Thirty Pathfinders were baptised on Sabbath morning and afternoon during the first ever South Pacific Division (SPD) Pathfinder Camporee. The remaining 6000 entered through the Twelfth Gate into “heaven” on the final evening—January 13—as part of the six-part drama, Threshold.

The drama, based on an original script written by Pastor Tony Knight, director of youth ministries for the Australian Union Conference, focused on both the heavenly realm as well as the earthly one, where five children meet an angel sent to minister to them at a playground. Pathfinders who crossed the threshold on stage through the Twelfth Gate were greeted by “angels.”

Themed “The Twelfth Gate,” elements of the Pathfinder Camporee was based around heaven. The Pathfinder Camporee is an initiative of the South Pacific Division’s Youth Ministries Department and took place from January 9 to 13, 2007, at the Seventh-day Adventist Convention Centre at Stuarts Point, New South Wales.

“I really enjoyed being with friends and meeting new people during the camporee,” says Melissa Alach, a Pathfinder from New Zealand.

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Pathfinders enter 12th Gate

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Pathfinders entered “heaven” the minute they entered the gates of the campground on the first day of camporee, welcomed by a group of angels.

“This camporee is about making friends, breaking barriers, establishing communities and creating unity in this diverse world of the South Pacific region,” says Pastor Gilbert Cangy, director of Adventist youth ministries in the SPD. “It has been an unforgettable experience that will remain in the memory of all the campers for a long time to come.”

Over a period of two days, Pathfinders participated in a variety of activities on the nearby beach, lake and bush areas. These included obstacle courses and games, constructed largely onsite by volunteers and youth workers over a gruelling two-week period.

During the camporee, some Pathfinders also worked toward obtaining a special Twelfth Gate Honour intended to build friendships between Pathfinders and introduce them to staff members. The honour involved a number of questions and a Bible study on the camporee theme of gates in the Bible.

A festival on Friday provided Pathfinders with Harley-riding, jet-skiing, go-carting and mountain-biking experiences. They were also given opportunities to hand-make souvenirs through metal-, wood- and paper-stamping activities. Pathfinders were introduced to the various Pacific nations thanks to a cultural village that showcased most of the 14 nationalities at the camporee.

The 350 staff members at the camporee also received special assistance from a group of young people called TeenForce. TeenForce consisted of almost 80 young people just past the Pathfinder age (16-18-year-olds) showing special leadership qualities and handpicked by their respective conference youth departments.

“Their goal was to make camp a special event for everyone,” says Rose Smith, associate director of TeenForce. “They were chosen from their application details to their conference and based on their dedication to the Pathfinder ideal.”

The responsibilities of TeenForce members included helping with the activities and as ushers during the evening programs.

The main speaker for the evenings was Pastor Jose Rojas, director of volunteer ministries in the North American Division, who—during the closing ceremony—urged Pathfinders to “testify to everyone what you have learned and seen at this camporee.”

“My favourite part of the camporee was attending the worship at night,” says Fern Napwatt of the Portoroki Pathfinder Club in Vanuatu. “Pastor Rojas was funny and speaks straight to the point. I have learned more about Jesus and grown closer to Him at this camporee.”

Countries represented at the South Pacific Pathfinder Camporee included Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and even a group of Pathfinders from New York, USA.

The Pathfinder Camporee attracted interest from the media, with the local TV stations, NBN and Prime, featuring a story in their evening news programs.

—Melody Tan

More news, photos and video clips from the Pathfinder camporee may be found at the official website <www.12thgate.org.au>.
INVERCARGILL, NEW ZEALAND

The eight cyclists who will ride the length of New Zealand to address issues of “at-risk” behaviours among young people in small, rural communities (see “Circle of courage” heads to NZ,” News, January 20) will be leaving behind a range of practical resources that have been produced specially for this “Circle of courage” New Zealand cycle tour.

Among the resources produced is a set of guidebooks called *Quest*. A community youth-challenge project, it provides adults in the community an opportunity to engage the young people in a meaningful way and encourage them to realise their potential. Consisting of a mentor’s guide, coordinator’s guide, team guide and a journal for the young people involved in the project, it has been written by Lanelle Cobbin, curriculum specialist of Adventist education for the NZPUC.

Further resources for mentoring have also been developed by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) through a series called “B Somebody 2 Someone.” And 52 sixty-second radio spots, newspaper articles and bulletin announcements (one for each week of the year), have also been produced as resources for towns interested in adopting the “Circle of courage” philosophy. Written by Christine Miles, a member of the Papatoetoe church, these provide stories and information on how to impact and influence young people.

“The resources provided will equip them to do so and address ‘at-risk’ behaviours among their teenagers.”

“We recognise that there are communities who may not have adequate resources to engage young people in their towns,” says Jonathan Duffy, director of Adventist health for the South Pacific Division. “These resources will equip them to help towns visit by the “Circle of courage” cyclists. The “Circle of courage” cycle tour in New Zealand will kick off from “where the journey begins” in Bluff on the South Island on February 11 and conclude at the lighthouse of Cape Reinga four weeks later. It has been organised by Adventist health in the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC).

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“We would love to see people throughout the community relate to another child outside of their immediate family on a regular basis,” says Mrs Miles. “I also hope to be able to help adults encourage young people to actively take part in service, to assist them in seeing what needs to be done in the community, help them to provide the service and therefore give them a reason for being.”

“Towns requiring further assistance can also contact Adventist health in the NZPUC, who will help them with a town-mapping initiative. Communities will learn what aspects of the “Circle of courage” philosophy they are strong and weak at, and receive help to roll out projects to develop the four areas.

“We can make the difference in the lives within the local community in New Zealand,” says Paul Rankin, tour coordinator and director of Adventist health for the NZPUC. “And there are resources available to help towns do so.”

—Melody Tan

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Weddings

Keath—Ishida, Brenton John Keath, son of Rodney and Lynette Keath (Alexandra, Vic), and Michiko Ishida, daughter of Teruo and Eiko Hanekawa (Japan), were married on 10.12.06 at Observatory Hill, Sydney, NSW. Garth Bainbridge

Landall—Chandler, Scott Leonard Landall, son of Carl and Rosemary Landall (Nelson, NZ), and Kylie Louise Chandler, daughter of Glenda (NSW) and the late Greg Chandler, were married on 1.10.06 at Lovedale Chapel, Lovedale. Trevor Mawer, son of Keith Mawer and Carol Harvey (Devonport, Tas), and Sharlene Webster, daughter of David and Ruth Webster (Cooranbong, NSW), were married on 28.12.06 at Avondale College, Cooranbong. Michael Robinson

McMurray—Weekes, John Laurence McMurray, son of Pastor Laurie and Beth McMurray (Alstonville, NSW), and Jessica Brooke Weekes, daughter of Brian and Annette Weekes (“Maidenvale,” Tinonee), were married on 28.12.06 in the Wingham Adventist church.

Laurie McMurray, Garth Bainbridge

Obituaries

Aikenhead, Robert Young, born 28.8.1912 at New Brunswick, Canada, of British parents; died 8.10.06 at Gayndah, Qld. On 2.9.32 he married Elsie Russell, who predeceased him in 1988. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Anita Aikenhead, who knew him. He was a treasured grandfather and will be sadly missed by his large family and all who knew him. Mark Roberts

Hayes, William Thomas (Billo), born 7.12.1916 in Wallsend, NSW; died 21.8.06 in Charles Harrison Memorial Home, Cooranbong (formerly of Port Macquarie). He was predeceased by his newborn daughter in 1967, and his son, Laurie, in 1978. He is survived by his wife, Lola; his children and their spouses, Sandra and Andy Coburn, Bill and Kathleen, Vicki and Bob Maggs, David and Margaret, Stephen, Liz and Brian Phillips, Glenn, Shellee and Clau dio Carrasco, and Chontelle; his 24 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Bill loved his God supremely and looked forward with excitement to the Resurrection morning. He was a treasured grandfather and a wonderful friend to many, but now the “Pacific Highway angel” sleeps until the call of his Saviour and Friend. He is sadly missed by his large family and all who knew him.

Roderg Hanley

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