

# RECORD



## Eat your vegies!

by John Ashton

The health benefits of a vegetarian diet are becoming increasingly well known. Vegetarians have lower rates of heart disease—the number-one killer of both men and women in Western countries. However, researchers are finding that if vegetarians *and* non-vegetarians eat lots of fruits, vegetables and whole grains, they have significantly better health. These foods are all good sources of disease-preventing anti-oxidants, and the levels are much higher than were ever suspected—even higher than in many vitamin supplements.<sup>1</sup>

It's true, an apple a day keeps the doctor away. This saying came about, not simply because apples were a good source of nutrients, but because the fibre in apples helped keep bowel movements regular. This was back in the days when people had high intakes of meat and refined (white) flour products. This meant they weren't getting much fibre in their diet.

Recently apples have jumped a long way in the estimation of nutritionists because of the high levels of anti-oxidants found, particularly in the skin of the fruit. (So wash your apples rather than peel them if you can.)<sup>2</sup>

Anti-oxidants are important components of the diet that protect us against disease by neutralising cell-damaging chemicals called "free radicals." These free radicals are everywhere—in the air we breathe (and in higher levels where there is air pollution), in the water we drink and in many foods, particularly when foods are burned or heated to high temperatures, such as in grilling and frying.

A diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains will ensure the body has anti-oxidants to mop up the free radicals before they damage cells or oxidise cholesterol and clog up our blood vessels. In this way anti-oxidants help protect the body against diseases such as cancer, heart disease and even some forms of blindness.

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# Famous last words

Famous last words are sometimes the cause of mirth. “I know this mountain like the back of my hand!” is one that comes to mind. But not always. The last words of Christ to His disciples in the upper room, for example, are poignant and meaningful. And for those of us living in these last days, so are the words at His ascension.

Adventists know them by heart: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature . . .” (Mark 16:15, NKJV). In Acts, His last-minute instructions were to go and be “witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8, NKJV).

That statement, particularly the last part, was very real in the life of John Harper, who was born at Houston, Renfrewshire, on May 29, 1872. Harper was a Baptist; the Harper Memorial Baptist church in Glasgow, Scotland, is named in his honour.

John Harper’s life was the embodiment of Christ’s statement to witness. With his very last breath, in the most dire of circumstances, he continued his witness, endeavouring to bring people to the Lord.

Harper died along with 1521 others on April 15, 1912. His death was a tragedy he might have avoided, but also one he had, perhaps, been rehearsing for his whole life.

As a two-year-old, while playing in his backyard, he tumbled down a well. Answering the shrill call of his brother, George, his mother arrived in time to pull the drowning infant out. Holding him upside down by the ankles, she shook him so that his lungs drained—a “rather primitive method of resuscitation . . . but it proved successful,” wrote George, who became a minister, some time later.

Some 24 years later, John, by then a preacher with George in mission work they

called “The Harper Brothers,” was travelling with him along the English coast near Barrow-in-Furness when they decided to take a dip in the ocean. They hadn’t allowed for the strength of the receding tide, however, and the two—John could hardly swim a stroke—soon got into difficulty.

As George admitted, “But for that Providence which rules all, my brother’s life story might have ended in the sea, and mine too.”

Almost drowning was becoming habitual, so it probably didn’t surprise John when the boat on which he was travelling to Palestine began to sink beneath him in the Mediterranean Sea. He was 32 at that time. Later he reflected on the incident, saying, “The fear of death did not for one moment disturb me. I believed that sudden death would be sudden glory.”

Witnessing, particularly in powerful preaching, was John’s and George’s passion, and many among the poorer classes and the marginalised were won to the kingdom as a result of listening to John preach on a street corner, in a seamen’s hostel or a humble church.

John, who’d given his life to Christ as a 13-year-old, says he received a literal vision of God’s purpose for him some four years later while out walking, and the next day began preaching.

Years later, and having delayed his departure for a preaching engagement in the USA and booked passage on the SS *Titanic*, he was preaching in Glasgow’s Seamen’s Centre Mission when a man stood to his feet and begged him not to go. He’d been in prayer, said the man, when he’d had a premonition that disaster loomed over Harper’s journey.

When disaster struck *Titanic* at 11.40 pm on April 14, 1912, Harper, who was

travelling with his daughter, Nana, was among those doomed to die in the ice-cold Newfoundland waters. At the alarm, he immediately placed Nana in the care of a lifeboat captain, then returned to help others. When the *Titanic* finally went down almost three hours later, he floated away in a lifejacket.

For John, this was quite literally the “end of the earth,” but instead of attempting to save himself he continued his work of saving others for eternity, imploring them to surrender to Christ. We know this because among the very few pulled from the water alive was one who did. As the man drifted past Harper, Harper called to him, “Are you saved?”

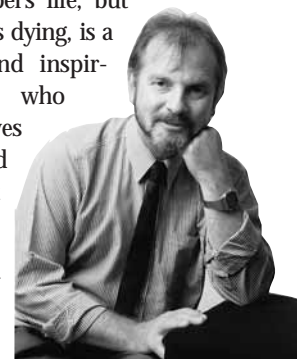
“No,” came the answer.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,” Harper shouted as the man drifted away.

A few minutes later, the same man drifted back into hearing range, and in the darkness Harper once again challenged him to accept Christ, repeating Acts 16:31, before slipping into unconsciousness.

Sometime later and safely ashore, the man acknowledged Harper’s witness, testifying that it was because of those famous last words that he’d accepted Christ, becoming Harper’s “last convert.”

John Harper’s life, but especially his dying, is a challenge and inspiration to all who call themselves Christian and accept what that implies.



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- Another record year for LEs • Border Christian College grows • Jewish ministry training
- New editor for The Edge • Gospel concert a winner • Prizes for posters • and more

—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● It has been another best year ever for **literature evangelists** with total sales of **\$A3.2 million** for the past 12 months to June. This is a **10.5 per cent** (\$A300,000) increase. While some areas in Australia and New Zealand were slightly down in sales, total sales were up. All **Pacific island sales were up**, some dramatically from the previous year: French Polynesia by **190 per cent** (to \$A248,650) and the Trans-Pacific Union by 33 per cent (to \$A375,000). Even with the trouble on Solomon Islands, there was an increase in sales. Three literature evangelists sold **more than \$A100,000** of literature during the year.

● **Border Christian College**, Albury, NSW, is growing. The school has received conference approval to **introduce Year 11** in 2006 and **Year 12** in 2007. Negotiations are already under way to purchase an additional **two hectares of land** adjoining the existing property. And there is a strong probability that a **pre-kindergarten program** will begin at the school by the beginning of the fourth term this year.

● A training program for those interested in **Jewish outreach ministry** is planned in Melbourne when Pastor **Richard Elofer** (pictured), the president of the Israel Field, visits on October 2-5 (see Notice-board). "This is a window of opportunity for committed Adventists to receive adequate training for IHIA



## V8 star takes billycart challenge



**K**mart Racing V8 Supercar champion Greg Murphy will trade horsepower for people power when he attends the Weet-Bix Billy Kart Grand Prix at the Lilydale Academy, Vic, on August 31.

"I'm a little more used to pushing the pedal to the metal rather than being pushed along, but a race is a race and I'm always up for one," he said when he tried

out one of the billycars entered for the GP (pictured with Lilydale students).

Mr Murphy, a two-time winner of the annual Bathurst 1000 and runner-up in last year's V8 Supercar Series, will be the special guest of the event, presenting the winners on the day with their trophies.

"It doesn't matter whether you're trying to win Bathurst or the Weet-Bix Billy Kart Grand Prix, it takes a great deal of teamwork and a little bit of luck to be successful," he says.

"I'm told the racing in past Billy Kart GPs has been pretty serious, and I'm sure it will be even more competitive this year but, most importantly, this event looks to be a great amount of fun and I'm really looking forward to taking part."

[Israelite Heritage Institute of Australia] outreach ministry," says **Roger Dawkins**, chairman of IHIA. Pastor Elofer has seen strong growth of the church in Israel under his leadership.

● A **new editor for The Edge** has been appointed—**Kellie Hancock** (pictured). Her first issue, which looks at issues surrounding suicide, will appear in churches and Adventist schools next week. "Kellie has really been performing the role of editor for quite some time," says RECORD editor (and former Edge editor) Pastor **Bruce**



**Manners**. "This appointment is **recognition of both her skills and her passion** for the task of reaching youth in our church." *The Edge*, a youth supplement to the RECORD, is published six times a year and is available free, upon request, to any church.

● More than **500 Pathfinders** marched in Tahiti's French Polynesia's Autonomy Day parade on June 29. This is the first time they have been able to march after several years of the parade being held on Saturdays. The march was led by **Haitiare Tribondeau**, Miss Tahiti 2003, an Adventist from Moorea, an island north-west of Tahiti.—*Cecile Trief*

● A **gospel concert** in the Panthers Club auditorium recently was attended by some 950 people in Port Macquarie, NSW. The

concert was followed by a series of meetings—"Sure and certain hope"—in the church over five consecutive nights. "There are now 33 non-Adventists attending a weekly prophecy seminar in our church," says the minister, Pastor **Justin Lawman** (pictured). "Because we moved straight to the church after the concert, most are very committed interests."



● Australian evangelist Pastor **Geoffrey Youlden** from Sydney saw more than 40 decide for baptism during his meetings at Bristol, UK. He was assisted by Pastor **Larry Laredo** from Perth.—*BUC News*

● **Thinking small has paid off in Peru.**

The Adventist Church in Peru has grown by 25,000 a year since 1995 through large public meetings. The **growth rate has jumped dramatically** (51,000 baptised in 2002, and 21,000 baptised to May of 2003) since changing the evangelistic emphasis to **small-group ministry** in 1999. A bonus is that the **apostasy rate has dropped** from 87 per cent to 17 per cent in the past three years.—ANN

● Students at the School of Visual Art and Design at **Southern Adventist University**, Collegedale, Tennessee, have completed a **feature film, *Angel in Chains***, to be released for national distribution. Based on a true story, the film centres around the leader of a **motorcycle gang** that stops at a lone house in the Arizona desert—home to

a **mother and her six-year-old daughter.**

The daughter becomes a go-between for the gang and her mother. Over the course of two days the gang's leader is reminded of his own daughter whom he abandoned. "It portrays someone making the right choice," says **David George**, the film's producer and film instructor for the university.—ANN

● **Iraqi Christians** have become targets of attacks and are often risking their lives to attend worship services. While there are fears for **Iraq's one million Christians** (less than 5 per cent of the population), there has also been evidence of an increased interest in Christianity.—*Assist News Service*

● A July 28 *USA Today/CNN/Gallup* poll of 1006 adults in the US shows 49 per cent **do not consider homosexuality "an acceptable alternative lifestyle"** and 57 per cent are **opposed to homosexual civil unions**. These figures show a reversal of a trend of increased acceptance of homosexuality by Americans. **Peter LaBarbera**, senior policy analyst with the Culture and Family Institute in Washington, DC, says the poll may indicate "people are getting sick and tired of the media and Hollywood **shoving homosexuality in their face** at every turn."—*Crosswalk.com*

● The National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR) at the University of North Carolina has found that **religiously involved American families** of 12-14-year-olds get along better than families that are not religiously active. Youth from families who **attend church, pray or read Scriptures together** are more likely to admire and enjoy their parents and receive praise from their parents. The teens' parents know more about their friends and social contacts, their families tend to share meals more often, and teens are less likely to run away from home.—*Crosswalk.com*

### Days and offerings

**September 6**—Week of Prayer begins

**September 13**—Week of Prayer ends

Annual Sacrifice Offering  
(Global Mission)

## Off the record

● A new playgroup at the **Ashfield Portuguese church** is designed specifically for Portuguese-speaking children. It was started by **Jaquerli Serafim and Michelle Munoz** (pictured). "I thought it would be great for the children to keep up their cultural background and language, and for the mums to socialise with other mums who speak Portuguese," says Mrs Serafim.—*Intrasyd*



● A recent assembly of students and parents at **Noosa Christian College**, Cooroy, Qld, saw **David Coltheart** (pictured with Grade 5 and 6 students **Joel and Madelyn**) talk about archaeology and the Middle East. Mr Coltheart is co-editor of *Archaeology* and conducts two or three tours to the Middle East each year. "Students were enthralled with the display of artefacts," says college principal **Ross Reid**. "It seems no matter what age, most children have a fascination with the ancient world."



● The **Taree**, NSW, church had **64 children** from the community attending their **Kids Club** during the July holiday break. The average attendance over the five days was 46 each day. The theme, "**Forever friends**," emphasised concepts of friendship. Eighteen helpers assisted the club's coordinator **June Beumer** in class activities, games and craft times.



## 600 students make safety posters

More than 600 students from all Adventist schools in Australia and New Zealand and, for the first time, Adventist children in non-church



schools entered the 2003 Risk Management Service (RMS) Poster Competition.

Owen Mason, manager of RMS, was delighted with the response. "It's remarkable to see the difference in the viewpoint of a child on safety issues compared to that of an adult. Their perspective is quite unique," he says.

One of the winners, Katelyn Reed of Nunawading Adventist Primary School, won first prize in the Grade 3-5 division. Her poster is shown. All winners are listed in Noticeboard.—*Linda Taskis*

# Solutions for hearing impaired in churches

Adelaide, SA

The South Australian chapter of Adventist Singles Ministries (ASM) has taken on a new dimension this year—catering for the deaf.

Annette Young, who attends The Grove church in Adelaide, SA, previously read the RECORD during the church service, as she could not lip-read many speakers' lips.

A fellow Grove attendee, Wilma Falcke, now enhances Ms Young's enjoyment of church by keying the spoken word into a laptop computer. Miss Young reads the text as it is being spoken.

"Learning machine shorthand, with court reporting in view, or maybe introducing machine reported Hansard to some of our parliaments in the Pacific islands, I didn't envisage that God would have plans of directing my path toward a deaf ministry within our own church," says Ms Falcke.

ASM catered for Ms Young at her first conference big camp last April, singles camp at Ankara in June and for church each week.

Fundraising at the singles camp raised SA835 toward the purchase of a laptop computer and, in the future, a real-time speech program to convert to English

language text. Some 24 attended the singles camp and of the total raised, some SA68 was from the sale of cards that Ms Young makes.

On the grounds of providing people in their local church the spoken word in the form of reading communication for the deaf, hearing impaired and those with



Pictured (L-R) are Annette Young, Brian Bates and Wilma Falcke.

English as a second language (ESL) so they are not disadvantaged, SA ASM intends to apply for government grants to help purchase the equipment needed.

"There are many hearing impaired and ESL people—we have Polish, Spanish, Cambodian and Chinese churches in South Australia—who would benefit from it at combined meetings," says Ms Falcke.

She adds that sign language varies within English-speaking countries and even from state to state. "There are two different sign languages in Australia," she says, "so written English is understood by more people than sign language."

Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired (CSFBHI) is a service operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church from its headquarters in Wahroonga, NSW. Services they currently provide for the hearing impaired include:

- Facilitation of supply of "hearing induction loops" for churches to enable those with hearing aids to hear more clearly

- Camps for visually impaired or hearing-impaired children supported financially by CSFBHI and run by conference Youth Departments

- Provision of some subtitled videos for the hearing impaired

- Advice as needed to establish contacts with other hearing-impaired Adventists.

Dr Percy Harrold, CSFBHI director, says, "The Seventh-day Adventist Church needs more people like Wilma to help the many Annettes and Arnolds out there with hearing problems, whether it be by texting, signing or by facilitating hearing loops in all our churches. I'm sure there are other hearing-impaired people in our churches who would love someone to sit beside them and provide this text aid."

He adds, "Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired would be interested in helping Annette, and others like her, to enjoy their experience at our worship services."—**Kellie Hancock**

*If you are interested in this ministry, or have people in your church who would benefit from a text service during church, please contact Dr Percy Harrold, Director, CSFBHI (Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired), Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga NSW 2076. Or email <pharrold@adventist.org.au>.*

*Ms Falcke is interested in hearing from other Adventists who provide assistance to hearing-impaired members. Contact her after hours on (08) 8251 7765 or email <wfalcke@hotmail.com>.*

## Adventist wins right to military service, Sabbath-keeping

Seoul, South Korea

A 25-year-old Seventh-day Adventist, Gwang-il Han, won the right to serve as a medic in the Korean Army on July 23 when the Daejeon District Court ruled in favour of the church member, who wanted to both fulfil a national service requirement and observe the Sabbath.

"It is religious discrimination that the [military] exam committee didn't [ap-

prove] Han's candidacy at the officer appointment exam," the court said in its opinion. Military examiners, in rejecting Han, were "jumping to a conclusion that Han would be an obstruction to military discipline or unity only because of his specific religion, although there is no affirmation that Han will violate military order to persist in his religious life," the court declared.

Pastor Hyun Suh Koo, public affairs and

religious liberty director for the Korean Union Conference, said the victory was an important step for Adventists who want to fulfil national-service obligations, yet maintain their beliefs.

Han's victory received wide media attention in Korea, where the question of religious accommodation and the country's obligatory military service has been a topic of recurring interest in recent years.—**ANN**

# Foundation offers more help

Auckland, NZ

After sponsoring nine projects in New Zealand during 2003, the New Zealand Christian Foundation is inviting applications for grants for 2004.

"If you have a burning desire to share the gospel or are treasuring a dream that you don't have the means to fulfil on your own," says Joanne Davies, a trustee of the foundation, "then there could be a source of external funding available through the New Zealand Christian Foundation to enable the implementation of your dream."

The foundation supports the Seventh-day Adventist Church by providing financial assistance to individuals and organisations expressing practical Christianity in areas of: education, health, evangelism and humanitarian projects.

Mrs Davies says the foundation is committed to "listening to great ideas and funding their implementation." It also provides financial assistance to those in "expansion mode," helps schools help students achieve goals of academic excellence when finances prevent them from otherwise doing so, and showing how a health ministry really can be "the right arm of the message."

The foundation, launched in 2001 in Auckland, funded four projects in its first year. The following year it was an important or sole source of funding for nine Christian projects, mostly within the Adventist Church and associated institutions.

This year the foundation has helped nine projects:

1. The development and expansion of "The miracle of life" Christian family and personal development education project.
2. The establishment of a resource library for ADRAcare Bishopdale.
3. The completion of networking the Palmerston North Seventh-day Adventist School's computers.
4. Video ministry library grant to Moeraki company in South New Zealand.
5. Completion of the Bishopdale Footsteps Preschool playground.
6. Funding for the refurbishment of



**Warwick Pascoe has been helped by the foundation with his "The miracle of life" Christian family and personal development project. A member of the Bishopdale church, SNZ, he used the grants to help with a computer and graphics for his presentations.**

three Salvation Army "The Bridge Program Support Houses" providing assessment, counselling, day programs and after care for men and women addicted to alcohol or drugs.

7. A photocopier and resources to assist in establishing a new church company at Alexandra in South New Zealand.

8. Funding for Christian Bible teaching resources at Adventist early childhood learning centres in Napier, Palmerston North, Wellington and Christchurch.

9. A week-long health education series in Auckland.

The largest project for 2002, an Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) initiative "Pinnacle challenge," is touring New Zealand schools. This national youth suicide prevention program is aimed at young people at risk. It is expected the program will be largely self-funding due to increased demand from fee-paying clients in 2004-05.

Project Applications for 2004 must be in writing and no longer than 1000 words. Each entry must include: an executive summary; aims and objectives; method of implementation; personnel required, paid and volunteer; budget; expected results and conclusions. Entries are due before 5.00 pm, September 30, 2003. Send to: New Zealand Christian Foundation, PO Box 76-142, Manukau City, Auckland, NZ. Winning projects will be announced before October 30.

For further information, contact Joanne Davies at <joanne.davies@clear.net.nz>. —**Bruce Manners**

# Government to step up ADRA support

Wahroonga, NSW

Government representatives recently visited the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to discuss the role it could play in coordinating education and health programs, and in building stronger civil society in the Pacific islands.

Bruce Davis, director general of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and two senior staff members, met with ADRA-Australia board chairman, Dr Barry Oliver, and executive director, Pastor David Syme, at ADRA's office for the first time.

"We've lobbied for three years that church organisations are key elements of civil society, especially in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands," says Pastor Syme. "It seems, finally, that the government is listening."

AusAID will financially support ADRA and other church agencies in Papua New Guinea over the next five years. Discussions are beginning for a similar arrangement in the Solomon Islands. Pastor Syme describes the success of the lobbying as "satisfying."

"We expect to have a high degree of flexibility in the funding arrangements from AusAID. They appear to have a high level of trust in our capacity to make a difference in the South Pacific." —**Brenton Stacey**

# Living Waters rising

Melbourne, Vic

Church planter and pastor of the Living Waters congregation in the Western suburbs of Melbourne, Pastor Glenn Townend, reports, "We have the greatest number of interested people at Living Waters that we have ever had."

They have just had 17 attend worship and receive certificates after finishing a 12-week prophecy seminar. "Most of these are continuing the next course—'Considering a new spiritual life,' Bible studies on practical and distinctive Adventist teaching." —

**Church Planting News**

# Is the church on target?

All corporate organisations that want to achieve their goals need a strategic plan and well-defined objectives. The church also needs a strategy and action plan for achieving its spiritual objectives. Jesus has commissioned us “to preach the gospel in all the world” and “to make disciples.” As part of a worldwide church we share the global mission of Seventh-day Adventists, but focus primarily on the growth and nurture of God’s kingdom in the South Pacific.

During this quinquennium (2001–05), the leadership of the church in the South Pacific has adopted a new vision statement. Other institutions of the church are owning and accepting the new statement. We hope that it will continue to challenge and give direction to all local churches and institutions. “Our vision is to know, experience and share our hope in Jesus Christ.” It is this hope that unites us and gives us identity as people.

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**know**  
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 our hope in Jesus Christ!

As part of the strategic plan, the Division Executive Committee has identified **six focus areas** that grow from the vision statement and that expand on the three issues chosen by the General Conference.



## reflect

At this midway point in the present quinquennium, it is appropriate for us to ask, “How is the church in the South Pacific doing? What are its objectives? And to what extent has it achieved these strategic goals?”

This report focuses on the strategic plan of the church in the South Pacific and shares some of the ways in which the church is attempting to achieve its goals. How is your local church or institution contributing to these goals?

# A question of strategy

## RECORD: How did the church in the South Pacific decide on its strategic plan?

COOMBE: The Strategic Planning Committee first imagined what we would like our church to be in 10 and in 20 years. It then analysed what we would need to do to achieve that vision. For the six focus areas we identified, we listed the goals or objectives [see "Desired Outcomes"] and then developed strategies to reach those goals. The Division Executive Committee approved them as our strategic plan. It's the work of a Strategic Management Committee to assign these strategies to various task groups or departments to implement projects and actions plans.



## RECORD: What are some of the strategies for emphasising grace?

COOMBE: We've used posters, logos, circulars and articles to promote this year's **worldwide church theme**, *United in Wonder of His Grace*. We're **reviewing church policies and practices** dealing with interpersonal relationships to ensure that we fully reflect God's grace in dealing with people. We also recommended to the worldwide church that the Sabbath school integrates and focuses on the **theme of grace in the Bible-study guides**. The recent lessons on forgiveness helped to do this, and the new format of the lesson pamphlet provides greater opportunity for application. We have also funded the **translation of the new GraceLink curriculum** into the various languages of the Pacific and for providing contextualisation and training. We want to continue to focus on the theme of grace in all departmental initiatives and at **Bible conferences and ministers and elders meetings** next year.



## RECORD: What do you really hope to achieve in the area of faith and worship?

COOMBE: Faith and worship are developed through prayer, Bible study, a personal relationship with God and our response to His grace in worship. We have several strategies to help develop these. Last year's worldwide church theme was *United in Worship of God*. Over the next two years we're going to collaborate with the unions in holding several **worship conferences and prayer summits**. We have already allocated \$A35,000 toward these and developed some **intergenerational worship resources**. We have also included on the **church's web site** a section that features a **daily devotional and prayer**. Visit <[www.adventist.org.au](http://www.adventist.org.au)> to read these.



## RECORD: Witness is obviously an important part of spiritual growth. What are your strategies in this area?

COOMBE: One of the key strategies is the **development of evangelistic small groups**. For the youth, this has been through the **Underground**, and we helped to fund the development and printing of their small-group resources. **Homes of Hope** in the Australian Union Conference also fits within this strategy. We have plans to eventually produce a new low-cost **message book for members to share**, and have already funded the development of a **new Bible-study guide—Try Jesus—for use in the Go One Million project**. We have also identified the need to provide **resources and training to reach Muslims** and to work with unions or conferences to help plant churches in cities.

## RECORD: You've allocated more than \$A1.3 million in this next year's budget for witness.

COOMBE: We're committed to evangelism, especially in 2004, **the Year of Evangelism**. The \$A1.3 million includes moneys we have allocated for **satellite evangelism and a series of evangelistic programs** next year.



**RECORD: Let's go back and talk about community. What do you mean by this?**

COOMBE: Our focus here is on the unity and fellowship we share in the community of faith, as well as the need to **reach out in service to the broader community.**

So, our strategies here involve the work of the Communication Department in sharing information and news of the church family around the South Pacific through **"Adventist News"** and other ways of featuring the life and mission of the church. This is also being achieved through providing opportunities for involvement in service such as through **STORM Co and other volunteer service** opportunities. In our own office we want to also **model an attitude of acceptance, security and nurture in our relationships and teaching.**



**RECORD: Why the focus on leadership?**

COOMBE: I'm sure we all recognise the importance of a visionary ministry, leading, equipping and serving the church. Through leadership development and training we help to **equip members to lead and serve the community.** We're still waiting for specific action plans to be developed in this area that will help to **provide full-time coaching and mentoring support for field pastors.** We have started developing an **accredited leadership program**, particularly in the Pacific islands. The Human Resources Department is also implementing regular **appraisal processes to provide feedback and affirmation of employees.** This focus is perhaps unique to the division as the level of organisation responsible for the development of leadership for the church in the South Pacific.



**RECORD: We've heard a lot recently about corporate identity and logos. Is this what the focus on identity is all about?**

COOMBE: It's much broader than that. **It has to do with ensuring that all members are proud to identify with the church and share its vision and mission.** The Communication Department has already done much to promote an understanding of the church's vision and will continue to do more in the future to develop a positive image through **consistent branding.** We hope a greater understanding and ownership of the strategies we have explained here will do much to strengthen the identity both within our church and to the community. Only as our membership identify with and share some ownership of these strategies can they have confidence in the message and leadership of the church. **Our hope is that Adventists will be quickly recognised as Christians who share their hope in Jesus.**



**1. GRACE**

That every person in the community of faith embrace grace as a gift of God in Jesus Christ: • Understanding grace as the basis for Adventist theology and teaching • Experiencing the grace of God in the life of the church and community • Expressing the grace of God in sharing and outreach activities.

**2. FAITH & WORSHIP**

That every person in the community of faith respond to the grace of God in Jesus Christ through: • Understanding that a personal relationship with God involves faith and worship • Experiencing worship as a personal and corporate response to God's grace • Expressing faith and worship in all areas of life.

**3. COMMUNITY**

Every member realising their unique place in the community of faith by: • Experiencing the church as a place of acceptance, security and nurture • Embracing the life and mission of the church through enthusiastic involvement.

**4. WITNESS**

A vibrant growing church where: • Every member is a positive witness for Jesus • Spiritual gifts are exercised • The kingdom is extended to all people groups and areas in the South Pacific • There is a positive and relevant interaction with the broader community.

**5. LEADERSHIP**

Adequately trained and equipped leaders in the areas of: • Pastoral leadership • Church and administrative leadership • Church member leadership.

**6. IDENTITY**

A healthy church membership who: • Has an authentic relationship with Christ, and a secure biblical faith • Has confidence in the message and leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church • Shares in the vision, values and mission of the church • Actively and openly represent the church to society.

**desired outcomes**

# budget allocation

## 1. GRACE

	\$	\$
GraceLink project		90,000

## 2. FAITH & WORSHIP

Faith and Science Conference		22,500
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## 3. COMMUNITY

Family Ministries training	50,000	
Domestic violence awareness	40,000	
Tertiary student support	20,000	
		110,000

## 4. WITNESS

Satellite evangelism	100,000	
Evangelism	719,000	
Global Mission	50,000	
Church growth initiatives	500,000	
		1,369,000

## 5. LEADERSHIP

PAU sponsorship/ministerial training	65,800	
PNGUM treasury in-service training	16,200	
Island Bible conference	22,000	
Island development program	25,000	
Ministerial mentoring	50,000	
Theology student assistance	50,000	
Advanced study support	110,000	
		339,000

## 6. IDENTITY

Our Prophetic Vision initiative	55,000	
Corporate branding	60,000	
		115,000

Miscellaneous projects		100,000
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Total allocated for strategic projects		2,145,000
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Other entities of the church, such as unions, conferences, missions and institutions, will no doubt identify similar, though sometimes different, focus areas according to their needs. However, it is our hope that all will be willing to support and to give some attention to these key issues.

You may identify other needs that the church should urgently address, or have suggestions as to how we might fulfil our vision more effectively. As secretary of the Strategic Planning Committee, I want to hear from you. Contact me if you have more ideas to help us put the church in the South Pacific on target. **Email [rcoombe@adventist.org.au](mailto:rcoombe@adventist.org.au) or write to Ray Coombe, Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga NSW 2076, Australia.**

Remember the church in the South Pacific is diverse with different cultures and needs. The church's strategy must be broad in its scope, as the unions, missions, conferences and institutions will each have their own specific goals and action plans. We are here to support and give direction to Adventists in the South Pacific. Together we have a responsibility to keep the church on target.

Raymond Coombe is assistant to the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific Division.



# Eat your vegies!

(Continued from page 1)

For several years, nutrition writers have focused on the benefits of the anti-oxidant vitamins, particularly vitamin A, vitamin E and the much-talked-about vitamin C. Recently two important scientific discoveries were made. First, these vitamins only mop up some types of free radicals, leaving many still in their potent form to damage cells. They form only part of the anti-oxidant protection offered by foods.<sup>3</sup>

Second, fruits, vegetables and whole grains contain a range of anti-oxidants in addition to the vitamins, and these mixtures of anti-oxidants effectively react with almost all the different types of free radicals that find their way into our body.<sup>4</sup>

This means fruits and vegetables give much better protection against free radicals than previously thought. And anti-oxidant levels are much higher than we thought.

Here's how it works. An apple only contains 5-7 mg of vitamin C. However, in its ability to mop up free radicals, an apple (including the skin) is as effective as taking three 500 mg vitamin C tablets—that's a lot of vitamin C.<sup>2</sup> The apple doesn't contain this much vitamin C, but it contains other anti-oxidants such as flavonoids and carotenoids that are much stronger anti-oxidants than vitamin C—enough to keep the doctor away.

And apples aren't on their own. Many fruits—particularly berries like blackberries, blueberries, mulberries, raspberries and strawberries and black grapes, as well as plums, oranges and kiwifruit—are similar to apples. Many vegetables—particularly the green leafy kind like kale, broccoli, Brussels sprouts and spinach, and highly coloured vegetables like carrots, pumpkin, sweet corn, capsicum, beetroot and cauliflower—all deliver high levels of anti-oxidants and vitamins.

The bran in whole grains such as wheat, oats, barley and buckwheat, as well as legumes like soy and chickpeas are also

rich in a variety of anti-oxidants. Eating a balanced variety of these foods every day gives strong protection against disease.

These discoveries also explain why “junk foods”—many fast foods and highly processed snack foods—are not good for us. Almost all junk food is made from foods low in anti-oxidants. Eating a junk-food meal deprives us of the anti-ageing, disease-preventing anti-oxidants we would be getting from a wholesome meal of whole grains, legumes, nuts and vegetables.

For snacks, simply having a piece of fruit or a handful of berries tops up our anti-oxidant supply as well as providing the best form of energy to keep going.

## Eat your greens

Another important aspect of the vegies story is emerging with recent research. Vegetables in the diet supply us with an important nutrient called folic acid or folate. This term is derived from the word *foliage*, which indicates where this vitamin is mainly found—green leafy vegetables such as broccoli and spinach.

Folate is necessary for proper brain function and is essential for mental and emotional health. In surveys, though, it was shown to be one of the nutrients most deficient in our diets. Stress and disease increase the body's need for higher quantities of folic acid, as does the consumption of alcohol. Oral contraceptives interfere with the absorption of folic acid, which is why when planning to have a family, women should make sure they increase their folate intake before conceiving.

This vitamin is a key element in the enzyme that makes DNA duplication possible, a most important process during the development of a baby. Folate is one of many reasons why it is so important to have a good diet during pregnancy.

New studies suggest that a regular intake of high folate foods such as green leafy vegetables may play an important role in slowing the mental deterioration that often

accompanies old age. So eating your vegies now may not only help you live longer, but also ensures that you keep proper brain function in old age.<sup>5</sup>

Before rushing out and buying folate supplements, however, remember that folic acid is just one of dozens, if not hundreds, of important nutrients that work best in combination with the other nutrients found in whole foods. Supplements that contain just one or maybe a handful of nutrients don't give the same balance of nutrients as in a natural food.

The best way to get most of the nutrients we need to keep us healthy is the way God told Adam and Eve to get them—eat your vegies (“and you shall eat the plants of the field,” Genesis 3:18, RSV). 🍎

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## Don't let their deaths be in vain

Val Long, Old

I had just wakened and turned on the radio at my bedside when the news reported the murder of Lance Gersbach. My heart jumped in my chest: *Surely, it hasn't happened again!*

My mind went back 37 years to when my husband Brian Dunn, then only 25, was speared on the same island. I closed my eyes and prayed.

Throughout the day the news reports confirmed it was true. *Why, God?* I prayed. *I thought Brian had paid the price when he was taken.* Then came the write-up in RECORD which mentioned the possibility of closing Atoifi Hospital and considerations of security.

Atoifi must never close. If it does, it will be a win for the devil after the murder of Brian, the accidental death of Lens Larwood and now the murder of Lance Gersbach. We've given our loved ones for Atoifi, and I'm sure Satan would rejoice if it were closed.

Brian used to say, "Where there is no vision, the people perish; let's not lose our vision for Atoifi." He also said, "Faith honours God, and God honours faith."

Don't let Atoifi close; don't wait for some initiative or special offering, but put what you can afford into an envelope and mark it "Atoifi," for its continuation.

We must make our light on the hill at Atoifi shine brighter than ever, not let it be dimmed or go out. Please don't let the deaths be in vain. We and the people at Atoifi would appreciate this.

*There are no plans to close Atoifi. Staff are gradually returning and services increasing. Two volunteer doctors from the USA will be in residence by the date of this RECORD.*

## A tribute

David Bryce, PNG

I was saddened to read of the death of Ernie Gordon (Noticeboard, August 2). I attended his Wyong church from 1978 to 1981 during my time training at Avondale College. One of the blessings I experienced was hearing Ernie singing "The Holy City,"

crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 15:20, 21). Mary, too, was caught up in such extravagant worship (Luke 1:44-55). For David, it was the return of the ark to Israel (2 Samuel 6:12, 14).

In 2 Samuel 6, Michal's barrenness wasn't because she despised David for dancing before the Lord, but because she harboured a deep-seated anger toward him, because the kingly line had been removed from her father Saul's house. David said, "I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be

***Surely listening is a great part of worship, otherwise we might not hear the still small voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to our hearts.***

accompanied by John Demas on trumpet. It had been a favourite of mine from an early age. Despite listening to many of the world's great singers performing it, it's still Ernie's rendition performed in the old Wyong church that I hear.

held in honour" (2 Samuel 6:22, NKJV).

Comparisons of worship style should be looked at: "If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him" (1 Kings 18:21, NKJV). Elijah also says, "Hear me, O Lord, hear me . . ." (verse 37, NKJV), so it seems God listens too. Surely listening is a great part of worship, otherwise we might not hear the still small voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to our hearts.

## Worshipful joy

Alan Giddy, Old

Concerning the letter under the heading "Essential ministries" (July 5) that claims that listening is not worship, we need to take a step back before we leap forward. Events do occur that cause outbursts of joy and jubilation to erupt from the heart. For Moses, Aaron and Israel, it was

## The getting of wisdom

D M Ceff, Old

What is the specific meaning of the word *wisdom*? The dictionary defines it as sagacity, prudence and common sense, a knowledge of what is true and right coupled with just judgment as to action. "To have knowledge, you must first have reverence for the Lord" (Proverbs 1:7, TEV). We need wisdom to help us cope with daily living. "It is the Lord who gives wisdom" (Proverbs 2:6, TEV) and it is the most important thing a person can have.

Solomon could have asked for so many other things, but he asked for one of God's great gifts. We need to be wise, and ask for wisdom as a priority.

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# The atheist

by Eddie Erika

If you had come here today and preached to me about your God, I would have told you where to go . . .” He was serious. The conversation took place at the wedding reception of a non-Christian couple in a Melbourne soccer club.

Two years before, my son, Solomon, had asked if we could give a friend a lift home. I'd never met my son's friend before. Solomon momentarily disappeared into the factory and when he came back, he was accompanied by a hulk of a man—arms and hands covered with tattoos!

*What has my son befriended?* I thought.

This was my introduction to a former drug addict, drug courier and former guest of Victoria's penitentiary institutions.

Despite my reservations I greeted Graham in a friendly way, but was relieved when we dropped him off at his home 10 minutes later. Over the coming months he rode with us many times and I slowly came to know Graham as a reformed gentle giant. Gradually we became friends.

One afternoon Solomon came home and said, “Dad, Graham wants to marry his fiancée and asked if you would conduct their wedding.”

I was delighted and told Solomon so. A month later my son came back and told me the venue and the date of the wedding. The wedding was scheduled for a Sabbath afternoon.

“Son,” I said, “do you realise that the day of the proposed wedding is a Sabbath?”

Solomon, his bride and I arrived early at the garden venue. It started to rain so we retired to the garden chapel for the service. The guests didn't seem to fit the image of a typical wedding gathering. I got the feeling that I wasn't welcome by any except by the bride and groom. After a few congratulations and small talk we were soon gone.

After we changed I said to Solomon, “Fancy going back to the reception?”

“Dad, have you forgotten that this is Sabbath?”

“No.”

He then asked me if I knew where the reception was and I replied, “Yes.”

“Then it's your call, Dad,” he said.

Two elderly men with half-empty glasses stood by the door. They were both taken aback when they saw us. “Priests aren't supposed to come to places like this,” said one.

I jokingly replied, “Well, this priest does.” They showed us to a table where they, uncles of the bride, decided to take the opportunity to scrutinise this “priest.”

The air in the club was thick with smoke. At our table, with the two men, sat their sister. During the course of the afternoon the sister said she was a Charismatic Apostolic. One of the men said he was a non-practising Presbyterian. The other claimed to be an atheist. Our discussion centred mainly on sport, but every now and then the atheist would ask a spiritual question. All three would then turn to me as if I had all the answers.

Soon the reception was over. As I got up to leave, the atheist asked if I would hear him out. He wanted to say something before we departed.

“When I saw you at the wedding I

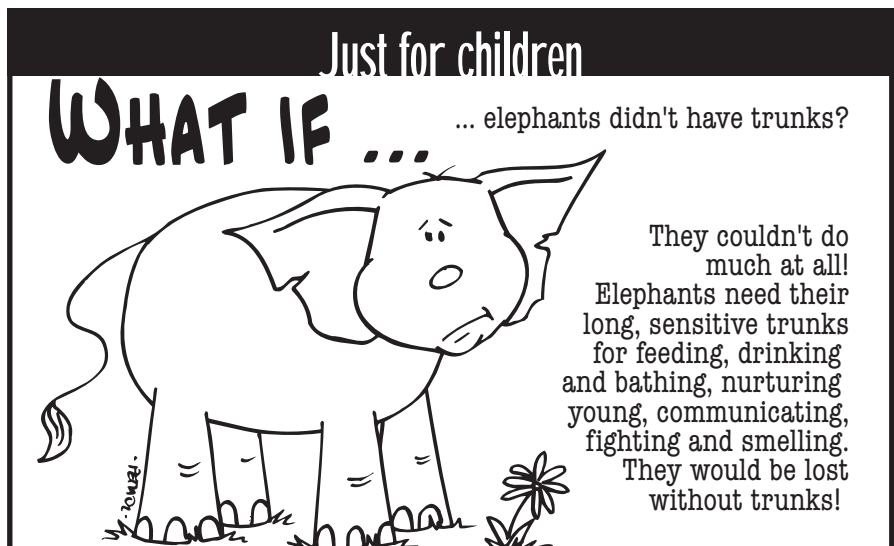
thought, *What on earth are these black people doing here?* And I didn't like it at all when I was told you were conducting the wedding.

“And if you had come here today and preached to me about your God, I would have told you where to go. But you came and sat with us. You drank with us [although quite a different type of liquid], talked with and became one of us. If you want to tell me about your God now, I'll listen. I may not believe what you say, but I'll certainly listen. I want to say thank you for your company.”

I reached out and shook his hand and said, “I'm only following the example of the God I believe in. When He came to this earth, His companions were people rejected by society. People just like me. And for that I'm grateful to Him.”

He then said, “Before you leave can I ask a favour of you? My mother is turning 90 soon. Would you be so kind as to conduct a brief service for her birthday?”

*Eddie Erika is the pastor for the Wellington Samoan and Porirua Cook Island churches on the North Island of New Zealand.*



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## Weddings

**Coe—Borresen.** Adam Coe, son of Robert and Rae Coe, and Junita Kym Borresen, daughter of Bruce and Barbara Borresen, were married on 13.4.03 in Gosford Adventist church. *Damien Rice*

**Jones—Read.** Keith Jones, son of Gains and Lisele Jones (Warrimoo, NSW), and Sarah Read, daughter of Ken and Sherrell Read (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 20.4.03 in Wahroonga Adventist church. *Lloyd Grolimund*

**Kane—Albert.** Stephen Kane, son of Kevin and Val Kane (Bena, Vic), and Arianna Albert, daughter of Rubin and Anne-Marie Albert (Hampton Park), were married on 27.1.03 on the beach at Plantation Island Resort, Fiji. *Keperieli Lawedrau*

**Morris—Powell.** Stephen James Morris, son of Lionel and Anne Morris (Sydney, NSW), and Cathie Melinda Powell, daughter of Lawrence and Irene Powell (Adelaide, SA), were married on 5.5.03 at Yester Grange, Wentworth Falls. *Lloyd Grolimund*

**Payne—Wilson.** Steven Payne, son of Alan Payne (Singleton, NSW), and Sally Wilson, daughter of John and Heather Wilson (Singleton), were married on 22.4.03 at Hunter Valley Gardens, Pokolbin. *Damien Rice*

## Obituaries

**Blagden,** David Edgar, born 17.12.1961 in WA; died 13.5.03 at Newcastle, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Vanessa (nee Bazley); his sons, Brenton and Luke (all of Martinsville); his brother, Gary (Perth); his sister, Darlene Granger (Hobart, Tas); and his parents, Edgar and Val (Augusta, WA). For several years he taught art and photography at Avondale High School and Avondale College; and later operated a successful photography business near Cooranbong. He is sadly missed by family and friends. *Chris Dyson, Mel Lemke*

**Brammer,** Deanna Dawn (Dee, nee Price), born 27.5.1940 at Collinsville, Qld; died 11.7.03 in Brisbane after a prolonged illness. She is survived by her son, Adam; her daughter, Rebekah Brammer (both of Brisbane); her sisters, Elizabeth

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and Valerie; and her nieces, Raeann and Kerry. Dee was baptised in 1990 at Mitchelton church by Pastor David Lamb, but loved her church family at Red Hill to the day she died. *Richard Smetheram, Bob Sharland*

**Buckley,** Doris Lilian, born 10.8.1919 at Craboon, NSW; died 28.6.03 at Tenterfield. On 24.2.40 she married Jack, who predeceased her on 26.12.88. She is survived by her children, Ian (Tweed Heads), Donald (Robina, Qld) and Max (Tenterfield, NSW); her eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. *Ken Love*

**Chapman,** Joyce Elaine, born 3.8.1944 at Lismore, NSW; died 2.7.03 in Maclean District Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bill; her daughter, Janeen; her sons, Paul, Darren, Wayne and Craig; and her seven grandchildren. She is greatly missed by her family and others who knew her. *Alex Penman, A Chandler*

**Stockton,** Marie Jean (nee Phillips), born 25.6.1918 at Bondi, NSW; died suddenly 18.6.03 in Gold Coast Hospital, Southport, Qld. In 1942 she married Lindsay. She is survived by her husband; her daughter, Susan; her sister, Grace; and her three grandchildren. Lindsay and Marie lived in Melody Park Retirement Resort for 11 years. They were loved and respected neighbours. *Clive Butcher, Leon Powrie, James Rabe*

**McLaughlin,** Esther Rachael Lillian (Essie), born 6.10.1917 at Kinchela Creek, near Kempsey, NSW; died 19.6.03 in her Alton Villa home at Cooranbong. She is survived by her second husband, John; her sons, Edwin, Alan and Alfred; and their families, who were accepted by John as his own family, and they him. John and Essie became members of Kempsey church in 1957 and have since served in many Adventist churches. Between them they had also worked for Sanitarium, Sydney Adventist Hospital and the South Pacific Division. *Lindsay Laws, Les Coombe*

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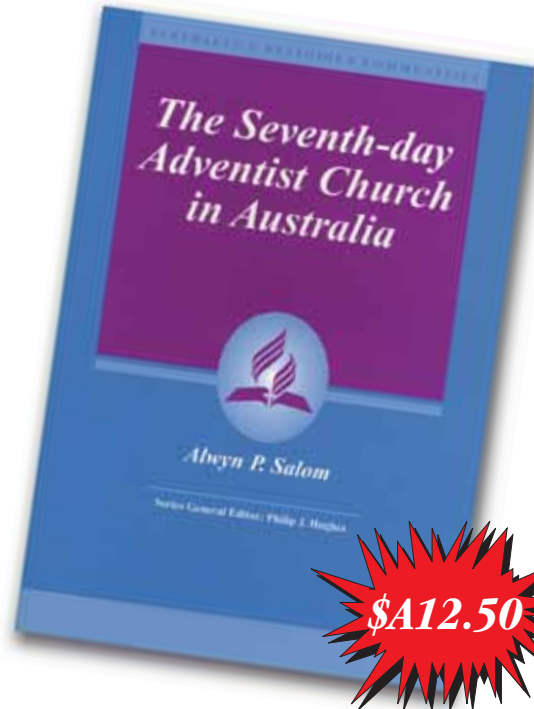
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