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EDITORIAL



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And, behold, there came unto him a certain young man of lowly birth.

2 And falling on his face before him, he said unto him, Good Master, my spirit troubleth me, for I perceive I do not receive the blessing I seek when I attend the synagogue on Sabbath. My soul hungereth and is not filled.

3 And Jesus answering said unto him, Dost thou study in thy chambers the passages to be discussed on Sabbath, that thou mayest participate diligently?

4 Dost thou pray morning and evening that thou mayest be spiritually refreshed and have a blessing to share?

5 Dost thou review thy life regularly to acquaint thyself with the multitude of blessings thou hast received, so thou canst testify and praise thy Father which is in heaven?

6 And the young man answering said, Master, all these things have I done from the age of 12. But the synagogue at which I worship seldom suffereth such as I to make a contribution, even in discussion time.

7 Yea, verily, when I have sought to share with my fellows or to testify, I have been rebuked, both with words and with looks of contempt.

8 Moreover, Lord, the joy that I perceive should attend the act of worship is as far removed as Dan is from Beersheeba. Yea, the countenances of those leading are continually grave.

9 It seemeth to me that we suffer a host of ceremony and ritual that oft hath lost its meaning. They are a trouble unto me. I am weary to bear them.

10 And Jesus rebuked him saying, Didst God not establish a covenant with Israel in the wilderness, and didst he not ordain the service to be followed? Dost thou suggest that thy forefathers were not led of God?

11 Dost thou not know that the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob says, I am the Lord, I change not?

12 And looking steadfastly at Jesus the young man answered him saying, Verily thou hast spoken truth, Lord.

13 God is merciful and gracious now as he was to our forefathers.

14 But would it not be pleasing unto God to have his followers worship at the synagogue with voice and mind and heart and through deeper fellowship, as well as with bodily presence?

15 I beseech thee, for my soul troubleth me greatly, yea, it verily vexeth me: Would it not bring honour to God to present his truths in simpler ways that reach to everyday life? Mightest not more people participate?

16 Wouldst thou suffer little children to play a more active role? Wouldst thou condemn the telling of a parable?

17 And looking steadfastly upon him, Jesus answering him said, Thou apostate. Thou shouldst be ashamed of thyself.

18 Thou hast been corrupted by the vain philosophies of the Greeks and the Roman love of entertainment. Therefore thou seekest simple parables rather than expositions of the Law and the Prophets. Thou seekest to avoid the meat of truth.

19 The problem lieth not with priest or scribe or Pharisee, or with the program conducted at the synagogue each Sabbath, or with the way truth is portrayed. The problem lieth with thee.

20 Gird up thy mind and repent. For thine attitude is the problem. And he rebuked him sharply.

21 And the young man went away sorrowful, for he had great hopes for a deeper spiritual blessing from worship and for more fellowship.

22 And when the multitude had left, the disciples came to Jesus privately, asking why he had rebuked the man.

23 And he answered them saying, Verily, I have given you an ensample that you should do as I have done.

24 For, except a stand be taken, this attitude will return not unto the second and third generation but, verily, unto the second and third millenia.

[This document was recently discovered on a word-processor screen at Signs Publishing Company. Having carefully examined it, our resident experts have declared it to be forgery. Linguistic analysis reveals that most of the statements attributed to the young man are directly borrowed from the book *The Desire of Ages.* And most of the statements attributed to Jesus are lifted almost verbatim from letters sent to the editor of the RECORD. James Coffin.]

LETTERS

Mentor and Example

I heard with sadness of the death of Pastor J. B. Keith (Life-Sketch, December 16).

I first remember Pastor Keith when I was but a lad of eight or nine. My mother was a widow with four young children, and he often visited our home to cut wood or to encourage us as children to stand for the right and live for Jesus.

When I was 15 Pastor Keith baptised me in the Thompson River (Victoria). Years later, when I was a departmental leader and he was union president, we worked together. When I left Australia to serve at the General Conference, I remember Pastor Keith's words of encouragement.

He enriched my life, was the example of a perfect gentleman, a gracious Christian, and a man of God. He inspired me and gave me confidence in the latter-day movement of which we are part.

The church has been enriched by his godly life and ministry, which has provided an example worth emulating.

Ernest H. J. Steed, USA.

Yes, But . . .

In "Ellen White's Use of the Scripture" (November 4), Pastor John Ludlow points out a few areas of relatively minor significance where Ellen White didn't dispute the renderings of modern translations. But there are far more serious matters where Mrs White clearly disagrees with the new translations.

For example, virtually all new translations claim that the story of the woman found in adultery (John 8:1-11) isn't found in the most-ancient and most-reliable manuscripts—thus making the story of no value to Scripture. Ellen White verifies the truthfulness and accuracy of the story in her book *The Desire of Ages.*

Similarly, Paul's cry, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6) is omitted from modern translations, but affirmed in the book *The Acts of the Apostles.* Other texts referred to in Ellen White's writings, but omitted in modern translations, include Matthew 17:21; Matthew 18:11 and Matthew 23:14.

Thus, the whole tenor of her writings is to point out the gross errors of modern translations and uplift the renderings of the King James Version.

R. R. Standish, Singapore.

Even More

In "Teacher Recalls Exciting Years" (November 11), Mrs Nora Guthrie lists the names of her students from Royal Oak-Remuera church school in 1940-41 who entered denominational employment or who married partners who did so.

I would like to add the names of two more: Jim Roberts, who has just retired from responsibilities as Assistant Secretary—Property (ACA Ltd); and Evelyn Nash, who married literature evangelist Frank Watts.

Having served as a Bible teacher for some 20 years, I too can say it gives one a great deal of joy to see one's former students serving the Lord and His church.

L. P. Tolhurst, Papua New Guinea.

Then What?

Would you please tell us, the readers of the RECORD, what to do with our copies of the RECORD once we have read and digested the articles?

(Mrs) J. Ruthven, Vic.

The ideal usage is to pass the RECORDs on to Adventists who aren't regularly attending church. It provides as natural a point of contact as one could hope for. Another possibility is to collect several from other church members and mail the lot to some contact person in the islands. If you have no way of passing them on for further use, they may be sent to the paper recycling plant, used for mulch in your garden, or for starting fires on frosty mornings.

Unlearned Lesson?

I note that in your editorial "Feedback" (December 2) you report the comment that "a number of positions held by Dr Ford had already been enunciated by other scholars or in the book *Questions on Doctrine.*" There appears to be a lesson here that the Seventh-day Adventist Church hasn't yet learned.

Stephen Buckley, NSW.

For the RECORD

Comment: The December 9 RECORD listed the author of the editorial as Gary Krause, but the picture looked awfully like James Coffin. Was there a mistake? Or was the editorial so controversial that neither of you wanted to fully own it?

Response: 1. The picture *was* of Jim—Gary hasn't achieved the soberness of look so characteristic of his boss. 2. Gary *did* write the article—the editor's writing is of a different calibre (you'll have to decide whether it's a higher or lower!).

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Christianity at the Point of a Gun

by Lynden Kent

The rat took a high mark and passed in its jersey. The farmer decided to set his sights on heaven.

My father grew up on a property out west. He probably learned to handle a rifle before a pencil. My mother laughingly told me that when it was too wet for him to farm it wasn't too wet to go shooting.

One Christmas holidays my father wanted to go shooting. To me, shooting a bronze-wing pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*), or anything else except noxious pests, was pathetic. It was like ripping up a Van Gogh canvas to patch the porch awning.

It was unthinkable for me *not* to go with him. Besides, he was one of the most companionable people I've known. We went. He fired. That glorious concerto of motion seemed to crash into a sound barrier. It fluttered earthward. The country was scrubby and we had trouble finding it.

At last I stumbled upon the bird. It was pitifully wounded and dumbly crouching under a bush. Harmless in a vicious world. I cracked up. "I can't see how you call this sport," I sobbed. "You and a rifle against a poor defenceless pigeon."

My father had a grandness of spirit. He didn't counter my disrespect. He found no elation. Only a deep revulsion for what he'd done. He was astonished that his years of service with a God of love had rechanelled his youthful urges. As he put the sad spectacle beyond pain, he said, "Son, I'll never go shooting again." And he didn't.

Did you know that God is sending out a special message just now? It avoids the senseless slaughter of animals. It emphasises care for the environment. And you'll find it in Revelation 14:6, 7. This is how I'd translate it. "And I saw another messenger flying in mid-heaven having the eternal good news to proclaim to earth-dwellers. . . . Reverence God and worship Him who made the atmospheric heaven, the earth and the sea and the water-springs."

It's amazing what's in this bit of scriptural shorthand. The greenhouse effect, holes in the ozone layer and acid rain all point to the savagery of pollution—which cause the land, the sea and the water-sources to suffer.

The idea behind "worship" spells it out for us. The word *proskuneo*—worship—comes from the words *like a dog*. Jesus says He wants us to worship "in spirit and in truth." John 4:23. This boils down to "love and obedience." Which is what anyone's dog is all about.

As in the story of the wedding garment (Matthew 22:11, 12) Jesus is saying that both the spirit and the truth in which we worship must be God-given. The spirit is of course the Holy Spirit by whom "God's love has been poured into our hearts." Romans 5:5, RSV.

Truth isn't something that in Greek



fashion we learn from a philosopher. We learn it from the man born to be King. Jesus says, "Everyone . . . who belongs to the Truth hears *and* listens to My voice." John 18:37, Amplified. Truth and God's justice principles, the Ten Commandments, are identical. Psalm 119:142.

At the same time that Charles Darwin was sniffing through his HMS *Beagle* papers, preparing to lead the world on one of the greatest false scents in history, this message to love and obey the Creator was being heralded.

Many leading scientists now admit that Darwin led them into the lift-shaft, mistaking it for the stairs. As they went down, some noticed the vital missing steps. The whole thing is mathematically impossible. Yet evolutionists keep shouting the dreamtime slogans and fantasies.

The only way we can love this Creator-Redeemer is to admit that we're outclassed in our struggle against evil, and come to terms with Him. Then He freely gives us His Spirit of love and power.

The alternative is to bury one's head in the geological sand and rejoice with Thomas Huxley in being no longer able to see this Creator. And in not having to fear the accounting that He'll demand from all who don't come to terms with Him. To continue being controlled by evil. This is the very thing the apostle Peter warned of: "Scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own passions." 2 Peter 3:3, RSV.

The first instruction is for us to make the earth fruitful and have dominion over the other creatures (Genesis 1:28). (This, Jesus tells us, means to care for them. Matthew 20:25-28.) He also commands a vegetarian diet (Genesis 1:29). I follow this suggestion as much as anything because I consider it shockingly selfish to rob an animal of its life so that I can feed upon its carcass. It gives the lie to having dominion as Jesus defined it.

In the same passage He gives two provisions of great blessing—the weekly day of worship on the seventh day, and marriage. Nowadays, sadly, both are much abused. These principles, with the rest of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14, are the charter of the Seventh-day

Adventist Church.

My father was an evangelist and administrator for this church. In the course of his ministry he called on a poultry farmer who was feeding nearly as many rats as fowls. They killed his tiny chickens and ate the eggs. Among other remedies he had tried a gun. "It's no good. Won't hit anything." I gather that on a clear day he could hit the feed-shed itself about 50 per cent of the time.

"Let me try," my dad said. They were about 25 metres from the shed. A presumptuous pirate dropped down to the ground and glided toward its hole. The .22 came up to that powerful shoulder in a snap shot. The rat took a high mark and passed in its jersey. The farmer was most impressed and decided to set his sights on heaven. The Lord no doubt saw that he didn't miss that target.

"Ah," someone sighs. "I thought you were going to tell us of conversion at gun-point."

But in a way I did. Isn't it conversion that takes us from among the predators and places us among the protectors? And that's what decides where the gun is pointed.

Lynden Kent, a regular contributor to RECORD and Signs, *writes from Green Point, New South Wales.*

MUSINGS

South Pacific Missionary's Kid

by Heather Potter

After 14 years of being "the missionary's kid," it's been a novel experience to return with my family to our homeland. Especially, considering that it's the first time I've lived in Australia.

I find it almost as enthralling to watch the traffic at the lights of a busy intersection as it is to watch the tribespeople of the Pacific islands perform their traditional dances. And the first train ride I've taken since I was nine years old was every bit as exciting as rafting down a river in the Papua New Guinea highlands on the inner-tube of a tractor tyre.

The Pacific islands are beautiful, and I miss them a lot. Nothing beats the horrifying thrill of finding a one-and-a-half-metre crocodile in the dam in which you used to swim. Or having a taipan crawl across your hand, from under the sheepskin rug you just picked up.

But the good outshines the bad. The warm sunshine and beautiful beaches of PNG and Kiribati have no comparison—especially when sitting out a Melbourne winter for the first time after years of tropical paradise!

I can't remember seeing frozen grass before, and it was exciting to hear it crackle beneath my feet as I walked to school. The rest of my family seemed to derive greater pleasure from the heaps of autumn leaves.

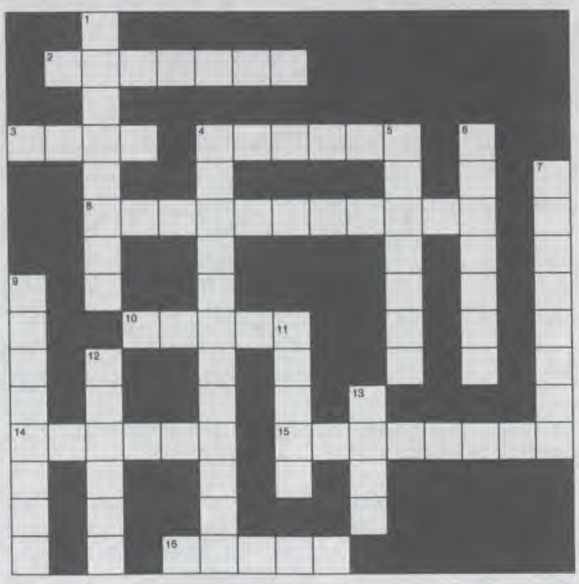
Although thousands of years of sin have marred our world, it's still beautiful. And the great diversity of nature we can see is incredible. Think, then, how much better heaven will be and what fantastic delights it will offer.

Won't it be wonderful just to catch a fleeting glimpse of it all! And what more can we ask for than an eternal, all-expenses-paid holiday in Paradise? Make your reservations now!

Heather Potter is a student at Lilydale Adventist Academy in Victoria. David and Jan are her parents.

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ACROSS CLUES

2. Give help. (Eph 4:12)
3. Sure foundation. (Matt 16:18)
4. A group of people that worship God. (Acts 8:1)
8. People who spread the word of God. (Eph 4:11)
10. Approve, be happy. (Gen 12:3)
14. Purpose, will to happen. (Eph 3:10)
15. The ones who followed Christ. (Eph 4:11)
16. Being one, in agreement. (Eph 4:13)

DOWN CLUES

1. People who instruct. (Eph 4:11)
4. Church group. (Acts 7:38)
5. The past.
6. Ministers in charge of church. (Eph 4:11)
7. Interpreters of God's will. (Eph 4:11)
9. Confined to the outer court. (Eph 3:8)
11. A sacred mountain. (Acts 7:38)
12. When you can handle your emotions. (Eph 4:13)
13. The church is this to Jesus (Eph 5:23)

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.

Camp Heehaw

by Trudy Rankin

The light was out and gentle snores reverberated on the still night air.

A gate creaked open with a jingle of chains. What in the world were they doing in the donkey paddock?

"Hey, Shorty!" called Andrew, his teen-camp counsellor. "You're a bit late. Quick, put this on your face. We're nearly ready to go." He handed Shorty a piece of charcoal. "Hurry up! We haven't got much time!"

Bewildered, Shorty glanced around the cabin. White teeth gleamed brightly against black charcoaled faces as his grinning cabin mates waited for him to blacken his face.

"What's going on?" Shorty demanded.

"No time to explain, just come on." The counsellor switched out the light as they crept quietly across the lawn and down the road. Stealing past the kitchen, they could still see the cooks scurrying about, finishing the day's work.

They've done a good job, Shorty mused. The vegetarian fare had been a bit of a shock to his non-vegetarian stomach, but it had been pretty good. In fact, he thought he might have put on a bit of weight.

That would be great! Maybe he'd grown a bit, too. But he doubted it. He didn't think that he'd ever get any taller. He was positive he would stay a shrimp all his life.

"Freeze!" someone whispered. Shorty gulped and stood still. Pastor Stacey, the camp director, was doing the evening rounds of the cabins, making sure everyone was quiet. The last thing they needed was to have him catch them.

"Breathe easy, guys. He's gone," Andrew whispered. "Come on, we've a long way to go."

On they crept, past the games oval. Shorty chuckled to himself.

"What's so funny?" Jim demanded.

"Just thinking about Mr Erickson."

"You mean that huge counsellor with the big hands? I reckon he must be nearly seven feet tall—or even more!"

Shorty laughed. "Well, not quite that tall. When I was having my turn on the go-cart, he was riding on the other one. I tried to pass him, but he flew past me down the hill, skidded around the first bale of hay, then suddenly shot into the air.

"He came down head first on the seat with his long arms and legs waving everywhere. It was quite a sight. Poor go-cart broke in two, right down the middle!"

"Be quiet you guys!" Andrew hissed. "We could still get caught."

They crept on. Shorty still thinking about the big counsellor. He remembered swimming in the river with a lot of other guys and Mr Erickson. None of them had been fool enough to try and dunk *him.*

Then these crazy girls came along and would you believe, two of them managed to do it! They were both short, too. Maybe being tall wasn't such an advantage after all.

He had managed to twist under Pastor Stacey's arm once playing footie and scored a try. Being short had been great that day!

The boat shed loomed ahead. Shorty glanced around and spotted the BMX bikes hanging from their hooks. He was glad he hadn't been the guy that had taken a header off one of them and spent two days in the hospital as a consequence. What a waste of a teen camp!

The boats were all there, too. Actually, that was one of the things he'd wondered about the God he'd been hearing about all week.

All the windsurfers and sailors had spent the week praying for wind, while the water-skiers prayed that there'd be no wind at all. How did God know who to make happy? If it was a matter of praying hard, then he guessed that the water-skiers had won. There hadn't been much wind that week.

The boys waited around the shed nervously while Andrew scrambled around for something. Shorty shook his head in bewilderment. What was his counsellor doing?

"Got it," Andrew grunted after what seemed an eternity.

Shorty shook his head again. What did his counsellor want with a bit of rope?

"Let's go, you lot," Andrew snickered.

Back past the oval, faster this time. Shorty wished there was a bit of light. "Owwww!" Hastily, he choked back a howl of pain.

"What's wrong?" Jim asked, worriedly.

"Just a prickle," Shorty grunted in disgust. "Thought I'd stepped on a bee for a minute."

Jim laughed. "Did you hear about the girl who went grass sledding? She flew around the corner and into the straight and suddenly screamed so loudly I thought I'd go deaf. She was out of that sled before it stopped. A bee crawled up her shorts and stung her on the backside."

A gate creaked open with a jingle of chains. Jim and Shorty hurried to catch up. What in the world were they doing in the donkey paddock?

"Spread out, guys," Andrew grinned. "We want the liveliest critter possible."

"There's one!"

"Hey! Don't let him get away!"

"Got him, Shorty? Great. Get some hay to keep him quiet!"

The donkey happily let them lead him back onto the road, past the girls' cabins, past the dining room and kitchen and onto the porch of Pastor Stacey's cabin. The light was out and gentle snores reverberated on the still night air. Shorty grinned as he tied the rope onto the pole and spread the hay around.

"Let's get out of here quick and into bed before Pastor Stacey wakes up," Andrew hissed. "Bet he doesn't figure out who did it!"

As Shorty crawled onto his bunk, he chuckled again to himself. He was sorry he had to go home the next day. Teen camp had been great! Fun, pranks, new friends and some interesting talks about God and living the life for which humans were designed.

One thing was sure, he'd be back next year.

Trudy Rankin and her husband, David, regularly spent two weeks each year helping out as volunteers in the junior and teen camps in Victoria. They are currently living at Loma Linda, California, USA.

The Real God

by Joy Bowditch

When I looked into the eyes of the starving
And I heard the cries of their young,
When I saw the wholesale destruction
On this earth You had begun;
When I felt the rage and the tempest
Of storms without a cause—
Do you know I blamed You for that . . .
It was I who had no cause.

But one day I faced mortality
And I looked on the face of death.
I realised you had no part in that,
No connection, no direct link to
Something so cruel, so separating,
So binding.

And I stopped blaming You for the dying and death
For the guilt so common to man,
And I looked at the greed and the motive
That is so common to man,
And the light of heaven revealed the
weight of our responsibility.
And I no longer took You for granted,
For I saw You were beyond all that.
So far removed from sin—
And yet You draw so close to us,
You invite your presence in.
You show Your love through kindness
That is given by a friend,
And you draw us to your heart—
It goes on without an end.

You reach out and call our names
And You tell us one by one,
That You are really real to us,
For You proved it through Your Son.

And I'm just beginning now my Lord,
To see this God above.
With eyes that are unbound and free,
I look on You with love.
And when I reached out again
And searched for You afar,
I realised you were always here,
So close within my heart.

Joy Bowditch writes from Seacliff Park, South Australia.

STORY

The Two Dollar Coin

by Joy McFadzean

The little $2 coin lay on the dusty mantlepiece above the old wood stove. *Everyone's forgotten me,* he thought. *I wish I could be useful again, but nobody wants me. I'm not worth much any more.*

(Of course, you and I know that coins can't think. But sometimes it's fun to imagine what it would be like if they could.)

The little coin looked down at the kitchen floor. It was so dusty and dirty. Even the flowers on the lino were hardly distinguishable. *It used to be so pretty,* he mused, *but no one remembers us now.*

What was that? It sounded like a truck. Soon the door opened and two men with buckets and mops appeared.

"We'll soon have this old place spruced up," said one.

The little coin shivered with excitement as it saw the floors being washed and the windows cleaned. Then the men brought out tins and big brushes.

Suddenly the big brush swept him right off the mantlepiece onto the floor. He quickly rolled across it and came to rest under the edge of the stove. *Oh dear,* he sighed, *no one will ever find me here.*

Before long the little coin heard more voices and laughter, and a woman and a little girl came through the door.

"Look, Mummy," the girl said, "isn't our house clean and pretty."

"Yes, Susie," answered Mummy. "Let's light the fire and get some tea."

"Oh, what's that?" Susie asked, as she saw something shining beneath the stove. Mother went to look.

"Why," she said, "it's a $2 coin. We'll give it for Appeal for Missions at church tomorrow. It will help the children in the islands to learn about Jesus."

Susie clapped her hands in delight.

The little coin shone with happiness. *At last I will be useful again,* he thought.

Sometimes we are like the $2 coin. We sit by and do little to help others, and forget that we, too, can be useful and shine for Jesus.

Joy McFadzean lives in Wantirna, Victoria.

FLASHPOINT

Dukanes Needed

The Papua New Guinea Union Mission reports an urgent need for Dukane projectors, according to the Adventist Health Department director in PNG, Les White. "We have more than 500 Adventists working in health areas here," says Mr White. "We believe that Dukane projectors—largely superceded by videos in the homeland—could play a tremendous role in health education and evangelism. The mission will have some programs ready for use with Dukane projectors early this year, and we could make them available in provincial hospitals and health centres." Any church or individual wishing to donate a Dukane projector for this purpose, should contact the Adventist Health Department, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076; phone (02) 489 7122; fax (02) 487 1659.

Practical Holiday

Some 24 members of the Coffs Harbour (NSW) church spent December 21 to January 14 building a new church complex at Lorengau on Manus Island in the Papua New Guinea Union Mission.

Hanging Up Keys

Milton Taylor, who is retiring as the South Pacific Division office courier, has travelled the equivalent of 19 times around the world without leaving the streets of Sydney. In his nine years on the job he made approximately 7,350 trips to the airport, starting as early 4.30 am and sometimes not finishing until midnight. He received only two parking tickets—but paid for only one, because when the parking inspector found it was Milton's vehicle he apologised for the booking! Although many of the incoming visitors he was scheduled to meet were unknown to him, Milton says he never failed to recognise his passenger.

Successful Petition

Avondale College students and staff added their voice in support of the bill recently passed through Federal Parliament banning cigarette advertising in newspapers and magazines. A petition displayed on the Cooranbong campus from October 31 to November 2 attracted signatures from 312 students and 80 staff.

Butts Out, Booze Up

Figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics early in December showed tobacco and cigarette production fell more than 1,000 tonnes between July 1986 and July 1989. But while Australians may be turning away from smoking, beer production increased from 1,859,020 litres to 1,950,751 during the same period. The main increases were in canned and bottled beer. The production of butter and cheese also decreased, but chocolate-biscuit production increased by 10,000 tonnes in two years.

Bioethics Bonus

Adventists who register to attend the Fifth National Bioethics Conference to be held in Wahroonga on April 2 and 3 will receive a bonus—attendance free at a conference for church members dealing with the subject of abortion. The conference will be held the following day, April 4. Details are available from the Chaplain's Department, Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076; phone (02) 487 9111.

Available Archives

Most archival materials contained at the General Conference are now available to researchers and church leaders, according to Bert Haloviak, assistant director. Located in the new General Conference offices at 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904-1608, USA, the archives contain extensive obituary listings and committee minutes. "Through computer technology we have recently enhanced our capabilities," says Mr Haloviak. "And although our limited staff precludes our doing extensive research for any individual, we are willing to provide biographical or subject-orientated searches. Please let us know how we can serve you."

Prison Program

Six people were baptised following "public" meetings held in the Bihute Prison in the Simbu Province of Papua New Guinea. "Prisoners filled the chapel each night to hear good music and preaching by Gibson Lohia, stewardship director for the Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission. Most of the musical items were presented by the inmates.

Cook Your Own

In a bid to help teach people how to eat properly, the Anglican Church in Elizabeth—on Adelaide's northern outskirts—has opened a restaurant where people can learn to cook their own meals. The Low Way Cafe is planned to be the first in a series of restaurants at which people learn how to cook healthful, inexpensive meals. Meals cost between $1 and $3, and customers are taken into the kitchen and shown how the food is prepared. Fifty volunteers are involved. Anglican community service worker Janet Marshall says many lower-income families and single people—especially those who have just left home, single mothers and the elderly widowed—often survive on take-away foods that are expensive and not nutritionally balanced. —*Adelaide Advertiser,* November 3, 1989.

Gulf Work Grows

Six retired ministers recently helped Pastors Matupit Darius and Collin Unobo baptise 226 people on the edge of the Purari River in PNG. "Finance may be lacking in the South West Papuan Mission, but the people are responding to the Adventist message," says Pastor Darius. "Baptisms in this district are the highest in history—in spite of fewer workers. The lay people are doing a lot of evangelism."

Not Leading

The churches have not given enough leadership in the area of stabilising family life and upholding the value of marriage, according to Mrs Valerie Renkema, national secretary of the Australian Family Association. "The church is not regarded as a great institution these days, except with a minority of faithful. It is not a very great influence on the sorts of things that promote family life," Mrs Renkema said. Churches could do more in marriage preparation, as well as giving input to parents about family values.

"The church must get back to reflect on what sort of values must be preached and taught, so that parents will have some sort of anchorage to teach their children, to communicate absolute values," she said. "By trying to be all things to all men, churches very often end up being nothing to anyone."

Real Questions

The homeless are messengers who are telling us what's wrong with our community—they are the stamp of failure on our society, according to TV host Tony Barber. A practising Catholic, Mr Barber is concerned for the homeless, particularly "street kids," and is closely involved with Open Family Foundation, a ministry to homeless teenagers in Melbourne.

Harvest 90

In 1880 there were only 11 Seventh-day Adventists per one million of world population, but in 1985, the proportion was 975 Adventists per million. Harvest 90 coordinator Carlos Aeschlimann has called for a powerful movement of evangelism to climax the soul-winning activities of the current five-year period. Harvest 90 has been a great blessing in focusing the priority of the church where it should always be—on completing the great commission to evangelise the world, according to General Conference president Pastor Neal C. Wilson.

Christian Expelled

The West African country of Mauritania has expelled a number of Christians for distributing Christian literature, according to a report published in the *Australian Evangelical.* One of the few countries that remains closed to Christian missionary workers, Mauritania is considered an Islamic republic. A Chadian physician who worked in Mauritania for two years in the mid-1980s said he believed evangelism in the country would have to rely more on the lifestyles of Christians and less on the spoken word.

New LAA Principal

The new principal of Lilydale Adventist Academy is Alan French, formerly principal of the Auckland Adventist High School. He replaces Ross Reid, who is to be the education director for the Victorian Conference.



Move Over, Batman, Says Bible Society

Batman comics may be in many stockings in Australia this Christmas, but according to the Bible Society, they have not yet equalled the availability in the Asia-Pacific region of Bible comics. Recognising the power of the comic medium and its readership appeal, the United Bible Societies began developing Bible comics in 1981. Today eight titles in the Old Testament series and five in the New Testament have been translated into 66 languages, including English. More than two million Scripture comics were sold in 1988—20,000 of them in Australia. First introduced for the children's market, then to entertain the mindless masses, comics can become literary classics and educational tools. A UBS survey of who buys and reads Christian comics has shown that people of every age are attracted to this simple form of communication. Teenagers in Ghana bought a consignment of 20,000 comics within three weeks—and many were willing to pay more than the stipulated price to obtain further copies.

Field Secretary

Pastor George Porter, president of the New Britain New Ireland Mission, has been elected field secretary for the Papua New Guinea Union Mission.

Chamberlain Film

The video *Evil Angels*—released overseas under the title *A Cry in the Dark*—has been third in the Top 10 Videos List in the USA.

Honour for Organist

Heather Slade, of the Esperance church (Western Australia), has been invited to travel to West Germany to study under one of the world's best organists. Dr Neithard Bethke spotted Mrs Slade's talent when she attended a seminar he conducted in WA. He asked her to attend his lessons at Ratzburg Cathedral, and Mrs Slade hopes to do so early this year. Mrs Slade grew up in Wahroonga—she is a daughter of Neville and Pearl Tinworth. She says she finds playing the organ a challenge because of the need to coordinate hands and feet at the same time. "I was brought up on music. The church we attended had a pipe organ. I love Bach," she says. "My parents purchased a piano before they put carpet on our floors! And to go on holidays without access to music was like being in gaol."

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.*

Own Radio Gives Longburn Publicity

Longburn Adventist College has become the first high school in New Zealand to operate a fully licensed radio station.

Christian Radio LAC 97.2 FM took to the airways on Sunday morning, November 21, with the stated aim of spreading the good news about Jesus Christ.

Operating 16 hours a day for the seven days leading to graduation Sabbath (November 25), the station attracted an enormous amount of publicity for the college and for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, according to principal John Hammond.

The radio reaches a potential audience of 100,000. Mr Hammond and the other teachers say they are delighted with the public response. One Christian family has applied to send their daughter to the college as a result of hearing a test broadcast before the station officially went to air.

Students have run a daily two-hour "Lunchtime Munchtime" program aimed at the young Christian audience in Palmerston North. They reward winners of competitions with tapes and compact discs of Christian music donated by a local Christian bookshop.

Evening sessions, hosted by various staff members assisted by students, play a variety of Christian music. Arthur Yeo's "Breakfast Show" and professional announcer Graeme Wilson's morning and afternoon programs complete the day.

Christian Radio 97.2 FM is the brainchild of Longburn faculty member Arthur Yeo, who persuaded his contacts in the broadcasting industry to lend transmitting equipment and expertise to get the station on air. Mr Yeo says that "the senior high school students have gained invaluable experience in radio journalism and have demonstrated just how successful radio evangelism can be."

RECORD Offering. February 17. Plan Now!



Faculty member Arthur Yeo (standing) discusses programming at Longburn College's Christian radio station LAC 97.2 FM with Form Six students Nigel O'Donnell and Anna McCathie.

Every day during the week-long broadcast teenagers and their parents came to inquire about the advantages of a Christian education at Longburn.

Students were responsible for programming, interviewing, selecting Bible readings, and operating the console for two-hour shifts. They were grateful for the expertise shared with them by Graeme Wilson, a Longburn "old boy" who is now a disc jockey on Newcastle's 2NUR FM station.

Mr Wilson donated a week of his time and travelled to New Zealand to help organise the presentation. "Once again, it's been demonstrated that the best way to reach the youth of the world is to use the committed youth of the church to communicate Christianity at a realistic level," says Mr Hammond.

Longburn Adventist College's media outreach this year has also included the *Lingo* newspaper—written and produced entirely by students and staff and distributed throughout New Zealand. On three occasions Palmerston North has been letterboxed to advertise the college and the radio station.

By John Hammond, principal of Longburn Adventist College, New Zealand.

CPUM Publishing Director Lists Local Providences

Literature evangelists in the Central Pacific Union Mission have seen providential openings in their work over the past year, according to Pastor Kevin Geelan, publishing director for the region.

Between November 88 and August 89 the CPUM experienced a $50,000 increase in sales compared to the same period a year before.

"Reports coming in from Fiji, Samoa and French Polynesia are positive, but we're still battling to stimulate the work in the Cook Islands, Tuvalu and Tonga," says Pastor Geelan. Various avenues for sales are at present being investigated.

"Last week I visited the Rewa Dairy Company—a large milk factory in Suva—where the manager is a Seventh-day Adventist," says Pastor Geelan. "He welcomed a book display in their large canteen.

"The company agreed to give us a cheque for the retail amount of the

books purchased by their staff. With the accountant's permission, the firm will deduct $F5 weekly from employees wages until their purchases are paid for. We made almost $F900 in sales for the day. We plan to present other companies with a similar plan.

"I've been interviewed regarding our books by the presenter of a women's program on Radio Fiji," Pastor Geelan continues. "We talked for about 10 minutes, which gave me ample opportunity for promotion. The exposure was all the more welcome because it didn't cost us any money."

Pastor Geelan and his literature evangelists also enjoyed good success when they visited high-rise flats in Suva and sold people single copies of *Signs*.

Crippled Indian Finds "Oz" Friends

Lakshmi, the crippled Indian girl who was being cared for by Patricia and Jim Keelan in Mussoorie (RECORD, May 23, 1987), has been brought to Australia for treatment. She is staying with Fred and Peg Nash, 385 Somerville Road, Hornsby Heights NSW 2077, for a year while receiving treatment from Dr Brian Hammond and Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Lakshmi writes: "I came to Australia in August. I came by myself, and I didn't like the food on the plane. But the hostesses were very nice to me.

"I'm having treatment for my leg, and Dr Hammond will help my leg to work better. When Jesus comes He will give me a new leg. Yesterday Dr Hammond sang songs with me at church. He played the piano, and it was fun.



Photo: Peg Nash.

Lakshmi is using her time in Australia to receive treatment—and to see a few sights.

New AWR Station Planned for Europe

Adventist World Radio is planning to build a new high-powered shortwave station in Italy to complement the "reach" of AWR-Asia, transmitting from Guam.

The new station, to cover areas of Southern and Eastern Europe, will be funded from special offerings scheduled for March 10 and May 26. The South Pacific Division goal is $500,000.

It is expected that the new station will reach a billion people. The station will replace leased-time usage from Lisbon (Portugal) as well as the current church-owned 5 kW shortwave station in Forli, Italy. It will have two transmitters—one 100 kW and one 250 kW.

"Radio, which travels at the speed of light, was selected for use in furthering our mission because it's the only way to reach vast areas where there's no organised Seventh-day Adventist work," says a spokesperson for the General Conference. AWR-Europe will probably broadcast on shortwave from a 40 hectare site in Italy, with studios located in San Marino.

"Because two of the targeted Global Strategy areas in this region are better reached by medium-wave broadcasts (AM), the AWR-Europe plan is to include a low-power AM station across the Adriatic Sea to the west of Albania. It will beam into the Albanian capital, Tirane. A second AM station on Sicily, will be designed to reach the North African coastal area of Tunisia," says the spokesperson.

A 420-square-metre building will house the transmitters, shop, emergency generator and control room. The first stage contemplates four antennas, a four-dipole curtain and three log periods.

Another curtain antenna will be necessary in the future in order to achieve the criteria for total broadcasting hours. Originally, one transmitter will drive all three log-periodic antennae (one at a time). Up to three more transmitters could be added when funds are available.

Although it will probably take two years to get the station operational, equipment orders should be placed by mid-July to meet this target. And placement of the orders hinges on response from the nearly six million Adventists around the world.

Adventist World Radio was conceived in October 1969, when the Annual Council appointed a committee to consider the possibility of using shortwave radio to extend the church's outreach. Two years later AWR began programming on Radio Trans-Europe. Four years later Radio Mediterranean (Malta) was added. And in 1980 Radio Andorra. Both have since been cancelled.

In 1976 the Southern Asia Division began broadcasts from Sri Lanka. Some years later the Central American Union transferred its station in Guatemala City to AWR. AWR-Africa joined the growing fraternity of AWR stations in 1983—the same year that the 5 kW station was built in Italy to supplement the leased broadcasts from Portugal. A new station was added at Agat, Guam, in 1987.

Today Adventist World Radio broadcasts on shortwave in 34 languages for more than 400 hours each week.

Navesau School Celebrates Its Silver Jubilee

Navesau Adventist Junior Secondary School—in the Wainibuka valley, about 90 km from Suva, Fiji—celebrated its 25th anniversary on November 12 and 13. More than 1,000 ex-students and friends attended.

"Highlight of the celebrations was the dedication of a new church building by Pastor Barry Crabtree, former president of the Fiji Mission," says Wapole Talemaitoga, Fiji Mission Communication director. "Canadian Bill Markowsky, a great supporter of the school building program, and Fred Cracknell, the first expatriate principal of Navesau, also attended."

Pastor Samuela Ratulevu, president of the Fiji Mission, welcomed visitors, and Pastor Crabtree and Mr Cracknell contributed historical details of the establishment of the school. Two other former principals—Jone Rabukuta and Marika Tuiwawa—also attended.

Other activities included cultural singing groups, marching girls and sport.

Local Navesau honey, school magazines and silk-screened *sulus* depicting Navesau's 25th Silver Jubilee were sold.



Photo: Lance O'Neill.

Peter McRae was baptised on November 11 as a result of the literature ministry of Rosemary Taylor—whose work has also inspired others to join the ranks of the literature evangelists.

NZ LE "Hunts and Fishes" for Souls

Rosemary Taylor, a literature evangelist from Whangarei, North New Zealand, carries out the counsel given by Ellen White to "hunt and fish" for souls. Her latest find, Peter McRae (pictured), was baptised by Pastor Geoff Youlden on November 11.

"Rosemary was not a Seventh-day Adventist when contacted by literature evangelist Roy Martin in New South Wales," says NNZ publishing director Pastor Lance O'Neill.

"Following studies with Pastor Frank Breaden, Rosemary took up the challenge of literature ministry. She has been following Roy Martin's example of introducing people to Jesus, His message and the work of literature evangelists." Two of her previous contacts—Owen Thomson (South Queensland) and Maria Rowe (North New Zealand)—are currently working as literature evangelists.

Peter McRae is a training officer with the St John Ambulance Brigade. However, he says he is earnestly considering joining the ranks of the literature evangelists in North New Zealand.

"You, too, can share the joy of working for Jesus," says Pastor O'Neill. "Why not call your conference Publishing Department director and discuss it. I've never regretted answering God's call into literature ministry, and neither will you!"

Cooperation Brings Blessings Says Missionary

The town of Kerema, capital of Papua New Guinea's Gulf Province, now has a new youth hall and 250 people attending services each Sabbath—thanks to two fly'n'build teams from Australia and help from the world church through the 13th Sabbath Special Projects Offering.

Previously the congregation worshipped in classrooms of a community school.

"It took less than four weeks to complete the building, which local members had been praying for and saving toward for years," says Ken Boehm. "God led mightily from the start.

"The government granted us centrally located public land adjacent to the town's hospital and primary school. And it was a miracle how gravel, materials from Port Moresby and timber were delivered on the very day required—even though the regularshipping service had been cancelled because the ships were out of order."

Seven volunteers from Mackay (Queensland) and Macksville (New South Wales) worked with 10 village youth and the 70 church members in Kerema, under the leadership of the three mission builders. They erected an adaptation of a Clem Long Industries kit.

It featured a modern front with open sides to the assembly area, and stage and wall finished in dark Kwila polished timber. The building also houses a large back-stage service room. Two tanks and a toilet block were made of ferro cement.

When the building was nearing completion, a fly'n'preach team under the leadership of the Gympie (Queensland) church pastor, with assistance from two ministerial students attending Pacific Adventist College, commenced mission meetings.

"Already the hall is packed each Sabbath," says Mr Boehm. "Those attending are mainly youth, attracted to Christ by the meetings and a weekly afternoon of games. A baptism of 26 has already taken place, and we give praise to God."



Photo: Margaret Creed.

Baptism From Rubbish Dump Meeting

Russell and Nancy Cremens (pictured), who joined the Redcliffe (Queensland) church recently, first met local Adventist pastor Frank Cantrill (centre) at the rubbish dump.

"The Cremens had been searching for truth," says Redcliffe communication secretary Margaret Creed. "They wanted so much to follow the example of Christ and be baptised that one day Russell took his wife down to the sea and baptised her when a wave tumbled over them both."

The couple's first contact with Seventh-day Adventists came when Norman Mackney visited their Deception Bay home. "Then one day they met at the local rubbish dump," says Mrs Creed. "And when Norm happened to see Pastor Cantrill there, he introduced him to Russell.

"After that meeting Russell and Nancy began Bible studies with Pastor Cantrill, which led to their recent baptism. The Redcliffe church members are delighted to welcome two new members into their church family."

German Student Finds God in Texas

A year spent with a Seventh-day Adventist family in Keene, Texas (USA), proved decisive for a German exchange student. He has now been baptised and is studying to be a pastor.

Thirty years ago Wolfgang Sorke was one of the first American Field Service exchange students to come to America from Germany. In 1985 his 18-year-old son, Ingo, chose to follow in his father's footsteps.

While living in his hometown of Stuttgart in 1984, Ingo received a tract that told how to accept Christ. He read it once and filed it away. Later he reread it, then wrote to the organisation that printed it, requesting more material. Later he registered as an exchange student.

Adventists Ken and Joyce Williams had volunteered as hosts. Ken, a former US Army officer, had served overseas, and the family wanted to share hospitality with someone from another culture. They were offered the choice of a student from Spain or from Germany. Their 24-year-old son, Dale, chose the German student, because his grandfather was from Germany.

When Ingo and his family received the host family's profile, they accepted the fact that they were vegetarians. But the name Seventh-day Adventist didn't register with them. They had never heard of Adventists.

Ingo's first impressions when he arrived in Keene were that the weather was hot and that he was being welcomed by a warm, friendly family. He was startled when his host father offered prayer before they ate their first meal together.

On the desk in his room he found a letter describing household rules and customs and including his responsibility for family chores. Also included was information about the high school he would attend, some extended family members, and the fact that the family worshipped on the seventh-day Sabbath. *That will be something I can tell my friends in Germany,* he thought.

Even though the Keene congregation is large, he was made to feel welcome when he first attended church with his hosts. Out of respect for the family, which treated him like a second son, he missed only two or three Sabbaths during the year he spent in Keene.

When a motorcycle accident took the life of Dale Williams, Ingo attended a Grief Recovery program presented by Chaplain Larry Yeagley at Huguley Memorial Hospital. As a result he began diligently studying his Bible. He faithfully covered every essential subject except baptism.

One evening Ingo chose to bicycle to prayer meeting. On the way the thought struck him, *I must be baptised.* He spoke to the youth pastor and reviewed with him the plan of salvation. He then requested baptism before he returned home.

"The Williams family loved me into a relationship with Jesus," Ingo says. "After falling in love with Jesus, discovering the theory was easy—because everything matched what I had found in the Bible."

Because Ingo had studied Russian in high school, he travelled to the Soviet Union several times, each time taking several Russian Bibles with him. One Sabbath in the Ukrainian city of Odessa, Ingo visited the local Adventist church. When he noticed that the woman sitting next to him did not have a Bible, he pulled one out of his backpack and passed it to her. She began to weep for joy. Now she could read the Word of God in her own language.

Now studying at a university near his home town, Ingo delights to share his faith with his classmates.

By Henry C. Martin, who visited with Ingo Sorke at the Country Life Restaurant in Paris, and at the outpost, situated some 80 km from Paris.

PNG Village Chief Forsakes Tradition

Many people in the two Sepik provinces of Papua New Guinea are joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church, according to local church ministries director Philip Wani. Included among the recent converts is Yeninan, a village chief.

"I made an appeal following the baptism of 10 people at a Dorcas Welfare camp at Baimuru late last year," says Pastor Wani. "Yeninan not only responded, but he also gave his testimony and appealed to his people to give their lives to Jesus and join the Adventist Church."

"I helped to bring the Adventists into Baimuru," the chief said. "My brother was baptised, but I wasn't. I'm now taking my stand. I've been your traditional leader, and people revere me for my involvement in these traditions. But now I want to give it all up so I can follow Jesus and go to heaven. Follow me in being baptised as Jesus was."

Three elderly men stepped out of the crowd and joined their chief. Many of those present listened to Yeninan with tear-filled eyes, reports Pastor Wani.

Smithton Hosts Nutrition Program

Up to 25 people participated in a five-night vegetarian-cooking and nutrition program conducted late last year in the Smithton (Tas) High School.

Food and recipes were supplied by local SDA church women, and Franco Girraputo, a local high-school teacher, presented the nutrition segment of the program. Mr Girraputo, who assisted Graham Wadd in organising the program, completed a thesis on vegetarian nutrition at the University of Padua in Italy.

"We received many appreciative comments from participants," says communication secretary Rhona Young. "One Canadian woman is taking her knowledge and recipes back to her homeland."

Urgent Need for Volunteer in Kiribati

The Kiribati Mission urgently needs a Maths/Science BSc vounteer teacher for Kauma SDA High School. Kauma is upgrading to Form 5 this year and seeks a volunteer teacher to head its Science Department (a new science extension is being completed now, and a large order has been placed for departmental supplies).

The appointment is for one year, and the volunteer may be married or single, male or female. Suitable accommodation with pleasant surroundings will be provided.

Apply by fax to Kiribati Mission (686) 21089; or phone (686) 21303 collect. Or contact Karen Sabbo at the South Pacific Division office—phone (02) 489 7122.

Doctor Reports on Nepal Heart Team

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency-Sydney Adventist Hospital volunteer heart team has just completed its third visit to Nepal as part of an ongoing cardiac training program in that country.

The team completed eight operations during the visit—six of them open-heart procedures. And cardiologists screened 300 patients.

"The aim of the program is the development of a heart centre in the capital city, Katmandu," says Dr John Wallace, who coordinated the visit. "Nepal's 18 million people at present have no adequate cardiac facilities and until now have had to travel abroad for heart surgery. Few can afford the cost of treatment outside the country, so only the wealthy have been able to benefit. But with an estimated 23,000 victims of heart disorders needing treatment, Nepal has an enormous need for a suitable facility."

The most common heart disorder in Nepal is rheumatic heart valve disease—a condition common in developing countries but largely eradicated in Western societies. The condition affects young people, leaving them breathless, but it can frequently be corrected by surgery.

The 30 team members contributed their own air fares and donated their time. Each worked with their Nepalese counterpart in a one-to-one teaching capacity.

"The team's work has been greatly appreciated," says Dr Wallace. "During this visit they were granted an audience with the Queen of Nepal. Her Majesty expressed gratitude for the assistance given and assured the team of her interest and support.



Nepalese nurses and doctors worked on a one-to-one basis with visiting team members to learn proficiency in the skills necessary to conduct successful heart surgery in Nepal.

"Choosing which of the hundreds of needy patients to operate on was the most difficult part—particularly when we knew that some would not live until another visit," says Dr Wallace. "Even with the very experienced specialists and all the equipment that went with us, many cases were beyond the resources of the team to operate on in Nepal."

Forty patients have now received surgery by the team or by Nepalese doctors trained by the team. Support is needed to continue the next phase of the program that involves sending Nepalese medical and nursing staff abroad for advanced training and providing further equipment for Bir Hospital in Katmandu, where the team has been working.

A further team visit sponsored by Sydney Adventist Hospital and ADRA-South Pacific is planned for this year.

ADRA Director Describes Heart-Rending Episodes

I sat in my office opposite a young mother who was holding her six-year-old daughter in her lap. The woman knew that the Australian Heart Team would visit Nepal in November. She'd come pleading that her daughter, Puja, be listed for examination when the doctors arrived.

Through an interpreter, we told her we'd be willing to have her child seen at the cardiac clinic. In the following days, the father came to my home to receive supplies of eggs, milk powder and fresh vegetables. His daughter had been diagnosed as having a simple heart problem, but her low 12 kg weight had to be improved before surgery could be contemplated.

After the team arrived in Katmandu, the young mother sat in the corridor with her smiling, shy daughter, waiting to see the cardiologist. An echo probe confirmed the worst fears. Puja was suffering from severe congenital heart disease.

We tried to explain to the parents that there could be no surgery. They stood frozen, in a state of shock. Only Puja, unaware of the serious report, continued to smile in her mother's arms. She would die in a few months.

We turned our attention to the 125 other young people at the clinic who needed valve-replacement surgery. Blood tests and X-rays had been completed and the patients waited for news from the selection committee. The doctors and cardiologists agonised over who should receive surgery.

Names were pinned to the board. The few rejoiced while the many would receive no help this time—maybe not ever. Some were just too sick to survive even months of waiting.

I decided to walk home that evening. As I moved through the streets of Katmandu, I was strangely unaware of the people pushing past me. A hand caught my arm.

"Do you remember me?" a young man questioned. I searched his face, and realised he had been to see me with his sister, Bini, six months previously, when the heart team had last visited Nepal. She had been listed for surgery in November and I asked him if his sister had come to the hospital to receive the promised help.

The traffic flowed around us as we stood in the busy street while the young man recounted how excited Bini and the family had been as the time approached for the team's return. Just one week before they arrived an infection swept Bini's frail body and her young heart stopped beating.

I pushed on through the crowd, walking more quickly, trying to escape the sorrow, and wondering how I could continue to face people earnestly asking, "Can you help me—I have a heart problem?"

A few days after a double valve replacement, a young boy was ready to leave intensive care. As he was being wheeled to the ward, he reached out and squeezed my hand. His large eyes sought mine. He spoke quietly, "Thank you for your help." In Nepal, 23,000 people are waiting for minor heart surgery for rheumatic heart disease. Others need major heart surgery and more need corrective surgery. But it will never happen until Nepal has at least one cardiac centre. I hope it is soon.

By Paul Dulhunty, the director for ADRA in Nepal. Paul and his wife, the former Dawn Maberly, served for years at isolated Yuka Hospital in Zambia, Africa.

NOTICEBOARD

Weddings

Butler—Burdett. Matthew Butler, son of Ian and Phyllis Butler (Central Otago, New Zealand), and Christine Burdett, daughter of Basil Burdett (Auckland), were married on December 3 at the Royal Oak SDA church. Matthew and Christine first met while studying at Avondale College. They plan to set up their home in Tauranga. I. M. S. McKean.

Harders—Hall. Richard Lindsay Harders and Michelle Ann Hall, were married on October 29 in a delightful garden setting at Kelmscott, WA. Richard and Michelle plan to set up their home at Busselton. Laurel D. Wareham.

Nagle—Phillips. Roger Albert Nagle and Julie Elsie Phillips were married on November 19 in a natural bush setting near Mundaring Weir, WA. Julie is continuing her studies and Roger is employed as a storeman. They plan to establish their home in Thornlie. Laurel D. Wareham.

Summerscales—Ellis. Ian Summerscales, son of Peter and Shirley Summerscales (Norfolk Island), and Bronwyn Ellis, daughter of Martyn and Delwyn Ellis (Auckland, New Zealand), were married on December 3 in the Papakura SDA church. Ian and Bronwyn have recently completed their registered nursing course and will work at Auckland Adventist Hospital. I. M. S. McKean.

Weston—Beedeison. Michael John Weston and Deborah Elizabeth Beedeison were married on December 3 at the Midland SDA church, WA. They plan to set up their home in Greenmount. Laurel D. Wareham.

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.

Balchin, Stanley ("Sammy"), 80, born on Kangaroo Island, SA; died October 19 in Warrnambool, Vic, after a short illness. Baptised by Pastor L. H. Hay in 1961, Sammy was respected in the church and community for his Christian love and service. He is survived by his wife, Jean; son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Marlene (Shepparton); daughter, Daphne (Ballarat); four grandchildren, Stephen, Jennifer, Sally and Matthew. Pastor Mayo Logue was associated with the writer in a service at the Warrnambool SDA church. Errol Singer.

Farrell, Eileen Houston, born in August 1901, at Orange, NSW; died November 20 at Bethesda Adventist Retirement Home, New Zealand. When she was 18 months old the Fraser family moved to Wanganui, then in 1932 to Auckland. Following studies, Eileen was baptised by Pastor F. L. Stokes on May 20, 1972, in the North Shore church. She endeared herself to the local church members, and the Bethesda residents, through her Christian fortitude. Eileen is survived by her daughter, Colleen Cowie; grandchildren, Catherine and Deborah; and great-grandsons, Simon and Jason. R. R. Barriball.

Gillespie, Allice Ellen, born July 23, 1887, at Belmont Creek, near Rockhampton, Qld; died November 25 in Cairns. Allice was the eldest in a family of 14. She received her primary schooling at The Caves, then helped in the home. Allice married William Gillespie on September 16, 1907. They had one daughter, and cared for 10 foster children. Baptised by Pastor E. H. Guilliard 52 years ago, Allice loved her Bible (well-worn and falling apart), and always saw the best in everyone. She is survived by her daughter, Alice Bentley (Cairns); sisters, Agnes Morgan (Rockhampton), Anne, Mabel, Nell and Ivy; and brother, Jim. Bruce Grosse.

Maher, Leslie Cyril, born September 8, 1924, at Gulgong, NSW; died October 31 at his home in Sydney, and was buried at the Rouse Hill Cemetery. Les was the youngest of 10 children born to Cyril and Kate Maher, who later became pioneer Adventists in the Oberon district. He is survived by his wife, Norma; sons, Terry, Ross and Philip, and, their families; and Tanya. R. K. Brown.

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Correction: Pastor Graham Coombs, who was listed under Retirements in RECORD November 25, is on temporary leave, and hopes to return to full-time ministry in the future.

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