

# RECORD



*University students Jason Monty (left) and David Pincheira have learned how to knit to support a youth camp in country Victoria.*

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## **Knitting is not for sissies!**

*Bruce Manners*

**W**hy would students—Jason Monty, working on a PhD in aeronautical engineering, and David Pincheira, pursuing his DipEd degree in science—take an interest in knitting? They are part of a youth team at Greensborough church, Vic, that has a dream of conducting an Adventist youth weekend in country Victoria. Learning to knit is helping to make it happen.

The weekend (February 1-2, next year) will feature the South Pacific Division youth director, Pastor Gilbert Cangy, and is open to any Adventist youth (aged 15-25). Youth will be involved in workshops on current youth issues and a Saturday-night concert with Christian bands and artists.

“This challenging weekend camp aims to apply Ephesians 6:10-18,” says Gwen Pascoe from Greensborough, “and to equip the youth to use the armour provided by our loving God, not only to resist, but to *attack* the enemy.”

The weekend is free to all who attend. Participants need to bring their own tent and sleeping bag, but there is no cost. To cover the costs, Jason Monty and David Pincheira and a whole team of others are knitting nativity figures to sell (see Advertisements).

More information about the weekend is available on the web site <[www.truthattack.com](http://www.truthattack.com)>.



*Rez 10:*

*Wait, there's  
more*

# Taking the time

Lewis Mumford has an interest in time. In his book *Technics and Civilizations* he suggests that, from the fourteenth century, the presence of the clock has made us first into timekeepers, then timesavers and now timeservers.

“The clock,” he writes, “is a piece of power machinery whose ‘product’ is seconds and minutes.”

And he suggests a world made up of seconds and minutes has taught us “irreverence” toward the sun and the seasons because the authority of nature has been superseded. The invention of the clock means eternity has ceased to serve as the measure and focus of human events.

Neil Postman, in *Amusing Ourselves to Death*, considers Mumford’s thinking and adds that “the inexorable ticking of the clock may have had more to do with the weakening of God’s supremacy than all the treatises produced by the philosophers of the Enlightenment. . . .”

He sees the clock introducing a new form of conversation between God and humans, with God the loser. “Perhaps Moses should have included another commandment,” he writes: “Thou shalt not make mechanical representations of time.”

But it’s within the commandments that we find a counter to this problem—the Sabbath command. This holy time is a reminder of eternity, a reminder of God and a reminder of Creation. And it’s measured not by marking it off with a human-made instrument, but by a feat of God’s creation—sunsets.

Time has become linked to human productivity and performance, to the workplace, to deadlines and appointments. But God says, Stop. And God says, Remember. And God says, I am Lord of the

Sabbath—I rested; you do the same.

Sabbath-keepers face two dangers, two extremes: to make the Sabbath restrictive and border it with barbed wire, or to limit its value to a two-hour event on Sabbath morning. Both are unsatisfactory and lose the blessing God promised in Genesis 2.

The Sabbath, in a word, is about *relationships*. This is why we attempt to disengage from business and commerce, and the secular, to focus on God and worship, on strengthening family ties and relationships, and on service to others.

There are several things we can do to help achieve the best out of the Sabbath. Here are four:

**1. Prepare.** Preparing for the Sabbath indicates that this day is going to be special—is special. Business is finalised as much as possible so it will not interrupt. The house is prepared. The food is planned. Being ready and relaxed mentally before sunset Friday helps add to the spiritual enjoyment of Sabbath-keeping.

There’s much to be said for the Orthodox Jewish concept of having a celebratory meal prepared and “Sabbath candles” ready for sunset on Friday evening. Everything is ready to greet the Sabbath.

**2. Block out business and commerce.** This is difficult, particularly for those who run their own business. It requires discipline and, again, preparation by finalising what can be finalised before the end of the week. While not often recognised by Adventists, the main Sabbath-keeping text in the Bible outside the Ten Commandments, Isaiah 58:13, 14, is about commercial interests and idle business talk.

**3. Block out the secular.** We miss so much of what Sabbath could be if it becomes simply another day with church

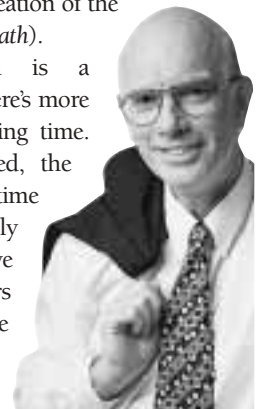
added, and friends around for lunch. Why should we allow the secular, through whatever medium or media, interrupt the blessing we seek? The world will survive without us, and we will survive better without it for 24 hours.

**4. Build on relationships.** The central purpose of the Sabbath is to build a stronger relationship with God and with family and friends. It’s also there to help build relationships with others through service. Let’s admit it, most of us don’t have the time during the week.

The clock has its influence, even on the Sabbath—otherwise no-one would be on time for Sabbath school and church. We can’t avoid time, but we can turn the Sabbath into a celebration of God’s time.

That’s Abraham Heschel’s approach: “The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of the things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to *holiness in time*. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world” (*The Sabbath*).

The Sabbath is a reminder that there’s more to life than serving time. Taken as directed, the Sabbath gives us time for what’s really important. And we become the losers if we don’t take the time.



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- Adventist addresses National Press Club
- Youth camp subsidy success
- Students collect tonnes of food
- Jesus visits Signs
- Youth march in Mexico
- Adventist wins gold at Masters
- Big bucks for ADRA appeal
- and more



● The president of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, Pastor **Wilson Stephen**, is pictured (at right) with the Governor-General of Papua New Guinea (PNG), **Sir Silas Atopare**, after receiving an MBE on October 17 (see Flashpoint, November 2). The award acknowledged Pastor Stephen's service to others and his contribution to PNG in its growth as a nation.

● ADRAcare Relief Manager, **Chris Olafson** (pictured), recently gave a speech at the National Press Club in Canberra. The Press Club function was given as part of the Federal Government's recognition of volunteers and addressed by the Federal Attorney **Daryl Williams**. Mr Olafson delivered a response on behalf of Emergency Services Volunteers of Australia.



● The Victorian Conference's **subsidy program** to help **country youth** attend camp, and encourage Adventist youth to bring **non-Adventist friends** (Flashpoint, July 20) is reported in *Intravic* as being a **success**. At a recent youth camp attended by 55, there were 27 country campers and

## Op-shop donates to rescue service

**R**epresentatives of the ADRAcare opportunity shop in Wollongong, NSW, recently donated a cheque for \$A3000 to assist the operations of the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Service based in the Illawarra.

Team leader Louise Coser, her assistant Jim Coser, secretary Wilma Crofts and ADRAcare

disaster relief coordinator Chris Olafson attended the helicopter base in Wollongong to present the cheque. The donation represents the proceeds of many hours of volunteer service by the Wollongong ADRAcare op-shop team.

Since the year 2000 the op-shop has, through sale of goods in the community, been able to donate more than \$A13,500 to various local, national and overseas community projects.

The ADRAcare team were given a guided tour of the facility and the Lifesaver Helicopter by service secretary Kym Nielsen and crewman Tony LeMarseny. Ms Nielsen thanked ADRAcare for the generous support of the service, stating that the funds would be put to good use in maintaining this vital community emergency service in the Illawarra and southern NSW areas.



12 who are not currently connected to the Adventist Church. Youth director **Pastor Neil Thomson** was delighted with the results saying, "This camp broke new ground. The ministry model we used really connected well with the campers and as a pilot program for our soon coming summer programs, was a huge success."

● Some **three-and-a-half tonnes** of non-perishable food, with an estimated value of between \$A8000 and \$A10,000, was **collected by 150 volunteers** from Avondale College on October 18. **Craig Vogel**, Avondale's student services director, said, "The Salvation Army transit van was fully loaded and the springs were flat, but they weren't complaining." According to Mr

Vogel, the Salvation Army community services manager, Howard Mole, was "blown away by the response." The Salvation Army deals with 500 cases of food welfare in the Newcastle area per month. According to Mr Mole, the food from Operation Tin Can will **fill the welfare pantry** at The Salvation Army Centre through **until Christmas**.—Steve Huett

● A 35 per cent **increase** in first year **science student** numbers continued the recent growth of Avondale College's Faculty of Science and Mathematics. According to *Connections*, the good news is that even if this number were to double, the jobs are there for science and maths teachers, which are an **internationally endangered species**.

● Negotiations between Safeliz Publishing House (Spain) and the Signs Publishing Company will see **Safeliz books** available **in the South Pacific**. Safeliz has an extensive range of books with mainly a **health emphasis**, in 23 languages. One of them has sold a million copies worldwide, others have been turned into magazine format and made available as a series in newsagents. **Jesus Jimenez** (at right), the trade and marketing manager for Safeliz, is pictured at Signs with the general manager **Warren Jones**.



● The **Governor of Lagos State, Nigeria, Asiwaju Ahmed Tinubu**, commended the church for laying a solid foundation for the development of spiritual, medical and educational work in Nigeria. The governor appealed to the church not to relent in its efforts to direct the minds of Nigerians to God, adding that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” He continued: “**Morality cannot be legislated**, but can be taught into the heart through constant instruction and prayers. I grew up to know the Seventh-day Adventist Church and I salute the courage of the pioneers.”—ANN

## Star line-up for SAH carols program

**S**ydney Adventist Hospital's 2002 Carols by Candlelight program boasts an all-star line-up with television personality Andrew Daddo (pictured, left) hosting the evening and Todd McKenney (featured in the musicals *Boy from Oz* and *Singing in the Rain*) as the featured performer on Sunday, December 8.



Mr McKenney (pictured, right) will be joined on stage by Andrew Daddo, Christian entertainer Johnny Burns, the San Carols Band and local artists.

The Sanitarium Kids concert will feature Humphrey B Bear. Humphrey will perform a special 30-minute show with his friends.

Children's activities will commence at 4 pm with an international food fair from 5 pm. The Sanitarium Kids Concert will start at 7 pm followed by the main Carols program from 8 pm.

The evening will conclude with fireworks and the Hallelujah Chorus.—*Janine Van Den Tillaart*

● More than **3000 Adventist youth from Mexico City** took to the streets on October 19 in Super Mission 2002—a march against drugs. The march was organised by Pastor **Miguel Angel Giron**, youth director of the Metropolitan Conference in Mexico. The young people returned to Mexico City's public square on October 27 to offer free medical assistance, distribute books and Christian music and participate in a concert.—ANN

● Small-group Bible studies have more than **doubled over a three-month period** in the Euro-Asia Division **based in Moscow**. As of June 1 this year, 2774 small groups involving more than 10,000 people were participating in Bible study. By September 10, there were 5624 small groups with **23,354 members involved**.—ANN

● While a group of Christians in California had to go to court to force schools to allow students to use school facilities for meetings, the San Mateo High School (California) has allowed and promoted a **Satanism club**. Thirty-five students attended the first meeting of the Satanic Thought Society during the school's lunch hour.—*Crosswalk.com*

● The proposal to permit the sale of **alcohol at petrol stations** and supermarkets is the triumph of economic rationalism over common sense, says Wesley Mission's social policy consultant Dr Keith Suter. “US experience has shown that sales of alcohol at petrol stations are designed to promote “impulse” buying—**increasing the risk** of immediate consumption in vehicles. Alcohol is a dangerous drug. Far more people are killed each year because of alcohol than all the narcotic drugs combined. We should be looking at ways of reducing its availability—not increasing them.”

### Days and offerings

**November 23**—Spirit of Prophecy

Emphasis Day

**December 7**—Stewardship Day

## Off the record

● Triple Gold medal winner, **Plamen Alexandrov** (left rear) is seen here with Wye Sabbath school members **Phil Page, Nicole Perceval, Joshua Page** and **James Halcrow**. Mr Alexandrov received his gold medals from the World Masters Games in Melbourne in the 50m, 100m, and 200m breast-stroke events (40-44 years) and broke two World Masters Games records in the process. During the lesson the children were encouraged to visit and talk with someone from a different background. A **Bulgarian** by birth, Mr Alexandrov lives in the **United States** and is a member of the Champaign Illinois SDA Church.



● Is this a coincidence? **Pastor Zane Edwards** and his family recently relocated to Queanbeyan, NSW (just outside Canberra, ACT). Their new neighbour is Salvation Army minister, **Captain Michael Harries** and his family. The Edwards have three young boys, the Harries have three young girls. Captain Harries cares for the community service work for the Salvation Army in his territory and Pastor Edwards cares for the community service work for the South New South Wales Conference. The Edwards have a female Fox Terrier puppy, the Harries have a male Fox Terrier puppy. When Captain Harries knew the Edwards were moving, he volunteered to assist with the Salvation Army truck—an ecumenical move!

● While completing some of his territory for the **ADRA appeal** in the Southern Highlands of NSW, **Bill Ackland** met someone who was waiting for him to visit. The man brought out a cheque for **\$A7500!** When Mr Ackland recovered, he asked the donor if he had an earlier contact with ADRA. “No,” the donor replied, “with Adventists.”



# REZ10—but wait, there's more

**Kellie Hancock**

A return of the complete REZ10 team on December 14 has been confirmed by South Pacific Division (SPD) youth director Pastor Gilbert Cangy. Dubbed REZ10.1, the event will feature the Laundry, the worship band and Pastor Murray Hunter, and will be filmed live from Newcastle at 7.00 pm Daylight Saving Time (4.00 pm in WA and 9.00 pm in NZ).

“REZ10 was the biggest youth evangelistic program in Seventh-day Adventist history in this division,” says Pastor Cangy. “We’ve listened to the response to REZ10 and

believe we need to follow up the tremendous momentum that God has begun here.” REZ10.1 is a special one-night event designed to recast the Underground vision and spell out clearly the future direction of REZ10 and the Underground movement.

“I had the privilege to speak with the students of Sonoma College in Papua New Guinea a few weeks ago,” reports Pastor Cangy. “The staff and students had watched REZ10 and really enjoyed it, especially Murray Hunter’s preaching. However, I realised they had no concept of the Underground movement and did not make any connection between REZ10 and the movement.

“We feel this might have been the case for many of our viewers who—despite an intensive awareness campaign at all levels of the church from January 2001 to REZ10 in August 2002—have a rather vague understanding of the Underground vision.”

REZ10 was originally designed as a reaping event as part of the Underground strategy. “When we launched the movement on August 16, 2001,” says Pastor Cangy, “we challenged youth across the

division to be part of an Underground small group.

“One objective of the group was to prepare for REZ10. Each member of the group was to pray for three unsaved friends and to use the booklet *One Heart at a Time* to be trained and challenged to share their faith with three friends. All the friends prayed for would be invited to REZ10 and be given a chance to cross the

line for Jesus.” Soon after the first couple of REZ10 episodes, however, Pastor Cangy says it became obvious that the majority of young Adventist viewers had not engaged in the Underground, and

REZ10 was their first meaningful contact with notions about the Underground movement.

“We’ve had to come to terms once again with the challenges of communication and leadership,” says Pastor Cangy, “particularly when it comes to new initiatives.”

While general information about the Underground was shared by the panel

(The Laundry) during REZ10, according to Pastor Cangy it was not the place to comprehensively share its vision. He admits that “by the time REZ10 concluded in Brisbane on August 31, we had not really spelled out what the next step would be.”

Now that there has been an explosion of awareness about the Underground around the SPD, Pastor Cangy reports, “We have been impressed to go on-air one more time this year to make the most of the moment.”

On December 14, 2002, REZ10.1 will be an opportunity for every Adventist young adult to:

- become fully acquainted with the Underground
- be given the challenge to be part of God’s army and join the movement that is reshaping the future of our church
- catch up with the REZ10 team and relive the best of REZ10 memories
- share in a unique SPD-wide inspirational experience.

“I am counting on every church member and leader to do all they can in their sphere of influence to ensure all the young people from their church are in attendance for REZ10.1,” Pastor Cangy concludes. “We aim to keep the dream of youth evangelism and participation in our church alive.”



*The youth Underground movement has gained momentum since REZ10, and organisers plan to keep the dream alive with a special one-off event—REZ10.1—on December 14.*

## Colombian centre to help women devastated by war

*Bogota, Colombia*

Colombia’s first training centre for displaced single mothers was opened recently by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Bogota. The centre will provide much-needed training support for more than 350 single mothers affected by the civil war in Colombia.

The facilities include administrative offices and classrooms that will be used for courses on literacy, health, sewing, hairdressing, manicure and pedicure, democracy and women’s rights. Courses in human development and small business management will also be taught.

As a result of the civil war in Colombia the country’s rate of displaced persons is second only to Afghanistan, reports Wally Amundson, ADRA director in the Inter-American Division. He points out that many women have lost husbands or family members who used to help support them. “These single mothers have lost everything; they’ve lost their security, and their way to earn a living.”

# Adventist News growing in popularity

Brenton Stacey

**A**dventist News is continuing to grow in popularity, says its executive producer Bronwyn Mison. More churches are subscribing to the 30-minute satellite program—the November 22 edition of which has the widest appeal—she reports.

“The stories we’ve shot in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, South New Zealand and on Lord Howe Island focus on evangelism, public affairs, literature and health,” says Mrs Mison. “We’ve even got footage of an Adventist swimming across the English Channel.”

The program also includes stories about the Adventist Development and Relief Agency Appeal, the opening of the new auditorium at Avondale College, and the Year of the Outback.

The South Pacific Division’s Communication Department produces *Adventist News* four times a year. Each edition contains about 10 news stories, about three feature stories and an interview or a message.

Adventist Media



**Bronwyn Mison presents Adventist News. She believes “the next edition—November 22—has the widest appeal of any previous one.”**

“Show one of the features as a visual mission story during Sabbath school, or show the news stories before the worship service,” suggests Mrs Mison. “Send a copy of the program to isolated members of your church. Broadcast it on closed-circuit television. Be creative.”

A new edition of *Adventist News* will be uplinked on February 28 next year.

*Churches without satellite dishes should phone the Communication Department on (02) 9847 3290 to subscribe to “Adventist News.” A single subscription is \$A10.95. Yearly subscriptions are \$A42.00. All prices include postage and handling.*

## Adventist university wins international competition

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

**A**Seventh-day Adventist university in Southern California beat more than 1200 universities to become the international Students In Free Enterprise champions at the SIFE World Cup held recently in Amsterdam.

At the competition, La Sierra University and fellow entrants presented their educational-outreach programs, which they had conducted throughout the year in their communities. A panel of more than 70 of the world’s top business leaders judged how well these projects taught others the principles of free-market economics.

La Sierra’s winning submission included a training course for welfare-

dependent people who want to learn how to start a child-care business. Now in its third year, the program has helped approximately 200 women. About one-third of those have opened their own businesses.

The La Sierra team also started projects in India, Mexico and Peru—all aimed at providing assistance and independence to people in economically underdeveloped areas.

Founded in the United States in 1975 and active on college and university campuses in 31 countries, SIFE says it encourages students to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practising and teaching the principles of free enterprise.—ANN.

## Expelled Kauma student ordained to gospel ministry

**T**erry Atauea, the chaplain at Kauma school, pastor of the Kauma church and district director and evangelist for Abemama in Kiribati, was ordained to gospel ministry at Kauma Campus church on October 5.

Pastor Atauea, a prior student, had been expelled from Kauma three times during his high school years for drinking, smoking and bad behavior. “I was a real rascal,” he says. The current principal, Tekemau Ribabaiti, a teacher at the time, agreed. “Terry was a very bad boy, a real handful.”

“I ended up going to Fulton College in 1991 because none of the schools on my island would accept me after my third expulsion,” said Pastor Atauea. “It wasn’t until my final year at Fulton that I felt the call of God to be a minister. I was also baptised that same year.”

When asked how he thought he ended up being a minister after such a turbulent teen period, Pastor Atauea says it was the



**Terry, from Banaba Island, Kiribati, is married to Tekeabuti, from Fiji, and they have three boys. Pictured with them is their youngest son, Tavita.**

prayer of his mother. “She dedicated me to God to be a gospel minister before I was born, and never stopped praying for me through my rough years.”

Graduating from Fulton College in 1993 with a Diploma in Theology, he worked as a volunteer pastor in the Fiji Mission for two years, then was employed as a full-time minister. He was then called back to Kiribati in 2000, and worked in one of the outer islands before moving to Kauma at the beginning of this year.

Pastor John Horvath, the Kiribati Mission president, and Pastor Mel Lemke, volunteer director at the South Pacific Division, led out in the ordination service.

# Leaders address remuneration issues

*Bettina Krause, Adventist News Network*

Leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have voted a new approach to setting wages for the more than 13,000 church employees around the world. After an extended discussion, leaders meeting at the Annual Council voted on October 9 to implement a more decentralised method of setting salary scales.

The committee endorsed a common philosophy and guidelines for remuneration, but has given each of the church's 12 divisions, or administrative regions, freedom to apply these standards within the unique context of their own territories.

In an interview on *Adventist NewsLine*, Gerry Karst, chair of the remuneration committee, said he thinks the process has resulted in a fairer, more practical policy for the church. "God has blessed us," he said. "We've studied this through

together, we have done a lot of praying, we've worked hard, we've brought in the policy to the Annual Council [where it] received significant debate, and that's good. I think we need to debate these things."

For more than 40 years, the Adventist Church has operated on a centralised wage-setting system, with the church's General Conference establishing a basic scale, and each division setting a wage factor to use with the wage scale. The responsibility for setting the wage scale now shifts to division administrators.

The new approach responds to concerns in some parts of the world where the church has difficulty attracting and keeping qualified employees in areas such as business and education. Some flexibility has been built in, allowing divisions, where necessary, to offer wages more in line with market rates, while still maintaining a commitment to the "spirit

of sacrifice" that characterises church employment.

The division's wage scale will serve as the standard for denominational organisations within a division. However, under a special approval process, an alternative remuneration plan for unique, limited situations may be adopted.

The new approach may mean slightly higher salaries for church employees in some areas, while in others, salaries will have to be reduced to bring them into line with the policy. Church entities that are outside the policy will have five years to bring themselves into compliance.

"I think we've got to give and take," says Mr Karst. "Not everyone was happy, and nor will everybody ever be happy, on remuneration. So, we don't have a perfect document, but I think we have the best that we could accomplish at this point in time, and I believe God will bless the church as a result of it."

# Aussies, Kiwis celebrate 50 years of drug prevention

*Brenton Stacey*

An organisation formed by Seventh-day Adventists, and those of other faiths, to fight against drugs celebrated 50 years of advocacy during its 11th World Congress in early October.

The International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (ICPA), established in 1952 with 27 countries as charter members, is a non-government organisation of the United Nations and the World Health Organisation. It now operates in 70 countries.



**Pastor Ernie Steed receives an award for outstanding achievement from Peter Landless, ICPA director.**

Australians, New Zealanders and those who used to work in the South Pacific featured prominently during the congress, held in Bethesda, Maryland, USA.

Pastor Ernie Steed received an award for outstanding achievement. The former temperance director for the General Conference served as director of ICPA from 1967 to 1987.

Dr Terry Butler, an Australian who is principal co-investigator of the second Adventist Health Study at Loma Linda University (California, USA), reviewed the evidence for the cardio-protective benefits of wine and grape juice. It seems the properties of the grape, not the ethanol, are primarily responsible for the benefits.

Dr Percy Harrold, associate health director for the South Pacific Division, challenged ICPA to consider an alternate, harm minimisation model to combat drug abuse.



**Terry Butler, Judy McAnulty, Margaret Jackson, her daughter and Percy Harrold with Pastor Ernie and Roda Steed at the 11th World Congress of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency.**

Judy McAnulty, health director for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, spoke about the lowering of the drinking age in New Zealand—young adults are now drinking more heavily, more often.

And Margaret Jackson, a New Zealander who is president of Women's Christian Temperance Union, presented one of the three keynote addresses.

# Tackling the worship issue

by Barry Oliver

**D**uring 2002 the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church has spent a great deal of time considering the theme “United in worship of God.” Many sermons have been preached, many articles written and, I dare say, many discussions over the Sabbath lunch table have been centred on the subject of worship.

As we come toward the end of this year, perhaps it would be helpful if we were to list some commonsense, practical principles to assist us as we plan our worship services. Call it a diagnostic check list for worship health if you like.

First, it is vital to the health of the congregation that opportunity be given for those with different views about worship to talk together. The spirit of destructive criticism is anti-Christian and inappropriate. Leaders in the local church should seek the counsel of the members and provide opportunities for sharing and dialogue.

Second, the strengths and weaknesses of different points of view should be made available to the church at large so that members can evaluate, discuss and arrive at consensus on appropriate worship forms. It's unlikely that coming generations will tolerate “the same old stuff” just because it is familiar.

What is true of worship will be true of most other things the church does. Church members will not become enthusiastic if they perceive guidelines are being enforced. Healthy churches in the 21st century will be those that participate in the development of a strong, biblically based theology of worship, and implement broadly based worship practices that value appropriate flexibility.

Third, when dialogue and research reveals the necessity, congregations need to be willing to experiment. In seeking to give attention to appropriate worship, and

recognising that meaningful worship brings together many different elements, the following questions should be addressed:

●*What about participation?* Is everything possible being done to maximise the participation of members, both in planning and presenting the worship service? Who plans the service each week? Who prays, reads the Scripture and presents special music? How often are minority groups in the church involved (youth, children, aged, widows and ethnic people, for instance)? Is there variety? Why, or why not?

●*What about sensitivity?* Is there a consciousness that worship must be expressed with sensitivity? There are times when even the most extroverted worshipper cannot be exuberantly joyful. There are those suffering grief, those who are ill; those who are in the centre of an interpersonal conflict. Appropriate expressions of worship will take these members of the congregation into consideration.

●*What about the preaching?* Appropriate worship will be enhanced by good preaching. Deductive preaching will especially feed those in the congregation who find meaningful worship in a more cognitive presentation of the gospel. Inductive preaching will be better suited to those who find their need for worship oriented more toward the affective. A well-planned preaching program will provide both of these types of sermons, as well as others.

●*What about fellowship?* Worship can be enhanced by the sense of fellowship and community that is promoted within the congregation. Many studies have focused on the need for fellowship in the church. The lack of fellowship is generally recognised as a more significant reason for people dropping out of the congregation than doctrinal aberration or apostasy.

●*What about celebration of service?* Meaningful worship is closely related to service or ministry. The people of God can

find joy in service if they are empowered to serve. Worship on Sabbath can be a celebration of the ministry that has been an essential part of the lifestyle of the worshipper during the week.

●*What about the planning?* How well does the local congregation plan its worship? The process of planning worship must be participative and thorough. When careful planning isn't carried out, the result is that the bias of the leader will determine the flavour of worship. If that's the case, only some members of the congregation will be able to enter into meaningful worship.

What's more, if the same lack of planning occurs regularly and the same leader is permitted to dictate the style of worship, the situation will rapidly develop where some of the congregation will find they're becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the worship service.

●*What about the music?* Careful thought should especially be given to the music for worship. Probably in no other area is there likely to be so much contention as in the choice of appropriate music. Careful consideration should be given to finding music that contains some elements that meet the needs of as wide a spectrum of worshippers as possible. Different styles should be chosen that are appreciated by different groups within the church. Never, however, should extremes of a particular style be permitted within the church.

Worshippers need to be sensitive to their fellow worshippers and not demand or expect that others should find adequate occasion for their expression of joy in the Holy Spirit in exactly the same way as themselves.

●*What about a sense of awe?* All worship, if it is directed toward God, should enhance a sense of awe. In earlier centuries and in other lands this was done by erecting Gothic cathedrals with stained-glass windows, pipe organs and choirs





rendering Gregorian chants. While Seventh-day Adventists don't generally use these forms of worship, there is, nevertheless, a great need to find ways of creating a sense of awe and the majesty of God in ways that are uniquely Adventist and locally acceptable.

One of the deep-seated reasons for the rejection of religion in many places is the manner in which Christians have imported worship forms from other places and failed to contextualise them within a local Christianity. Seventh-day Adventists have also been guilty of this. Worship will be enhanced when worshippers can experience God's presence in the context of their own imagery resonating the Christian life as it is lived from day to day.

●*What about a willingness to experiment?* Some will be open to more experimental forms of worship. Great care should be exercised in bringing these into the local congregation. They should be introduced on an experimental basis only and not imposed by the will of any individual. Drama and mime are two such forms of worship that come readily to mind. It should be remembered that in many cultures of the world these mediums are the traditional vehicles of community knowledge. They are not intrinsically bad nor inappropriate for worship.

Finally, it is an unfortunate commentary on most local Adventist churches that there is usually little attempt to put in place an

adequate evaluation process that assesses the ministries and functions of the church. Many congregations are in a rut. They're content to continue doing the same things with the same people year after year. They appear to make no endeavour to evaluate their success or failure.

Worship may be enhanced if the congregation is prepared to intentionally assess its own performance. The use of agreed trial periods may be one way to do this. Wise leadership will never try to introduce change by deleting an existing program or methodology and substitute another. Rather, the new and untried will be introduced by addition rather than substitution, and always only for a trial period.

Of course innovative strategies, creative planning, participation and so on, in and of themselves do not guarantee that worship will take place. Worship requires worshippers. Unless you and I actually encounter God in our experience of worship, worship has not occurred.

This kind of worship grows out of a relationship with Him that is grounded on our daily experience of His grace. This experience of grace is the theme for our worldwide church in 2003—"United by the wonder of His grace." ®

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Barry Oliver is the secretary of the South Pacific Division.

## Eating to prevent wrinkles

**A**geing is something we all experience. Our skin doesn't escape the effects of ageing and gradually wrinkles and sags. Wrinkles are caused by a reduced number of elastin (fibres that provide elasticity) and collagen fibres (providing strength). Without elasticity and strength the skin collapses into those tiny folds—wrinkles.

Research from Monash University indicates that diet can significantly affect our skin and its tendency to wrinkle. The foods listed below contain antioxidants or other chemical components that help to either prevent or promote wrinkles.

### **Foods that fight wrinkles:**

- Mono-unsaturated fats—in olive, canola and peanut oil, avocados and peanuts
- Nuts and legumes (especially lima and broad beans)
- Vegetables (particularly leafy greens, spinach, asparagus, celery, onions, leeks and garlic)
- Wholegrain cereals
- Fruit and fruit products (especially prunes, cherries, apples and jams)
- Water
- Reduced-fat milk and milk products, such as yoghurt
- Eggs
- Zinc—found in wheat germ, wholegrain breads and cereals, nuts, seeds, soy foods and other legumes.

### **Foods that promote wrinkles:**

- Saturated fat
- Meat (especially fatty, processed meats)
- Full-fat dairy products
- Soft drinks and cordials
- Cakes, pastries and desserts
- Butter, margarine
- Vitamin C supplements

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# The volunteering life



**T**here are plenty of full-time volunteers around this little globe,” says Jill Macgillivray, “and we’ll get to know them in person in the sweet by and by. Volunteers usually don’t like to make a big thing of what they’re doing.”

And Jill and her husband, Alastair, didn’t want to make a big thing of their experience at Aore Adventist Academy in Vanuatu.

“We’re just ordinary people doing ordinary things that anyone else could do,” she explains. “We’d rather tell about the needs and the lovely people here.”

Volunteers are never ordinary, and the Macgillivrays are, in fact, extraordinary. They’ve served as volunteers in the South Pacific for eight years. They have six children: Raschelle (13), Rhonda (16) and Radley (19) have been with the family in Vanuatu; Rikki (22), Robin (26) and Ross (28) live in Mildura, Vic. Robin spent three years in Kiribati with his wife and their son (as volunteers at Kauma). RECORD asked Jill about her family and their work.

### What made you want to volunteer?

We spent six years in Samoa as paid workers, and it’s so obvious there aren’t enough dollars to pay enough workers to do all that needs to be done for our brothers and sisters in mission lands.

### Where have you worked as volunteers?

We spent nearly three years volunteering in Samoa, then more than two years in Tonga. We’ve completed almost three years in Vanuatu.

### How do you survive financially?

The Lord provides! After that, the Lord provides. Kids are a blessing. We borrowed \$1000 from our youngest son [Radley] to finish paying for our fares to get here, and to buy tools we knew would be useful. We arrived here indebted to our family.

But the Lord provides. A modest bequest

from a parent who died a year after our arrival meant we could purchase much-needed equipment to set up a furniture-making course to train the young men.

Our monthly allowance is never enough for all our needs. We see so many students struggling to pay their fees. Tools are needed. We try to live on locally grown produce as much as possible. I take my hat off to our teenagers. They make a meal of manioc and cabbage soup when their peers at home would dine out at the Pizza Hut.

I plan to spend a couple of months back at Mildura during the next grape harvest with our two girls, to earn a few more dollars for tools and living expenses. We’ve had two or three close friends who have gathered tools and equipment and provided help in many ways, at personal sacrifice to themselves—more volunteers!

### What’s good about volunteering?

Just knowing that Jesus came as a volunteer to this world, and He offers us a share in what He did, thrills us beyond words. He came with nothing; we have brought comforts—a washing machine and a foam mattresses, for instance. He had nowhere to lay His head. We have so much more than He had, and more than many of our brothers and sisters here have.

### What are you doing where you are?

Alastair has been a maintenance worker

at the schools where he’s taught; this came as part of his job as manual arts teacher. He sees a great need for practical workers everywhere he goes. Young men are going for an academic education these days, and practical skills are mostly omitted from today’s schools in the Pacific.

His first-year class of furniture makers are putting out good quality furniture, and there’s a strong demand for all they can

## Volunteer cook

**L**ife is heaps different here than Australia but it is good in a way. This year I haven’t made many friends with the Ni-Vans, but that doesn’t stop me helping cook for them. I have volunteered to help the cook because one day I want to become one.

Last year Dad, Rad, Shell and I built a catamaran, so I enjoy going out sailing with Dad. We also have a nice big yard so that keeps me busy with raking and working in the garden. Last year I made friends with a half-dead cat. I started feeding it and then it kept coming, so I kept feeding it and we became good friends.

This year the Year 12 students asked us to sew their uniforms for graduation, and they’re almost finished.

Rhonda Macgillivray

produce. There's also a long list of prospective students to begin next year.

Sadly, there's only one small workshop to accommodate this year's class of seven, plus a new intake next year. The workshop is important because each student works on a practical project as well as the theory.

Then there's a limit to how thinly Alastair can spread himself over the full range of subjects needed at two levels. The following year there will be three levels, plus ongoing maintenance around the school—which also gives students a chance to receive practical, on-the-job training as well.

While Alastair puts his heart and soul into training the students, Radley is working right alongside him and making furniture too. Our girls, Rhonda and Raschelle, enjoy improving their skills by helping in the school kitchen while the students are in class. They're trying by example to lift the standards of hygiene and care in this place.

**Have you ever felt you were in danger?**

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. Yes, we've experienced a couple of cyclones. One of the earthquakes that hit here made a lot of noise as things fell clattering to the floor, but we have never suffered any physical injury.

No matter where we are, none of us is immune to the attacks on our minds and emotions that discourage and belittle us. We have more to fear from those who would prevent us from receiving eternal life than from any person or thing able to destroy our physical lives.

**What kind of difference do you think you make?**

Many of the students, having finished Form Four or even up to Form Six, won't have funds to continue their education. They'll return to their villages or live with relatives in the towns. They're in danger, with no income or work to occupy them.

We hope to see young people employed usefully, providing an income for their families and providing practical help to maintain and even improve their general living standards.

I've found a lot of women are keen to learn to sew and to learn how to keep their sewing machines in working order. This too

can be a livelihood and a way to improve the general living standards of the individual families and society as a whole.

In a couple of the villages, young girls are keen to sew. They have no funds to complete basic high school, but at least they'll be able to sew for their families. One day I invited the women to bring their mending to teach them how to fix clothes and sheets. One girl brought her only bedding—a worn and torn sheet, hardly useful in Alastair's rag bag. It can get quite cool here at times, and sometimes a sheet isn't enough. My family back home gathers good used linen to send us; it's always popular.

**What can you tell us about support from Australia and New Zealand?**

We've found that those who have spent time in the mission field have the best idea of the needs here, and realise that if a tool is no longer useful at home, it will be even less useful here. Parts are usually more expensive and harder to obtain.

Sewing machines in working order can be put to good use, and they don't have to be the latest model with digital settings; the faithful old treadle machines do the job. Here, many women sit on the floor and wind the handle manually to produce good clothing. Towns have power, but most villages are without.

Sometimes we receive clothing and tools. Some are packed thoughtfully and the cost of freight is well spent. Other times we think the money could have been better spent. Some well-meaning people send out books that have little appeal. People here have similar needs to our own. They'd be thrilled to own a nice Bible and hymnbook, and easy-to-read books rather than scholarly tomes on deep and obscure topics. Simple message books such as Ellen White's *Christ's Object Lessons*, *Steps to Christ*, the Conflict Series and health books are good and useful. Children need worthwhile books too.

The people here like to dress modestly—skirts and large T-shirts, loose shorts and tidy shirts are to be desired above swimwear or tight-fitting clothing. Strong cotton is far better than filmy materials that are hot to wear or need constant ironing. I know beggars can't be choosers, but it's a real thrill on our part to have decent things to share.

**Great experience**

**V**olunteering is a great experience for a young person, but it's also quite a challenge. It's exciting living in a different culture, as well as being a wonderful education—you learn new things all the time. I found it hard at first to make friends with the students, but as I learned to speak their language I found it easier.

The first two years we borrowed textbooks from the local high school and used them for school, but this year my sister and I volunteered to work in the dining hall because there is only one cook for 300 or so students.

We've found that pretty much full-time work, but it's an interesting job and we find it a great opportunity to witness to the students as approximately half are not Adventists.

We are planning to go back to Australia this year end for a working holiday. This will be a big change because I haven't been back since the beginning of 2000, so I'm looking forward to seeing all my brothers!

Then hopefully I will come back next year and do correspondence.


*Raschelle Macgillivray*

**And the worthwhile things sent out are put to good use?**

I had a woman come to learn to sew this week. She told me she's never sewn before, but in one week she has made four very good shirts for members of her family.

Her husband has been to the Layman's School here, and works as a minister. They're transferring to Malekula Island next year. I hope to resurrect a sewing machine for her to take with her to use to teach other women to sew in her isolated field.

**What are your plans for the future?**

Alastair would like to stay at least two more years, possibly three, to see his first intake of students through to completion, and to help his successor with any problems he may encounter. He doesn't want to see the project collapse when we leave. This has been a big investment and it must continue. 

# Where is God?

by John F Knight



“Where is God?” my sceptical friends occasionally ask. “How do you know . . . ?”

“Have time for a short walk?” is my response. “A leisurely stroll might answer your question.”

So we walk along a street, any street in any suburb in any country. What do you see? God’s hand at work. The power is all too obvious, so apparent that many don’t see it.

Look at the flowers. They’re not only beautiful, but perfect in so many respects. Look at the trees, the grass—even the weeds. All have their particular fascination. Then a few common sparrows fly by, or some doves, or seagulls by the water. Take a few deep breaths and feel exhilarated.

God infused the world with life. There are millions of everyday manifestations demonstrating that God created the original prototypes, injected life into each one with the ability to live on, produce and reproduce. Life shows the presence of God. He is alive and omnipresent.

I didn’t think too much about this until I attended a recent meeting of Australian doctors and dentists conducted by a very switched-on organisation composed of people committed to the Christian ethic, irrespective of specific denominational name tags.

A well-known medico consultant, Professor John Yeo, was the guest speaker. His audience was a couple of hundred experienced doctors and dentists. His fame lies in the fact that he established and perfected the spinal-care unit at Sydney’s Royal North Shore Hospital. Here, major back injuries are now treated, often successfully rehabilitated and even cured.

Professor Yeo has spent a professional lifetime establishing and operating this amazing unit until his recent retirement. It still offers excellent relief for severely

injured people every day. He’s a committed Christian. His theme was the above simple explanation to the question, “Where is God?”

You find evidences of God in the trees and flowers, the wind, rain, hail, lightning, the air we breathe. It’s found in life itself, the ability to survive, eat, exercise and sleep.

As more is discovered in the medical world, the more it underscores the amazing intricacy of life. It has been there since humans were created, in all its amazing detail, but every day more of the mystery of life is being revealed.

Although there is now talk of manufacturing body organs from embryonic stem cells, humans still can’t create life. No amount of scientific fiddling can make a living being—be it plant, animal or human. All must begin with existing life.

Billions of seeds blow around in the air. Each is filled with the spark of life, which jumps into action when the seed lands and is nurtured by water, sun and nutrition.

Genetic modification is simply manipulating the inherent genetic living components of the seed. No-one, no matter how

clever or how much research they do, can actually create life. God, and only God can do that.

The physicists and mathematicians of this world talk about the “laws of nature.” Everything works in a mathematical manner and that’s that, they say. Not really. The laws had to begin somewhere—in the mind and hand of God. These laws of life have been doing their work ever since.

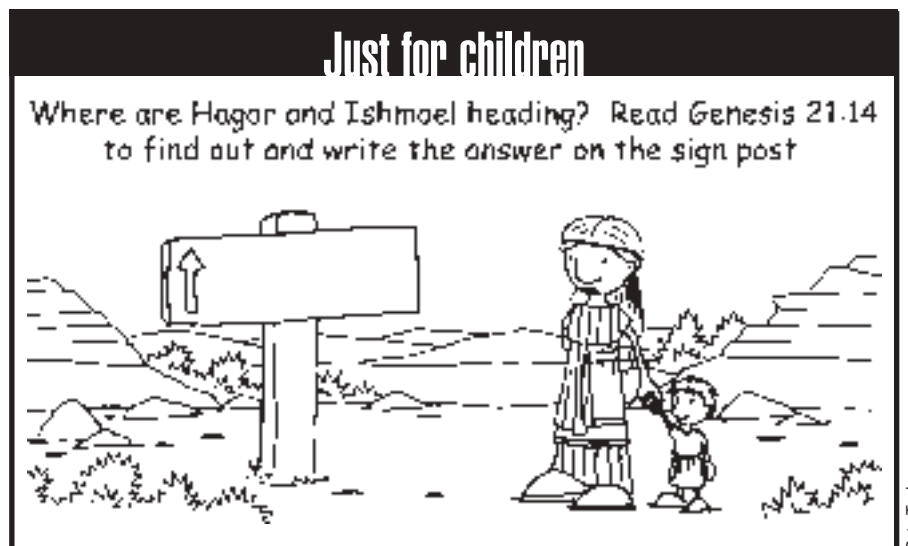
I’m comfortable these days in talking to friends or strangers, personally and publicly—for I carry out a large amount of media work—about my belief in God. I’m happy to let others know I endeavour to follow the Christian ethic.

Perhaps if this occurred on a mass scale, there would be no wars, no terrorism, no hatred or desire to kill and maim.

One day this will happen. Then all will agree that there is a God, and that He is omnipresent. He is everywhere—hopefully also in our hearts.

I love thinking about it each day. 

*John F Knight is a family doctor, author, columnist and broadcaster who lives in Sydney.*



Peta Taylor



## The name game

Robert Williams, NSW

To the number of schools that have elected to delete “Seventh-day” and/or “Adventist” from their titles, add a number of churches. Churches declare themselves “community” rather than Seventh-day Adventist. “Community” means to be in or for the community and “church” refers to any group that gathers in the name of religion. This includes such groups as the Church of Scientology and the Church of Satan.

An observer could be justified in concluding that a group that’s deleted such descriptive titles must have either lost or is trying to hide its identity and its hope—in our case, of a soon-coming Saviour.

## The truth is out there

David Tasker, PNG

The 50 per cent divorce rate (from “Evangelistic figures,” Letters, October 5) in Australia, although often quoted, is a myth. It is derived from a comparison of the number of weddings and divorces in any year. Because the number of divorces is about half the number of weddings, some conclude a 50 per cent divorce rate. The Australian Bureau of Statistics figure of 32 per cent is more realistic, taking into account the total number of marriages and the total number of divorces. Seventh-day Adventist Church statistics reflect those of the general populace.

## Good reads

Michael Westcott, Qld

I recently read that in regard to apologetics—evidence for the faith—that the Christian church is a sleeping giant. In this regard there are many intellectual resources available. I can recommend *In Six Days* and *The God Factor*, by John Ashton; *More Than a Carpenter* and *A Ready Defence*, by Josh McDowell; and *Scaling the Secular City*, by J P Moreland. I

also recommend *Creation* magazine, produced by Answers In Genesis.

seems to be a dirty concept, with prohibition being held up as the panacea, even though the harm-minimisation (with a view to abstinence) program softens the crippling blows to our communities.

First, we need to ask ourselves, *What would Jesus do?* and, *What would Jesus have me to do?* And, second, consider that prohibition removes our God-given right to choose. Galatians 5:17 tells us that our choices are not free from conflict;

***I’m totally opposed to drug and alcohol use, but if other people want to use them, then it’s not my right to prevent them.***

Revelation 22:21 lets us know that there is always hope.

## Counter views on drugs

Jonathan Bakker, Tas

“Wake-up call on drugs” (October 5) includes misinformation and misrepresentation of facts and the truth. If you quote statistics, then also mention the variables, which usually colour them.

Education and information is necessary in order that people make informed choices, even if it appears to be life-threatening and counterproductive. Giving people exaggerated information and rhetoric only serves to switch them off to potential help.

Harm and minimisation or reduction

Peter Schaper, Qld

No-one has the right to legislatively impose their view upon others. We want the freedom to choose our lifestyle, and we should grant this to others no matter that we disapprove of their choices. I’m totally opposed to drug and alcohol use, but if other people want to use them, then it’s not my right to prevent them.

Also, prohibition isn’t working; the figures quoted in the article show this. Perhaps it may have 100 years ago, as claimed in the article, but it didn’t in China 150-200 years ago. The prohibition of alcohol in the US in the 1920s may have worked to some extent, but it made one thing clear: when people are denied legal access to something, a black market develops.

So a key to controlling drug use is to eliminate the black market, in particular, to make it unprofitable for pushers to hang around places where young people gather. Legalising the sale of drugs will make the black market unprofitable. While in the short term this might result in higher usage, it’s the only long-term solution in a free society such as ours.

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**Weddings**

**Bontemps—Czapski.** Ricardo Bontemps, son of Colette (Bellfield, Vic) and the late Claude Bontemps, and Leanne Czapski, daughter of George and Helen Czapski (Ferntree Gully), were married on 20.10.02 in the Preston Adventist church, Melbourne. *Morrie Krieg*

**Brazier—Reid.** Andrew Clifford Brazier, son of Cliff and Ruth Brazier (Cooranbong, NSW), and Karalyn Anne Reid, daughter of John and Dawn Reid (Cessnock), were married on 19.10.02 at St Patrick's church, Nulkaba. *Sid Griffith*

**Leggerett—Rutter.** Hans Leggerett, son of Ron Leggerett (Sunshine, NSW) and Stella Johnson (Blue Haven), and Taryn Rutter, daughter of Chris and Betty Rutter (Sydney), were married on 22.9.02 at Blackburn Gardens, Double Bay, Sydney. *Cheonmeth Strickland, Bob Bolst*

**Obituaries**

**Edmed,** Thomas John, stillborn 13.9.02; buried 19.9.02 at 11 am at Albany Haven Cemetery, Aspley, Brisbane, Qld. He is survived by his parents, Dorothy and John. *Lewis Parker*

**Gray,** Olive Rose, born 9.12.1911 at Payneham, SA; died at home 19.9.02 at Salisbury. She was predeceased by her husband, Bert, in 1960. She is survived by her daughter, Pat Gray (Salisbury). Olive loved God and supported her church at Elizabeth. She made handicrafts for those less fortunate; loved animals, painting and gardening. *Lee Bowditch-Walsh*

**Heidke,** Elanor Marjory (nee Booth), born 19.9.1916 at Irvine Bank, Qld; died 16.9.02 in Atherton Hospital. On 22.12.40 she married Daryl. She is survived by her husband (Malanda). *Musu Amuimuia*

**Herbert,** Joyce, born 14.3.1940; died 11.7.02 at home in Waihi, NNZ. She is survived by her husband, Ewan (Waihi); her sons, Samuel and Nathan Shearman (Te Aroha, Morrinsville); and her stepchildren, Robert and Monette. Joyce was a genuine Christian lady who loved Jesus and his church supremely. Her nursing training was often put to good use. *Ken Curtis*

**Hore,** Megan (nee Meg Kirkman), born 7.1.1923 in Sydney, NSW; died 15.9.02 at Albury. On 13.9.48 she married John. She is survived by her husband; her son, Gary (Wymah); and her daughters, Lynette Race (Goulburn) and Narelle McGaffin (Albury). Meg was motivated by her love for Jesus; she lived an organised but unselfish life, dedicated to family, church and farming community. *Wolfgang Stefani*

**Jesnowski,** Beryl Edna, born 3.3.1935 at Bunbury, WA; died at home 18.9.02 after years of illness. On 29.9.55 she married Stan. She is survived by her husband (Perth); her daughters and sons-in-law, Lyn and Neville Thomson, and Margaret and Bill Gaitskell; her mother, Edna House; and her seven grandchildren. Although suffering poor health for much of her life, she was never heard complaining. She died in her sleep, knowing and loving Jesus. *Eddie Hastie, Gordon Smith*

**Kwort,** Sol, born 8.2.1922 in New York City, NY, USA; died peacefully 4.9.02 in Herberton Hospital, Qld, after a long illness. In June 1962 he married Heidi. He is survived by his wife (Herberton); his children, Rebecca, David, Joseph and Daniel. *Musu Amuimuia*

**Long,** James Malcolm, born 1.8.1975 at Cairns, Qld; died 29.7.02 at Carina Heights, Brisbane. He is survived by his parents (Naranga), former missionaries in the Pacific; and his many uncles, aunts and cousins across Australia. James suffered illness in much of his life and longed for Jesus to come again. His favourite text was Revelation 21:4. *Reg Harris*

**McIlvain,** Aileen, born 7.10.1910 at Erskineville, NSW; died 26.6.02 at Peninsula Retirement Village, Umina. She was predeceased by her husband, Samuel, in 1952; also her son, Bruce, this year. She is survived by her children, Ian and Lynette; and her son-in-law, Dudley. Aileen will be remembered as a hardworking mother who loved life. *David McKibben*

**Scotton,** Arthur, born 13.4.1921 at Rockdale, NSW; died 19.8.02 in Brisbane Waters Hospital, Central Coast. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene, in 1993. He is survived by his children, Sally, Diane, Michelle and Ralph; his sons-in-law, Rod, Gary and Andrew; and his six grandchildren. He will be remembered for his quiet Christian faith, deep commitment and his qualities of patience and resilience. *David McKibben, Frank Cantrill*

**Sparks,** Denise Anne, born 2.5.1947 at Wellington, NNZ; died at home 16.9.02 at Petone, Wellington. She is survived by her parents, Allan and Thelma (Brisbane, Qld); her son, Darren Corbert (Melbourne, Vic); her daughters, Michelle Meany (Sydney, NSW), Angela Corbert (Melbourne, Vic) and Phillipa Corbert (New York, USA). Denise suffered a long and debilitating illness, but remained cheerful and sociable till the end. She is especially remembered for her dressmaking skills, for which she was particularly gifted. *Ken Curtis*

**Tuli,** May, born 12.5.1938 at Tufulele, Western Samoa; died 20.9.02 in Griffith Base Hospital, NSW. She is survived by

her children, Diane Erica (Griffith), Steven (Newcastle), George (Griffith), Neil (Newcastle) and John (Tweed Heads); and her 13 grandchildren. She loved her Lord and her family. She will be sadly missed. *Aaron Jeffries*

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**Springvale (English) church** will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on November 23, 2002. An invitation is extended to all past and present worshippers and those who have visited over the years. Sabbath school program will commence at 9.30 am, worship service at 11.00 am, followed by a luncheon and afternoon program. For catering purposes please phone Peter Zdaril on 0401 681 959 or Robert Jantos on (03) 9799 2630 by November 17, 2002.

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**Attention music lovers.** The Australian and The Victorian Welsh Male Chorus (90 voices) with Advent Brass Ensemble in concert. Malvern Town Hall, 2.00 pm, Sunday, November 24. Ticket sales benefit Nunawading Church Building Fund. Bookings: phone Maylor (03) 9802 5013. **Sellout expected.**

**Alps 2003—beautiful Waldensian Valleys, Italy,** May 22—June 1, 2003. Alpine Lifestyle Program and Spiritual Retreat. Inspiration by Dr Allan Lindsay. Lifestyle topics by Dr Jeff Gates, Battle Creek Lifestyle Centre, MI. Tours, museums, hikes, Waldensian music. 0011 1 (706) 820 0325; fax 0011 1 (706) 820 1474; email [bsher68@aol.com](mailto:bsher68@aol.com).

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