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## The Youth Pastor Retires

**P**astor Bob Possingham, the longest-serving continuous youth worker in the Seventh-day Adventist Church (36 years), retires at the end of 1995.

Graduating from Avondale College (NSW) in 1955, Pastor Possingham began denominational work in literature evangelism in South Australia. In 1957 he worked with youth ministry in Western Australia as a part-time assistant in the Missionary Volunteer Department. This was followed by two years as a church pastor—then in 1962 he accepted a call to Victoria as assistant director in the Missionary Volunteer Department.

Pastor Possingham worked for youth in both New Zealand Conferences, in Western, Northern and South Australia, Victoria and south Queensland. He has been youth director for the Trans-Australian Union Conference, associate director for the Department of Church Ministries in the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, with his last position being director of Church Ministries with specific responsibilities for youth and family ministries.

His capacity for remembering one's name, despite how many others he may have met through the years, enabled those under his care to feel special. His approachableness, enthusiasm, sense of humour and sincerity told youth that they were important to him and the church.

"I have loved working with young people all these years," says Pastor Possingham. "And my children and I have often said that Noreen, my wife, has truly been 'the wind beneath my wings' when it comes to my ability to minister."

Pastor Possingham was thanked at the Trans-Tasman Union Conference session for his positive influence on youth, and for the witness of his spiritual life.



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# Higher Than a Pig



upset—they're not really persons.

A horrible nightmare from the laboratories of Nazi Germany? Some black comedy from late-night television? Think again. Australia's best-known philosopher of ethics, Dr Peter Singer, recently released a book called *Rethinking Life and Death*. He argues that it's wrong to draw any ethical distinction between humans and animals. According to Dr Singer, even a pig is higher up the scale than a newborn human baby.

Consider these quotes: "Since neither a newborn human infant nor a fish is a person, the wrongness of killing such beings is not as great as the wrongness of killing a person."

"In the case of infanticide [killing babies at birth], it is our culture that has something to learn from others, especially now that we, like them, are in a situation where we must limit family size."

## Scene 2

A few years ago I received a letter from the president of The World League for Protection of Animals criticising an article in which I said that human life must take priority over animal life.

"We have been contacted by two of our members who read your editorial in *Channels* magazine . . .," she wrote. "Our organisation is opposed to animal

experimentation. . . . If a 'being' from another planet came to earth and experimented on humans for its benefit, would such experiments be morally justifiable?"

## Scene 3

Lewis Lapham, editor of *Harper's* magazine, tells the story of a 15-year-old daughter of a wealthy New York literary agent. In biology class she and the other girls were asked to look at bacteria through microscopes.

"The agent's daughter refused," says Lapham. "No, she said, she would not look. She would not invade the privacy of bacteria. They might be weak and small and without important friends in Congress, but they were entitled to their rights, and she, for one, would grant them a measure of respect."

The class was silent for a moment, and then the teacher congratulated the girl for her high principles. She had taught the class a lesson and, of course, she didn't have to look at the bacteria.

These cases may seem extreme, but they point to a dominant way of thinking that has dangerous implications. Once we lose sight of the unique value of being human, the gates open wide. G K Chesterton once said that when people stop believing in God they don't stop believing; they just start believing anything. Perhaps it's also true that once they stop believing in the unique value of human beings, many people are prepared to start *doing* anything.

Christianity has always rejected fuzzy thinking about humans and their place in the world. People are more important than things. People are more important than animals. People have God-given purpose.

Last century, Charles Darwin sent a

tidal wave through the primordial waters and we're still getting wet. If you assume that life is basically a pseudo-Darwinian jungle—where various life forms interact on an equal stage—then there's little moral scope for differentiating between human beings and animals.

On the other hand, the Judeo-Christian tradition holds to the biblical picture of human beings as a different moral category to animals—created "in God's image." Although it's not politically correct to say so, humans are morally special, superior and unique. Whatever the genetic and physical similarities between us and animals, God has established human beings as a separate order. An important part of our purpose is to care for the rest of creation, but it doesn't involve being identical to animals.

Faced with saving the life of an animal or the life of a human being, a Christian will always choose the human being. If someone were dying, and the only cure was to extract a medicinal chemical from a pig, thereby causing its slow and painful death, I wouldn't hesitate to do so. I'd be sorry for the pig, but I'd have made the better moral choice.

The concept of restoring the image of God in humanity has always been an important doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Today, when we witness what is happening in Bosnia and Rwanda, the corruption and heartaches, it has never been more vital or relevant.

We may have been created a little lower than the angels, but we're called to be more than animals.

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### When the Good Do Nothing

The Adventist Church has long been recognised for its lifestyle and emphasis on health education. But I have been saddened in recent years to see an apparent de-emphasis, evidenced by fewer community-based programs and a lack of full-time health directors in local conferences.

At the South Pacific Division session, guest speakers Dr Gordon Moyes, director of the Sydney City Mission, and Stephen Woodward, a past director of ASH (Action on Smoking and Health), praised the Adventist Church for its involvement in health issues, but at the same time they left us with a challenge. It is good and necessary to be involved in education and prevention, and it was pleasing to hear of the successful lobbying that Dr Harley Stanton has been involved in during the past quinquennium.

However, today, with numerous social problems confronting our communities, we need to be more involved as individuals and church congregations—through soup kitchens, providing accommodation for the homeless, or buses to pick up and care for young street kids who may be on their way to self-destruction through drug and alcohol abuse.

Mr Woodward left us with another challenge that is for all Christians: "Evil prospers when good people do nothing." This message isn't new. Peter shared it when he encouraged the early church to do good so that God would be glorified (see 1 Peter 2:12). Val Bain, Vic

### Political Church?

Should the church keep out of political and social issues? No! No! Our politicians, scientists, bureaucrats, media, unions and helping professions are all in desperate and urgent need of spiritual guidance.

If the church doesn't provide it, who will?

There are risks, of course; If the church speaks without doing its homework properly, it loses credibility; the church may be tempted to soften its message to avoid giving offence; the media may, intentionally or through ignorance, give a garbled account of what the church said.

But we the church need to comment, not less, but more—and ensure the message is understood. It's true—we need Christianity to save our souls. We also

need it to enlighten us and to empower us to live better lives. Arnold Jago, Vic

### Deserved Kudos

I always read with great pleasure any article Karen Miller produces, but I consider her editorial "What About this Year?" (October 28) her most brilliant yet.

The way she lifts into equal prominence every role women play both within and without the church—even in the preparation of church lunches—shows an understanding and enlightenment so often missing in modern journalism on the subject.

I also commend her references to the way that Jesus Himself honoured the status of women, and His attitude toward them. How relevant her statement: "This was meant to be our year, but somehow ordination and the power issue almost turned us against each other."

I wonder what God thinks about it all?

Sylvia Beadley, SNZ

### Where Is This Headed?

Perhaps some wondered what was coming next when Karen Miller stated, "Women don't ask for equality, they understand it to be theirs by birth." Do we have an exponent of the feminist movement in our midst?

She soon set the minds of many to rest with the remainder of her article. In fact, it was a commendable editorial, given

the current climate, especially in the way she enumerated some of the various gifts used by women in the different roles they have in the church.

It seems that, under the guise of lifting the status of women, proponents of feminist equality are, in effect, only demonstrating the low esteem with which they regard women. Women are already "more equal" than men in many respects. God endowed women with certain attributes that beautifully complement those He gave to men.

She is to be applauded for not falling into the feminist trap, and for the way it was "service" orientated rather than "power" (equality) orientated. Service is what we are all about, whether male or female.

Bob Donaldson, NSW

### A Valued Ministry

In a special sense, women can minister the love of Christ to the large proportion of women who make up the membership of our church family. Especially appreciated is their ministry to our young people and infants. These young folk will treasure fond memories of such love and understanding for the rest of their lives. R K Timms, NNZ

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*Just a Coincidence...*





## Missing Signs

"Some people will miss a great opportunity to witness just because they wrongly assumed their *Signs* magazines were doing no good," says the *Signs* editor, Pastor Bruce Manners, after reading some of his mail recently. (See, "Did You Hear . . . ?" this page.) He reports that after an initial promising rush of orders, the flow has slowed and that a substantial number of supporters appear to have not renewed their subscriptions this year. "They represent about 6000 magazines that someone won't read, which is a shame, considering *Signs*'s high acceptance among non-Adventist readers," he says. "The sad thing is, we expect that most of them will really miss the magazine."

## SQld Session

Officers for the South Queensland Conference, as

Photo: S Maxwell

## Rescued Children Have Gifts From WA



of clothing, 22 NIV New Testaments and a box of toys. Part of a cash donation of \$A1486 was spent on purchasing enough blankets to provide warmth for the children through winter. The school is in the hill area and can become quite cold.

Pictured is a child from the children's refuge, Mae Taeng Adventist Academy, Thailand, who is displaying a gift sent by members of Bickley church (WA), through recent visitors to the academy, Sandi and Dennis Maxwell and friends. Toilet bags (100) filled with toiletries were given, along with boxes containing some 200 articles

appointed by their recent session, are: President, Pastor Peter Colquhoun; Secretary, Pastor Chester Stanley;

Treasurer, Steve Whitson; Youth, Pastors Mel Lemke and Nick Cross; Education, Dr John Hammond; Personal Ministries-ADCARE-Sabbath School, Pastor David Jack; Adventist Health, Pastor Reg Harris; Family Life, Pastor Peter Raymer; Communication, Pastor Chester Stanley; Trust Services, Pastor Richard Smetheram.

## Dr Val in US



Photo: A Val

Dale Val, a 1985 graduate of Avondale College, Cooranbong (NSW), was awarded a doctorate from Adelaide University on October 9. Dr Val was a lecturer in the science department at Avondale College after graduating with a BSc.

He did further study, gaining a BSc Hons from Flinders University, Adelaide (SA). He was then accepted into the biochemistry department of the Adelaide University where he did his thesis. He is currently undertaking further research in molecular biology at the University of Illinois, USA.

## Medal Received



An engraved bronze medal was presented to Jessica Phillips, a Brisbane Adventist College (Primary Campus) Year 6 student. Jessica shared equal first in the 1995 Primary Maths Competition, a state-wide competition in which 8530 Queensland students took part. The competition is organised by the University of New South Wales Education Testing Centre. Jessica is pictured receiving the award from Dr John Hammond, the South Queensland Conference education director.

## PACIFIC ISLANDS

### Lae AWR

A new Adventist World Radio studio has opened in the city of Lae, in Papua New Guinea. The studio will produce programs in Pidgin English and Motu, to be broadcast by both AWR and on National Radio.

### Pioneers in PNGUM

The Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM)

## Did You Hear . . . ?

. . . About the woman who tore up her *Signs* renewal form only to find that a friend she subscribed for was taking the magazine's message to heart?

An Adventist for many years, she sent *Signs* to her relatives, and friends of school days whom she saw occasionally. Along the way, her daughter-in-law became an Adventist, "in part," she says, "because of *Signs* influence. But in most cases there was little positive feedback—and sometimes it has been quite negative.

"So when I received a renewal reminder, I tore it up."

When first subscribing for one particular friend she wasn't sure how that friend, or her husband, would react to *Signs*—"However, my friend did once remark that she enjoyed the articles. But later, due to commitments and her lack of response, I decided to cancel the subscription. Then, about three weeks ago, in conversation with my friend over lunch, we somehow got onto spiritual matters. She told me how much she'd enjoyed the *Signs*—even more than [her own church magazine]. She said she related to our attitudes and beliefs.

"And then came the bombshell: 'If it wasn't that my husband would be hurt,' she said, 'I could easily become an SDA.'"

"I was sorry that I hadn't renewed and silently vowed to do so next August. Then came your [reminder] letter. Thank you for another subscription form. It came at just the right time."



has just completed a four-week-long training program for 37 Global Mission pioneers under the direction of Pastor Brad Kemp, the new secretary of the PNGUM. The pioneer orientation, held at the Omaura Training School in the highlands of Papua New Guinea, was the first meeting of any kind conducted there since the school closed four years ago after local tribal fighting.

## WORLD CHURCH

### New Editor

Dr Philip Samaan, associate professor of Christian Ministry and director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Andrews University Theological Seminary, has been called by the General Conference Executive Committee to serve as the editor of the adult Sabbath school lesson pamphlets.

### Mrs Field Secretary

Rose Otis has been invited to serve as General Field Secretary of the General Conference. This is in addition to her responsibilities as director of the department of Women's Ministries.

### VOP Evangelism

The Voice of Prophecy is leading out in a nationwide coordinated evangelistic thrust in the Philippines during 1996, according to Pastor James Zachary. To reach the objective of baptising 50,000 people, some 30,000 lay evangelistic teams are being organised to enrol 350,000 persons in Bible-study courses. Some 500 meetings are planned by local pastors, another 200 more by lay

evangelists, and these in addition to visiting evangelistic teams from Australia, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Canada, Korea, Costa Rica, Japan and the United States.

### Angolans Baptised

The first baptism resulting from the Global Mission pioneer work in Portugal took place on October 28 when 17 people were baptised in Lisbon. The candidates were from among Angolan refugees.

### One Gives \$1m

An ASI member donated \$US901,500 worth of pharmaceuticals and \$US8500 worth of new shoes, then paid to ship them to medical clinics in Africa. The 27-metre container is en route to Tanzania and Zambia where the supplies, including urgently needed antibiotics, will be distributed among a number of clinics.

### ADRA Truckie

David Balderstone, a land-scaper from Bushey, England, has just completed his eighth ADRA-organised mission to Croatia with a truck load of clothes, food and medical supplies. This mission took him to Knin, where Croatian refugees are now returning to their homes. "They've been in refugee camps for the past three years, and are having to start from scratch. Conditions are desperate," Mr Balderstone says. Mr Balderstone made headlines last summer when his truck was raked by sniper fire as he and his companions delivered essential supplies to refugees.

Photo: J Gibbs

## Centre Creates Mission Statement



The Adventist Media Centre recently adopted a mission statement that will guide its future. Media Centre staff devoted a whole day to discuss their aims, objectives and mission.

"We needed a clearly defined statement of purpose," says the manager of the centre, Pastor John Banks. "The staff themselves created the statement, so now we share a common vision. That's important for us in dealing with change, and moving forward positively." The mission statement reads: "The Adventist Media Centre is an organisation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our purpose is to communicate life-changing teachings of Jesus Christ. We produce and coordinate electronic media, home-study and public presentations in a creative, relevant and personal way. As Christians we aim to demonstrate the highest personal and ethical standards."

## Intense Education in Solomon Islands



Photo: H Eaton

The Western Solomon Islands Mission recently presented an intensive workshop in early childhood development for 32 primary teachers. The workshop will assist them to work in the country's highly competitive education system in which less than 30 per cent of Solomon Island children find places in high school. Mrs Hazel Eaton (Western Pacific Union) and Aeshe Bennett, from Canberra, Australia, conducted the program. The emphasis was on village schools, where resources are minimal. Each teacher was given a supply of teaching materials (felt-tipped pens, pictures, cards and books) to take home with them. Teacher response to the program was positive. Other workshops are planned as materials and funds become available.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**December 23** Thirteenth Sabbath  
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering



## Medallion for Visionary Educator

Cited as a master teacher, principal, preacher and visionary, educational leader Ernest Gordon McDowell was honoured with a medallion of merit on October 8 at the function room in the South Pacific Division's offices, Sydney (NSW).

The event coincided with Dr and Mrs Rita McDowell's 60th wedding anniversary.

"I had a knowledge of nations and governments, the history and geography of the world; all education, literature and institutions could teach me," said Dr McDowell on receiving his medal. "Then I met Rita Whittaker. She taught me about people—and God. She introduced me to the real meaning of caring and love."

In part, the citation accompanying the medal reads: "One contribution Gordon McDowell will be particularly remembered for is the rebuilding of the Avondale College campus to provide a suitable environment for quality tertiary study."

"The college is presently applying to the Government of the state of New South Wales for university status—something which would have been unthinkable, if it were not for

the vision of Gordon McDowell three decades ago."

Dr McDowell was the longest serving principal of Avondale College, holding that position for 11 years (1959-79).

Apart from being the principal of various Adventist schools, Dr McDowell was at one time the education director for the South Pacific Division.

"This would not have been possible without the strong and affectionate support of his wife, Mrs Rita Whittaker McDowell," Dr Lester Devine writes in the citation, "who not only supported her husband well, but was a teacher in her own right at Avondale College for some years."

"Thus, while this citation draws attention to the contribution of Dr



Dr and Mrs Gordon McDowell were honoured at their 60th wedding anniversary for their contribution to the work of Adventist education.

McDowell to the Seventh-day Adventist education ministry, it also acknowledges on this, their 60th wedding anniversary, the significant contribution of Mrs McDowell to the partnership."

The award bestowed upon Dr McDowell is the South Pacific Division's highest award for professional excellence in education.

## Church Celebrates 100 Years of Adventism



Mrs Higgins, (centre) and Mrs Rodgers (right) are two of the longest serving members of Toowoomba church (Qld).

the city Central church, with some watching the program via closed-circuit television in the adjacent church hall.

Dr Bryan Ball, president of the South Pacific Division, presented a Sabbath sermon entitled, "Old Paths and New Horizons."

Centenary plaques were provided to long-serving members of the church, among them Evan Coulston, a builder who was instrumental in the construction of the present church (opened in 1958).

The foundation stone was laid by the late Pastor David Sibley, then

conference president. The late Pastor Herb Christian raised money to finance the building. One method was the public showings of the film *Samoa—Pearl of the Pacific*.

The congregation broke into spontaneous applause when Mabel Higgins was presented with a plaque for her retentive memory of events in the early days of the church in Toowoomba. Mrs Higgins and Carmen Oehlmann cooperatively created a booklet portraying the history of the church for the centenary.

Pastor Maurice Woods, who initiated the idea of the centenary, and Pastor Clive Butcher, who with the "special events" committee worked to bring the event into being, were thanked by the congregation for their efforts.

An overflow congregation of some 400 people celebrated 100 years of Adventism in Toowoomba (Qld) in



# What Adventist Is That?

by Kylie Ward

## ***Adventista Pewwarmer***

The *Adventista Pewwarmer*, affectionately known to their friends simply as pewwarmer, comes to church on Sabbath, but almost always misses Sabbath school. Some just come for the sermon and often only make it as far as the foyer.

When a pewwarmer actually makes it to a pew, they're generally bored by the sermon and can be seen yawning or looking at the ceiling. They'll do anything to get out of listening, and do little more with their Christian experience than attempt to get out of that too.

There is, however, a class of pewwarmer who try to camouflage themselves as an *Adventista Christiana* by being highly involved in church activities, talking a lot in Sabbath school and even taking sermons. But they have nothing to do with Christ personally.

## ***Adventista Sortofa***

The *Adventista Sortofa* is a complex phylum. They can be easily recognised by their very critical and extremely vocal opinions. But they have very little to do with solutions to problems or with plans to make the church a better place.

For example, imagine it has come to the *Adventista Sortofa's* attention that the church lawn needs mowing and, due to the embarrassment this is causing, it is brought up at a business meeting. The business meeting decides there are probably a few things that need doing around the church and schedules a working bee for the following week.

However, *Adventista Sortofa* is too busy to attend, but still complains when the church windows didn't get washed.

The *Adventista Sortofa* has a "sort of" Christian experience. They sort of keep Sabbath, sort of pay tithe and are sort of involved in the church.

But it goes further; Christianity seems to have only a sort of an effect on them.

## ***Adventista Parttimous***

The *Adventista Parttimous* is quite vocal about the fact that neither Christ nor Adventism have had any effect on their lives. They slot in a few visits to church on a part-time basis, but only if nobody upsets them by complaining about things like the use of church hymnals or the taste of ordinance bread.

They have little impact on the church because they are not there often enough.

## ***Adventista Nameonlea***

*Adventista Nameonlea's* only connection to the church is their name on the church roll. There is no more. They don't even pretend.

Before regressing into this phylum, *Adventist Nameonlea* were considered one of the other phyla. They fall into two subcategories: either the *Nameonlea Hatera* or the *Nameonlea Fonda*.

The *Hatera* have usually stopped attending because something like the order of the kindergarten Sabbath school's program was changed, or another member has annoyed them. When asked, they can give full details of the incident—including the most amazing details about every church member involved.

The *Fonda* have good memories of church, but it isn't for them any more. Usually, they'll give you a cup of Ecco, with Sanitarium So Good, just to demonstrate they still have loyalties to the church.

## ***Adventista Christiana***

*Adventista Christiana* have a genuine relationship with Christ. They aren't always highly involved in church life, but it's almost as if a warm glow radiates from them. They're prepared to recognise the church's good and bad point in a loving manner. Given time they will usually warm to you.

You'll find significant differences among people in this group—some may even fail to perfectly understand the 2300-day prophecy or the mark of the beast. But within they are the same: they believe that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Acts 2:21, NIV).



# THE CRASH

by Gloria McDonald

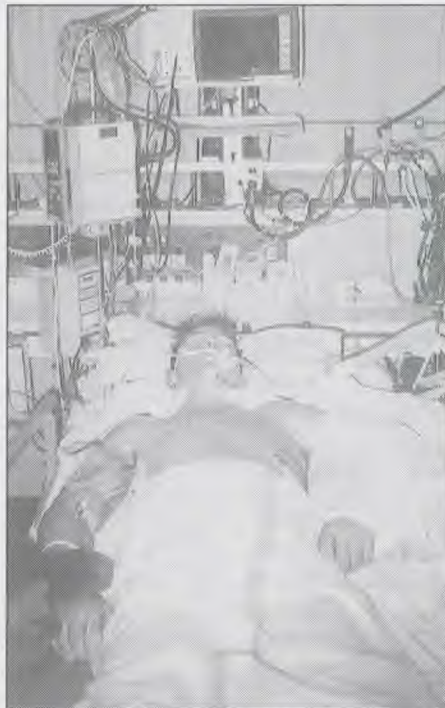
***The car was out of control! It wouldn't make the corner, and it slid across loose gravel toward a power pole.***

Inside, 17-year-old Chris McDonald and three others were returning from a Friday night vespers program at Wanganui (NNZ). Chris was in the front passenger seat.

The car slammed into the power pole. The pole snapped and fell across the roof, crushing it to seat level.

The rescue services took some time before they could cut the four young men free. Chris's condition was so bad that the New Zealand Rail rescue helicopter flew him to Wanganui Hospital. His three friends were taken by ambulance to the smaller Palmerston North hospital; one with a fractured skull, the other two with minor injuries.

Chris was given little chance of survival.



Family members and the Wanganui pastor, Ben Timothy, were called to the hospital. Much earnest prayer took place in the early hours of that Sabbath morning.

As Chris's condition worsened, a Westpac rescue helicopter, carrying neurosurgeon Dr Russell Worth, was called from Wellington Hospital. Chris wasn't expected to survive the flight back to Wellington.

At 6.00 am he was successfully transferred to Wellington Hospital.

As soon as the extent of their son's injuries

was revealed, Robin and Ruth McDonald drove to Wellington Hospital. Chris underwent six hours of surgery to repair injuries that included a fractured skull, a 2.5 inch gash in his main artery, a ruptured colon, diaphragm and spleen, a broken jaw and left arm, damaged teeth, and air around the lungs.

Hundreds of people throughout New Zealand began to pray for Chris as word of his condition spread. On full life support for nine days, he began to make a slow recovery. There was hope.

Two-and-a-half weeks and two more operations after the accident, Chris was transferred by ambulance to the Palmerston North Hospital. But he still had paralysis down the right side of his body.

More prayer. This time for a full recovery. Things started looking better.

Four weeks after the accident, on a Sabbath morning, Feilding church youth were practising a song they were dedicating to Chris, when in he walked. There was stunned silence, then



tears. From his hospital bed, Chris had insisted that he be allowed to go to church.

From then on recovery was rapid. Soon he was allowed home on weekends. Eleven weeks after the accident, he was able to spend a short time holidaying in Brisbane.

Two weeks later he and his parents were back to Wanganui for a Sabbath. In a powerful testimony of God's power to perform miracles, Chris and his father thanked the church for their support. Emotions flowed as Chris said he was glad to be alive to witness for the Lord.

The pilot of the Westpac helicopter has met Chris again, and asked if he can write his story. All medical staff call him their "miracle boy."

Chris is now looking forward to returning to work as an apprentice plumber.



# Real Love

*People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred,*

*LOVE THEM ANYWAY*

*If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives,*

*DO GOOD ANYWAY*

*If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies,*

*SUCCEED ANYWAY*

*The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow,*

*DO GOOD ANYWAY*

*Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable,*

*BE FRANK ANYWAY*

*What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight,*

*BUILD ANYWAY*

*People really need help, but may attack you if you help them,*

*HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY*

*Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth,*

*GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY*

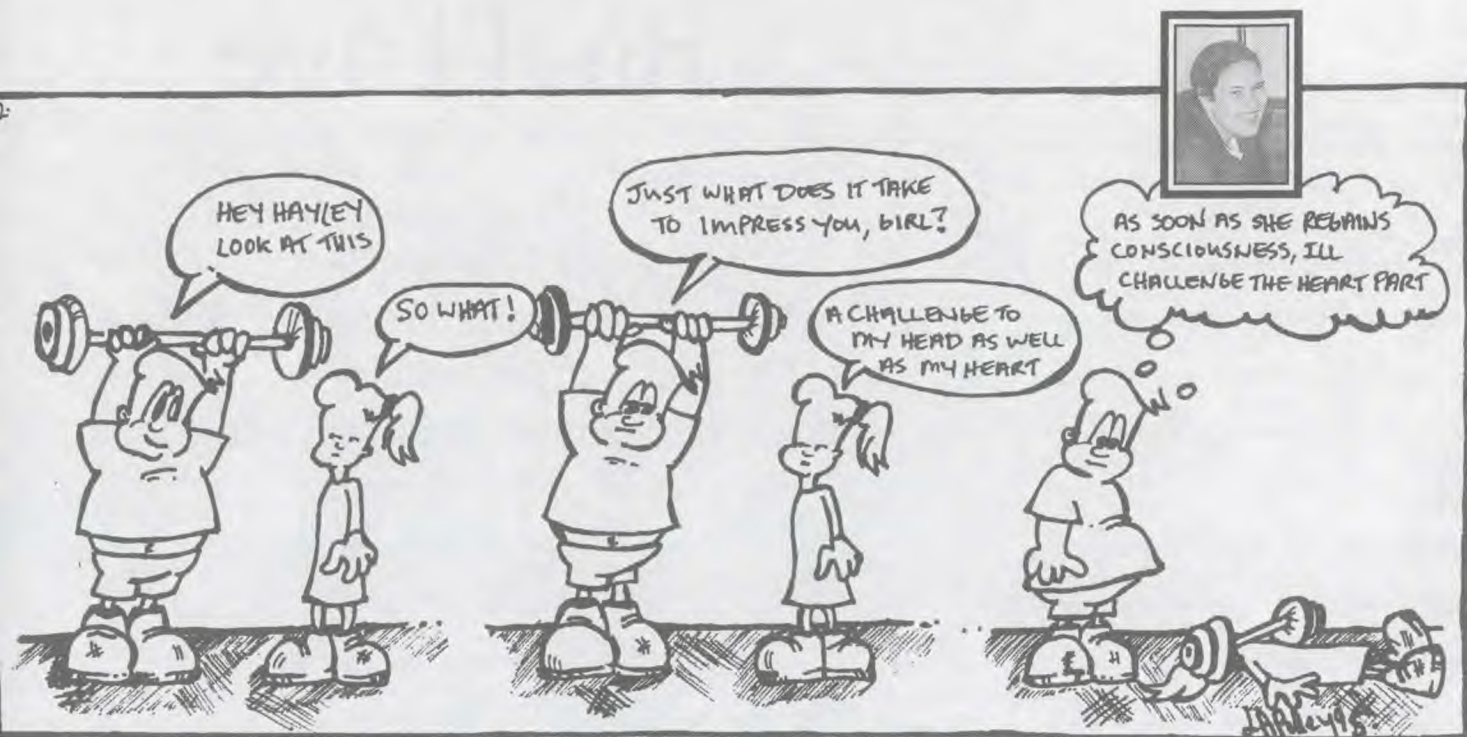
*(from a sign on the wall of Shishu Bhavan, the children's home in Calcutta, India, run by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity)*

*"If you will banish from your midst all  
oppression, the finger of scorn and slanderous  
speech,*

*if you will open your heart to the hungry  
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,  
then shall your light shine in the darkness  
and your gloom shall become like noonday."*

*Isaiah 58: 9, 10*





## Real Love *continued*

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the coffin or casket of your selfishness. But in the casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless—it will change. It will not be broken, it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. . . . The only place outside heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all dangers and perturbations of love is hell." C S Lewis

"Jesus Loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Jesus loves me! He who died. Heaven's gate is open wide. He will wash away my sin, let His little children in. Jesus take this heart of mine, make it pure and wholly yours. On the cross you died for me, I will live and love for you.

*Yes, Jesus loves me!"*

Anna Warner

**YOR was bought to you by: Gloria McDonald, communication secretary for the Wanganui church in New Zealand; Kylie Ward from Western Australia, who often writes for her conference's youth newsletter, FRESH BREAD; and the cartoonist, Leonie Polly, currently in Year 12 at Brisbane Adventist College, Qld.**



## US Hospital Closes After Losses

**T**he hospital built for the Navajo Indians in Monument Valley, Utah, USA, closed at midnight on November 21. The Monument Valley Hospital was opened in 1961, but recent patient numbers had made the hospital uneconomic.

"We have averaged fewer than two patients per day for the past year," said hospital administrator Raymond Carney.

"Industry-wide, we are seeing many changes that disproportionately affect rural hospitals such as this one, including reduced reimbursement and a shift away from in-patient care toward outpatient services," he added.

The hospital campus, which is located on Navajo-owned, leased property, includes an Adventist Church, a church school, an auditorium, staff housing and several other buildings.

"We have a 99-year lease and are currently reviewing its terms in light of the hospital closure," said the president of the Nevada-Utah Conference, Pastor Larry Caviness.

Although health care services will be terminated, the Nevada-Utah Conference, which owns the hospital, says it is committed to maintaining an active ministry in the area.

"We are currently exploring the feasibility of identifying other providers who could offer some level of health care services in Monument Valley, such as a physician's office for primary and urgent care," said Pastor Caviness. "In addition, we are considering several different 'better living' seminars and programs that would help meet the needs of the community."

As part of the closure process, all hospital debts will be honoured, and employees will receive severance packages. Employees will retain retirement benefits they have accrued, and efforts are being made to assist them in finding work at other Adventist hospitals.

The hospital is working on alternative ways of providing some non-health care services currently provided by the hospital. These include the community's drinking water supply, postal services, fire and ambulance service.—ANN

## Townsville Youth Reach Out



A Christian message with a free can of drink slows the traffic in Townsville (Qld).

**U**sing meter "maids," giving out free cool drinks and running free movies (with a Christian message) in the local park are only a few of the methods used by a small group of Townsville (Qld) youth to reach people in their city for Christ.

In less than six months, they have positively affected some 550 people.

The group gives cool drinks—with cards containing a Christian message—to drivers at traffic intersections while they're stopped at red lights.

"People ask, 'What's the catch?' One person said, 'No, I don't want one. I'm on the way to the pub. But I'll have one of those cards in your hand.'"

One woman returned later, saying, "Thanks very much, I really needed that message in my life."

The outreach group stopped two Mormons, who were riding their bikes, and offered them a drink and a message card. They both attended church the following Sabbath.

The meter "maids" (both male and female) put money into people's parking meters, refusing reimbursement, and enjoying the looks of confusion and pleasure on the faces of those they helped.

The youth group intend hiring a horse and carriage at Christmas to use it to distribute free books on the birth of Christ; advertising in the local paper, on television and through letterbox drops; sending out Gospels of John with an accompanying survey for people to complete and return once they have finished reading the Gospel; washing people's windscreens for free at shopping centres and leaving a message card under the wiperblade; giving free car washes at a service station. At the ready are people who can communicate one-on-one to answer questions when quizzed about why they are being so helpful.

The group has many other ideas and plans. If you'd like to share in some of them, contact Brian Boyland at 64 McLean Street, Gulliver, Qld 4814.

"Who knows," says Mr Boyland, "what the full impact God has had on others through these young people."

## Samoan Adventist Brings Peace in US Gangland

**A**n Adventist born in Samoa, but who has lived in Seattle, USA, for 18 years, has brought peace between several rival gangs in the city.

Fia Faletogo is a member of the West Seattle Seventh-day Adventist Samoan church and a security officer for the Seattle school district. He can

bench-press 166 kilograms and commands students' respect, but he has also become a trusted friend and a counsellor.

Tensions between rival gangs, representing half a dozen ethnic groups, continually erupted into fights and made a hostile and dangerous school environ-



ment until he proposed a new strategy in 1992 when he persuaded eight members from opposing gangs to have a meeting.

Gradually their mutual distrust and fear was disarmed and they began to realise that the real enemy was not each other, but their frame of mind that saw everyone as an enemy.

The next year, 45 gang members

joined "The Council," as they call themselves. This year there are 75.

They convene whenever trouble is brewing—about once a week—to talk over the incident and carry their decisions for peaceful resolution back to gang members.

They wear T-shirts with a peace logo in front and the motto, "Live in peace before you rest in peace," on the back.

The key to Mr Faletogo's success, says school principal Ted Howard, is his ability to speak their "language" and find the right people to represent each gang.

Mr Faletogo lives in the same neighbourhood as many of the students and has been touched by the tragedies of the gang environment. His brother was killed during an attempted robbery.—ANN

## ADRA Guest Challenges Church

**C**ontinued involvement by the church in the area of humanitarian work was called for by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency at the recent South Pacific Division session in Brisbane, Queensland.

Janet Hunt, the executive director of the Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA), of which ADRA is a member, spoke of the continuing role of Non-Government Organisations (NGO) in the reduction of poverty in developing countries.

Despite some improvements in health, life expectancy, literacy and income in some parts of the world, Ms Hunt said that poverty in certain parts of the world, particularly South-East and Southern Asia, and Africa (which contains 40 per cent of the world's poor) has worsened in recent years.

"The distribution of wealth and poverty is becoming more unequal," she said. "This inequality has doubled in the past 30 years. The richest 20 per cent receive 83 per cent of world's income, while the poorest 20 per cent receive just 1.4 per cent."

"Aid must focus on human development and social priorities," said Ms Hunt. "It must focus on people's health, education and nutrition. It must work at the reduction of poverty directly through the people's own participation."

To succeed, "It must include the removal of constraints, including, for example, things such as the legal discrimination against women, which in some places prevents them having access to land, capital and credit."

Ms Hunt spoke strongly in favour of focusing aid on women, who com-

prise 70 per cent of the world's poorest people.

Aid "must be people-centred," she said, and "very much women-centred. Are our health clinics really addressing specific women's health issues, such as breast cancer and reproductive health? Are girls achieving the same education outcomes [as males] from our schools?" she asked.

"Gender equality in programs is now an absolute prerequisite to the elimination of poverty. It's a challenge of participation and sustainability: educate a woman and you've educated a family," she said.

Ms Hunt said there is much more to "aid" than merely its identifiable economic components. She suggested three such factors that are impediments to sustainable development. These are indebtedness and debt repayment at the national level, discriminatory patterns of trade that favour the developed nations, and restrictions on the movement to industrialised countries of workers from developing nations seeking personal economic self-improvement.

She said the estimated cost of such factors is about \$US500 billion—compared with the \$US50 billion given in direct aid.

"Aid is still relevant, but we won't solve the problems of the 1.3 billion absolute poor in the world and the continuing impoverishment of some while a few others prosper until these problems are tackled," she said.

She called for reforms at three levels—international, national and micro or local—in dealing with poverty, suggesting three "sites of change" where this might be possible. These sites are the market (world economies), the

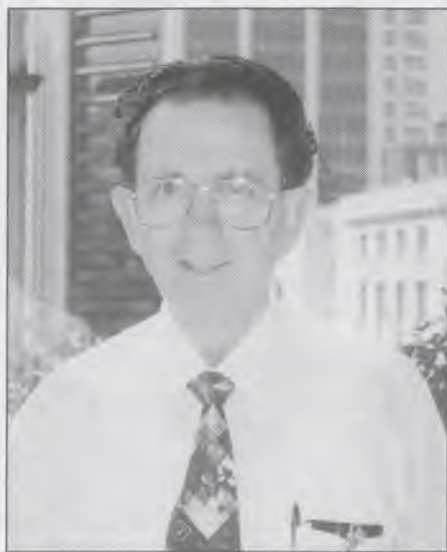


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Pastor Harold Halliday, director of ADRA in the South Pacific.

state (governments) and civil society (communities and nongovernment networks in all their forms and levels).

"Leaving everything to an unfettered market will further marginalise the most marginal people, particularly the indigenous peoples," she said.

"We can no longer count on this [market-led development]."

"We have to work to draw on the lessons of our experience at grass-roots level, to influence the policies that are adopted at national and international levels. These must support or create an environment that enables local development to occur, not override it. . . ."

"ADRA is doing a very good job of helping people build self-reliance," she said, "but it's a challenge we all must face."



## Women Retreat to Albany, WA



Women's retreat speakers (from left) Norma O'Hara, Lorna Arthur, Lynsay Beere and Carole Ferch-Johnson led out in a spiritual weekend held near Albany (WA).

**S**ixty-two women met together at Quaranup (WA) on the weekend of October 20-22 for a retreat. They discussed the roles of women in church, the home, the workplace and community.

The speakers included Norma O'Hara, Lorna Arthur, Lynsay Beere

and Carole Ferch-Johnson (Women's Ministries coordinator for the South Pacific Division). They expanded on the theme of the women's role.

Lorna Arthur, a wife, mother and theologian, presented a Sabbath sermon on deepening the spirituality in the church.

"The camp was a wonderful time for fellowship, prayer and Bible study," said Gail Searle of Albany church, "and a great opportunity for us to meet fellow members of our church family."

## Concern for Community Grows Church

**L**ido village, near Vanimo, Papua New Guinea, is home to a new church with a Sabbath school membership of some 80 people—created through the efforts of laypeople.

Church attenders built three toilets at a community school under instruction from the health department and cleaned the community schoolground and areas.

Sago leaves, used in the building of

houses for two Catholic church leaders, were cut by church members. Widowers' homes were cleaned, further sago leaves cut for one man's house, and a well belonging to another was cleaned. Two widows were given assistance. One had repairs made to her house and financial assistance for school fees was given to send her child to high school. The other woman was given financial help to use her baking talents to earn money for the family.

People who appear interested in the message of the Adventist Church are visited twice a week by Dorcas ladies, Good Samaritans and youth.

But those who show no interest in the church aren't neglected. Some 22 people are attending Bible classes through the care of these groups.

Whatever money the team has, is spent to help the needy and preach the gospel. "Our work in Lido village is not completed yet," says Mrs Ruth Longri, Adventist Community Service Care Taker, of the Lido church. "We are still working hard to share the love of Jesus. We are working without support from Vanimo (the mother church), but we believe God will richly bless our efforts."

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### Appreciation

**Pastor A S Jorgensen**, his daughters, Estelle Ruth and Faye Verne, his son-in-law, William Whitfield, and his grandson, Evan Blair, wish to thank all relatives and friends who so graciously supported them with messages of love and comfort, with hospitality and flowers, and with caring concern, when his devoted wife, Jean Winifred, after a long illness in which she displayed magnificent fortitude and confidence in her Lord, fell asleep in Christ. In our sorrow we rejoice in "that blessed hope" and assuredly await the glad reunion day.

**Bill Underwood**, Bernice, Dot, Allan and family, would like to thank all the wonderful friends and members of the church family for their kindnesses expressed in so many practical ways on the death of Grace, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Please accept this as our heartfelt thanks.

### Weddings

**Chermside—Miller**. Craig Robert Chermside, son of John and Caroline Chermside (Wahroonga, NSW), and Kathryn Joy Miller, daughter of Ed and Joy Miller (Possum Creek, Bangalow), were married on 15.10.95 in the Martinsville chapel. Gordon A Lee

**Floreani—Wright**. Benjamin Floreani, son

of John and Dawn Floreani (Bendigo, Vic) and Heather Margaret Wright, daughter of George and Margaret Wright (Melbourne), were married on 6.11.95 at the Tatra Hut, The Dandenongs. Adrian Raethel

**Perkins—Farr**. Craig Francis Perkins, son of Kevin and Heather Perkins (Dingley, Vic), and Vanessa Jane Farr, daughter of Dexter Farr (Clyde North) and Carol June Gordon (Melbourne), were married on 4.11.95 at St Johns Anglican church, Cranbourne. Lee Bowditch

**Richardson—Todd**. Steven Anthony Richardson, son of Albert and Liela Richardson (Adelaide, SA), and Michelle Mary Todd, daughter of William and Alma Todd (Perth, WA), were married on 5.11.95 at the Belmont SDA church, Kewdale. Merv Chapman

### Obituaries

**Blake**, Freda Lillian, born 10.4.01 at St Ives, England; died 5.11.95 at Hardey Lodge, Mount Lawley, WA. Freda worked for many years in the retail section of Sanitarium Health Food Company, Perth. She was a long-time member of the South Perth church (now closed) and more recently the North Beach church. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Gordon and Phyll (Waroon, WA) and Allan and June (Heath Ridge). Merv Chapman

**Burford**, Robert, born 30.1.73 at Kapunda,

SA; died 4.10.95 in a road accident in the Adelaide Hills. He is survived by his parents, Bruce and Airlee (Paskeville); brother Shane; and sister and brother-in-law, Sheree and Andrew. E P Wolfe

**Chatman**, Marie (Marj), born 4.7.03 at Kempsey, NSW; died 1.11.95 at Hornsby. Marj was a foundation member of the Windsor church (1926). She is survived by her husband, Alf (Thornleigh); daughters and sons-in-law, Val and Bronte Sinclair (Tauranga, New Zealand), and Roma and Graham Denning (Auckland); sons and daughters-in-law, Allan and Lola (Maroota, NSW), Colyn and Margaret (Ipswich, Qld) and Warren and Sue (Maclean, NSW); grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Ray Trim, John Gate, Robert Granger

**Cole**, Beryl May, born 12.6.19 at Camperdown, Vic; died 21.9.95 at Camperdown. The eldest in a family of five, Beryl loved to help and care for others. Baptised over 60 years ago at Camperdown, she was a faithful church member. She is survived by her two sisters, Valda Currie (Geelong) and Thelma Rose (Toronto, NSW). Don McClure

**Davis**, Eleanor Gertrude, died 14.5.95 at the Monto District Hospital, Qld, and was buried at the Albany Creek Garden Cemetery. She is survived by her sister, Robena Stein; sons, Doug, Bill and Keith Upton; daughter, Patricia Bazley; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Nick Kross

**Frauenfelder**, Dorothea (nee Obst), born 21.1.04 at Mibrulung, near Wagga Wagga, NSW; died 1.9.95 at Box Hill Hospital, Vic. She married Albert Frauenfelder in 1924. They were baptised in 1925 after attending evangelistic meetings in Albury, conducted by Pastor Reuben Hare. She served in various church offices, and was particularly involved with welfare work. She later served on the Ladies Auxiliary Committee at "Coronella," Vic, and for a time was president. She is survived by her daughter, Marie; sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Phyllis, Neville and Joanna; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

**Knight**, Omer Samuel, born 27.5.06 at Beenleigh, Qld; died 10.10.95 at Thornlands. Married Dorothy Jean on 30.11.38. She predeceased him in 1950. He is survived by his second wife, Minnie Amelia (Thornlands); daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Evan McLay; and grandson, Jamie. K A Davey, L N Hawkes

**Kranz**, Jessie Pierre (nee King), born 15.12.23 in Coultar, near Biggar, Lanarkshire, Scotland; died 4.10.95 at the Mater Hospital, Newcastle, NSW. In 1929 the family migrated to Western Australia. Jessie and (Pastor) Russell Kranz were married in 1946 at the Adelaide City church by Pastors Alf Kranz and Roy Brandstater. They spent 40 years of partnership in active service for the church. During that time they lived in most Australian capital cities as well as spending two extended periods in



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London. Jess is survived by her husband (Bonnells Bay); daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Ian Irvine (Avondale College, Cooranbong); son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Edwina (England); two granddaughters; three grandsons; and sister, Nancy King (Gold Coast, Qld).

Pam and Tom Ludowici, Gordon Lee

**Lamb, Agnes Hutchinson** (nee Aiken), born 21.6.1900 in Scotland; died 25.10.95 in Newcastle, NSW, after a short illness. Married on 10.3.26, she was predeceased by her husband, John Leslie Lamb, in 1966. Agnes was baptised in the Wallsend church in 1957 by Pastor T A Anderson. She was a gracious woman who remained a faithful and loyal member until her death.

Warren G Price

**Macintosh, Cecil Donald**, born 1.7.16 at Bequia, West Indies; died suddenly on 6.10.95 at his home in Nambour, Qld. He actively worked for the church in the West Indies and Gin Gin, Qld, before finally retiring in Nambour. He is survived by Bertha, his wife of 53 years; daughters, Gale Keogh (Nambour), Gillian Burke (New Zealand) and Lillian Adams (Canada); sons-in-law; and grandchildren. Rex Tindall, Ross Parker

**McGilvray, Deslynn**, born 25.6.35 at Cabramatta, NSW; died 2.10.95 at Killabakh (Wingham). She served in the Australian Air Force for four years. Married on 25.7.59. A city girl prior to the family moving to the country, she loved milking cows. Baptised on 30.9.61, Deslynn served for many years as church clerk at the Wingham church. She is survived by her husband, Aub

(Killabakh); daughter, Carolyn (Wingham); son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Brenda; and three grandchildren (Newcastle). John Fretten

**Pryor, Carol Anne**, born 25.9.57 at Busselton, WA; died 27.10.95 at Bunbury Regional Hospital. She was baptised on 22.11.86 at Bunbury. Carol is survived by her mother, Anne (Perth); brother, John (Singapore); sister, Margaret Rutter (Jandakot, WA); and partner, Roy Read (Padbury Fields). Eric Kingdon

**Saberon, Lourdes Eamiguel**, born 22.2.40 at Palompon, Leyte, Philippines; died 9.9.95 in Manila, Philippines. She married Sotero Castro Saberon (Loy) on 12.2.72. Baptised on 20.4.90 at Javier, Leyte, Philippines. Lourdes was known for her musical ability—as a singer (soloist) and music teacher. She is survived by her husband (Auckland, New Zealand); sons, Sotero, Marcelinus (both Naval, Biliran, Philippines) and Giovanni (Auckland). David Erickson, Kyrill Bland

**Sloss, Robert Duncan**, born 1.1.26 at Concord, Sydney, NSW; died suddenly on 23.10.95 at Wentworth Falls. A faithful member of the Katoomba church, he served as church treasurer. He is survived by his wife, Erica; two brothers, two sisters, and three grandchildren. J T Knoppe, Merv Jackson

**Willis, Dayle Anthony**, born 21.3.59, died on 20.8.95 in a motor vehicle accident between Crookwell and Goulburn, NSW. Baptised on 7.11.70 at Goulburn, NSW. Dayle was a faithful member of the Goulburn church. He is survived by his chil-

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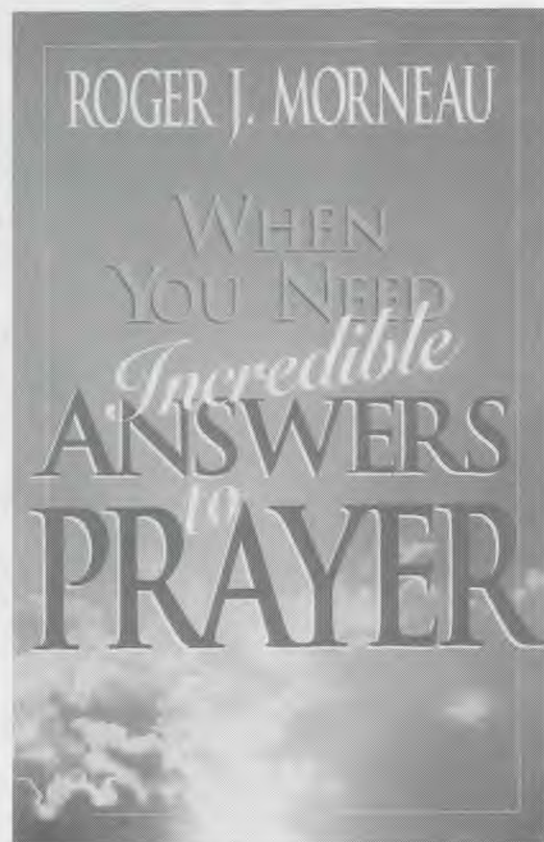




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