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Carron Volunteers a Third Year

Carron Shaw, a member of Capalaba church, Queensland, for the past two years has offered her services as a teacher to Eden Valley Academy, on the Thai-Myanmar border. After flying home to Australia to visit her family for a few weeks, she went back to Eden Valley for a further year's volunteer work. Carron teaches several subjects, and is committed to aiding the Karen refugees to gain a complete education, and knowing more of Christ.

Once a well-paid legal secretary with a self-professed passion for clothes, she now says, "I see these things as nothing but material possessions. The real quality of life is in having a closer walk with God."—Daisy Seid

Toward the Light



It was damp, mouldy and slippery. The ladders and steep steps were coated with a fine sheen of slime. Wet hair stuck to their faces, grit crunched in their teeth. Ragged breaths echoed off the passage walls.

The sound of trickling water increased and their pace quickened. After one more ladder the cavern opened before them.

Breathtaking.

A myriad of tiny waterfalls generated a cool haze of spray that washed over them, cleaning away the dirt and sweat. Countless steep stairways clung to the rocks.

One of the group turned, and pointed to the bright light at the end of the cavern, "The path goes this way."

"Let's look around here a bit first," another replied. Several settled down on the nearest step to wait.

A girl pushed a torch into the hand of an explorer. "You might need this."

The explorers headed toward the shadows, scrambling around rocks, jumping holes and crevasses. They set a quick pace, trying to cover as much ground as possible.

The rocks loomed larger, and were covered in a sticky clay. Soon they were dirtier than before. Brown muck clung to their clothes, their hands and faces.

They explored in silence. The sound of the waterfalls receded. One turned

around. "How far are we going?"

"Don't worry," another replied, "I can still see the light." They continued.

The cavern walls began to close in on both sides, creating a large passage. The ceiling was still hidden in shadows, and the air reasonably sweet.

They paused at holes in the walls to check for other passages. None appeared large enough to follow. The light dwindled and the sound of the waterfalls evaporated.

The leader wiped sweat from his eyes. It was almost black now, but he had the torch. Everything was fine.

Someone stumbled. Bone cracked against rock. "I can't see," a voice cried.

The leader clenched his fingers around the torch. "I still have the light; we'll turn back soon." Some muttered, but they followed anyway.

The cave turned black. But a small shaft of light appeared in the leader's hand. The dirty group clustered around him. "Take us back," they pleaded.

Single file they began to gingerly climb back over the rocks, following the torch. They slipped, tripped in holes and stumbled through dirty puddles of mud.

The leader lost his footing and slid down a rock. Horrified, the rest heard the sound of breaking glass. The light died.

Blind, they felt their way forward, painfully creeping, frightened of falling. Sticky clay covered their bodies and dried in their hair. They moved slowly, bruising themselves on stones, cutting themselves on sharp rocks.

They reached a wall of rock. There seemed to be no way up—no way around. "I wish we'd stayed with the oth-

ers. I wish we were in the light," someone said. They sat in silence for a long time.

A thin, faraway voice called, "Come back. We can't wait any longer." But they were trapped by the dark—lost, unable to see.

Muffled thuds reached their ears. Then a beam of light bounced off the rocks opposite them. A face peered over the edge and squinted into the gloom.

"There you are. Climb up and let's go home."

"There is no way up." The former leader scowled at his dirty hands. Without replying, the face disappeared. The beam of light shifted suddenly, then swung around as a shadow began climbing down the wall.

The girl landed with a jump and turned the light onto the rock face. "I'll show you the way."

One by one they climbed to the top. Once up, the girl brushed the dirt off her hands and turned to face them. "Are you ready to come home?" They nodded.

She smiled and led them out, using the light to spy out the sticky rocks and hidden potholes. The former leader stumbled over to her. "I . . . I . . . lost your torch," he stammered.

She grabbed his hand. "It doesn't matter."

They walked around an immense rock and back into the cavern. Rushing to the cool water, they poured it over their heads, cleansing themselves of the dirt. The others stood to greet them.

The light shone ahead.

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble (Proverbs 4:18, 19, NIV).

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No to Voting?

I was surprised to see the opinions put forward by four students in *YOR*, May 29, about voting. There is plain counsel in the book *Gospel Workers* regarding our attitude toward voting and political issues: "We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. . . . We cannot labour to please men who will use their influence to repress religious liberty, and to set in operation oppressive measures to lead or compel their fellow-men to keep Sunday as the Sabbath" (page 391).

Each of the young people concerned in the article should be contacted and advised of the correct attitude on this matter; also that an article should be presented in a future edition of the *RECORD*.

J H Finlinson, NZ

In an article entitled "Seventh-day Adventists and Voting," Arthur L White (former secretary of Ellen G White Publications) notes: "Neither Ellen G White in the Spirit of Prophecy counsels nor the General Conference by its action has ever denied Seventh-day Adventists the privilege of casting their vote." In the same article he quotes Ellen White encouraging Adventists to vote "on the side of temperance and virtue." The full text of the article is available from the EGW/SDA Research Centre, PO Box 19, Cooranbong, NSW 2265.

RECORD for Signs

The May 29 *RECORD* is one of interest for signs of the times. Page three had letters from individuals worried about Waco, from the viewpoint of adverse effects to the evangelistic efforts of our churches, to a time to re-evaluate the dynamics of salvation.

On page 5 we saw legal action taken by the church against a newspaper characterising us as an off-beat religious sect or cult; and on the same page an Adventist journal in Argentina receiving a prize for an article, "The Other Side of Abortion."

Finally, the second of two excellent editorials about Waco. Well put and—may I add, for health's sake—to calm our troubled hearts about Waco.

But all this is but a foretaste of far worse to come and only those who endure to the end will be saved! But

who gave us the promise "and surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age"?

So what are we worried about? The endurance is only one day at a time and each day brings us nearer to His return.

Erik Anderson, NNZ

PR Restored?

Edna Brownjohn, in her letter "PR Destroyed" (May 29), raises the issue of lack of positive Adventist publicity in the media. This problem concerns many and calls for serious study.

Bad stories about the church, such as were created during the Chamberlain trials and the Waco siege, will break from time to time. The only real answer is for the church, at the local level and higher levels, to be constantly releasing news of the good things that Adventists are doing.

Communication secretaries and pastors need to place more emphasis on releasing information to the community via the media. Many people form their opinions from this source.

When a bad story breaks, it is too late to do much about it—we have to wear it. If we have been consistently giving the positive side to Adventism, people will not be so likely to believe the false report.

If we, because of our neglect, allow the public to form negative opinions of the church, we will find it difficult to gain acceptance. Without public accep-

Just a Coincidence...

AS PERSONAL
MINISTRY LEADER
I NEED TO KNOW
HOW MANY BIBLE
STUDIES YOU HAVE,
A WEEK BROTHER!



SORRY BUT
AS YOU SAID...



tance and goodwill, our church will be hampered in its evangelism, Adventist Appeal, literature ministry, personal witnessing and youth outreach. The image of an organisation is vital to its success. (Pastor) Reg Brown, NSW

Church Proud

In browsing through the directory of the South Pacific Division in the *RECORD* recently, I proudly noted the following names of former members of my humble, local Hughesdale (Victoria) church. Vern Parmenter (associate secretary), Neville Sawert (auditing service), Colleen Buxton (children's ministries), Eric Winter (Sabbath school) and the late Ray Windus (health food).

The Avondale College faculty also have or have had Hughesdale members including Dr Eion Giller, Dr Robert Hosken, Dr Bruce Lo, Dr Brian Timms and the late Dr Arthur Ferch.

No doubt other congregations can list similar contributors to the advancement of the church. We are proud to acknowledge and thank those with whom we once shared our pews.

David Blennerhassett, Vic

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Homecoming

Avondale Homecoming '93 is scheduled for August 27 and 28. The guest speakers are Pam Oliver (1968) for the vesper service, Dr Gilbert Valentine (1968) for the 8.30 am service, Dr Tom Ludowici (1953) for the 11.15 am service and Dr Don Hansen (1963) for the youth service. Sabbath school will be conducted by the class of 1943. The Homecoming concert at 7.30 pm will be compered by Don Bain (1963). All are welcome to attend. Honour years are 1923, 1933, 1943, 1963, 1968, 1973 and 1983.

Scholarship

The 1993 Macleay Mutual Credit Union Scholarship, worth \$A1050, was won by Catherine Tanner, a member of the Kempsey Seventh-day Adventist church, in northern New South Wales. Catherine was selected from 28 applicants by the adjudicating committee, which was comprised of senior staff members of the local schools. Catherine completed Year 12 at Kempsey High School last year and has commenced a Bachelor of Education at the University of New England/Northern Rivers. She hopes to complete a master's degree at the Institute for the Deaf in North Rocks, Sydney.

Soup Kitchen

Youth members of the Mullumbimby and Ocean Shores churches operate a soup kitchen at the Byron Bay Community Centre, NSW, on Wednesday nights. Haydn Frisby, Brian Sparks and Graham Wilson were the initial organisers. Each week five to 10 youth feed and chat to between 10 and 30 people. Members of the local congregations help the

youth make the soup each week. Fresh fruit donated by two businesses in the area is also available.

Volunteer Pastor

The Chatswood church in Sydney is anxious to have a youth volunteer pastor for 12 months. The volunteer will help the church focus on ministry to young people on the North Shore of Sydney. Those interested should contact Pastor Bert Metcalf on (02) 634 3247 or the South Pacific Division volunteer coordinator on (02) 489 7122.

90th Anniversary

Former members, or descendants of members,

and friends are invited to return to Manjimup, WA, for their 90th anniversary celebrations. Manjimup church incorporates the former Biddellia-Donnelly and Warren-Springdale churches and the Pemberton, Northcliffe, Bridgetown and Jardee branch Sabbath schools. The actual anniversary falls on July 12, a Monday, which is the day the churches were accepted into the Western Australian Conference in 1903. The celebrations will be held in the Manjimup Town Hall on July 10, with Sabbath school at 9.30 am and the worship service at 11.30 am. For further information contact Ted on (097) 71 1468.

WORLD CHURCH

Members Killed

As a result of civil strife in Rwanda and Burundi more than one million refugees, including 1000 Seventh-day Adventists, have fled into Zaire. The influx of refugees has increased strife in Zaire and led to the killing of about 1000 refugees, including approximately 450 Seventh-day Adventists, says Pastor Jacob Nortey, Africa-Indian Ocean Division president. Churches are apparently being held responsible by the Zairian population for contributing to the crisis by harbouring refugees. Many church buildings, including 45 Adventist structures, were burned.—AR

Hunger Run

A Seventh-day Adventist is running 4860 kilometres across America in an effort to increase awareness of hunger and poverty in the United States. After nine years of training, Stephen Apatow of Milford, Connecticut, began his 133-day run in Washington, DC, on February 28. Stephen hopes to cover 40 kilometres per day, running Sunday to Friday, and is accompanied by Timothy Gannon, his press coordinator. While on the road they are distributing copies of a resource booklet entitled *How to Help Hunger and Homelessness in America*, which is being supplied by Adventist Community Services. By running only three to four hours a day Stephen has time to promote youth or community initiatives in each city or town he visits. In Kansas City, Missouri, Mayor Emmanuel Cleaver II proclaimed April 15 as "Hunger Project: Run Across America Day."

Family Outreach in Torres Strait Islands



Photo: E White

A volunteer team visited Horn, Moa and Thursday Islands (Torres Strait Islands) to conduct outreach programs directed at children and families. Children's programs were held during the day and family programs were held at night. The programs included music, activities, stories, clowning and puppetry. A highlight of the visit was spending Sabbath at the Kubin Seventh-day Adventist church on Moa Island. More than 50 people attended the Sabbath programs and the sacred concert in the evening. Another concert, held in Anzac Park on Thursday Island, attracted an audience of more than 170. Resident ministers in the Torres Strait Islands, Ken and Jill Hisco, continued the children's programs on Horn Island. "The local children enjoyed the programs so much they arrived an hour early each morning to practise for the puppets, stories and songs," comments team member Eric White. The group says it was "the best week of our lives," and plans to return in 1994. Pictured are some members of the volunteer team with local children at the Kubin church.

Kansas State University hosted the team and coordinated a press conference that included the university president and the mayor. When they arrived in Denver, Colorado, on May 10, the team was accompanied by 38 youth from Mile High Academy. They left Denver on May 16 and headed over the Rocky Mountains into Nevada and Utah. They hope to reach San Francisco, their final destination, sometime in July.

Teaching Prisoners

Caribbean Union College's educational outreach program has helped more than 60 prison inmates in Trinidad and Tobago. The curriculum helps students improve their reading and language skills, says Dr Sylvan Lashley, college president. Sections of the curriculum are based on the Bible, while others are lessons in self-concept and attitude development. The program is funded by a local educational foundation and is touted as a model for the nation's penal system, says Dr Lashley. It has also been featured in television and newspaper articles.—AR

Satellite Network

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America plans to launch the new satellite network Adventist Communication Network (ACN) in September. The North American Division's satellite communication service should enable churches and individual homes equipped with satellite dishes to receive regular video programming directly from the North American Division headquarters. A test program will take place on Sabbath, July 3, with a live broadcast of an evangelistic

Baptisms at Auckland Tongan Church



Nine new members for the Tongan church were baptised on April 25 as a result of an evangelistic campaign conducted by Pastor Peni Moto 'Inoke at Mount Roskill, Auckland. Other people are currently receiving Bible studies. Pictured are those baptised, with the church officers.

meeting from the Olympic Sports Stadium in Moscow.—AR

Cash Beans

Students at Port Charlotte Seventh-day Adventist School in Florida, USA, raised money for a Global Mission project by growing and selling green beans. Grade 2 student Danielle Pichette wrote to the General Conference: "We prayed every day for Russia. We grew these beans at school. . . . They have been in a bad rainstorm and bad winds and a frost and a tornado. But still they grew. We have over \$US100." The money was raised for a primary school in Moscow.

Second Radio

The Romanian government has granted a second FM frequency to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Romania. The new frequency, 68.24 (Eastern European Band), is available in Brasov, a city with a population of 400,000 and is about 162 kilometres

north of Bucharest. The station will broadcast for four hours a day, and will be the only Christian broadcast in the city.—AR

NEWS EXTRA

Divine Quiz

A new television quiz show in Britain is testing the ability of rabbis, priests and church leaders to identify Bible stories from tabloid-style newspaper headlines. Contestants must also present 60-second sermons on a given opening sentence. The quiz show, called "Divine Inspiration," began screening on Sundays from June 6.—*Challenge Weekly*

Creation Teens

A Gallup youth survey in the United States has found that 35 per cent of teenagers believe humanity was created by God within the past

10,000 years. Some 52 per cent believed humanity developed over millions of years, but that the process was guided by God. Only 10 per cent held the atheistic evolutionist view. The survey also found that Protestant teens (45 per cent) were twice as likely as Catholic teens (20 per cent) to believe that God created humans within the past 10,000 years. Some 85 per cent of those polled also said they believed the Bible was the literal or inspired Word of God. Almost four in 10 (39 per cent) believed in literal translation while 45 per cent believed in inspirational translation. The survey was conducted by telephone interviews during January with 505 teenagers from across the US aged between 13 and 17 years.

Women Priests

About 80 per cent of New Zealanders believe that women should be admitted to the priesthood, according to a survey by the MRL Research Group. Catholics were the least enthusiastic about women priests, with 62 per cent in favour, compared to the figure of 87 per cent for Anglicans and 92 per cent for Presbyterians. A spokesperson for MRL said that while only 25 per cent of respondents considered themselves actively religious, almost half said religion was important or very important in their lives.—*Challenge Weekly*

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CHURCH CALENDAR

July 31
August 7

Union Institutions Offering
Signs of the Times Rally Day

Leaders Meet With Journalists

The chief of staff of Melbourne's *Herald-Sun* newspaper, and the feature writer of an article labelling Seventh-day Adventists as a sect, met on Tuesday, May 18, in the office of the Victorian Conference with Pastor Calvyn Townend, president, and Pastor Peter Roennfeldt. This followed legal action against the paper (as reported in the May 29 RECORD).

In an interview that lasted approximately 45 minutes, the four discussed the presentation of the church within the article and the work of the church itself.

"The journalists wanted to defend their right to say what they wanted to say," says Pastor Townend, "but we urged upon them that while we

acknowledged the freedom of the press we did not feel comfortable with either the description of ourselves as a cult or sect, or the particular beliefs with which we were grouped.

"We wanted to make the point very clearly that we are a mainstream church and that our not-for-profit organisations such as ADRA would be badly affected by their article.

"We could have asked them to place an apology in their paper, which would have been a small box in an obscure section, but we preferred a more positive alternative. For, at that stage, we were aware of how little they knew of the church, so we explained what ADRA was doing in Bosnia, we then gave them a series of brochures on

Adventism, Howqua, the Basin [youth camps in Victoria] etc. We pointed out the school, old folks home and family counselling centre and they began to see the activities as being a legitimate aspect of church life.

"When they left there was no definite commitment made. We suggested to them that when there are positive aspects of the church to report we would like some exposure. We made it clear we were not happy about their report, but we also wanted to take the opportunity to build some bridges. We gave them enough information to take away with them to be a resource on the Seventh-day Adventist Church should they need it."—Karen Miller

Signs Customers to Have Say



Signs customers can have their say about their magazine subscriptions on Friday, July 9. Pictured planning the day are (left to right): Pastor Bruce Manners, editor-in-chief, Rod Nixon, periodical manager, and David Woolley, general manager.

In a move to improve customer service for magazines, Signs Publishing Company (SPC) is planning a gripe day on July 9, when any who have a complaint about the service they have received from the company will be encouraged to phone, fax or write and specify the complaint. "This is part of a serious attempt to better serve the church and church members," says the general manager of Signs Publishing Company, David Woolley.

Anyone with a gripe is encouraged to ring on a toll-free number (in

Australia) on Friday morning, July 9.

"Margaret Rosenberg, from the subscription department, Pastor Bruce Manners, the chief editor, Rod Nixon, the periodical manager, and myself, along with the administration team, will be available between 8 am and noon [Eastern Standard Time] on that day," says Mr Woolley. "We don't care how trivial a person may think their gripe is. If there's a problem, we need to know about it.

"Late last year our new computer program for our magazine subscriptions let us down at a critical time and caused us some embarrassment. A few months ago we sent a letter to every sponsor of *Signs of the Times* as a double check to find out if they were receiving what they had ordered. We were pleased to discover how few problems there were.

"One of the aims of this day is to find any who could not be contacted by that method who have had a problem with their subscription or sponsorship."

Mr Woolley spoke of another problem faced by the company that they hope to counter. "We hear persistent rumblings of problems we are not aware of concerning our magazines. Sometimes, as we discovered in a recent incident, the problem being referred to comes from several years ago.

"We want people to tell us if there's a problem so that we can rectify it. That was one of the reasons we installed a 008 number, so that church members (at least in Australia) could ring us immediately, free.

"We now guarantee that if we don't respond to a problem within two working days of it hitting our desk, we will give that customer a free 12-month subscription of *Signs of the Times*."

The toll-free number for the gripe day is: (008) 03 5542 (Australia only). If the line is busy, you can call (059) 66 9111, leave your name and number and the appropriate person will ring you back. Reverse-charge calls from New Zealand will be accepted on that day.

The SPC fax number is (059) 66 9019.

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David Woolley
Manager

The Final Grade

by Heather Potter

I can't, I have to study." It's a familiar refrain that I'd used countless times during the past few weeks.

But with my final exams just five weeks away I had time for little else. My every moment was consumed with study; I lived mathematics and breathed Shakespeare.

I lay in bed, the red glow of the heater reddening the darkness. The little myna, retrieved earlier from the jaws of my sister's kitten, slumbered in the warmth of the heater.

Thanks for letting us get to it in time, God, I thought.

Then it occurred to me just how long it had been since I had prayed. Where was God in my life? Were my exams so vital that I could render God obsolete for a year?

I hadn't even prayed over a meal for . . . I couldn't remember how long. Somehow in the noise and clatter of the school grounds I had lost God.

I stared up at the ceiling, my eyelids heavy. Study claimed much of my sleeping hours—sometimes all of them for nights on end, especially when major assignments were due. Now, in the peace of tonight, I had time to pray. But all I wanted to do was sleep.

"Dear God . . . , where to begin? I had so much to say. My thoughts jostled in an effort to be first.

"God, I have so much to say—it's been so long—but I'm so tired . . ." I began to pray, but the longer I prayed, the more I wanted to say until finally, overwhelmed, sleep claimed me.

Anthony and Cleopatra, the cosine rule, natural selection . . . school-work clamoured for attention. How much can one mind deal with at once? "Later, God, I haven't got time."

God waited patiently.

Somehow later never came. I often slaved into the night, eyes straining at the tiny textbook print, mind grappling with hastily scrawled class notes. God took a back seat.

"I'm trying to get an A in economics, God. I need straight As this year." But is it worth it? When my grades are returned, will they have been worth the trade?

God sadly watches my head, bowed quietly over my study desk.

"I'm grading you too," He says. "You can either pass or fail this test."

"Yes, but is it as important as an A in economics? My future rests on these exams."

"Your life depends on this grade."

YORK

More It's Time

Mackay youth conducted an "It's Time" program. Approximately 20 non-Adventist youth attended. Subjects included self-esteem, suicide and relationships. Pastor Bob Possingham was the main speaker.—NA

15 Per Cent!

About 15 per cent of the Adventist youth population of northern Queensland and the Northern Territory attended a youth outreach training camp. About half chose to learn how to give Bible studies. Those attending also produced a one-hour radio program that will be aired on 4TTT.—NA

Aboriginal Outreach

Two overseas volunteers, Robert Hernandez and Kevin Grams, ran a program of music, stories, games and other activities for the Aboriginal kids of Meekatharra and Wiluna in outback WA, during May.—WA

Room 19

Begun in May last year, Room 19 is a drop-in centre that's open every Friday night in Brisbane. It's a place where people can drop in, have a chat and a nourishing meal. Work has begun on a mobile soup kitchen so that the service can be extended to other parts of the city. Some 35 people attended a recent seminar to provide them with skills in dealing with street people.—WA

Perth Mission

An academy youth pastor and chaplain, Bob Bretsche, will be in Perth for a reclaiming mission in August and September, focusing on issues such as the Adventist Lifestyle, the Cost of Being a Believer etc.—WA

Youth-for-Broome

A busload of 30-35 youth will provide a children's ministry in Broome with street theatre and outreach.—WA

Out West

SWAMP (Students With A Missionary Purpose) are planning a trip to Charleville and Woorabinda with Jerry Unser (a cousin to Al, the Indy racing-car driver). Another group will go to Woorabinda and then to Emerald. Western outreach activities include a Kids Club for primary-aged children, community service projects, drama and music, concerts and church visitation.—WA

Touch Footy

The Kuranda aboriginal church youth team organised a basketball and touch football competition. There were nine non-Adventist teams involved. The Adventist youth set up health displays, sold vegetarian food and promoted a non-alcoholic lifestyle.—NA

Misfits

Misfits was a creative arts and skills youth. Workshops were held in puppy youth were shown ways to witness to

Megalife

Five youth visiting towns Unlimited team witnessing to youth-ministry

Mobile Manna

Some 30 to 40 youth are involved in the Manna Mobile Food Van operated in Adelaide on Friday nights. It aims to provide soup and buns to street kids and food to individuals and families in need.—SA

Youth 2 Youth

What began as a single group meeting on Wednesday nights has now grown to five groups in six months. Run by youth, they are studying the book of Acts and "How to Be Filled With the Holy Spirit and Know It." Y2Y is having a positive influence on the city.—SA

Project D

A youth suburbs of Seddon Y sessions. Wednesdays and Mondays new mem

Just Another Year?

They (you know, they—the church) said that it was the Year of Youth Evangelism. Yeah, right. It's like give a year a title and things happen. (Pardon the yawn!)

Halfway point. Six months through 1993 and the YOR team decided to find out if anything is happening/has happened.

Unlimited

The north-west youth mission title Your Potential Will held at Ulverstone and August 6. The esteem, lifestyle (meaning and value committee comprising coastal churches

Surf Board Evangelism

SBRAY, Surf Board Riding Adventist Youth, southern Queensland, conducted a surf day in June and had 11 young street kids attend. They provided lunch for the kids.—SQLD

in May

ce of Youth program was conducted for young people. The audience included Adventists and 5 of them are currently taking Bible studies as a result of the program.—SQLD

It's Time

Pastor Arthur Bushnell, from the USA, held a four-night series, that ended on Sabbath morning, during April. Some 50 people responded to a call he made on the Sabbath.—SQLD

g camp held at Yarrabappi and involved 100 people, drama, art, music, storytelling etc. The campers expressed their faith through these expressions.—NNSW

ers have restored a double-decker bus and will be used throughout the conference. As part of the Youth Action program, youth involved in three areas: street ministry, with the bus; schools with creative gospel presentations; and involvement in the local churches.—NNSW

ing new form of youth evangelism has been developed by Pastor Dan Kozol and a team. Called "My Place," it's designed to be youth effective, involving fun. The first "My Place" will be held in three different parts of Sydney in September and October as a model for other youth groups. A "My Place" city-wide youth rally is planned for September 4.—Sydney

Youth in Training

Almost 50 youth and leaders have registered for the creative outreach workshops to be held in July at Jindabyne. And about the same number attended the Bible Camp in May, led by pastor Barry Gane, youth leader for the division.—NNSW

ch conducted in the western suburbs by St Albans and Werribee youth in April involved eight youth who were baptised, and Bible studies have begun again. Youth meetings continue for the remainder of the year followed by recreation.—Vic

Victoria Plans

The Samoan, Geelong and Mildura youth are planning a "Voice of Youth" campaign in their areas. Ballarat youth are currently letterboxing to prepare for home-video evangelism. Three black American pastors will run three short campaigns in Melbourne during December.—Vic

of Tasmania is running planning a "Reach It to the Limit" (or, "How to Reach the Edge without Dipping Out"). The programs will be held for five Friday nights between July 9 and 13. The programs will cover topics such as self-esteem, relationships, sexuality, and so on. The programs are being organised by a youth host of the youth from the five Tasmanian areas.—Tas

South Queensland Plans

Scarborough Samoans are conducting a Voice of Youth. Rosewood and Gatton churches are conducting a prophecy seminar for young people. Bundaberg ran a youth mission earlier this year specifically targeted at young people who no longer attend church. Gympie has three young people who are inviting at least three of their non-churched school friends to a youth camp.—SQLD

Oz Quest

A youth outreach training camp planned for August with an expected 200 youth for workshops in personal witnessing, communication skills, drama, music writing and storytelling.—NNSW

Fly'n'preach

A team will fly to Honiara, Solomon Islands, and conduct an evangelistic campaign during June and July, under the leadership of Pastor Wayne French.—NNSW

Timestory

A puppet play that tells the story of redemption from creation to the resurrection has been well-received as a new and creative way of sharing the gospel story. Timestory is touring throughout the conference and other places. Next year the group plans to perform in the USA.—NNSW

My God

Four young people were baptised and a number of decisions made for Christ as the result of a week-long series run by the conference youth director, Pastor Gervais Cangy, in Wellington. The series, entitled "My God," was held during March. On the first Sabbath more than 600 young people packed the Mitsubishi Hall in Porirua for the Southern Youth Rally. The following six nights saw an average of 150 young people meet at the Wellington Central church.—NZ

Do You Forgive?????

How forgiving do you rate yourself?

Circle your answer, then add your score at the end.

What would you do if

Your little brother pulls the insides out of your favourite tape?

- a. Pull the insides out of his tape "Big Bird Plays with the Band"
- b. Tell your mother or father what a pain he is
- c. Don't talk to him for a week, let him suffer, then forgive him
- d. Let him know that you're upset, but you still love him

Your friend borrows your best shirt, without asking, and tears it?

- a. Be really, really angry, but ignore the issue
- b. Tell them a friendship is worth more than a shirt
- c. Make them buy you another one, but more expensive
- d. "Accidently" ruin their favourite shirt

Everyone knows something you told a friend in confidence?

- a. Privately ask them why, and then mend the friendship
- b. Spread a really juicy rumour about them
- c. Decide never to trust this person again
- d. Send them a Gorilla-gram

A friend refuses to pay after having an accident in your car—they say it wasn't their fault?

- a. Ring them at 2 am every morning until they pay
- b. Next time they want to go anywhere, offer to drive them
- c. Tell Austudy about the job they've kept secret
- d. Tell them your friendship is more important than money

Two of your friends are going away for a weekend—you're not invited?

- a. Go away on your own to spite them
- b. Offer to mow their lawns while

they're away

- c. Show a friendly interest in how the weekend went
- d. Use the weekend to try to find out who killed Laura Palmer

Someone copies your answers in an exam, but you get in trouble for cheating?

- a. Dob them in to the teacher and principal
- b. Spill a tub of yoghurt in their school bag
- c. Tell them you didn't like what they did—offer to coach them
- d. Write the wrong answers in the next exam when they sit by you

Your best friend forgets your birthday?

- a. Throw yourself a surprise party
- b. Realise that your friend didn't mean it
- c. Buy a party pack of lollies and eat them all yourself
- d. Sulk until they ask what's wrong, then say, "Nothing"

Your boyfriend/girlfriend tells everyone you're a lousy kisser?

- a. Tell yourself that they're the ones with the problem
- b. Tell them you're hurt by what they've said—then forget it
- c. Keep trying until you get it right
- d. Tell everyone that it's hard to kiss someone properly who has bad breath

To work out where you are on the forgiveness scale, calculate your score from the numbers given below.

1. (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 5
2. (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 5
3. (a) 5 (b) 2 (c) 4 (d) 3
4. (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 5
5. (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 5 (d) 4
6. (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 5
7. (a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 3 (d) 2
8. (a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 3 (d) 2

Total _____

Now rate yourself

0-20

Perhaps the concept of forgiveness is a bit hard for you. Maybe try to be more forgiving—I'm sure you like it when others forgive you. You might be surprised, it's easier than you think. Next time you're tempted to blow your top, remember how much God has forgiven you.

20-30

It's great that you're trying so hard to forgive people. But sometimes you slip up. God can help you forgive others. Why not trust Him more so you can become even more forgiving?

30-40

It's great that you have such a capacity for forgiveness. You must be trying to take God's wish that we forgive 70 times 7 seriously. Keep trusting in Him to help you be the forgiving Christian He wants you to be.

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Capalaba, Qld



The Pathfinder group, led by director Ina Winchester, took part in its first Anzac Day march in Cleveland. Paul Cresswell put the finishing touches on their training and told the group how impressed he was with their keen attitude. Various spectators asked about the group, and also commented on their smart uniforms.

Mackay Central, Qld



An overcrowded welfare room, and a depleted distress fund, led to the creation of Tabitha's Thrift Shop by the church's welfare group. Leaders Addie Suratman (pictured right) and Pat Keioskie (left) said, "The clothes are washed and sanitised, then packed into cardboard boxes instead of plastic bags. Helpers do the ironing at the shop before hanging the clothes to be sold." A play area for young children is at the entrance of the shop. Customers have complimented the group and offered items to be sold. Clothing is still sent to overseas missions and the society is working with other local charities.

Masterton, NZ

Displayed goods of the recent church harvest festival were sold after Sabbath, providing further needed funds for the church's Development Fund.

Ballarat, Vic



On the first Tuesday of every month a two-course, sit-down meal is provided for the senior citizens of the church and others in the community. The guests are chauffeur-driven, by volunteers, to and from the church hall, where tables are set with linen and decorated with flowers. Entertainment is provided after lunch, either a singalong, games, slides or an interesting talk. At times the group go on a picnic. "We need to cater for

the needs of our senior members, as much as we do other age groups within the church," says communication secretary Jan Donelan.

Bray Park, NSW



Photo: RSL Photographer

More than 80 people, residents of the Greenhills and Murwillumbah Nursing Homes and the local hospital's day-care group, attended a luncheon and enjoyed the music of the Murwillumbah Adventist School Band. The annual event is organised by Shirley Sim (pictured standing on the left), the welfare leader of the church.

Millicent, SA

Francis Shippard, at 85 years of age, takes an active part in the church's cooking



Photo: M Arthur

demonstrations, and has done so for the past four years. At least 50 per cent of the 14 people attending the demonstrations were not church members. "The church membership is very small and the four or five involved in the demonstrations are to be commended for their faithful witness," says church member Margaret Arthur.

Port Stephenson, NSW

Global Mission is taking effect in the Port Stephenson area under the direction of retired pastor Doug Weare and Pastor Barry Satchell. Satisfied participants attended nutrition courses and Quit Now! programs. Mega-Life bus youth

Mount Barker, WA



The primary and junior Sabbath school decided to do a bike-athon to raise funds for their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. With temperatures around 30 degrees the group rode for 22 kilometres, from Mount Barker to Kendenup (near the Stirling Ranges). They ended the day with a picnic and a swim in the local pool. The group raised \$A577, and have more fundraising plans for the future. Pictured are (from the left): Matthew Potter, Daniel Potter, Sherie Ulrich, Emily Ulrich, Joanne Sawyer, Darren Sawyer and front rider, Angela Sawyer.

outreach and Adventist Aviation Association literature evangelism, have taken place in the area with the assistance of members of Lake Macquarie, Newcastle and Hunter Valley churches. It is planned to have two Happy Holiday Hour programs, one in Medowie and the other at Anna Bay, as well as evangelism seminars.

Ourimbah, NSW

The theme "Almost Home" dominated the church's 80th anniversary celebrations. The earliest recorded dates for the Ourimbah and Tuggerah Sabbath school groups is 1907. The original wooden church was built in one week in 1913. The present building opened in 1977.

Mullumbimby, Qld



Photo: D Jerrard

Pathfinders, now wearing their Akubra hats, have created an identity for themselves in their city. The club has become eligible for the 200 Club trophy, and also plans to participate in a specialty program for the year. The group now numbers 40, more than doubling in figures from last year. Six of the group are from other Christian schools in the community. One parent remarked that he had planned to send his children to the local scout group, but was looking for a more Christian influence, so they decided to join Pathfinders.

STARTING POINT

Letters to Leaders and Laity

Comments about the Sabbath school lesson for July 3.

Reflection

This lesson focuses on credentials for church leadership.

- a. Certain qualities characterise a potential leader.
- b. A church leader is called to that responsibility by God (1 Timothy 1:1).

How was God's election of the apostle Paul to leadership in the early church demonstrated?

Action

According to Paul's relationship with Timothy, how are we to relate with the youth of the church today?

This lesson is significant because it demonstrates how God works for us and through us to others.—*Carole Ferch-Johnson*

Dr Allan Lindsay of Avondale College presented the Friday-night program, Don Boehm compered the afternoon's Past, Present and Future program, at which archival memorabilia were displayed. Former local ministers Pastors Eric House and Cecil Ogg led out in singing, lesson study and worship. Wayne Boehm, a student of Avondale College, dedicated baby Callum Jobber, Albany Jobber, three, and Bridget Jobber, six. The children are

pictured with their parents Brett and Margaret.



Photo: L Gilmore

Nelson, SNZ

More than 1000 tonnes of newspaper and magazines for recycling have been collected by the Pathfinder group since 1989. The average monthly total is now 20 tonnes, with the record being 33 tonnes. What started as a fundraiser in 1991 to get the group to the Treasure Bend Camporee in Victoria, has now turned into a witness to the local community. Pathfinders, Scouts and Girl Guides all take part in the paperchase and have donated several thousand dollars to local causes, including Women's Refuge, Foodbank and the



Photo: J Niggins

Child Cancer Foundation. The club pays tithe on all its income, and is now saving for the next Trans-Tasman Camporee in northern New South Wales.

Wauchope, NSW

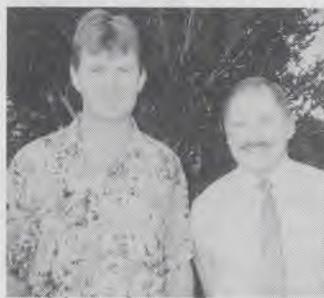


Photo: J Rainbow

Pastor Allan Probert, a past minister of Wauchope church, recently baptised John Thompson and Allan Campbell (pictured left). That afternoon he baptised Michael and Dianne Barber (pictured right), who renewed their wedding vows and dedicated their son, Jesse, to the Lord.

Something to Draw

Tasman, a young Christian in West Africa, drew this picture. Hasn't God given him a beautiful talent? Tasman loves to share his gift. What special talent has God given you? (If you think God missed you out, talk to Mum or Dad about it!)

Colour the 12 lines behind Tasman's picture to make them look like the wall foundations of God's city, New Jerusalem. Use Revelation

21 and an encyclopaedia to help. Make sure you do all your own colouring, but if you aren't 10 yet, someone older can help you discover the foundation colours. Colour Tasman's picture too.

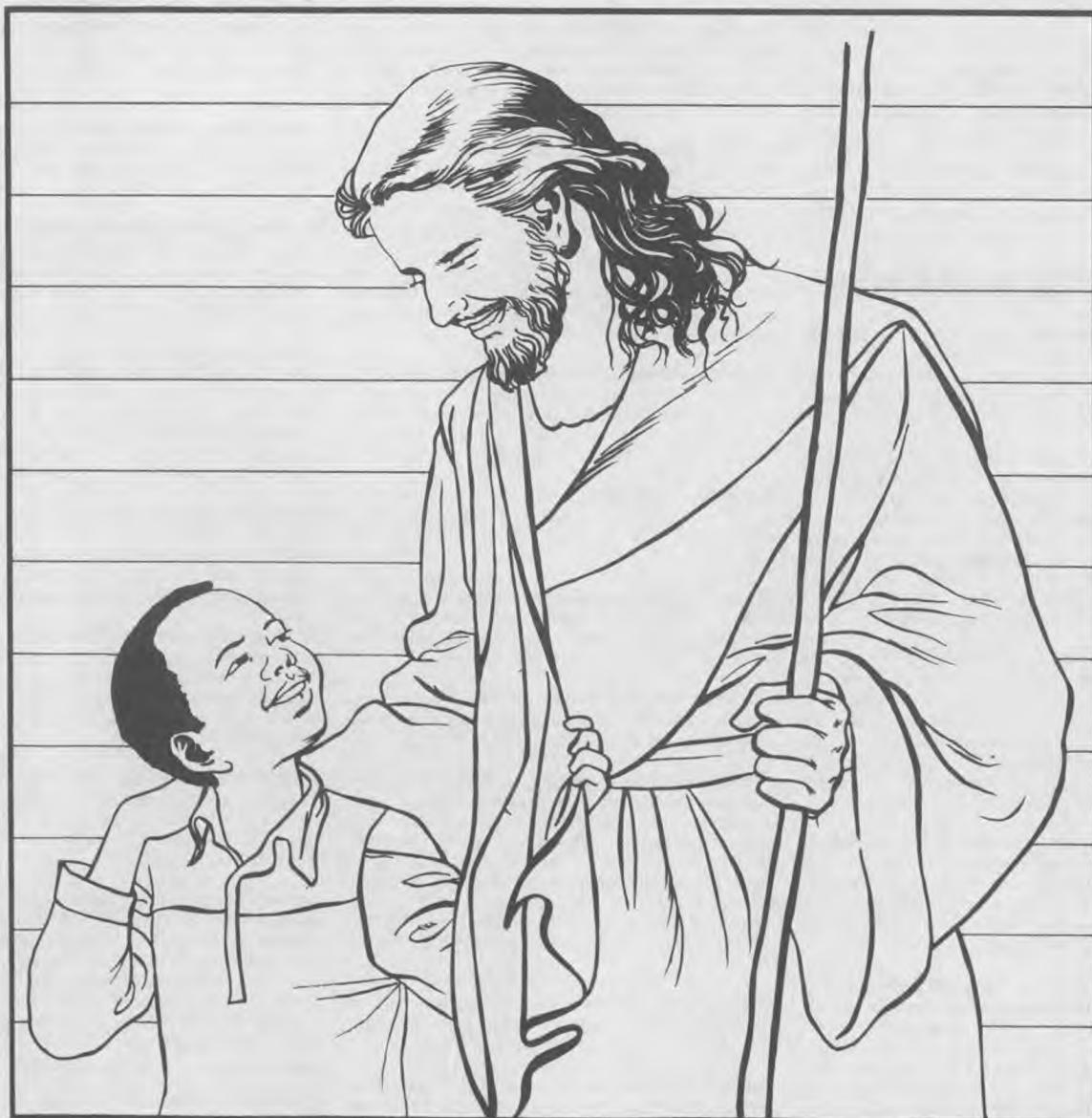
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correct and beautiful. Two will be chosen from each age group (beginning at five and ending at 12). If you would like yours returned, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Weddings

Amprimo—Preston. Mark Amprimo, son of Sergio and Helen Amprimo (Sydney, NSW), and Vanessa Preston, daughter of Malcolm and Jeanette Preston (Avonsleigh, Vic), were married on March 22 at Nathania Springs, Monbulk, Vic. Mark and Vanessa plan to set up their home in Sydney.

Bud Beaty

Ellen—Toomey. Brett Ellen, son of John and Helen Ellen (Brisbane, Qld), and Tracey-Anne Toomey, daughter of David and Patricia Toomey (Newcastle, NSW), were married on April 25 at the Salvation Army chapel, Collaroy, NSW.

J A Shaw

Franks—Nitz. Robert Keith Franks, son of Keith Franks (Bateau Bay, NSW), and the late Patricia Franks, and Gail Nitz, daughter of Stan and Joan Nitz (Scarborough, Qld), were married on January 21 at the Kellyville SDA church. Robert and Gail plan to set up their home in Sydney.

J A Shaw

Fuller—Boutros. Troy Fuller, son of Richard and Dorothy Fuller (Penrith, NSW), and Pauline Boutros, daughter of Maria Boutros (Penrith), were married on March 21 at the Penrith SDA church. Troy and Pauline plan to set up their home in the Penrith area.

Peter Theuerkauf

Moore—Hillier. Brett Moore, son of Ian and Elaine Moore (Sydney, NSW), and Fleur Hillier, daughter of Allan and Valerie Hillier (Sydney), were married on May 2 at St Johns Uniting church, Wahroonga.

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Scale—Judd. Lynton Scale and Kerry Judd were married on March 14 at the Ferntree Gully SDA church. They have set up their home at Mooroolbark. Bud Beaty

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First Service	8.30 am
Sabbath School	9.50 am
Divine Service	11.15 am
Youth Service	11.15 am

Class Luncheons	1.00 to 3.00 pm
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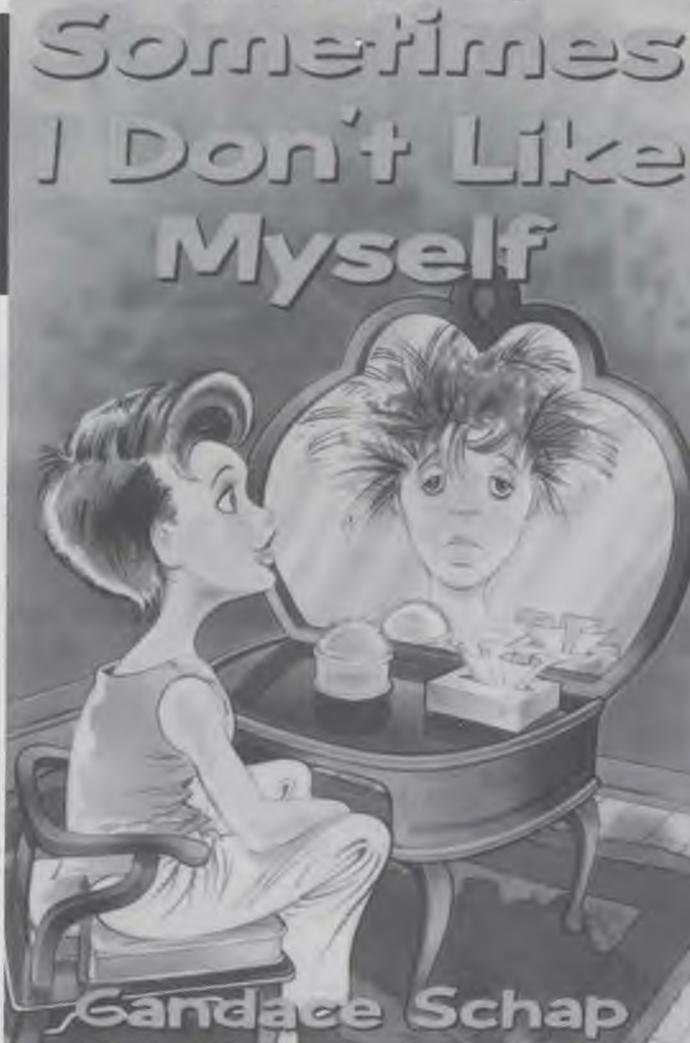
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