SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Justice and gender issues were addressed at the second Women and the Word Conference in Sydney, attended by about 60 people from all around New South Wales, Queensland and as far as Fiji on August 25 and 26.

“As Christians, we have the responsibility to speak for the hurting people in the world,” says Joy Butler, director of women’s ministries for the South Pacific Division (SPD). “We hope the conference has inspired people to realise they can do something to make the world a better place, to free the oppressed and to be authentic Christians.”

The conference, held at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, was jointly organised by the SPD Women’s Ministries Department and Avondale College. Dr Rohini Virathan from India was the special guest speaker at the conference. Other speakers included Deanna Pitchford, Michael Steed, Harwood Lockton, Drene Somasundram, Kristin Thompson and Drs Steve Thompson and Ray Roennfeldt from Avondale College.

“The God who sees,” based on Hagar’s experience with God who saw her suffering and promised to bless her, served as the theme of the conference. It was also based on Revelation 7:12–17 when the sheep of Jesus are seen wearing white robes and standing before the throne. The Lord is fulfilling His promise to bless and care for His people. The word “heaven” that appears in the text is not translated but is a direct reference to the Church, the bride of Christ.

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The angel calls us to a life of perpetually learning to live, love and worship better.

Angel 1. “Fear God. Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all the springs of water” (Revelation 14:7).*  

One of the constant refrain's of the Bible story is God's call for His people to remember Him, to return to Him, to give Him the proper priority in their lives. It is partly a reflection of the inconstancy of human nature. We are always in need of repentance and reformation, always slipping back from our best intentions. It is also a reminder that God reaches out to each successive generation in new ways, meeting people in the time, place and circumstances in which they find themselves at that point in history.

But it is perhaps also an indication that the claims of God on our lives and our world always call us beyond our current commitment, focus and choices, whatever they might be and however good they might be. This seems particularly so as this call to "Fear God and give Him glory" is repeated by Revelation 14's first angel. Verse 6 puts this message in the context of the "everlasting Good News"—the gospel—and this gives assurance, but without leaving room for complacency.

The angel calls us to a life of perpetually learning to live, love and worship better—and of learning what that actually means. On occasions, we have spent much time and energy on the "rights" and "wrongs" of worship, forgetting—as a musician friend once commented to me—that our worship is to God as a child's finger-painting is to us. He put it on His fridge, so to speak, but not because of its merit, correctness or artistic value. It is never what we do that makes our interactions with God special and eternally worthwhile, but what God has done. "It is not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins" (1 John 4:10).

But the question almost asks itself: If all of creation, redemption and re-creation emanates from God and, according to the Bible, God spends the whole of human history trying to get that through to us, why does God seem to be so preoccupied with us telling that back to Him? If God is who He says He is, why is He seemingly so focused on us worshiping Him?

Of course, this call to worship God is yet another expression of God's love: "God's jealousy for God's glory is not so much about God's own good as about the good of creation." Few people with any appreciation of the larger purposes of God would argue that the world would not be a better place if more of us truly heeded the call to fear and worship God.

The light of this message demands a radical re-invention of how we interact with the Creator, Lord and Redeemer, for our good, for the good of our world, and in the cause of ultimate Goodness.

*All Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation.


Nathan Brown
Thirteenth Sabbath projects underway

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A s Sabbath school members prepare to give a special Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter to projects in the South Pacific Division (SPD), it is reassuring to know progress has already been made toward accomplishing these projects.

Joe Talemaitoga, general secretary of the Fiji Mission, reports that negotiations are well underway for the purchase of prime land near the University of the South Pacific (USP) campus.

The land—opposite the South Pacific Games Stadium near Lascala Bay in Suva—is for the new USP Adventist church group who are currently meeting in rented facilities of the Fiji Teachers Association. Fiji Mission has begun fundraising among its members for the purchase of the land, and they look forward to receiving 60 per cent of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering allocation this quarter.

The SPD director of Adventist mission, Pastor Ray Coombe, recently met with the members of the USP church group and encouraged them as they prepare for the new church facility. He also inspected the proposed site with Fiji Mission president Pastor Tom Osborne.

Meanwhile, the SPD has given approval to the Adventist Aviation Services (AAS) in Papua New Guinea to proceed with an order for the New Zealand–built PAC 750 XL aircraft, as the replacement mission aircraft. This larger, more powerful yet more fuel-efficient plane will cost more than $A1.8 million and is the second project that will benefit from 60 per cent of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering allocation.

Recently the PAC 750 XL, with its short take-off and landing abilities, was tested for its suitability in the conditions of PNG. “It came through with flying colours,” says chief pilot Pastor Roger Millist, “and we are keen to get it into service alongside our Cessna 206 to fulfill the needs of our mission flying program.”

Pastor Coombe says, “Although there are still several hundred thousand dollars to be raised to reach the purchase price, church leaders are stepping out in faith, realising the urgent need for a safer aircraft, and trusting in the generosity of our members who will contribute through the Sabbath school offering and through camp mission offerings this next year.”

“The new ‘Adventist Mission’ DVD, which is being sent to every church in Australia and New Zealand each quarter, is helping to raise mission awareness and highlight the importance of this quarter’s projects,” he adds.—RECORD staff/Ray Coombe

See page 7 for more news on the AAS replacement aircraft.

Adventist School in Sydney, Castle Hill students brought a gold-coin donation and attended school dressed in costumes from around the world during their National Children’s Book Week. Library books and a cheque for $A200 were received by school principal Evelyn Quick (pictured left) and passed on to the pre-kindergarten teacher Debbie Robertson (right) who was delighted with the gift.

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IN YOUR HANDS — HAVE YOU GIVEN AWAY YOUR SIGNS YET?
Students practise evangelism

CAMDEN HAVEN, NEW SOUTH WALES

Only seven weeks after they began training (Evangelism school empowers members, News, June 17), students at Eastward Missionary College’s Field School of Evangelism, running at Camden Haven church, are right into the swing of practising what they have been taught.

In this short time more than 500 hours of door-to-door work has been put in and more than 100 contacts have been gained.

“We are really excited with how they have taken to witnessing with their heart and soul!” says Mark Roberts, one of Eastward’s teachers. “They see the Holy Spirit preparing their way to find people interested in studying the Bible prophecies, and are encouraged to press on though many people refuse the offer of salvation.”

Students attend classes four days a week in training for their two days each week of doorknocking and Bible studies. They learn how to awaken spiritual interest and reach the heart, how to give Bible studies and lead small groups, how to answer objections and the art of teaching and preaching.

They also study topics such as Adventist beliefs, final events and health evangelism. The students have covered the towns of Kendall, Kew, Lauriston and North Haven, and have recently begun work in Port Macquarie.

Along with Bible studies, many tracts, videos and DVDs are being handed out with those not ready for “sit-down” studies.

Eastward director Rod Bailey says, “We know that God has a special work for each of these young people to do when they finish this certificate course in November.”

Student Daniel Christie, from Queensland’s Sunshine Coast, knows God has a plan for him. “Eastward is for me the beginning of a life in God’s work. He is now giving me the tools I will need. I know many would love to be in my situation here, and it challenges me to succeed. Right now there is nowhere else I’d rather be.”—Brett Higgins

More at www.eastward.edu.au

WA youth kept up to date with SMS

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Western Australian Conference Youth Ministries Department is now sending text messages to the mobiles of the young people in their conference to inform them of coming events.

SMSs are sent before all significant youth events, such as youth rallies, and include the what, where, when and who of the event.

The free service is available to all WA Conference young people who want to receive such communication.

Following a week-long youth evangelistic series, the youth department found that even after putting up posters, handing out business cards, having notices in church bulletins and advertising in their monthly youth newsletter, young people were still saying, “We didn’t hear about it.”

Realising the money spent on current advertising methods was not working, the idea of using SMS was born at a WA youth advisory in July.

“The number of subscribers has already passed 85 and is growing weekly,” says Lesa Fowler, WA youth ministries secretary.

“We will continue to use email and ‘snail mail’ but we are hoping this will help us inform our youth about what’s happening in WA.”—Scott Wegener

◆ The youth of the Canberra National church, ACT, answered the call for more blood donations by visiting the Canberra Donor Centre in small groups to give vital blood donations. Their efforts made the local paper, which also shared other activities undertaken, including the Weet-Bix TRY-athlon, “buy a goat” night, to support people in developing countries and assisting an ADRA Op Shop.—Erwin Wegner

◆ Several church members have recently produced different ministry products. On July 25, the North New Zealand Conference office hosted the launch of Pastor Geoff Garne’s book Still the Best News Ever!—a compilation of around 50 selected articles and essays written by him during his long career in gospel ministry—including a period as editor of RECORD. The book was published to commemorate Pastor Garne’s 80th birthday. Pastor Reg Brown also recently wrote a book, Surviving the Loss of a Loved One. Published by Stanborough Press, it is selling well in Africa with more than 2500 copies sold. “I guess the large number of deaths from AIDS has led people in that culture to search for comfort and hope in their hour of grief and loss,” says Pastor Brown. The Brooke-Kelly family launched Scripture Songs CD at a concert earlier in the year at Young church, NSW. Their family talents include playing the guitar, viola, violin, flute, oboe and recorder. Landers Brooke-Kelly, aged 10, recently gained a scholarship at the Young Regional School of Music to further his study of the recorder.—Ben Timothy, Gwen Parkinson

◆ A number of literature evangelists (LE) gathered at a park recently for a barbecue and round of volleyball before moving into Blacktown church, NSW, to take up residence for a week. In preparation for the LE blitz on the local area, the church had letterboxed 60,000 brochures, trained people to effectively follow up leads and organised beds and meals for their visitors. Finishing the week, 49 homes were found willing to accept follow-up visits.—Intrasyd
James White’s antique clock given to church

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A
n antique clock that originally belonged to James White has been given to the South Pacific Division (SPD) after being in the possession of the Conley family for more than 100 years.

The clock was given to Robert Conley by Ellen White, wife of James White, when she was leaving Australia after spending nine years in the country as a missionary. Called an “Eight Day and One Day Calendar Clock,” it was manufactured by Welch, Sprung and Co and patented in 1868.

“Our family feels very happy to present this clock to the church,” says Sheila Dever, granddaughter of Robert Conley. “The clock is something special to our family and we have been looking after it for years. It is something tangible to remember the Whites by.”

Robert Conley resided in Cooranbong (NSW) and was responsible for plastering almost every original building on the property of Avondale College as well as “Sunnyside,” home of Mrs White when she was in Australia.

The clock was subsequently passed down from Robert Conley to his son, Pastor J B Conley, who passed the clock down to his son, Wallace Conley, who passed away two years ago.

The clock was given to Robert Conley by Ellen White, wife of James White.
Silly answers wins award

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

RECORD and The Edge magazines both received awards at the annual Australasian Religious Press Association (ARPA) Conference, held in Adelaide from August 11 to 13.

The RECORD received a “Highly commended” award in the section for the “Most improved magazine” for last year’s overhaul of the magazine, launched on April 2, 2005.

The ARPA judges commented, “Without changing format, this publication has been simplified and modernised to create the cleanest looking publication in this category, with lots of newspaper attributes of simplicity in layout and design.”

The Edge received the award for “Item or feature that shows most originality” for Scott’s Silly Answers, a column written by Scott Wegener, an editorial assistant of RECORD, that provides ridiculous answers to the pressing questions of life.

Scott’s Silly Answers was introduced in the 50th issue of The Edge and replaced the “My opinion” section. So far, he’s answered questions like why God created Marmite-side down. “A change a light bulb and why toast always lands Marmite-side down.”

Mr Wegener says, “I question the merit in being deemed ‘most original’—isn’t that really the judges saying, ‘This has the least resemblance of all the quality work we have been judging?’ I’m not sure if I should be offended or delighted. If it’s a good thing, then I am delighted to have been able to help The Edge stand out and be recognised in having gone where no religious publication has reasoned to be a rational place to go.”

Judges spoke about the need for freshness and originality in the Christian media in this category, as it helps to connect the most with people who don’t have much experience with the church or Christians. It was also necessary, they believed, to be able to compete with the proliferation of magazines and other publications in an environment in Australasia that places religion somewhat low in the public agenda.

—Adele Nash

Women address gender and justice

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the theme of the conference. During the opening address on the second day, Mr Lockton delved into the acts of “desperate” women in the Bible and looked into ways to deal with passages in the Bible that particularly talk about the suffering of women in the light of what Jesus Christ did. “Grace calls us to enhance, not diminish, social justice for women in the world, in Australia and in the church,” said Mr Lockton.

Dr Roennfeldt, on the other hand, looked at Paul’s teachings in the Bible regarding marriage and gender roles. “We sometimes misunderstand how Scripture should be used,” he said. “We need to look for themes [in Paul’s writings] rather than [take it at face value.]”

Workshops were also held in the afternoon, and attendees could choose to learn about the three essential tools for Bible study, to look at Bible passages in light of the psychodynamic questions with an opportunity to narrate their personal experiences or to obtain an insight into the concept of sexuality from the Bible.

According to first-time conference attendee Sulu Fuimaono, “It has been very interesting and I don’t plan to miss any future ones.”

—Melody Tan
Record camp offerings bring mission projects closer to reality

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The total of mission offerings and pledges received from conference camp-meetings in Australia and New Zealand for the past financial year hit a four-year record with more than $A200,000 donated to South Pacific Division (SPD) mission projects.

“This is a fantastic result,” says Pastor Raymond Coombe, director of Adventist mission, “and a tribute to the sacrifice and generosity of our members.

“It also represents a return to the level of camp offerings several years ago and indicates a renewed confidence in the mission outreach of the church in the South Pacific,” Pastor Coombe comments.

He believes the projects of rebuilding the Kwailabesi Training School on Malaita and the purchase of a new mission aircraft for Papua New Guinea (PNG) particularly caught the imagination and support of members this past year.

In several of the larger conferences, the camp offering totals and pledges were up threefold, and young and old seemed to appreciate the increased amount of information and audiovisual reports that were presented.

The presence of the former Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) assistant to the president, Joe Talemaina, a Fijian, at the North New South Wales Conference camp was reminiscent of the time when Pacific-island nationals visited camp-meetings in the past, according to Pastor Coombe.

“The visit of missionary-pilot Pastor Roger Millist to the West Australian camp-meeting, and the involvement of island nationals who now serve as division departmental directors, has also helped to give more direct contact with the mission field,” says Pastor Coombe.

The grand total of $A203,187 means the Malaita Mission in the Solomon Islands will receive $A50,797 for the rebuilding of the Kwailabesi Training School, and the PNG Adventist Aviation Services (AAS) will receive $A152,390 toward the purchase of a new aircraft.

Malaita Mission is already finalising plans and building arrangements for their project and the SPD recently approved the purchase of a larger New Zealand-built PAC 750 XL as a replacement mission plane for “Charlie” (P2-SDC), the 28-year-old Cessna 208.

However, almost $A200,000 remains to be raised to complete the purchase of the new mission plane.

AAS CEO and chief pilot Pastor Millist is hoping this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering and next year’s camp offerings will fill the gap. “We are almost there,” he says, “but we desperately need the next round of camp offerings to achieve our goal.”

Medical flights, mission transportation and contact with remote villages and missionaries who serve in this rugged area depend on this new mission plane for a safe and efficient aviation service. “Please continue to pray for our pilots and our flying program,” says Pastor Millist.

Pastor Coombe agrees and adds, “Camp mission offerings are one of the most direct ways in which members can contribute directly to major projects in the mission fields.”

In the previous financial year (2004-05), the camp mission offerings successfully funded a radio station in French Polynesia, which continues as a powerful witness from Tahiti.

They also provided funds for the new mission office on New Britain, which had relocated to Kokopo because of the volcanic eruption near Rabaul. “These are major capital expenditures that the division could never have funded without the strong support of our members,” says Pastor Coombe.

This year, at the South Queensland Conference camp-meeting, Pastor Coombe will be assisted by TPUM personal ministries, Sabbath school and Global Mission director Pastor Nos Terry.

“As the former president of Vanuatu Mission, Pastor Terry will have good stories to share. Video clips and more reports of the important work of mission aviation in Papua New Guinea will be shared at all camp programs,” says Pastor Coombe.

“Mission projects can really catch the interest of all age groups. We hope with God’s blessing upon our members this year, we can continue the upward trend in mission giving.”

Members who are unable to get to camp-meetings, but who would like to contribute to the SPD mission projects, donations, gifts and bequests can be sent through any church or conference offering envelope marked “Camp offering” or by credit card or direct e-giving. —RECORD staff/Ray Coombe
Mourning the Crocodile Hunter

BY MIKE BROWNHILL

The whole of the Glasshouse Country—and beyond—was stunned by the tragic death of one of its favourite sons, Steve Irwin. It’s at times like this that words seem so utterly inadequate to convey the deep sense of loss being experienced by so many. Nevertheless, since it’s fallen to me to write a devotional article for this week’s paper, let me try to create a brief eulogy of sorts for Steve, express just a little of our community’s pain and, hopefully, bring a little word of comfort and hope in the process.

As virtually all of the Western world knows, Steve Irwin was a larger-than-life personality—one of those rare, inimitable characters life throws up every once in a blue moon. His passionate concern for all God’s creatures—great and small, healthy and wounded, harmless and deadly, beautiful and downright ugly—is a testimony to his love of nature and conservation of the world around him.

In addition, Steve’s love and priority for his family were well documented in many a TV appearance and magazine article. We can’t imagine the devastation they must feel—and our hearts go out to them.

Steve was a man of the highest ethical standards and generous to a fault. Though known to half a billion viewers worldwide as the “Crocodile Hunter,” those who know Steve and Terri personally from around the Glasshouse region and Australia Zoo can testify that what you see is what you get—the same warm, friendly personalities on-screen as off.

I’m sure many are asking why at this point in their individual and collective grief. And the simple answer to that question is that there is no simple answer—apart from the fact that for the moment at least we are living on a hostile planet where pain and tragedy seem to be the order of the day.

Ever since Satan led humans into sin man has been set against man, creature against creature in a deteriorating world of alienation, suffering and death.

But this state of affairs will not continue forever. The Bible promises a better world where death and sorrow will be permanently banished, where “the wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat . . . and a little child will lead them. . . . The lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper’s nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11: 6-9, NIV). I think the resurrected Steve Irwin, reunited with his loved ones, would feel very much at home in a world like that!

But in the meantime, a community grieves for their friend, hero and boss, and a family weeps bitterly for their son, husband, father, brother and uncle. I’m sure God, too, has tears running down His cheeks—for just a little while longer!

While “crocs rule” in their domain, thankfully God still rules in His.

*Photographer Ben Beaden is a member of Landsborough church who works at Australia Zoo.

Mike Brownhill pastors the Landsborough church, Queensland, just up the road from Steve Irwin’s Australia Zoo. This article was written for the Glasshouse Country News in the week of Mr Irwin’s death.
What my parents passed on to me

BY GARY WEBSTER

DAD AND MUM WERE GODLESS. Life revolved around movies, dancing, sport and drink. Everything between this weekend and the next was a black hole. Then Jesus came, bringing with Him peace of mind, meaning and purpose to life, joy, hope for the future and the knowledge of how to live life at its very best.

With Christ’s love filling their lives, my parents now sought—to know and do the will of their God (see John 14:31; 8:55; 6:38). As I look back, nowhere did this become clearer to me than in the way they cared for my four sisters, my brother and me. Let me share some insights.

Early in life, Mum taught us that a personal friendship with God was nurtured by quality time alone with God through His Word. She invited us to sit beside her early in the morning with our own Bibles while she had her personal time with God. Personal daily devotions thus became a part of life.

Family worship was also critical. In all our years as kids, we could count the number of times on one hand when Dad or Mum did not conduct morning and evening family worship. These were good times with stories, singing and prayer.

After evening family worship it was always time for “family fun,” playing skittles, fiddlesticks or hide-and-seek. If you went to hide under the table as a kid, you’d often have to go elsewhere, because Dad was there. If you tried to hide in the wardrobe, you’d find Mum had beaten you to it. When we came home from school, Mum was always there to listen to the joys and sorrows of her brood. When Dad came home from work there was hardly a day when he didn’t kick the footy or play backyard cricket with my brother and me.

Life in the Christian lane was fun, with a strong sense of security as Dad and Mum were appropriately affectionate toward each other in our presence.

Then there was church. It was everything to our parents and they made it central to their family. We all attended, participated in or were helped run Sabbath school, the worship service, afternoon kids and youth programs and church social events. Even midweek prayer meetings were a family affair, which taught us that as we sought God first, He would even look after the exam the next day.

One thing was taboo in our home: You couldn’t knock the minister, even if he preached too long. As a boy I never heard Dad or Mum criticise a pastor. He was God’s anointed. It has made a lasting impact on the way I now relate to my fellow ministers in spite of their faults.

Evangelistic meetings came regularly to Perth. Every night of every campaign, our parents would travel 45 minutes to the city with the whole family to support the evangelistic work. While we little kids sat or slept beside Dad and Mum, our elder sisters ushered or sang in the choirs. Little wonder God’s Spirit began to plant in my young heart a desire to be an evangelist myself. In fact they tell me I used to set up my own pulpit in the backyard the next day and preach to my long-suffering sisters, the neighbours and any stray cat or dog that wandered past.

Then there was church school. How does one put five or six kids through church school or college all at the same time on the wage of one Telecom employee? I don’t know how they did it, but Dad and Mum sacrificed financially because they believed God should be the centre of genuine education. Godly teachers made a tremendous impact on our young hearts for life.

As time went on I discovered that Dad and Mum had discovered the principles for bringing up their family by reading and putting into practice the things they read together from the Bible and the writings of Ellen White. I thank God for parents who, out of love for Him, sought to know and do His will for their kids.
What next, boomer?

BY BRUCE MANNERS

B aby boomers are ageing. In 1965 they were singing along to The Who’s “My generation,” with its line, “I hope I die before I get old.” Now it’s almost too late.

This is a milestone year for boomers (the generation born between 1946 and 1961). The first of them—former US President Bill Clinton among them—are turning 60. Not even the attempt to call 60 the new 40 changes the ageing process.

But what next, boomer?

This is a generation—my generation—that challenged society on a myriad of fronts. We were out to change the world. We marched in political protest, openly brought sex out of the bedroom and marriage, and challenged authority.

Individually, though, we soon settled into a lifestyle remarkably similar to that of our parents—with the job, the marriage and the mortgage. Yet, unlike our parents, we live life with a certain restlessness. We change jobs regularly, our divorce rate is much higher and our personal debt has skyrocketed.

Now we head toward retirement (with some already retired). This means we get to do more than sit in a rocking chair on the front porch awaiting the Grim Reaper.

But let’s talk about death for a moment.

For Australians, the opportunity to retire came with the aged pension, established within a decade of Federation (1901). By setting the pension ages at 60 for women and 65 for men, the government rewarded those who survived. In 1924 the average Australian male lived to 60 years, and the average female to 64.

This was a “sensible arrangement for a society that had yet to introduce a uniform arrangement of taxation” (begun in 1942), suggests sociologist Bernard Salt.1 By 1964, the life expectancy for males had risen to 68; for women it was up to 74. Today, for males it’s at 78 years and 1 for females, 83—and rising. No wonder the Australian Federal Treasurer encourages people to keep working after the retirement age.

Here’s the deal! We boomers are fitter for longer and, if the Second Coming is delayed and we retire at 65, there’s another 13 years (for men) or 18 years (for women) before we fall off the perch. Actually, meat-eating Adventists can add about another seven years to this (S. Allen, personal communication).

But this is not about age and death; it’s about life. We’ve been given much more of it. Every extra day is a gift, a gift from God. We choose what to do with it.

Importantly, we still have a chance to make a difference before we “all just fade away.” (The Who, again). Perhaps we can change the world after all—or at least someone else’s world—for good and for God. Our chance starts . . . now!

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Often we have the idea that outreach is dealing with angry or objectionable people. Video ministry proves the opposite. Many couriers are surprised how often people are grateful and friendly at the door.

Video ministry has two streams of influence. The first is the influence of the videos. The videos deliver the message and speak to people's head. The other stream of influence is the courier or the visitor. The visitor can connect with people and build a friendship, and in this way can speak to the heart. For video ministry to have its maximum efficiency and success the videos—the message—and the visitor—the friendship—must work together. That's why the video visitor has a major part to play in video ministry.

But there is a time and a place for everything. There is a time to be a video courier—in the first few visits. And there is a time to be a video friend—in the visits that come afterward. The friendship can grow with time. It's inappropriate to try to develop a friendship on the first few visits. Just deliver the videos. Conversely it's also inappropriate just to deliver videos 10 or 12 weeks down the track. By then a friendship should be developing, and opportunities to talk and share will help build and grow the friendship. The video minister will notice their role changes with each person they deliver videos to. It starts as a video courier, then you become a video visitor, then a friendly neighbor, then a listening friend, and our prayer is that ultimately you become a Christian brother or sister.

Success in video ministry depends on the connections we make with people. Once you have connected with someone after three or four visits, allow and encourage the friendship to grow. Be prepared to accept an invitation to come in and have a cuppa. Note interests and family network and their needs. Ask questions about their life and their work and their family, and focus on these things.

It's vital to be a good listener. Everybody has a story. Listen to that story and, as you listen, note the joys, sorrows and needs that will be shared. Our strategy statement reminds us that Jesus sympathised, and before you can sympathise you must listen.

Look for opportunities to respond to needs in people's lives—something you can do to help in some area of their life. You don't have to perform a miracle as Jesus did, but something simple is often appreciated. People know the videos are religious and you are a Seventh-day Adventist, so when needs arise it is always appropriate to have a short prayer with people, and to bring them and their needs before God. But keep the prayer short.

This is part of a series of articles exploring video ministry and how it can work in your community.

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What if they're friendly?

Record Roo's Kids Corner

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Bewailing a tale
KEN DAVEY, QLD

I find it incredible that we read of a “GLOG” God in the latest RECORD editorial (“The whale’s tail,” August 26).

The folly of such questionable journalism is beyond comprehension and can be summed up in the words of Cowper when he said it is like “letting down buckets into empty wells, and growing old with drawing nothing up.”

Your whale’s tail article is nothing but a tale of wail!

Bad language
BRUCE BURLING, QLD

To condone or endorse bad language in any form or genre is to obliterate the vast gulf there is between the pure and holy and the impure and unholy (“Dear Slim,” Editorial, August 19).

It should ever be remembered that there never has been any concord between Christ and Belial. The devil is expert at making the ugly appear beautiful.

We don’t need to find better ways to engage with the art and entertainment of secular culture. What we do need to is find better ways of how to reach those in that culture, which I don’t think the editorial’s ideas are going to do without compromise and endorsement of that which is evidently clearly evil.

We are called to come out and leave, not to take and carry. Poison works insidiously to smudge the defined lines of purity and holiness. Our struggle is not in carrying the impure into the realms of the holy but in leaving and evicting the unholy in order to make the holy into the realms of the holy but in leaving and evicting the unholy in order that that nurtured Him. Unlike us, Jesus had no sin or Him (see 1 John 3:5).

Ellen White wrote, “We should have no misgivings in regard to the perfect sinlessness of the human nature of Christ” (“GLOG,” God in the latest RECORD editorial, June 16, 1898).

In spite of our nature—sinful or sinless—no-one is exempt from temptation. Jesus was tempted as much and more than Adam.

As our example and as a human being like us, Jesus relied wholly on His Father for power to defeat the devil, as we must (see Hebrews 5:7-9; 1 Peter 2:21-23).

It is not our status as sinners that concerns God, it is our standing before Him that counts. God cannot force us to obey and Satan cannot force us to disobey.

A marriage “lie”
NAME SUPPLIED

I have long wanted to write this letter as I feel there are probably many other women and maybe even men out there who have gone and may still be going through the same predicament I have been in.

I am a woman who has been married to a “gay” man. Unfortunately this man chose to marry me under false pretences. I did not find out until many years later, after we had children and spent a number of years in “missionary service.” I was forced to live his “lie,” even though I was not aware of his preference.

Today we are divorced and he has remarried. But I continue to live this “lie” because he refuses to accept what he is and be honest about it. I refuse to live under this lie any longer and made sure my children were aware and will tell my story whenever I am asked.

I have gay friends and will continue to have gay friends as long as they live their life in truth. But when someone uses Christianity to hide behind and does not share the truth with their partner, I cannot and will not condone that. This man continues to live his life and people think he is a wonderful, kind Christian man. Is this what God wants?

Second Adam
ERIC HORT, WA

When discussing the nature of Christ (see “Jesus’ nature,” Letters, August 19), two important things must be remembered.

1. Jesus was the second Adam. Paul didn’t state that He was the second Moses or Elijah. God created Adam absolutely perfect as He simply cannot impute sin in anyone (see Romans 4:8). This is the devil’s work. Satan is the author of sin and death. It was through the fall that Adam—and us—have received the attributes of the devil. Sin is what we have as us (see John 1:8).

2. Jesus is, was and always will be God. His divinity was veiled. It was God the Father who prepared Christ’s body. Thus, could it have been sinful? (see Hebrews 10:5). Mary’s body was only the recipient

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Thank you
JOFFRE GILCHRIST, VIC

For many years I have read, appreciated, studied and taught from the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide. Known as the “golden oldies and hard-of-hearing class”—for obvious reasons—our small study group enjoys our study each week.

Only recently did I stop to consider where the Bible-study guide was produced. I assumed, since it is printed in Australia by Signs Publishing Company, that it was produced here as well—and likewise in other countries for their churches.

But the benefits of one location for global production are obvious. I am writing to say thank you to all those on the editorial staff at Silver Spring for your dedication to the task, and to let you know that we in Australia appreciate what you are doing.

I can’t imagine what it would be like to prepare a lesson from scratch. Searching for references alone would be a daunting task.

So I say, “Thank you to all at Silver Spring, from all of us who use the Adult Sabbath School Study Guide here in Australia.”

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Anniversaries

Bennet, Pam and Sam and Judith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, 11/9/06 at the Kellery SDA church hall. The festivities to mark the occasion were preceded by a thanksgiving and rededication service conducted by Pastors Rein Mulberg and Gilbert Canby. Sharing in the joy that celebration were their four children, Orsco, Germaine, Christiana, Rosamay, their spouses, their 10 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and numerous relations and friends. They were married at the Rose Hill SDA church on the island of Mauritius on 12/8/46. Congratulatory messages were read from HRH Queen Elizabeth II, the Premier of NSW, the Prime Minister of Australia and the Governor-General.

Dunlop, Ken and Doreen (nee Prodov) were married on 24/7/46 at the Arendeke Street Methodist church in Auckland City, NZ, by Rev T T Garland. They joined the Adventist Church in the 1950s and were baptized at Ponsonby SDA church. Jim and Pat celebrated 60 years of marriage. They were married on 9.6.56 at Hawera Presbyterian Church in Auckland City, NZ, and Norma and Lee Jones (Gol Gol, Mirboo North, Vic; died 24.7.06 in Amity Nursing Home, Kempsey, NSW, after a prolonged illness. She was predeceased by her husband, Ken, who predeceased her on 17.5.06 at Bega Hospital, NSW. She was survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Graeme and Dianne Hillsdon (Cooranbong, NSW), and Kerri Jane Hillsdon, daughter of Graeme and Dianne Hillsdon (Cooranbong, NSW), were married on 20.8.06 at the Lovedale Wedding Chapel, Lovedale, NZ.

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Positions vacant

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Avondale Foundation will be held at 9.00 am, October 22, 2006, in the Conference Room, Avondale College, Freemans Drive, Cooranbong NSW. Reports will be tabled by the president and treasurer. All members and interested individuals are invited to attend.

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