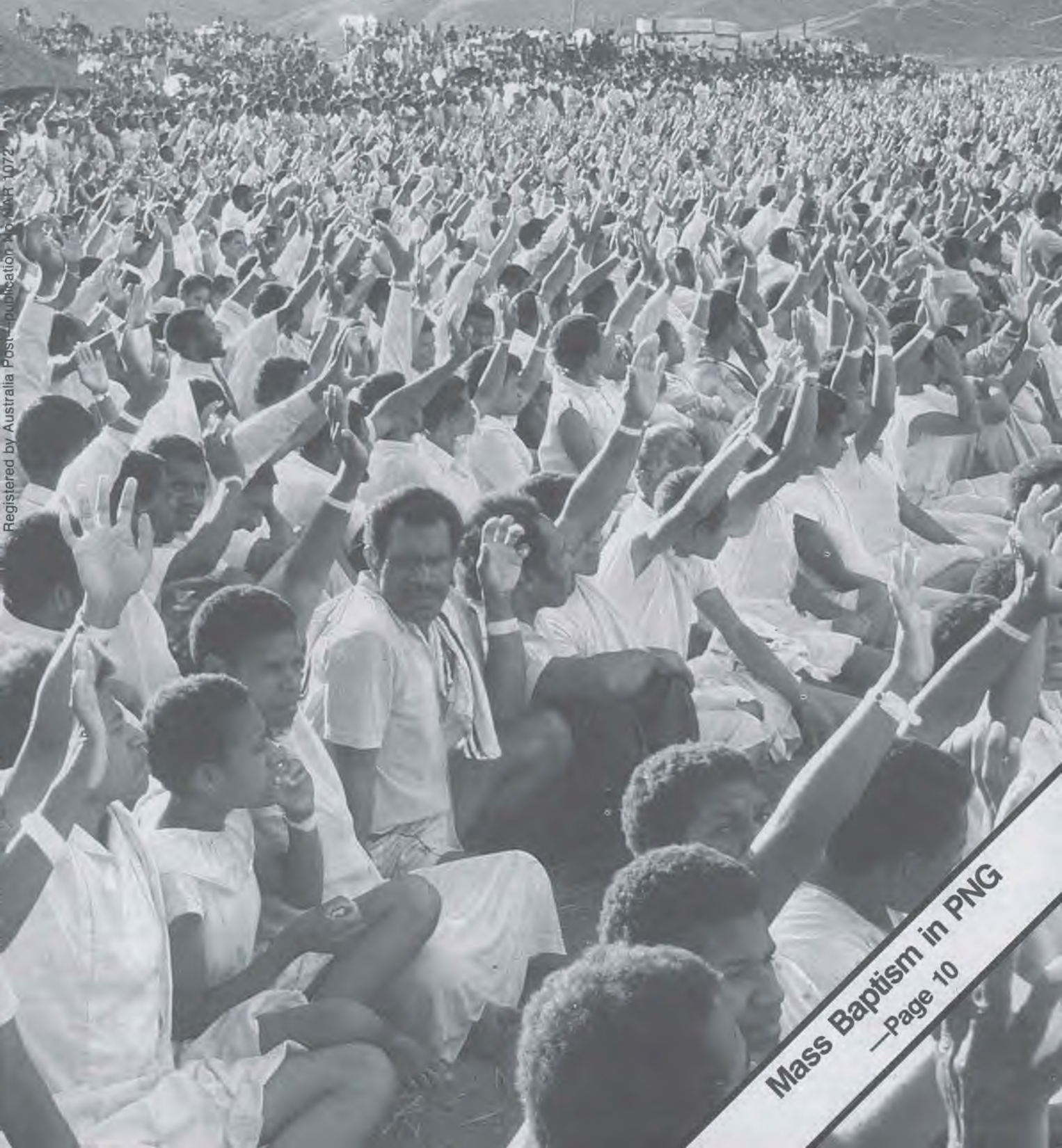


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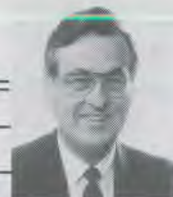
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## EDITORIAL



# Awaiting Rescue

The *West Virginia*, a ship in the US Pacific Fleet, was sunk when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The attack was sudden and unexpected, and the ship sank to the harbour bed with 66 crew members still below deck.

When the 33,000-tonne *West Virginia* and several other ships were refloated, salvage crews learned the tragic fate of three of the ship's sailors. In the store-room at the time of the attack, the sailors found themselves in an underwater prison where they had fresh water, food and a calendar.

The first day passed. No help arrived. And one sailor crossed off the date December 8. The second day came and went. Still no rescue. The fifth and sixth days. A week passed. Then two weeks. Food and water were still adequate, but the oxygen was almost depleted.

The despair must have been terrible as 16 days after the *West Virginia* had sunk to the bottom of Pearl Harbor one sailor feebly crossed off the date December 23.

After the ship was refloated it became evident that the three sailors had died awaiting a rescue that never came.

What a tragedy for lives to be lost in a temporal sense. But far greater losses are taking place every day as men and women go to Christless graves—awaiting a rescue that never comes.

It's God's plan that every person be offered rescue through hearing the plan of salvation. All people need to know that without Christ there's a hopeless end, but with Christ there's endless hope.

The gospel commission doesn't say, "Go preacher." It doesn't say, "Go television." It clearly says, "Go ye." Jesus emphasises that everyone who claims to be a Christian is to go in His name and power to rescue people sunken in sin.

Ellen G. White states that the gospel commission "includes all believers in Christ to the end of time."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 822. Those of us living in the South Pacific Division have a specific obligation toward Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific islands. We also have the privilege of advancing the boundaries of the kingdom of heaven in other parts of the world, through tithes, offerings and prayers.

As we consider the church's mission there are significant facts and figures to encourage, inspire and challenge us.

● Some 80 per cent of Adventists live outside of North America.

● The church's two largest divisions are Inter-America and South America.

● There are more Spanish-speaking Adventists than English-speaking.

● Shortwave radio stations in Europe, Africa, Latin America and the Far East are part of a global strategy to help take the gospel to all the world in this generation.

● The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the third-largest denomination in Fiji and Papua New Guinea. There are nearly 150,000 Adventists in PNG—in a population of only some 3.5 million.

The dramatic growth of the church in so many areas is reason to praise the Lord. It's also a reason for members in the United States, Europe, Australia and New Zealand to continue to provide finances and missionaries.

The new converts must be firmly established in God's Word. To ensure this, we need significant increases in pastors and teachers. These leaders need to be fully trained in Christ's methods of nurture and evangelism. In turn, the new disciples, if adequately established in their faith, will seek to win others.

It's good to pause and consider the mission of the church and to read reports of progress. However, we must go well beyond being inspired and challenged. One epitaph for a dead church is, "Always challenged—but never changed."

We must change our priorities concerning time and money if adequate funds for missions are to be released by church members or gathered by us from the community.

At this time of year the church runs a campaign to consolidate and care for members, a campaign to rescue people from a hopeless end, a campaign to extend medical missionary ministry in the South Pacific islands. We call it the Adventist Appeal.

Only if we all participate will rescue come to many who are waiting.

Desmond B. Hills, President,  
Trans-Australian Union Conference.

# LETTERS

## Give Us a Break

Berto's cartoon gives variety and interest to our RECORD. But what a pity that he mostly shows how woefully short of our profession our deeds are. But are we really such hypocrites?

Give us a break, Berto. Show us how we can change our negatives into positives. (Mrs) W. Windeyer, WA.

## Not Really Helpful

I'm deeply disturbed by a growing trend in which otherwise good people sidle up to newcomers to an area, telling them "confidentially" that it would be good to avoid certain people, as they might be a bad influence.

Please, fellow church members, if you feel a person or family has a problem, approach them directly with your concern and offer help. Any other course tends to discourage and drive people away.

R. A. Geelan, NSW.

## Double Standard?

I've spent time living and working in different countries. As a result, I've long since given up imposing my cultural norms on others ("Dropping the Cultured Stones," September 9). But could I raise the matter of double standards?

I have no objection to a minister preaching without wearing his jacket. But I'm surprised that the next day when he officiates at a wedding in the same church he wears a suit, complete with jacket.

Many men will rent or buy a suit for a wedding or graduation. Many men will habitually wear a suit coat in the course of their work, or will have it in their office or car to put on when meeting a client. Yet they feel that meeting with Jesus doesn't demand the same standard.

Brian Lemin, Vic.

## Flogging an Old Horse

I don't wish to be accused of "flogging an old horse," and I know that it's been weeks since you printed letters on the ordination of women. However, you might wish to pass on the following information to your readers.

I find interesting two recommendations (among several) recorded in the General Conference minutes of June 5, 1913 (*Review and Herald*, June 19, 1913): "2. That ministerial credentials be granted to the following-named persons:—J. N. Andrews, J. B.

Beckner... Mrs E. G. White...

"3. That ministerial licenses be granted to the following-named persons:—T. E. Bowen, ... Mrs. H. H. Haskell..."

It would seem that the church granted ministerial credentials to, among others, Mrs Ellen G. White, for the minutes conclude: "On motion to adopt, question was called on each of the foregoing names, and the report as a whole adopted."

Perhaps some church historian can shed more light on this for us.

Peter Hitchens, New Zealand.

## Overly Generous

Dr Arthur Ferch's answer to the letter "Higher Criticism?" (August 12) overlooked a golden opportunity to express God's opinion on higher criticism. God, as you'll see, is a little less reserved in His assessment of higher critics.

In *The Upward Look*, page 35, we read: "The higher critics put themselves in the place of God, and review the Word of God, revising or endorsing it. In this way, all nations are induced to drink of the wine of the fornication of Babylon."

In *The Ministry of Healing*, page 142, Ellen White asks, "Is not faith in the Bible as effectively destroyed by the higher criticism and speculation of today as it was by tradition and rabbinism in the days of Christ?"

In *The Education*, page 227, we read,

*Just a Coincidence...*



"The work of 'higher criticism,' in dissecting, conjecturing, reconstructing, is destroying faith in the Bible as a divine revelation; it is robbing God's word of power to control, uplift, and inspire human lives."

Evan C. Sadler, New Zealand.

## Adventist Police

As members of the New South Wales Police Service (with some 15 years' experience between us), we're interested in forming an Association of Seventh-day Adventist Police for all police in the South Pacific Division.

As Christian police, we're acutely aware of the unique problems with this chosen career. We wish to form this association to give support to Adventist police and their families. We believe such an organisation has much to offer both socially and spiritually.

For further detail or comment, please contact: Const 1/c Steve Giles, c/- Capertree Police Station, Capertree NSW 2848; or Const 1/c Barry Butler, c/- Lightning Ridge Police Station, PO Box 19, Lightning Ridge NSW 2834.

Steve Giles.  
Barry Butler.

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# Where Have All the Children Gone?

by Ian Howie

**Along with other church members I lamented the loss of so many of our youth. But what was I doing to stem the tide?**

**T**he charge was all too common. I had heard it so often before. What made it worse was that he was right.

They *were* all hypocrites. I could see it myself. Again I thanked the Lord I wasn't as other people. At least *I* could see what was wrong. *I* could understand a troubled boy unable to come to terms with the pharisaism that motivated many of those in his church. He was struggling enough just to understand Christ's saving grace.

Yes, *I* understood.

It was slow to hit me. But when it did, it was with such force that I was left reeling. Everyone else he'd complained about could quite justifiably feel exactly as I had—all *the others* were hypocritical. All *the others* set standards for him that they failed to reach themselves.

I was staggered by the thought. I was a Pharisee of Pharisees. Along with thousands of other church members I lamented the loss of so many of our youth. But what was I doing to stem what seemed to be an irrepressible tide? Even worse, what might I be doing that was adding to the flow?

While as a church we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in an effort to contact potential new members, we seem to forget that the salvation of our children is the largest single challenge facing us.

Had we saved all our young people over the approximately 130 years since our church began, our membership would be many times its current level. So what has gone wrong? Where are these millions of members? Why did my young friend leave as he did? Was he right? Are we all hypocrites? Am I a Pharisee of Pharisees? Or are there some other factors as well?

I don't believe that we can escape the

fact that hypocrisy is alive and well in the Adventist Church. We can't fool ourselves into believing that pharisaism died with the Pharisees themselves. But our problem is greater than that.

We spend many millions of dollars each year as parents or church members to provide schools to better prepare our children to face the rigours of the world. Yet so many of them clearly state that the church is no longer relevant to their needs in this society. So, to hypocrisy we add irrelevance. But why?

We run spiritual-emphasis weeks. We conduct youth congresses. We provide youth-orientated services (sometimes) to make the Christian experience meaningful. But the young still walk away from the truth we hold so dear.

So, to irrelevance we add meaninglessness. We could continue, but I'd become depressed. Instead, let's see if we can assign some blame. Anything to move the spotlight from my own pharisaical nature.

Who's responsible for the problem? Has the pastor, the teacher, or the parent

## Has the pastor, the teacher, or the parent failed?

failed? Perhaps it's the church administrators. Or the members of the local congregation.

No, all of those are a little too close to home. In reality, I believe, it must be "the nature of the beast." Young people are naturally contrary. They do unpredictable things. They like to fly in the face of authority. They question long-held beliefs and cherished traditions. They even demand to be heard.

Surely the blame must rest with them. They're the ones who've failed to adapt

to our secure environment. Besides, it's easier to blame those who've gone. Then we can avoid the problem of seared consciences. It does make sense: *They* don't know they bear the blame, and *we* don't have to worry.

Before the last few readers take their pens to write strongly worded letters of protest to the editor, allow me to suggest some solutions. I don't pretend to know all the answers. In fact, I don't even pretend to know many of them. But there are some that stand out.

For a start, my friend wasn't *all* wrong. We *are* hypocritical at times. I'd like to teach him to forgive me for that fault. Often we're little better than the Pharisees. I'd like to teach him to forgive me for that as well.

In addition, we can be critical—when we should be helping. We can be judgmental—when we should be forgiving. We can share malicious gossip—when we should be moving heaven and earth to save reputations. I'd like to teach him to forgive me for that.

But I can't teach him anything if he doesn't see me being what I want him to be. He needs to see me putting self last, and putting my God and others first. He needs to see me asking forgiveness when I hurt others, when I judge harshly, when I act in haste, when I fail so often. How else do I teach him to forgive me for my mistakes?

He needs to know that we all want to introduce him to Christ—because, despite all our faults and failings, Christ is still supreme. But how can I teach him that when Christ is displaced so often by self? My young friend looking on will never learn what I can't demonstrate.

Yet self so easily can take the stage. My ideas are superior to yours. Or you may consider your role of greater value than mine.

One of the saddest moments of my teaching career was the day an evangelist told me that I should worry about Maths and English—and he'd worry about the salvation of the children. He was responding to my suggestion that he share with me, as the classroom teacher, his plans for the forthcoming baptism of the children—whom I'd encouraged to attend a school baptismal class run in conjunction with his mission.

As a teacher I couldn't divorce my concern for the spiritual welfare of my children from the basic academic subjects—which in his mind were unrelated to spiritual things. Neither could I divorce my classroom from the church that prayed (and paid) for me to train its children to be a part of God's kingdom.

Our experience with Christ is a total package. It either affects all of life or none of it. So to the example of forgiveness we add the subjugation of self. And to the subjugation of self, the all-importance of Christ in every aspect of life.

Perhaps our failure as parents, teachers and ministers to work together to identify the issues, to hear the options

presented by our colleagues, and to understand each other, also contributes to the problem. Maybe our failure to hear the young people's voice, and our unwillingness to change and adapt to the demands of a rapidly changing society, add their pressures, too.

Alternatively, we may have failed to hold up an ideal that sparks the enthusiasm of youth. We've soft-pedalled the gospel so as not to cause undue stress.

Perhaps our unwillingness to identify the difference between principle and tradition, between standards and practices, has played its part. So to the all-importance of Christ we add cooperation. And to cooperation, understanding. And to understanding, adaptability. And to adaptability, challenge. And to challenge, a recognition of the real issues of life, as distinct from the traditions we might enjoy for our own security.

It's easy to live in a fool's paradise. It's usually comfortable, too. That's why so many people live there. The trouble is, we won't save our young people if that's all we have to offer them. We must ask ourselves, Where do we wish to take our young people? To paradise? Or to the fool's alternative?

If we're serious about the business of Christianity, we must learn to work together, to hear each other, to put aside thoughts of selfish gain or supremacy. We must also develop the ability to be one with those whom we seek to save. Jesus became a human to save humans. He sought to understand how humans react in a sinful world. Can we do any less for our young people?


When did you last really stop to listen to what one of your younger church members had to say? How long is it since your board sought their opinion on a matter of worship? When did you take the opportunity to be sure that they understood why Brother or Sister Winifred was censured? (My apologies to Berto, who probably didn't realise this had even happened!)

Do you allow expression of their youthful idealism in the form of appropriate outreach activities? Would they feel secure bringing their still-searching friends into your congregation?

We're still in this together—the church, the school, the home. But they're mere institutions, names people hide behind. It's the people who make up that church, that school, that home. It's people who make the difference.

To truly protect our young people we must sing the same song. We must understand their needs, together. We must change and adapt. (No, I don't mean to change our principles. I mean our ways of expressing those principles.)

We must learn to forgive and to ask forgiveness. We must learn to listen, to share, to care, to love. We must learn to allow Christ to totally dominate our lives. And that means learning to understand our world, and our young people who occupy it, just as *He* came to understand *His* world 2,000 years ago.

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:5-8, NIV. 

*Ian Howie is an associate director of the South Pacific Division Education Department. This article was written with the Year of the Adventist Teacher (this year) in mind.*

## Only a Moment

by Sarah Jade



**H**e nearly drowned. Oh, my boy, my boy!

I had sat watching my children splishety-splashing. How I love the bath-time chuckles. My husband was nearby, so I grabbed a moment to dash out to the laundry.

But in that moment our nine-and-


a-half-month-old son slipped quietly under the water. My husband suddenly realised the baby chuckles had stopped. Racing in, he grabbed the submerged little body by the heels. Pivoting him upside down, he drained the bubbles and bath water from his spluttering cries. My baby, my baby!

His father wrapped him in a soft white towel and held him close—still and quiet for a long time—as if to hush away the fragility of life.

"Heavenly Father, this busy mum needs

wrapping up  
in your soft-white love.

I need to be held still and quiet for a long time.

Time I feel I haven't got—  
but give me some moments, Lord.  
Moments to appreciate the fullness of  
life that only You give." 

*Sarah Jade is a nom de plume.*

# The Aaron Factor

by Patrick Ronan

**Aaron made atonement when he stood between the living and the dead.  
Atonement saved the living.**

**T**he approach of many Adventists to the Book of Leviticus pays little attention to the immediate impact of the rites and ceremonies on the Israelites. We're more inclined to give the text a cursory glance, then flip over to Romans or Hebrews, in the hope of better understanding the text of Leviticus.

We lose much by not taking time to look at the Levitical system as it stood in the time of Aaron and Moses.

The concept of the atonement has been discussed since the earliest theologians. In the Adventist Church we've developed stock answers for the question, "What's atonement?" We answer that it's "reuniting, reconciliation, at-one-ment."

To the person of Moses' time, sin was almost a living thing. God told Cain: "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Genesis 4:7.\*

Sin was pictured as something that's alive—a dark, voracious monster. Sin was real, close and dangerous.

The early books of the Bible portray the results of sin as immediate. The Israelites link present situation with former actions. Simply put, bad people would have bad things happen to them. Sin requires judgment that's immediate and in proportion to the magnitude of the sin.

Job thought this way. In his misery he questioned what he had done wrong to find himself in such a predicament. His friends asked the same question.

The psalmist expresses his amazement that, contrary to expectation, the wicked seem to prosper and often profit from their evil.

The notion continued in New Testament times. According to John 9, when Jesus and His disciples passed a blind beggar, the disciples asked, "Who

sinned, this man or his parents?" It seemed a logical question. The rationale was simple: The person who sinned was punished—if the sin was bad enough the sinner even died.

Because they felt that the results of sin were immediate, an antidote to sin was needed that was equally immediate. Atonement provided the answer. Atonement was perceived as putting up a barrier between the person who had committed sin and the natural consequences of that sin.

The revolt of Korah, Dathan and Abiram illustrates well the atonement. The sin came in the form of an attack on God's chosen leader (and thus, indirectly, on God). The judgment of death for the rebels was immediate, and a plague broke out upon the camp.

"Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Take your censer and put incense in it, along with fire from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. Wrath has come out from the Lord; the plague has started.'

"So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense

and made atonement for them. He stood between the living and the dead and the plague stopped." Numbers 16:46-48.

Such was the potency of the act of atonement that it curbed the "wrath of God," preventing certain death for the remainder of the assembly.

The Israelites believed the natural outworking of their sin began when the ground opened up. Then the rebellious party was consumed with fire. Finally the plague came as punishment on all the camp.

Aaron made atonement when he stood between the living and the dead. Atonement saved the living. It was the vehicle of salvation. It prevented sin from taking its natural course. It was a real expression of the forgiveness of God for an act of transgression that deserved death.

Without atonement the results of sin continued unrestrained. Atonement meant that the sinner could avoid what was deserved. It provided a necessary barrier between sinner and punishment. Instead of bearing the penalty, the sinner was given a chance to live an abundant life.

An Israelite living 4,000 years ago had no thought of waiting for an event to happen hundreds of years later. The sacrifices for cleansing from sin were more than symbols—they were acts that allowed them to start anew.

If we viewed the atonement as concretely as those who participated in the Levitical system, we would gain a greater appreciation of the sacrifice of Christ. His sacrifice means that we don't get what we deserve, but we receive a new chance at life—here and now. **TR**

\*All Bible quotations are from the New International Version.

Patrick Ronan, a theology graduate from Avondale College, is pursuing further studies at Sydney University.





## Yellow Gumboots

by Joy McFadzean

"They're gone!" yelled six-year-old Kathy. "My new, yellow gumboots are gone. Johnny, where did you put them?"

"I didn't even see them," Johnny said as he looked up from his book.

"Yes you did! I know you did! You're always teasing me and hiding my things!"

Just then Mother came into the room. "Did you take them, Johnny?" she asked. "No, I didn't! Kathy is *always* blaming me for something."

The day wore on with still no sign of the new, yellow gumboots. After lunch the children took Mo, the family's bull terrier, for a walk. Kathy was sulking.

"Johnny, would you give Mo some fresh water and shake up his bed,

please?" said Mother when they returned from their walk.

Johnny ran to Mo's kennel, with the big dog loping at his side. He washed and filled the water bowl and then picked up the blanket on which Mo slept.

"Mother! Kathy! Come here!"

Hearing his call, they came running. Inside the kennel they saw two new, yellow gumboots.

"I think, Kathy, that you owe Johnny an apology," Mother said.

"I'm sorry I blamed you," Kathy mumbled. "Can we be friends again?"

"It's OK. Forget it."

"I think we should all remember," said mother, "that it's unkind to blame anyone for something they didn't do."

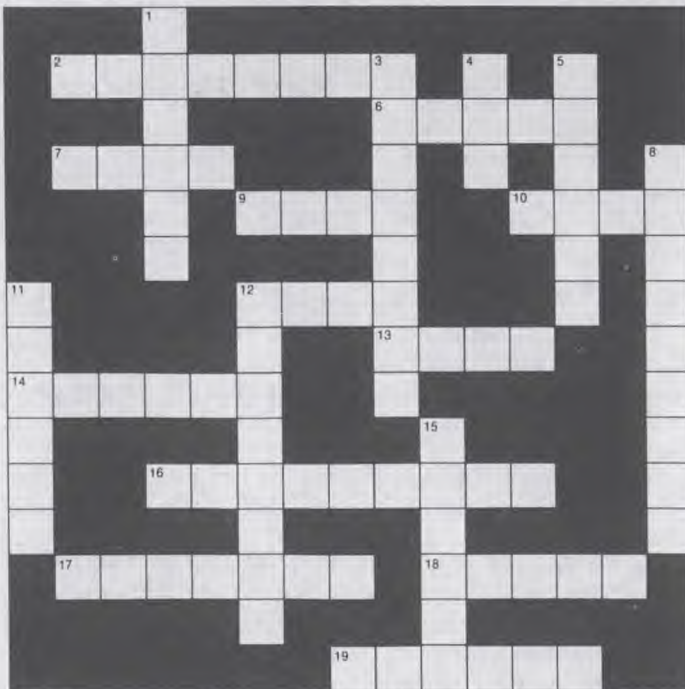
"Come on, Kathy," said Johnny, "I'll race you to the orchard."

Mother smiled as she watched them run across the yard. I believe that God smiled, too, for He once said, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other." ▣

*Joy McFadzean writes from Melbourne.*

## FUNDAMENTALS FUN

### 7. The Nature of Man



#### ACROSS CLUES

2. Productive of offspring. (Gen 1:28)
6. A likeness. (Gen 1:26)
7. Many working parts. (Prov 5:11)
9. To dominate. (Gen 1:26)
10. Look after. (Luke 10:40)
12. Characteristic of man. (Gen 1:27)
13. The spiritual part of man. (Deut 11:13)
14. A collection of people. (Acts 17:26)
16. A person's descendants. (Acts 17:28)
17. Places of worship. (Acts 17:24)
18. A sleep-like state. (Rom 5:12)
19. Estrangement. (Gen 3:15)

#### DOWN CLUES

1. Improve the land. (Gen 1:28)
3. Shows a similarity. (Gen 1:26)
4. In God's image. (Gen 1:27)
5. Capable of motherhood. (Gen 6:19)
8. Appetising. (Gen 3:6)
11. Give glory to. (Ps 8:5)
12. Occupying thoughts. (Ps 8:4)
15. The ability to use knowledge. (Gen 3:6)

*This series (by Brendan Ashton of Cooranbong, NSW) is based on texts listed in the Adventist Church's 27 Fundamental Beliefs. All words are from the NIV.*

Photo: Voice of Prophecy.



## H.M.S. Richards' Widow Turns 90

Mabel Richards, widow of well-known American Adventist radio evangelist Pastor H.M.S. Richards, celebrated her 90th birthday on August 15. Staff and volunteer workers at the Voice of Prophecy office in Newbury Park (California, USA) shared her special day with a potluck luncheon. With their mother as she prepared to cut her birthday cake were, from left, Virginia Cason; H. M. S. Richards, Jr; Kenneth Richards; and Jan Richards. Mrs Richards played a vital role, especially at home, during the development of the Voice of Prophecy—which was begun by her late husband in 1930. Today she still serves several days a week as a volunteer at the VOP.

## Homecoming

The recent 1989 Avondale College homecoming weekend attracted the largest crowds ever, with all meetings well-attended—including the early morning service (which was presented by Dr Roy Naden). "The warmth of meeting again after 30 or 40 years can be truly felt only by those involved," says college Public Relations director Pastor John Banks. During the weekend the 1939 graduating class made a presentation to the college of a large vase stand made of 137 species of exotic timbers. The 1939 graduating-class president, Pastor Les Coombe, made the presentation on behalf of the class, most of whom were present for the weekend. "Homecomings play a vital role in linking the past and the present, and directing

our thoughts toward the great homecoming with Jesus," says Pastor Banks.

## Goal on Target

The South Pacific Division membership grew by 20,364 during 1988, bringing total membership to 213,066. The Division had reached 112.98 per cent of its Harvest 90 goal for that date at the end of 1988. Some 79.46 per cent of the goal for the entire Harvest 90 period has now been attained—thanks largely to "bumper harvests" in the union missions.

## Tell a Tourist

Central Pacific Union Mission Publishing director Kevin Geelan dreams of placing *Your Bible and You* in every resort room in Fiji. "Around 250,000 tourists visit Fiji annually, and the number is expected to grow," says Pastor Geelan.

"People on holidays have time to read—and they will do so if we provide something interesting for them." Church members wishing to sponsor motel books for Fiji (costing \$A8.80 each) should send cheques or bankcard/mastercard number to Fiji Venture, Signs Publishing Company, Warburton, Victoria 3799.

## Siamese Twins

Dr Benjamin Carson, the Adventist surgeon who separated Siamese twins Ben and Patrick Bender during a 14-hour marathon operation several months ago, recently told his story on the "It Is Written" television program in the USA. The television presentation revealed how a young ghetto boy, struggling at the bottom of his fifth-grade class, had his life turned around by God and a tough-minded-but-loving mother. Dr Carson described the influences that took him to the top of his class at Yale University and eventually to chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center—at the age of 33. Prior to Dr Carson's successful operation on the Bender twins, the option was believed to be to save only one.—Canadian Adventist *Messenger*.

## Radio To Christ

A young Czechoslovakian who was listening to short-wave radio to improve his English before migrating to the USA found instead a different direction for his life. Jiri Pelka of Prague had lost interest in God until Adventist World Radio started him studying the Bible. He requested the "Voice of Hope" correspondence course from Britain. After he walked across the German border, Jiri was

sent to a refugee home, where he found himself sharing a room with a Seventh-day Adventist who was also a Czech refugee. Together they studied their Bibles and visited the Adventist church, where Jiri was baptised.

## International Prize

A 17-year-old Polish Adventist from Gdansk has been awarded first prize in the 15th International Youth Graphic Arts Competition in Bologna, Italy. Iwona Zebrowska came to Pastor Mark Finley's evangelistic series in Poland, distressed that her family was in a mess. "We began to counsel with her and her parents," recalls Pastor Finley. "The father quit smoking and drinking, and they all decided to be baptised—mother, father and daughter." Iwona specialises in drawing and painting horses. She never passes an opportunity to use her talents to express her joy in the Lord, according to a report in the Trans-European Division *Light*.

## "Quit" Flag Flying

The South Australian Church Ministries Department has so far this year run 5-Day Plans for employees of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the Taxation Department, Radio Rentals and, most recently, one of Adelaide's largest department stores—John Martins. Pastor Andrew Kingston conducted the latter series for more than 100 participants.

## Exposure in Iceland

An Adventist layman in Iceland, psychiatrist Dr Gudrun Jonsdottir, was recently invited to preach at an annual Day of Prayer at the Lutheran Cathedral in



Reykjavik. The service, broadcast on national radio, presented a Bible-based message with well-chosen references from Icelandic religious literature and theological writings.—Trans-European Division *Light*.

### Prisoner Witnesses

A young man, baptised while in Beon Gaol (Papua New Guinea), witnessed eight of his relatives and friends baptised in Bogia during July. When released from prison, the man had started a branch Sabbath school in Dugumur. Now he hopes to start a church in his village.—*Go Tell*.

### LEs Excelling

For the first six months of 1989 South Pacific Division literature evangelists are almost 25 per cent ahead of last year's sales attainment in monetary terms. The Central Pacific Union Mission has registered a 94.7 per cent gain. The Western Pacific Union Mission was the only field registering a loss—of 20.6 per cent, due mostly to an unfavourable exchange rate for the period. In the Greater Sydney Conference LEs are experiencing their best year for six years. So far sales are about \$40,000 ahead of last year, and leaders hope the rest of the year will make it the best ever.

### New Company

The Hillview SDA church, at Morisset (NSW), has helped plant a new church company at Wye. Some 60 Adventists met in the local public school on September 2 for their first fellowship and worship as a group. Pastor Ray Dickson has accepted leadership of the company, and plans are already under way to purchase land and erect a church. Wye is a growth area. Developers have shopping complexes planned,

and 10,000 new homes are listed for construction in the near future.

### Growth Seminar

Some 60 clergy (both men and women) attended the annual Professional Growth Seminar held at the Wahroonga Activities Centre on August 21. Sponsored by the Greater Sydney Conference, the seminar featured guest speakers Dr Benjamin Reaves, from Oakwood College, and Dr Tom Ludowici, from Sydney Adventist Hospital. "Thirty of those present took a complimentary copy of *Seventh-day Adventists Believe . . .*" says Dulce Ferguson, of the Greater Sydney Conference office. "Many expressions of appreciation were received as participants left, and others have written thanking us for the seminar."



Photo: ADRA International.

### ADRA Raises Roofs for Jamaicans

Donors from around the world contributed to dwellings like the one pictured to replace homes lost when tropical cyclone Gilbert devastated Jamaica late last year. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency South Pacific arranged shipment of nine containers of roofing iron, costing nearly a quarter of a million dollars, which was reimbursed by international funds. "We want RECORD readers to know what's been achieved through their generous support of the yearly Disaster and Famine Relief Offering," says Neil Hughes, associate director of ADRA South Pacific. "Offering practical aid to disaster victims breaks down barriers and restores a measure of courage to communities suffering trauma. And I believe it's what Jesus would have us do in His name."

### SNZ Session

The South New Zealand Conference Session will be held in the Samoan church hall, Christchurch, over the weekend of October 22 and 23. Wolfgang Kissener will be ordained to gospel ministry in the Bishopdale church on the Sabbath afternoon before the session commences.

### Solomons Singers

This month a youth singing group from the Solomon Islands will participate in a Pathfinder camporee in the Oregon Conference, North America.

### FOL For October

Focus on Living radio broadcasts during this month will feature: October 1—Exercise Can Improve Your Health, plus interview with George Rollo on

Teenage Suicide; October 8—Ten Worst Mistakes After 40, plus interview with Professor Jack Provonsha on Euthanasia; October 15—Is There Life on Other Planets?, plus interview with Dr Charles Thomas on Treating the Common Cold; October 22—Daytime Fatigue, plus interview with Dr William Loveless on Second Marriages; October 29—Unconditional Love, plus interview with Dr Alberta Mazat on Child Abuse. Check local listings.

### DNA Shock

A report from London reveals that new DNA (genetic) testing techniques to settle disputed family links in immigration cases are yielding shocking results for many husbands who are discovering that their wife has been unfaithful. In around 12 per cent of cases where applicants had opted for a test, immigration officials discovered the family relationship was not what was claimed. *Toowoomba Chronicle*.

### Third Conference

The Adventists' Third Pan-Pacific Medical and Dental Conference will take place in Sydney next year from March 5 to 9.

### \$1 Million Aid

Adventist Development and Relief Agency projects received Australian Government funding to the value of \$1,061,705 during the 1988-89 financial year. This is the highest amount of funding ever received from this source by ADRA.

*Most Flashpoint items from outside the South Pacific Division are provided courtesy of the Adventist Review, and have been sent to the RECORD via facsimile transceiver for immediate release.*

# Nearly 4,600 People Baptised in PNG



One advantage of the flooded river was that candidates received more personal attention.

Nearly 4,600 people dedicated themselves to Christ and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 16—during the largest baptismal service ever conducted in the South Pacific Division.

The baptism, said to be the largest ever in the history of the Adventist Church, was conducted in the Eastern Highlands-Simbu Mission in Papua New Guinea. It was the high point of a visit to PNG by General Conference president Pastor Neal C. Wilson. It was also the high point of the first-ever mission-wide camp-meeting of the EHSM, held at Keiia.

The purpose of such a large baptism was not to challenge the record books. In fact, pastors were limited in the number of candidates they could bring. Rather, it had planned as a major feature of the

camp-meeting.

What caused the explosion in interest and enthusiasm was the news that Pastor Wilson and SPD president Pastor Walter Scragg would be attending. This was a great honour for the people of the Eastern Highlands-Simbu Mission.

A baptism of this size is not without its problems, however. For example, how do you ensure that only those candidates passed by local church boards are baptised? In an event such as this, many like to hop onto the end of the line so they don't miss out on a spiritual blessing. Besides, it could be the last baptism!

Special identification tags were ordered from Australia so pastors and deacons would know who were to be baptised. The tag system proved very successful. A week after the baptism I could still see new members proudly

wearing their identification tags. This provided added witness to the community.

Also, with so many to be baptised at once, many more pastors were needed than the mission had in its employ. Invitations were extended to ministers of other missions, unions and the Division. On the day, 127 pastors were ready for duty in the waters at Keiia.

The camp-meeting at Keiia had been planned for the middle of the dry season—so the river chosen for the baptism would not be a raging flood. Plans had been made well. But the best human plans are not always respected by the weather.

People arrived for the camp-meeting by the thousands. On the opening night some 30,000 sat in and around the two specially constructed tents. There was an atmosphere of enthusiasm and anticipation. The "big man" (Pastor Wilson) was coming—and then the baptism.

But Thursday night rain began to fall. It rained all Thursday night and most of Friday. By Friday night we began to wonder what would become of the baptism.

Many prayers were offered for clear weather on Sabbath—and Keiia had clear sky all day. But the river, which two days before had been a gently flowing giant, had risen nearly 50 centimetres to become a monster. Still, the candidates were undaunted, and the pastors were enthusiastic.

After Pastor Wilson's sermon, the candidates assembled in the main tent. They were dressed in white, each wearing a golden tag. The sight was impressive. But the best was yet to come.

Lining up four abreast, they marched the half kilometre to the river. And what a picture they made! The line seemed to go on and on for miles—four abreast and more than 1,000 long! The first candidates were arriving at the river before the last ones had left the campsite.

At the river things were organised by an army of 300 deacons. The only problem was that the river, placid and waist-deep on Thursday, was now running swiftly and up to my neck. The organisers quickly decided to move half the candidates to the far side of the river,



Nearly 50,000 were waiting at the campground near Goroka to welcome Pastor Neal C. Wilson.

where the water was shallower.

After this unplanned delay, the baptism began. Groups began to sing up and down the river. Deacons escorted candidates through the flooded waters, and pastors spontaneously baptised their candidates. It was a moving and rewarding experience that will stay in my mind for years to come.

I must pay tribute to the untiring effort of the deacons, who battled the torrent and kept the baptism running smoothly. It was largely due to their efforts that the baptism of nearly 4,600 candidates was completed by the 127 ministers within an hour.

The rain was not without its blessings. For, because of the flood, the baptism did not become an impersonal, assembly-line process. Each person was cared for and ministered to individually by his or her pastor. This had a profound effect.

After the baptism I spoke with several pastors. Pastor Bert Godfrey, PNG Union president, summarised their feelings well: "I've never experienced such a rewarding and joyful occasion in baptisms of this kind. It was so personal. This experience should show us the way for baptisms in the future."

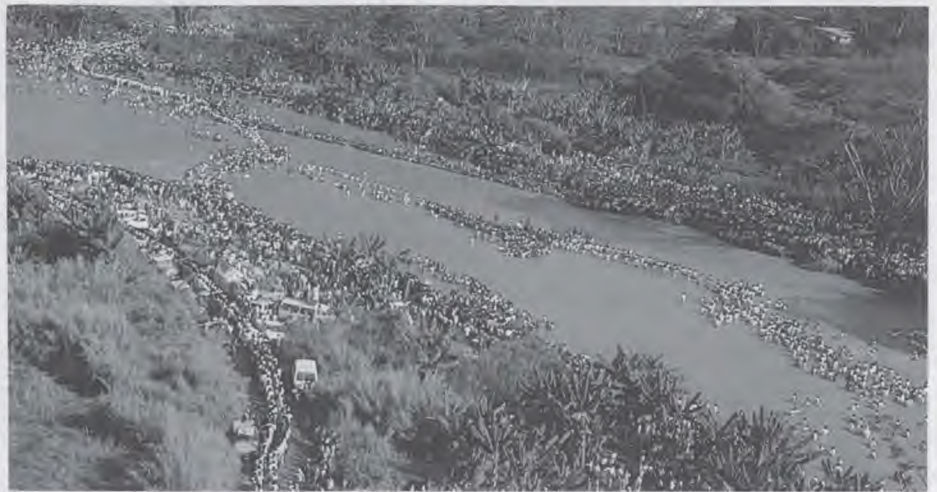
The candidates were equally impressed. Some I spoke with particularly appreciated the fact that they had time with their pastor. It made it more meaningful. And despite the fast-flowing river, none would have missed the opportunity to be a part of such a powerful witness to the community.

Initially some people expressed fears about having one large baptism at Keiya. Might the local congregations lose an opportunity to give a witness in their area—baptisms are evangelistic. But this has not been the case. Baptisms are still occurring nearly every week somewhere in the mission.

And since the baptism, several exciting reports have begun to filter in. Villages have felt the impact of the Keiya camp-meeting. (After all, who can miss 45,000 people?) Interest has been aroused throughout the mission. And groups of people are asking to join the church.

Obviously, with so much happening and so many new members entering our church, our responsibility is great. We ask that you share with us by remembering us in your prayers.

*By Brad Kemp, an expatriate missionary based in Goroka, PNG.*



The candidates marched four abreast to the river. The first ones arrived before the last ones left.

## GC President Visits Papua New Guinea

**G**eneral Conference president Pastor Neal C. Wilson paid a courtesy call to both the prime minister and opposition leader in Papua New Guinea during a visit there in August to participate in a mass baptism of nearly 4,600 people near Goroka.

"I'm very happy that you took the time to visit with me," the prime minister told Pastor Wilson.

The opposition leader noted that most of his relatives are Seventh-day Adventists, although he himself is a Roman Catholic. "Papua New Guinea is indebted to the churches," he said. "They have played and are still playing a major role in the development of our country."

When Pastor Wilson arrived at the airport in Port Moresby, he was greeted on the tarmac by a group of men and women in traditional dress, carrying bows and arrows. Outside the terminal, Pastor Wilson was welcomed in a ceremony attended by a crowd of more than 1,000. There were speeches and singing by a 50-voice choir.

That evening Pastor Wilson addressed a crowd at the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium. In spite of a downpour, the people stayed on to hear him and the many singing groups that performed.

In Goroka the next day, Pastor Wilson was welcomed in three separate ceremonies—on the tarmac of the Goroka airport, at the Independence Oval, and at the first-ever mission-wide camp-meeting for the Eastern Highlands-Simbu Mission.

Half a kilometre from camp Pastor Wilson was invited to sit on a cane chair on poles and be carried by 10 men across the river. As the group neared the other side, "warriors" in war paints and carrying bows and arrows burst out from the bank.

Chanting war cries, the warriors "challenged" Pastor Wilson's party. They then ran in front of him, putting on a mock tribal fight, before escorting him to the campground. At the camp a crowd of some 50,000 were awaiting his arrival.

Pastor Wilson presented three sermons during the camp—two of which were greatly disturbed by rain.

Pastor Wilson made a quick visit by helicopter to several historical mission stations. He also visited Homu, where Pastor Peter Knopper was murdered.

He was met at Homu by people who were covered in clay—a sign of mourning. The visit was a great boost to the morale of the lay people there, as they still are waiting for a replacement for Pastor Knopper.

*By Matupit Darius, Communication director for the Papua New Guinea Union Mission.*

# Lifestyle Survey Under Way in Australia and New Zealand

A major survey is currently being conducted in Australia and New Zealand to obtain information on Adventists' lifestyles and to identify problems that may exist in the area of alcohol and drug use.

The South Pacific Division Adventist Health Department has prepared the completely confidential, anonymous survey. It has been specifically designed to enable the church to assist its own members, especially the youth.

"It grows from a pastoral concern to know the needs of our members," says Dr Harley Stanton, associate director of the department. "And it's possible to respond to those needs only when we know precisely what they are."

A survey questionnaire is being mailed directly to some 2,500 randomly selected Adventists (so not all church members will be surveyed). The questionnaire takes about 30 minutes to fill in.

According to Dr Stanton, the effectiveness of the survey depends on the level of participation. "We understand that you might not want anyone to know who you are and how you answer the questions," he says.

"Furthermore, information is usually more accurate when no name is attached and there's no means of identification. So please do *not* include your name."

When the survey has identified current attitudes, practices and needs, specific responses can be designed to help Adventist youth and adults avoid damaging lifestyle practices, especially the use of alcohol and other drugs.

Some of the expected benefits of the survey are:

1. To provide specific, reliable information on Adventist lifestyle patterns, including use and non-use of alcohol and other drugs.

2. To develop programs, materials and strategies that respond to the needs identified, maintaining and reinforcing the unique aspects of Adventist lifestyle.

3. To assist in the development of school curriculums, focusing on lifestyle practices and alternatives to drug and alcohol use.

4. To provide information on a range of Adventist youth activities, and to enable the development of appropriate

ministries, especially in the areas of youth Sabbath school and printed materials.

"The knowledge this survey will make available is as important as building colleges or placing our money into many other areas of endeavour," says Dr

Stanton. "One of the major benefits will be that accurate data will replace the misleading and anecdotal information currently circulating.

"If you receive a questionnaire," says Dr Stanton, "the best way you can help is by answering all the questions applicable to you. Then return the form in the stamped, addressed envelope provided. And remember, on this occasion we're seeking *information*. So please do *not* tell us your name."



Photo: Alex Kitevski.

Cooranbong Community Services team thanked Rob Romero. From left: Wynstan and Milbree Dowling, Ron and Nelia Rice, Wally Potter, Elaine and Rob Romero, Elsie and Fergie McKay.

## Cooranbong Farewells Volunteer Builder

Members of the Cooranbong Community Services Centre team and the local community arranged a farewell party on June 26 to express appreciation to Rob Romero, who has recently built the new Community Services Centre.

"Forty adults and 15 children responded to Pastor and Mrs Rice's invitation to a potluck dinner," says the public relations director for the centre, Alex Kitevski. "But the meal was just the means used to convey to our volunteer builder our appreciation for his skill and dedication."

North New South Wales Conference treasurer Gary Chapman welcomed guests and thanked Rob Romero and his wife, Elaine, for their generous contribution to the work of the church in Cooranbong.

Centre director Pastor Ron Rice gave historical details of the project, and North NSW Conference president Pas-

tor Rex Moe also expressed appreciation to the Romeros.

"Right from the start, whenever Rob needed assistance he had help from three retirees who worked tirelessly, despite inclement weather and uninteresting tasks—Wally Potter, Fergie McKay and Wynstan Dowling," says Mr Kitevski. "They reminded us of the three Hebrew worthies."

All major exterior and interior work on the centre is now completed, with only outside plumbing, car park, roads, landscaping and interior furnishings still to be done. The Romeros are holidaying before undertaking a similar project at Mount Colah church, on the northern outskirts of Sydney.

The function concluded with the surprise presentation to the Romeros of a cheque for \$1,000, donated by a local businessperson toward their Queensland holiday.

## Adventist Women in Sydney Dial-a-Mum

The annual dinner of the Association of Adventist Women, held on July 15, heard experiences from the Dial-a-Mum service operated by a group of interdenominational volunteers in Sydney. The service receives around 7,000 calls each year from people in crisis.

"Dial-a-Mum isn't government-funded and each call received must be paid for, since a diverter re-dials the call to the on-call Mum," says AAW president Ann Campbell. "And although our association is not a financially robust organisation, the executive voted to donate \$100 toward the service."

Hilary Roberts, coordinator of the Dial-a-Mum program, told of a nine-year-old boy who thought his dreams had come true when he found Dial-a-Mum in the front of the phone book. He was being cared for by an aunt after his mother's recent death, but he really wanted a 'Mum.'

Many calls received by the volunteers are from adolescents whose communication lines with family members are cut or polluted, says Mrs Roberts. Their hostile or isolated environment motivated them to reach for the phone and Dial-a-Mum.

Mrs Roberts told of a 35-year-old mother of four, whose husband was permanently institutionalised, who called late one evening paralysed by depression. Earlier in the day she had withdrawn all her pension from the bank to buy the weekly provisions. On arrival at the supermarket she discovered she'd lost her wallet. Retracing her steps proved fruitless, so she made her way home—only to find all the bed linen, towels and good clothing left drying on the clothes line had been stolen!

From her bare cupboard she scraped a meal together for the children and put them to bed without explaining their situation. Alone, and realising her desperate plight, she called the on-duty Mum, who was able to direct the destitute mother to sources of emergency help.

Volunteers for Dial-a-Mum receive training at the Mercy Family Life Centre in Sydney, learning listening skills before being rostered on call. "All who attended the dinner agreed that listening is a ministry that needs to be cultivated," says Mrs Campbell. "Perhaps this is an example of a modern form of the anonymous Good Samaritan. Interested readers who could offer financial help, or who would like to be trained as a listener, can call Dial-a-Mum on (02) 477 6777."



Photo: Neil Maxwell

## Happy Holiday Hour

Nearly 70 children—all but eight of them non-Adventists—attended a Happy Holiday Hour conducted by the Bickley church (Western Australia) from July 10 to 14. "Perhaps the most exciting part of the whole week was the fact that only one family was unable to attend the Friday evening concert," says Mrs M. J. Boyd. "All the children received certificates and each family were presented with a copy of *Eight Sure Steps to Health & Happiness*, and samples of Weet-Bix and cornflakes supplied by the Sanitarium Health Food Company. We've already received three letters of thanks." Thirty helpers under the leadership of Neil Maxwell kept the children busy during the week with a variety of cooking and crafts. Other activities included a visit from Tammy, of the Deaf and Dumb Society, who taught the children how to sing "Happy Birthday" in sign language; a demonstration by officers of St John Ambulance Brigade; and a visit to the airport to farewell the Perth Wildcats basketball team. This latter event was televised and many of the children saw themselves on TV that evening.

## Court a Real Hit

Many students from Fulton College, Fiji, said they enjoyed their August 14 Sports Day more this year than in the past. The reason is a brand-new concrete volleyball court—funds for which were raised by student sacrifice and solicitation, matched with a contribution from the college. "The students not only helped with funds—they also provided the labour, often long and weary hours, to see the project completed," says Fulton College promotions officer Ursula Hedges. "No wonder the court is a real hit!"

## CHURCH NEWS

### Investment Effort

The small Woy Woy church, on the peninsula south of Gosford, NSW, recently raised \$500 from an old-fashioned "bring and buy." The funds will benefit the congregation's investment project to assist with outreach in the Torres Strait Islands. "Buying their tea was the first interest for those who attended, and it was surely a bargain for only \$2," says communication secretary Val Lemke. "Then followed quality entertainment from local and visiting artists, who had the audience convulsed with merriment. Warren Bailey compered the auction that concluded the evening. We all rejoice at the success of our efforts."

### Dorrigo Baptism

Pastor John Kosmeier recently baptised three young people from the Dorrigo (New South Wales) church—Dani Beaumont, Sheree Cox and Allan

Edmunds. "The church also sponsored a Happy Holiday Hour during the second week of the recent school holidays," reports communication secretary Merryl Cox. "Hatching chickens and ducklings, and caring for Sailor, the galah, Mr Frypan, the duck, and Chickie, a chicken, added interest to the theme of God's love as seen in creation. Children also enjoyed rides on a Shetland pony loaned by Bruce Beaumont. Crafts included tortoises made from Jacaranda seed pods, cowrie-shell men and calico-cat draught stoppers."

### Gosnells Winner

Geoffrey Fairhurst recently won second prize in the senior section of an essay competition on the subject of Smoking—Why Quit? organised by the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Western Australia. "Geoffrey's essay took a novel approach, as if coming from a smoker," says Gosnells church communication secretary Jean Gillham.

# NOTICEBOARD

## Weddings

**Elliott—Emmerson.** David Paul Elliott, son of Rex and Yvonne Elliott (Victor Harbour, SA), and Deborah Susanne Emmerson, daughter of Raymond (Victor Harbour) and Susanne Emmerson (Nairne), were married on September 2 in the Stirling SDA church. Rev Peter Elliott, from Tumut, NSW, the groom's uncle, assisted the writer in the service. Angus McPhee.

**McCracken—Haami.** Michael McCracken and Lynette Haami were married on July 2 at the Stratford SDA church, New Zealand. They are planning to set up their home on a farm in the Stratford district.

D. H. Thiele.

**Wynniatt—Jury.** Graham Wynniatt and Jean Jury were married on September 3 at Tooperang, SA. They plan to reside in Hackam West, Adelaide. A. J. Croft.

## Obituaries

"We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. . . . For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. . . . Therefore encourage each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16, 18, NIV. The Signs Publishing Company staff join the church family in expressing sincere sympathy to those who have lost the loved ones recorded below.

**McIver,** Valerie Hope, born October 25, 1915, at Petone, New Zealand; died August 13 at Nelson. Although Valerie was not a robust person, for most of her life she was active in helping others. She was well-known as the lady with a smile. Valerie worked as a colporteur and enjoyed collecting for Appeal for Missions. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Don and Dora, McIver; friend, Valmai, and members of the Nelson church. Aaron Jeffries.

**Maher,** Stanley Joseph, born March 11, 1912, at Tarana, NSW; died August 24 in the Oberon Hospital. His grandparents were pioneer Adventists in the Lithgow, Tarana, Capertee area. Stan was brought up in an Adventist family, and he and his wife, Ivy, were baptised by Pastor Claude Judd at Mudgee. Stan was a man who enjoyed the simple things in life. He had a dry wit and great humour. He worked as a timbercutter, grazier and truckdriver. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Marie Fitzpatrick; sisters, Daph Doble, Olive Hawken (all of Oberon) and Doris Buckley (Tenterfield); and brother, Les (Ryde). John Andric, current pastor of the Oberon church, assisted the writer, a former church pastor. E. S. Kingdon.

**Mandress,** Maria, born 1931 in Canada; died August 1 in Gisborne, New Zealand, and was buried in the Taraheru Cemetery, Gisborne. When she was one year old she was taken by her parents to Yugoslavia, where she spent her childhood, youth and early married life. With her husband, Mike, and family, she escaped into Italy, where they spent the next two years in a refugee camp. After migrating to New Zealand in 1959, Maria became a Seventh-day Adventist in Martin, through the influence of friends. She is survived by her daughters, Veronica and Angela, and their husbands; and grandchildren, Nick, Jason, Jeremy and James. Ron Lewis.

**Peate,** Andrew John Oliver, born January 13, 1922, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; died July 31 at the Buderim Hospital, Qld, after a prolonged illness. Andrew was Brazilian born to British parents who operated a flourmilling business. He was educated in Shropshire, England, then completed an engineering course at Ipswich, before joining the Royal Navy. He served on Atlantic and Russian convoy duty, during which his ship was torpedoed off Iceland.

Andrew worked in Kenya in the family business before coming to Australia. He later went to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, where he used his expertise to set up flour mills. He returned to Australia because of ill-health. He is survived by his wife, Glenice (Buderim); son, David (Papua New Guinea); daughters, Kerry (Bribie Island), Joanne (Melbourne, Vic) and Anne Marie (Buderim). Pastors Keith Miller and Jack Bambury were associated with the writer in the service. Cyril Pascoe.

**Ricketts,** Doris Hope (nee Fraser), born 1908 in London, United Kingdom; died August 25 at the Cleve Hospital, SA. After attending Newbold College, she served as bookkeeper for the West Nigerian Mission. Back in England, she cared for the injured during the war. In 1948 she came to Australia, bringing with her a little girl orphaned during the war. They lived for a while in Morisset, where Doris owned a market garden. After her marriage to Gordon Ricketts in 1955, she moved to Cleve. While remaining true to her faith, she taught Sunday school in the local Anglican church. She was also a strong supporter of the Bible Society. She is survived by her husband; foster daughter, Pat; Pat's husband, Andy; and their children, Sean and Brendon. The Rev R. Gooden assisted the writer in the service. R. J. Simon.

**Rose,** Bertram James, born February 8, 1907, in London, United Kingdom; died September 4 in Bairnsdale, Vic. At the age of 21 Bert migrated to Melbourne, soon after, moving to Swifts Creek. In 1937 he married Emma Gray and they lived in Bairnsdale. After listening to Pastor L. C. Naden's Voice of Prophecy broadcasts, and studies with Pastor Leo Rose, Bert and Emma were baptised in 1949 in a lake near Paynesville. Emma predeceased her husband in 1976. He is survived by son, James (Bairnsdale); and daughter, Julie Groat (Mordialloc). Owen Cazaly assisted the writer in the service. E. M. Stuart.

**Correction:** In the obituary notice for Una May Schmidt, her late husband's name was shown as George instead of Gordon.

## Advertisements

**Accommodation Wanted/Swap.** Sydney to Newcastle area, December 23 - January 12 for family of four. Our home in Papatoetoe, Auckland, available for similar time (flexible). Please contact Mike Robinson, 66 Alabaster Drive, Papatoetoe, Auckland. Phone (09) 279 8200.

**Secretarial Class Reunion.** A 15th-year reunion is planned for the Avondale Secretarial Class of 74 in Sydney, November 1989. Could the following people please contact us: Miriam and Roslyn Coventry, Robyn Darrell, Bev Hatch, Teresa Melville, Marika Radovanovic, Sharelle Sheffield, Sue Parkinson, Mary Binns, Janie Adams. Write to: Reunion 74, 7/7 Peachtree Road, Macquarie Park NSW 2113.

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**New Murwillumbah Church Opening.** Previous ministers, past members and friends are invited to attend this special celebration on November 3 and 4 at Racecourse Road, Murwillumbah. "Praise Service" 7 pm Friday; Sabbath school 9.15 am; worship service 11 am; official opening 2.30 pm.

**Lilydale Adventist Academy Silver Jubilee Fair.** Lilydale Academy campus, Sunday, October 29, 10.30 am—2.30 pm (Melway Ref. Map 38 F12). Garage Sale; novelty stalls; music; auction; novelty events; food. All proceeds toward Academy gymnasium. See you there!

**North New Zealand Conference Session.** Notice is hereby given that the 82nd Session of the North New Zealand Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held at the Adventist Community Centre, 10-12 Wiremu Street, Balmoral, Auckland, New Zealand, commencing Sabbath evening October 28 at 6 pm, and concluding Sunday evening, October 29. Business will include the presentation of administrative and departmental reports and financial statements for the years 1986-1988. The officers, executive committee and departmental directors will be elected. Consideration will be given to the conference constitution and general business as recommended by the conference executive committee. David Blanch, Secretary.

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