On September 1, the iGeneration concert was held in Sydney to celebrate the contribution of young people to this year’s Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Appeal.

The concert featured a number of Australian artists including Australian Idol finalist Joseph Gatehau, popular Christian singer Skylla, Endless Praise and Melissa Otto.

The iGeneration concert was hosted by local Adventist youth speakers and included segments with giveaways and interviews with ADRA supporters.

“The night was really fantastic, with very talented performers and an enthusiastic audience,” said co-host Litiana Qiosese. “Watching the young people get involved not only on the night but also in doing something to help the poor was great. This generation can make a difference.”

Young people from the Greater Sydney Conference gained entry to the concert on presentation of an ADRA Appeal church treasurer’s receipt that showed they had raised $A50 or more for the Appeal. They also received a free iGeneration T-shirt. For those unable to fundraise for ADRA, tickets for entry were sold at the door.

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Women pray with PNGUM leaders

**LAE, PAPUA NEW guinea**

The Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) office in Lae was recently crowded with women from a local congregation who went there to pray with church leaders and office staff during their lunch hour.

Although the women regularly pray for the staff members, they had not previously prayed with them at the offices. The program included singing, a short devotional talk and a prayer session. After the prayer session, the women each gave a bag of mixed vegetables to each of the leaders and employees.

PNGUM’s personal ministries director and prayer ministries coordinator, Pastor Benjamin Kola, was full of praise for the women, as well as the men who escorted them to the head office. “What these women did is a good picture of the church,” Pastor Kola comments. “The church is a community of believers and we need to pray for each other and to provide for one another’s needs.”

Agnes Kola, director of women’s ministries for the PNGUM, told the women she was happy they were putting into practice what they had been taught in and about the ministry that women can perform.

—**Matupit Darius**

ADRA hosts Sydney iGeneration concert

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The concert was held at the Sydney Adventist College, Strathfield campus. It was organised by the Greater Sydney Conference to encourage young people to participate in the fight against poverty and support the ADRA Appeal.

“The iGeneration campaign is about inspiring young people to get involved in changing the world. Many of them said that they learned a lot about poverty and what can be done to help,” said the conference’s director of ADRA services, Malcolm Rea. “And their response to supporting the ADRA Appeal was amazing, with those at the concert representing about $23,000 dollars raised for the Appeal.”

Candice Jaques, ADRA Australia’s communication coordinator, says, “iGeneration was named not only for the generation now using popular i-technology such as iPods and iPhones, but as a call to action for this generation to become ‘involved,’ make an ‘impact’ and go on to ‘inspire’ others to do the same.

The iGeneration campaign is being implemented in other conferences to acknowledge the important role young people play in supporting those in need through the ADRA Appeal.—**RECORD staff/Candice Jaques**

More than 300 young people attended the iGeneration concert in Sydney.
New “home” dedicated for SNZ Conference

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

The new administrative office for the South New Zealand (SNZ) Conference was dedicated by Dr Brad Kemp, associate general secretary of the South Pacific Division, on September 14.

Conference president Pastor Craig Gillis took the opportunity to reflect on the history of the SNZ administration. “The separation of New Zealand into two conferences, thus forming the South New Zealand and North New Zealand Conferences, came into effect on April 1, 1915,” he reports.

Since that time, eight different offices have been used. “This most recent move has occurred in order to allow ease of access for visitors and create larger office space for our employees,” says Pastor Gillis.

The building is situated close to the Christchurch airport, and is easily accessible and convenient, Pastor Gillis says, adding that he believes it will be “a credit to the cause it represents.”

“I’d like to give special thanks to the previous president and treasurer, Pastor Lindsay Sleight and Russell Jones, whose vision and foresight had sought the lease of the new building,” he adds.

—Sarah Grecea

The new administrative office of the South New Zealand Conference.

MVAC commerce students serve community

DOONSIDE, NEW SOUTH WALES

Mountain View Adventist College teacher Zenon Els and his Year 10 Commerce class have been busy sorting out household items and food products donated by fellow students and staff at the college to the class as part of a community-service project they organised during August.

These items have been distributed to families in the school who need some assistance, which the Commerce class designed to be seen as a “hand-up” rather than a “handout.” In total, 72 baskets were prepared and included generous donations from Sanitarium Health Food Company, who have been strong supporters of the project.

Mr Els says, “This community-service project has gone better than we expected and next year we will definitely be looking at doing it again!” —Fiona Lelilo

Some of the baskets prepared by the class.

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Learning to listen

BIANCA MCARTHUR, TAS

In the continuing discussion of the role of women in ministry, those who quote 1 Timothy 2:12—“I do not permit a woman to teach or have authority over a man; she must be silent” (NIV)—are right. But they should also read all of 2 Timothy, as well as 1 Corinthians 14:26-40. To read 1 Timothy 2:12 in context is to discover that Paul is not telling women not to preach, as some would like to believe. Instead, he is instructing both genders on how they should behave in church.

Apparently, neither group was behaving appropriately. Instead of praying, men engaged in angry disputes (see 1 Timothy 2:8), while women peppered officiating preachers with distracting questions and comments or even talked over them (see 1 Corinthians 14:34, 35). Such behaviour may have been acceptable at the Areopagus in Athens (see Acts 17:18, 32) but it was not permissible in the church.

To categorically reject women preachers is to misinterpret what Paul is saying. He is not against women preaching; rather, he bids members of both genders to listen. It’s important to be courteous because one day, our fate will rest not on the preacher’s gender but on the content of our own character.

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women have sufficient knowledge to preach and should not be considered inferior.

JENNIFER ENSLEY, VIC

Having practised as a midwife for more than 40 years, I feel compelled to respond to Drs Handysides and Landless (Adventist World, September 8) regarding options for childbirth.

If we believe God created us, we should also believe God equipped women to nurture and give birth to their children naturally (see Psalm 139). Only a small minority of births require the skills of medical specialists.

I am both saddened and appalled at the ongoing medicalisation of childbirth. The birthing process is an intimate, sacred event in the family. To intervene because of convenience or merely to avoid pain can cause untold problems for both mother and baby.

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Weddings

Dull—Curilen. Clinton Anthony Dull, son of Graham and Lynette Dull (Dubbo, NSW), and Priscilla Angelica Curilen, daughter of Daniel Curilen (Melbourne, Vic) and Tereesa Curilen (Newcastle, NSW), were married on 12.8.07 at the SDA Polish church, Newcastle.

Finney—Robillard. Andrew James Finney, son of Robert and Lynnette Finney (Bowen, Qld), and Stefanie Michelle Linda Robillard, daughter of Jacques Robillard (Canada) and Jo-anne Quenneville (Canada), were married on 12.8.07 at a beach ceremony on Kings Beach, Bowen, Qld.

Harder—de Ville. Russell Harder, son of Roger and Eddie Harder (Martinsville, NSW), and Krystal de Ville, daughter of Paul and Katrina de Ville (Brightwaters), were married on 29.6.07 in St Patrick’s of Nulka, Cessnock. The couple plan to finish their studies at Avondale College.

Wayne French, Richard Carter

Fehlberg—Mitchell. Ray Fehlberg and Nancy Mitchell were married on 21.4.07 in Stepparton church, Vic. They prove you are never too old to say “I do!”

Raeoul Bryan

Spain—Peakall. Michael Patrick Charles Spain, son of Milton and Ber-yll Spain (Perth, WA), and Kerryllyne June Peakall, daughter of Ray and June Peakall (Kalumanda), were married on 2.9.07 in the garden of the uncle and aunty of the bride, Harvey. Robert Kingdon

Stretch—White. Richard Anthony Stretch, son of Anthony Stretch (deceased) and Megan Bailey, and Lynette Echo White, daughter of Edward and Jessie Chambers (both deceased), were married on 16.9.07 in the garden of the groom’s home, Australind, WA. Robert Kingdon

Appreciation

Kent. Jeanette Kent (Graeme’s wife) and Val Southon (Graeme’s sister) and their family would like to express their appreciation for the many beautiful cards, phone calls, visits and prayers following the sad loss of Graeme on 8.8.07. May the Lord bless you all.

Obituaries

Casale, Robert, born 26.1.1950 in Rhodesia, Africa; died 29.8.07 at Auckland, New Zealand, after a long illness. On 28.3.1976, he married Maureen (nee Richard) in South Africa. He is survived by his wife; his three children and their spouses, Colleen and Dallas Savage (Auckland), Raymond and Lynsuda (Korea), and Estelle (Auckland, NZ); and his granddaughter, Julia. Rob was a keen ham-radio operator and was instrumental in the set-up of many local radio stations across NZ that broadcast the Adventist message. Even though often in much pain, his passion was still to tell people about Jesus’ soon return. Rob will be missed by many, especially his extended Papatoetoe church family. Stephen and Leanne Davies

Dixon, Dennis, born 15.11.1947 at Christchurch, NZ; died unexpectedly 1.9.07 at Auckland. He married his wife, Paula, 37 years ago in Christchurch. He is survived by Paula; his two children and their spouses, Justine and Daniel Michel and Sherridan and Corine; and his grandchildren, Lilly, Rohn, Lauglin and Michaela. Dennis enjoyed preparing and facilitating the Sabbath school lesson study time. He will be remembered as a devoted family man and a capable and respected leader, who was always full of fun. Awaiting Jesus’ return. Stephen and Leanne Davies

Morgan, Elanor (nee Turnbull), born 11.2.1914 in a small town on the Scottish border; died 17.7.07 in the Paramatta Nursing Home. In 1950, she married Ron Morgan, who predeceased her in 1988. At age 13, Elanor was brought to Australia by an uncle and aunt without advising her father. She finally settled in Tasmania where Elaine found work at the Cadbury Chocolate factory. Elaine and Ron were later baptised by Pastor Roy Thrift before leaving for Sydney, where they met John and Meryl Watson, who they “adopted” as a family. She is survived by three nieces who all live in England. Elaine was ad- mired and loved by all who knew her. She is sadly missed by both family and friends and awaits the Lord’s return.

Roger Goveyden, Milton Hook

Wind, Barbara (nee Smith), born 11.11.1924 at Taihape, NZ; died 28.8.07 at Auckland after a period of declining health. She is predeceased by her hus- band, Dave, by nine years. She is sur- vived by her four sons, Mike, Matthew, Aaron (all of Auckland) and Raphael (Darwin); her siblings, Beryl Higgie, Cecily Hay, Helen Amprimo and Bri- an Smith; her nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Barbara was a part of the Papatoetoe church family for many years. She loved her family and her Lord and enjoyed studying the Bi- ble. Barbara was generous with what she had and prayed daily for many people. Peacefully awaiting Jesus’ return. Leanne and Stephen Davies

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