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First baptisms for Saibai Island

SAIBAI ISLAND, TORRES STRAIT

On October 3, five people were baptised on Saibai Island, which is on the northernmost tip of Australia and has a population of 338 people. Another was accepted into church membership on profession of faith. The baptisms of Terry and Molly Waia, Jehmes Waia, and Grace and Bessie Dau were the first to be conducted on the island.

Pastor Chester Stanley, president of the Australian Union Conference (AUC), conducted the baptisms and confirmed Millicent Aniba's profession of faith. The baptisms were held at Mr and Mrs Waia's home, where studies had been held. They cut an

old tank in half to make a font and decorated it in a traditional fashion, according to Steve Piez, director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) for the AUC. "Quite a number of people from the community participated in the program we held on the Saturday morning," he says.

As well as conducting the baptisms, Pastor Stanley and Mr Piez dedicated 14 children. This was followed by a visit to Hammond Island, where Tony Garnier and Brancis Baira were married in a ceremony performed by Pastor Stanley and Pastor Glenn Grey, who is based on Thursday

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This is a God-given task, one in which we all share and contribute.

A spirit of mission

DURING THE RECENT GLOBAL FINANCIAL crisis, economists frequently compared our situation with conditions during the Great Depression. It's therefore interesting to recall that 88 years ago, the Adventist Church found itself with a budget deficit of a quarter of a million dollars. Without money to continue financing mission projects around the world, church leaders were faced with the discouraging possibility of recalling missionaries.

General Conference delegates at the time prayerfully asked church members around the world to give a week's wage in a once-a-year sacrificial offering. Despite the difficult economic climate of the 1920s, the church responded by giving over \$US350,000 to what has become the annual Week of Sacrifice Offering. The missionaries were able to continue their work, the church's mission was not suspended and members were blessed by their act of personal sacrifice.

Over the years, the annual Sacrifice Offering has continued. Although the average gift is now significantly less than a week's salary, this offering is one of the "big" offerings that support the worldwide work of the church. The annual Sacrifice Offering goes to front-line Global Mission work to establish new churches in unentered territories.

In the last three years, the annual Sacrifice Offering in the South Pacific has averaged \$A185,000. However, I believe that if we truly sacrificed, we could more

than double that amount. Next Sabbath, we have the opportunity to help the gospel message reach the unreached people of this world.

Did you know there are still 26 countries or areas of the world where there are no Adventist churches? There are 20 countries where for every one Adventist, you have more than 100,000 who are not. Did you know there are communities, towns and villages around the world where you cannot find a group of Adventists to worship with, even if you wanted to?

As Adventists, we long for Jesus to come and end all the suffering, end all the wars and end all the evil. We want Christ's work on earth to be finished and for the gospel to reach all people.

Every country, state or province, every island and village, every language group and community must have the chance to hear God's good news. It's an enormous task but God has promised to be with us in this mission.

At the recent Festival of Mission in Brisbane, it was encouraging to see members from around the Pacific embracing the urgent sense of mission. This is a God-given task, one in which we all share and contribute. We belong to a world church, and have the privilege to participate next Sabbath in supporting the global challenge of taking God's message to the unreached corners and people of the world.

Global Mission initiatives were first launched at the General Conference Session

in 1990. Since then, intentional strategies have seen an Adventist presence established in many of the previously-untouched countries. The Holy Spirit has opened doors and new people groups have been reached.

Within the South Pacific, we have seen work commence recently on Wallis Island, and Tokelau. Next week's RECORD will bring a report of other Global Mission projects that are operating in the South Pacific and around the world.

Every person born into the family of God through a conversion experience and daily relationship with Jesus is to be a missionary. The call to mission begins locally with our own family, friends, neighbourhood and community. But it also extends to the whole world. Many young people taste the adventure of mission through volunteer service opportunities and STORM Co. Others give a lifetime of cross-cultural ministry and serve in other countries. But we can all support the world mission of the church through our offerings and donations.

During this coming week, please prepare to give a special sacrificial offering. Every dollar given for the annual Sacrifice Offering goes to start new groups of believers in unreached areas, or untouched people groups. Let's keep the spirit of mission alive!

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ADRA commits to long-term work in Samoa

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has committed to the long-term recovery and reconstruction needs of affected communities in Samoa, following the tsunami that devastated coastal areas in late September (“Church responds to Samoa tsunami,” News, October 17).

However, ADRA continues to require financial support to meet the ongoing needs of families and communities. ADRA supplied immediate food and water supplies to approximately 2000 people in three villages for the initial 30 days following the tsunami. Transistor radios and lanterns have also been provided. ADRA is working on long-term plans to meet people’s future needs.

In the days immediately following the disaster, ADRA Australia and ADRA New Zealand partnered to deploy emergency management personnel to Samoa, and established a regional response office in the capital, Apia, on the main island of Upolu. Along with other responding agencies, ADRA’s activities are now moving from immediate relief to rebuilding and recovery.

Candice Jaques, communication coordinator for ADRA Australia, says, “ADRA is committed to the recovery process for

communities, which could extend to up to two years, and is working with appropriate partners to determine recovery activities.”

ADRA New Zealand has deployed its International Programs director, Dayan Eager, to Samoa to coordinate the response.

“There are a lot of families in shock right now that need immediate help,” says Mr Eager. “This initial supply of goods will help them recover in the short term, while we plan and implement our long-term recovery program to help them get back on their feet.

“The people are absolutely shattered and they face an enormous task in returning to any kind of normality,” he continued. “But the process of clearing up is well underway and this initial response is a part of that. We are here to help survivors recover from this terrible tragedy.”

Robert Patton, an ADRA emergency management specialist on the ground in Samoa, says, “ADRA has already established a response office in Samoa and we’re planning how we can contribute to the ongoing recovery efforts to help communities get back on their feet. We are continuing to work with the Samoan Disaster Management Council and other agencies to determine the way forward. We want to partner with local communities to help them rebuild.”

He says there are now enough emergency supplies in the country to meet people’s short-term needs.

“We’re definitely committed to helping these communities,” says Mr Patton. “But we do need continuing support in the form of donations. Monetary gifts are really the best way to support efforts like these because they can be transferred to our office quickly and allow us to make the necessary purchases here, based on the needs.

“An extra bonus of this approach is that by buying goods here, we help bolster local businesses and give a boost to a local economy that has been so badly affected by this disaster.”

People who have given donations to ADRA for the relief effort can see how their gifts are helping people in videos released on <www.youtube.com>. The ADRA team in Samoa has worked on videos showcasing the agency’s response activities and can be located by searching for the account name “SamTsunami.”

—Candice Jaques

More @ <www.adra.org.au> or
<www.adra.org.nz>.

Donations to support ADRA’s emergency management activities can be made by calling ADRA Australia (+61 2 9489 5488) or ADRA New Zealand (+64 9 262 5620), or donating via their websites, <www.adra.org.au> or <www.adra.org.nz>.



◆ During the second week of the October school holidays, **Moora church, WA**, ran their **Happy Holiday Club** program for the **13th consecutive year**. One hundred different children attended over the week, with an average of 60 children each day. Very few of these children regularly attend a church of any kind. The community bus, driven by school chaplain **Doug McGhee**, was running

each day to collect children from around the town. The program included singing, Bible stories, crafts and a nature segment featuring a plant or animal. Puppets also appeared each day to reinforce the Bible lessons learnt, which covered the steps of salvation over the week. The theme of the week was “Earthmaker Mysteries.” All the children learnt about how God the Earthmaker created the world and loves them. Bernard Chapman, the Happy Holiday Club coordinator, says, “Happy Holiday Club this year was another great success, with children coming to

understand about their Earthmaker God and the forgiveness he offers as a free gift.” There was a lot of support from the community, including teenagers who had previously participated as children at Happy Holiday Club.
—Heather Chapman

◆ **Cairns Adventist College (Qld)** students recently donated **520 cans** of dog and cat food to the **RSPCA**. Students were challenged with collecting as many cans as possible within a few months. Every student was asked to bring at least one or two cans per week,



and each class made a tally at the end of the week. The class that brought the most tins also enjoyed a celebration party. **Principal Clinton Bond** says, “this project has provided a perfect opportunity for all our students to think of a need in our local community and work toward filling that need. It was good to see everyone embrace the project—not a bad effort for 55 students!”—Clinton Bond

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Island and ministers to Torres Strait.

Pastor Piez says, “Brancis has been wanting to be baptised for quite a while. Following the vows on the beach, we baptised her in her wedding dress.”

She shared her testimony with those who had gathered for the ceremony and encouraged them to follow her. Mrs Garnier has also made a commitment to help Pastor Grey with outreach to her local community.

In February this year, Pastor Don Fehlberg, associate director of ATSIM, conducted an outreach campaign in Torres Strait. The baptisms are a result of this. Mr Waia is the former commissioner for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission in Torres Strait and was involved in the campaign.

Pastor Fehlberg says of Mr Waia, “It was good to have a man of his standing supporting us. He got up every night and welcomed the people. He had the last word at the end of the meeting and encouraged them to come again, bring their friends and listen to the messages. He told them it was the coming of Christianity that brought peace to the islands and this was following on in that tradition.”

Pastor Fehlberg conducted the week-long campaign in Kubin village on Moa Island. Following this, 28 people requested Bible studies and, according to Pastor Fehlberg, a

further six people have expressed an interest in being baptised.

Pastor Grey has studied with the people and regularly visits them to encourage them. Pacific Yacht Ministries (PYM) has also been involved in providing spiritual mentoring. The Northern Australia Conference has worked to provide a Bible worker for the area and Sigila Paleso, a fourth-year Avondale College student, will fill this role.

Pastor Fehlberg says, “It’s all happened because of our folk on Moa Island sharing their faith with friends and family on Saibai. They asked us to come to the island to run the program.”

There are further plans for outreach campaigns to be run in the region. Pastor Fehlberg says, “I’m going back to Saibai in March next year. Then I’ll be going to Boigu Island, which is close to Papua New Guinea. Right opposite that is a treaty village and we have an Adventist presence there, apparently. We hope our Adventist folk can come across and follow things up.”

Mr Piez estimates that there are 5000 people in the region who could be introduced to the Adventist message. PYM has been working with local councils in the area and have arranged for 3ABN downlinks to be established on Saibai with Pastor Grey. Licences have also been obtained to broadcast 3ABN radio.—**Adele Nash/Sharon Grey**

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Signs’ long-term copyeditor retires

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

Signs Publishing Company staff shared lunch on September 29 to thank one of their longest-serving staff members and wish him well in his official retirement. During his more than 35 years at Signs, Graeme Brown has worked as proofreader and copyeditor for magazines produced by Signs—including RECORD, *Signs of the Times* and *The Edge*—as well as contributing as book editor. He worked on many of the books produced by Signs, and was particularly involved in the development and regular updates of *Family Medical Care*.

Mr Brown left Signs suddenly in February last year after suffering a serious stroke. In the intervening 18 months, he has been making a positive but gradual recovery.

As well as being applauded by the current Signs team, Mr Brown received tributes from former Signs editorial staff, including Pastor Gary Krause, Pastor Bruce Manners, Kellie Hancock, Brenton Stacey and Pastor Jim Coffin.—**Nathan Brown**



Graeme and Carol Brown.



◆ An assignment by an Avondale College (NSW) teaching student will feature in a new Bible curriculum, developed for Seventh-day Adventist secondary schools in Australia and New Zealand. Tessa Vogel (left) received \$A150 from Adventist Schools Australia (ASA) for an assignment submitted for professional development and

experience, a unit Miss Vogel is completing as part of her Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching degree. Lecturer Lyndon Darko submitted the assignment to ASA, which will incorporate it into one of the Year 8 units of the new Adventist Encounter Curriculum. ASA’s curriculum officer (secondary) Nina Atcheson describes Miss Vogel as “creative” and said her assignment “includes some great inquiry-based activities.” “I’m excited we can use her ideas in one of our units.” Miss Vogel says receiving not only a good

mark but also a cash prize for it is a reminder that “it pays to do your best in everything you do.”—**Kirsten Bolinger**

◆ On September 27, with low temperatures in Melbourne, eight warmly-dressed musicians travelled to the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre at Deer Park. There, about 30 women prisoners came to enjoy an hour of inspiring music. Polish violinist Pastor Pawel Ustupski played “In a monastery garden” and “Maria Elena,” while Peter McGowan played “When Irish eyes are smiling”



and “Friends forever” on his trumpet. Yola Mielczarek and her daughter, Margaret, sang. Typed songsheets were provided for the women and they really enjoyed singing well-known songs, such as “Amazing Grace.” At the end of the program the prison chaplain, Jenny, expressed appreciation to the group for the program and invited them to return in the near future. Two months ago on July 27, some of the same group,

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Brothers help complete epic Avondale journey

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

The epic voyage of Robert and Henry McMahon has ended at Avondale College almost 100 years after the brothers began rowing their boat from Gippsland, Victoria.

Henry's son, Don, rowed a replica of the five-metre *The Advent* up Dora Creek to the swing bridge for a family reunion on October 2. The re-enactment symbolically finished a journey Robert and Henry began from the town of Cunninghame—now known as Lakes Entrance—on June 25, 1914. The journey, which ended in Sydney, lasted 12 days and covered 700 nautical kilometres.

Brothers Drs Darren and Jason Morton, lecturers at Avondale, rowed another replica, called *The Second Advent*, on Lake Macquarie on September 27 as part of the re-enactment.

"When we first heard the story, we were captivated by it," says Darren, a senior lecturer in health and exercise science in the Faculty of Education. "Essentially, almost 100 years on, a couple of staff members who just happen to be brothers are helping a couple of students, who also happen to be brothers, finish their journey."

The McMahon brothers, aged in the 20s at the time, intended to row their hand-

built boat to Avondale. They were transporting books as part of their studies at the then Australasian Missionary College. However, time restraints forced them to cut their journey short. They endured severe weather, including a strong south-westerly gale, large breakers and four-metre waves that pushed them onto a rocky reef at Batemans Bay.

Strong currents forced the brothers to row for 32 hours straight at one point. A Japanese cargo ship, thinking the McMahons were castaways, also tried to "rescue" them. However, the two never went hungry, crediting their mother's pies for sustaining them.

"My father and uncle were tiptop physical specimens," says Mr McMahon. "My father was in the army, so some of the training he'd received probably helped."

Henry's resignation from the army one month before the row provided most of his motivation. "He wanted to show he was still a man and not a milksop," says Mr McMahon. However, he also believed strongly in the value of education. "He turned his back on poverty and left home at the age of 14 to go to school," says Mr McMahon. "If he felt he wasn't learning at school, he would wag so he could go read something else."

Henry, who contemplated a life of faith



Ann Stafford

Brothers Drs Darren and Jason Morton row a replica of The Advent on Lake Macquarie on September 27 as part of the re-enactment of Robert and Henry McMahon's epic voyage from Gippsland, Victoria, to Sydney, New South Wales.

before beginning the journey, saw the row as a spiritual and physical journey. He and Robert learned of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand during a break at a lighthouse. The assassination triggered the start of World War I. At that moment, Henry realised "it was a God-given thing to give up the army and go to Avondale," says Mr McMahon.

Darren was interviewed about the re-creation and celebrations of the historical 1914 boat trip between Sydney and Coorانبong by ABC Newcastle breakfast radio show host Aaron Kearney on October 1.

—Linden Chuang

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along with several other younger musicians (10 altogether) put on a concert in the gym at **Port Phillip Prison, Laverton**. A young Polish singer from South Australia, **Nathaniel Nowicki**, made a deep impression on his audience when he sang "I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus." Two separate groups of prisoners were brought in and they loved singing along from the songsheets. They were encouraged to select a song leader and start their own choir. The group plans to return in November to put on a Christmas concert.

—Meryl McDonald-Gough



◆ Three generations of an Adventist family recently took part in the **Adelaide to Bay City 12 kilometre fun run**. Ranging in age from 16 to 77, all three—**Norm Tyack**, daughter, **Linda Carter**, and granddaughter, **Stephanie Carter**—enjoyed the experience and completed the course in very good time, highlighting the advantages that come from

living the Adventist lifestyle.

—Mary Fedorow

◆ Two Seventh-day Adventist organisations recently received commendations as standouts in their fields. The **Voice of Hope Media Centre** in Russia received the "Socially Aware Enterprise" award, as well as the annual international award for "Best Company of the Year." The awards were given on September 16 at "The Elite of the National Economy" ceremony in Moscow. Voice of Hope speaker and director **Sergey Kuzmin** represented the centre at the event.

Voice of Hope Media Centre was the first Christian group to begin official broadcasts in the territory of the former Soviet Union. The first 20-minute program was broadcast on October 19, 1990. The **Adventist Development and Relief Agency** ranked **76th** on the **Cone Non-profit Power Brand 100 report**, which appeared in the *New York Times* and other publications last month. Cone Non-profit Power Brand ranks organisations working to provide humanitarian aid, environmental protection, social assistance, education and health services.—ANN

Adventist Church in Cairns expands presence

CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND

The Cairns Seventh-day Adventist church has expanded significantly over the last two years, thanks to the church's "strong evangelistic focus."

Established more than five years ago, the Edmonton Adventist church plant in the city's south officially became a church company on June 13, as a result of their dedication to evangelism. David Gilmore has been hired as a Bible worker, thanks to funds from the South Pacific Division's Centre for Church Planting and \$A56,000 worth of pledges from Cairns Adventist church members.

The church also has plans to plant a church in the northern beaches area, and relocate Cairns Adventist Primary School to plant a new church there, all the while maintaining the church's current central presence.

According to Mark Wilson, Northern Australia Conference's evangelist and Personal Ministries leader, there has been a pointed change in the Cairns Adventist church after Gary Webster, director of the Institute of Public Evangelism, ran an evangelistic series in the region in 2007 "which got the church excited."

"Both the primary school and church [where Cairns Adventist church cur-

rently meets] have outgrown themselves," says Pastor Wilson. "There is a major growth corridor in Cairns where they are expecting up to 60,000 people over the next 10 years, and we want to plant our school and a church there. We want to make it a major evangelistic cultural centre for Cairns."

Church members are currently "praying for a small miracle" for their plans to eventuate due to the lack of funds.

In the meantime, Pastor Wilson says they will keep the "cycle of evangelism" going. The Edmonton church plant has just concluded an evangelistic series in September. Next year, Pastor Tony Kemo, president of the Central Papua Mission, will be the main speaker at a program catering for Papua New Guineans living in Cairns. The church will also run an Adventist Youth Conference in May, 2010, and are expecting some 400 delegates.

"We're facing the last days and we need to get busy with evangelism. That's certainly my passion. I want to keep the church as busy as possible in a cycle of evangelism and soul reaping," says Pastor Wilson. "There are so many people searching and if we just get out there, knock on their doors, run programs and



Church members celebrating the establishment of the Edmonton church company.

invite people to hear the message, we're going to have wonderful results."

A team of Bible workers, which includes church members and elders, are currently giving Bible studies while young people from the church are doing religious surveys in the neighbourhood.

"I'm really excited about the number of church members that are getting involved in hand-to-hand ministry, evangelism and sharing their faith," says Pastor Wilson. "It's a numbers game. You simply have to knock on enough doors. We're looking for people who are looking wistfully toward heaven."

And Pastor Wilson says the church is not even actively looking for those interested in having Bible studies, as "people are just coming."—*Melody Tan*



◆ **Samoan ministers** of different denominations from around the Hunter Valley region, NSW, joined with the local Samoan community for a special prayer service to remember the victims of the recent Samoan tsunami. Around 2000 people of Samoan heritage live in and around Newcastle and \$A20,000 was raised to help with the recovery effort,

along with donations of utensils, clothes and other necessities. An offering of \$A3424.88 was also collected during the service.

—*Robert Fa'atoia-Collins*

◆ The **Bible** has been re-created in **Lego** in the world's most comprehensive illustrated online version of the Good Book. The "Brick Testament" features more than **4500 illustrations**, depicting more than **400 Bible stories** from Genesis to Revelation, reports the *Daily Telegraph*. Displayed online at <thebricktestament.com>, it is the ongoing project of **Brendan**

Powell Smith, nicknamed "The Reverend," who says he isn't "at all religious." He says it is intended to educate people about the Bible "in a way that is fun and compelling, while remaining true to the text of the scriptures." "To this end, all stories are retold using direct quotes from The Bible," said Mr Smith. It is huge, detailed, occasionally gory and frequently satirical.—*Ananova*

◆ Atheist author **Richard Dawkins** has made it clear that he believes **faith** has no place in **science**, and that a public debate between him and a **creationist**—of any

type—is out of the question. "The objection to having debates with people like that [creationists] is that it gives them a kind of respectability," Mr Dawkins said during a recent appearance on the *Michael Medved Show*. Following the same logic, Mr Dawkins insisted in another media appearance that only "evidence" can lay the groundwork for science, not "superstition, authority, holy books or revelation." Therefore "alternatives" to science have no place in a public school classroom, not even to discuss, the British biologist suggested.—*Christian Post*

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Church celebrates 120 years

COLLINSVALE, TASMANIA

On August 1, close to 130 people gathered at Collinsvale Adventist church in Tasmania to celebrate 120 years of worship there. This church was the first Adventist church building erected in Australia and was organised in 1889 by Pastor M C Israel. It was originally known as the Bismarck Adventist church.

Representatives of the pioneering families of Brandstater, Darko, Fehlberg, Gall, Large, Rabe, Stellmaker, Totenhofer, Wegener and Zanotti came from around Australia and the US to celebrate the anniversary. They joined past and present church members and pastors, as well as Pastor Wayne Boehm, president of the Tasmanian Conference, and other Adventist leaders.

Pastor Don Fehlberg, associate director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries for the Australian Union Conference, grew up in Collinsvale and was the guest speaker for the day. He shared a report of his work in Torres Strait and reminded attendees of the Adventist message brought to the town by David Steed in 1889.

Pastor Fehlberg says of the anniversary celebrations, "A lot of people whose families first had contact with the Adventist



Close to 130 people attended the 120th anniversary celebrations of Collinsvale Adventist church.

Church were there, including the oldest living Fehlberg in Australia—Max, who's 91. His grandfather was the first senior elder of the church, and his father was the next one for 25 years. They served for a combined time of nearly 50 years."

Following a luncheon, an afternoon "Memories program" began, with the congregation singing "The church in the wild wood" to open the program. This was followed by slides and presentations from several families, and closed with the hymn "Till we meet."

Rayleen Irvine, a member of the church, says, "Workers from Collinsvale have gone into church service throughout the world and we need to continue their work by faithfully spreading the message."

—RECORD staff/Rayleen Irvine

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IWO wins award for bushfire story

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Day it Rained Fire," It Is Written Oceania's (IWO) first Australian filmed and produced episode on free-to-air television, has won an Award of Merit from The Accolade Competition.

The Accolade is an international awards competition in its sixth year. It recognises film, television and videography professionals who "demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those who produce standout entertainment or contribute to profound social change."

"At IWO, we aim to communicate the love of Jesus with high-quality materials in the most relevant and effective way possible," says Gary Kent, speaker and direc-

tor of IWO. "It's particularly rewarding to receive this award that recognises the excellence of the program and we want to continue to aim high."

IWO is one of only two Australian Award of Merit winners in the television category and is the only religion/ethics show to receive an Accolade this year.

"The Day it Rained Fire" is a program about the Black Saturday bushfires and their impact from a Christian perspective. It features Pastor Ivor Jones and Rod Leisfield, a Marysville Baptist pastor and one of his church members, both victims of the bushfires that claimed over 170 lives in February this year. The show was aired on Australian free-to-air television in June.—Melody Tan

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Graduate witnesses in Solomons

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

A new ministerial graduate and only the second female pastor in the Solomon Islands has witnessed the baptisms of the first seven people she gave Bible studies to.

According to Dalcy Kaituu, assistant pastor of Varamata and White River Adventist churches in Honiara, she was walking by some houses one day when the inhabitants waved to her. She approached them and started a conversation.

"The more I listened [during our conversations], the more I questioned them," says Ms Kaituu. "They started to share their problems and their lives, and I found out they were in need. They needed to be reached out to and since no-one took the initiative, I did."

Ms Kaituu graduated from Fulton College late last year and has now seen all of the seven people baptised within three months.

"I feel very blessed," says Ms Kaituu. "If you ask me where I experience God, it's through reaching out to these people. That's when I see God. The joy I receive is very different from the things I thought I could experience enjoyment from."

Ms Kaituu is currently having Bible studies with 28 young people from her church.

"I'm very excited because I'm leading souls to God," she says. "There are more [people to give Bible studies to] and I'm looking forward to more souls meeting Jesus through baptism."—Melody Tan

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Dalcy Kaituu at the recent Festival of Mission, held in Brisbane from September 8 to 13.

Finding David

REVIEW BY DAVID EDGREN

DAVID AND JESSICA MATTHEWS HAVE moved with their dad from Foster, NSW, to Wyee to be close to their Mum. Much has changed in their lives—a new house, new school, new church, new friends and new enemies—all because of her. The question hangs over every conversation at home and infiltrates their school life: “What’s wrong with Mum?”

It’s all very hush-hush. The family doesn’t talk about it, except in indirect references. In the first two-thirds of the book, a couple of hints are given through the telltale phrase, “before it happened.” Something occurred quite suddenly and drastically in their mum’s life. The one thing the book does reveal is that she is in medical care. Is she in hospital? Is it something else? It isn’t until later that the picture becomes clear. As the book is only 188 pages in total, the purpose of the story is clearly to explore how the family deals with their mum’s illness, rather than the illness itself.

The author always refers to David and Jessica’s dad as “Mr Matthews.” This creates distance, in the readers mind, between the kids and their father. When the kids refer to him by name, which is rare, they call him Dad. Their mother, who is out of the home but at the heart of the plot, is always referred to as Mum. This usage of names is a subtle but effective tool for hinting at the way the children are feeling about their parents.

While Mr Matthews is involved in the kids’ lives—driving them to the beach, eating meals with them, taking them to church—in conversation, he is often distant. He occasionally ignores the many issues around him and comments made to him. Something is wrong with Mum, and Dad is hurting because of it.

The main character, as the title suggests, is David. David is a high school student who likes being outdoors. He enjoys riding his mountain bike and playing football but more than anything, he loves to surf. Things start to come together when the

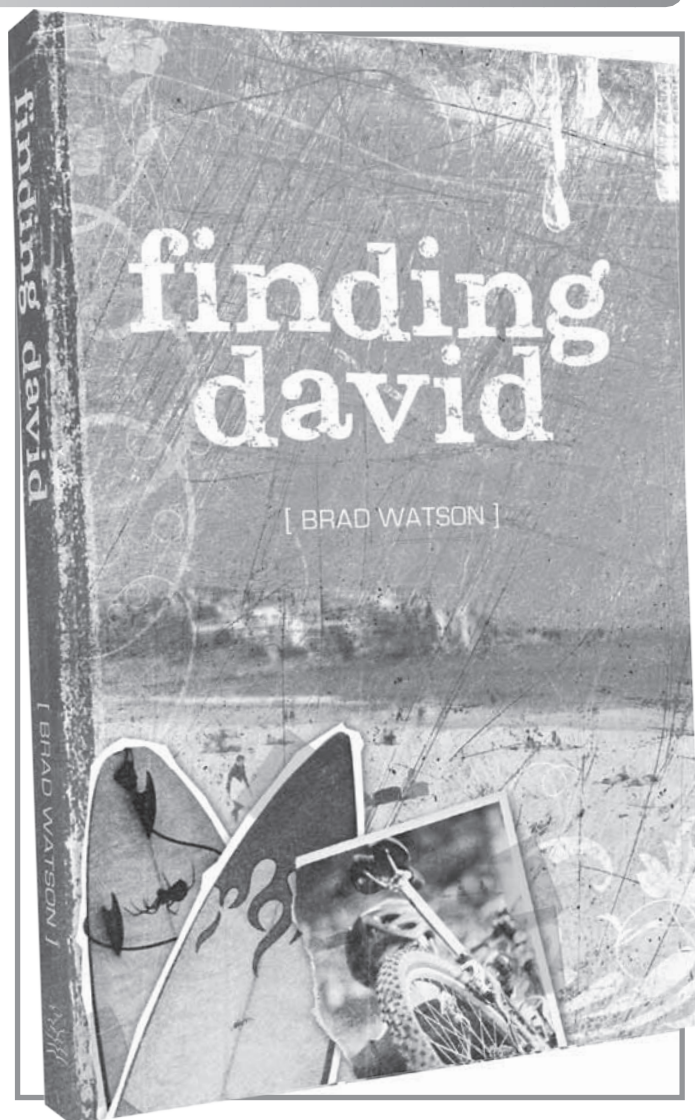
removalists finally deliver David’s surfboards.

The need for a surf-term glossary at the end of the book demonstrates David’s passion for surfing and the surf culture. Surfing is where David finds solace. He is completely comfortable in the water. He knows the rules and what the waves will do, and lives for the next time he can paddle out.

The most exciting part of the book revolves around a surf competition between David and his newly-acquired nemesis, Anthony. The book builds toward the day David will face Anthony on the waves. And when the day arrives, the swell is huge—massive, according to David’s friends. But they surf it nonetheless.

If only David was as comfortable and courageous out of the water. Both David and Jessica struggle with fitting in at their new school. David is so caught up in his own struggles (both internally about his mum and externally with choosing friends) that he fails to concern himself with his sister and her struggles with making new friends. While Jessica finds the situation as difficult as David, the book, as its title suggests, focuses on David’s journey. He struggles with low self opinion and spends a lot of time talking down to himself. This affects the way he treats his family and friends.

When David is invited to a peer-mentoring group at school, he is challenged to set a goal. The goal he finally sets, comment-



ing that it will be very difficult, is to treat his father and mother with more kindness.

This is a telling admission and the crux of the book. *Finding David* is about a teenage boy who struggles with family, illness, peer opinion and personal achievement. All in all, David’s journey is the journey of every teen—finding place and purpose in a world of unpredictable events and relationships.

Finding David will draw you in—into its pages and into your own story. Then it will send you out with a desire to heal your world.

Finding David by Brad Watson, Signs Publishing Company, 2009, paperback, 185 pages. Available from Adventist Book Centres, price \$A17.95, \$NZ22.95.

David Edgren is a chaplain at Lilydale Adventist Academy, Victoria.



The longest-running evangelistic campaign

BY DARON PRATT

YOU COULD HEAR A PIN DROP AS I shared Daniel's dream straight from the Bible. Excitement and amazement grew as I moved down the parts of the statue through the kingdoms to the present day. When I got down to the feet of iron and clay, faces lit up as I described Daniel's vision, explaining that God's kingdom will never be destroyed. The evangelistic spirit of excitement beat within my breast as I saw the audience respond to my call for commitment. However, this is not your typical evangelistic crusade. Dead men do tell tales but not in this campaign. This scenario happens each week as I teach Scripture in my local state primary school.

Each week, I have the privilege of sharing Jesus with hundreds of unchurched children. These are children who have never heard of God, nor the Bible. These are children who have never heard the great stories of Noah, Moses, Daniel, David and Esther. These children have never set foot inside a church. They are children who will never hear about Jesus unless a Scripture teacher tells them.

I am moved to tears because they are lost, like sheep without a shepherd. Dr Michael Carr-Gregg—a psychologist specialising in teenage behaviour—describes the cur-

rent generation of children as “morally and spiritually anorexic” (“Parents failing depressed teens” *Sunday Telegraph*, January 29, 2009). These children have grown up with everything they will ever need in a materialistic sense but are anorexic when it comes to parents who will spend time with them. They lack parents who will take the time to pass on strong values. Many mums and dads, are attempting to parent from a distance via a mobile phone. Consequently, we have the most stressed and depressed generation we have seen in history. My heart weeps for the harvest that needs to be reached.

I find it challenging to hear the questions children ask but I'm glad they're processing the messages and values I share with them from week to week. Their questions are relevant, coming from children struggling with life's issues. Questions like: “Pastor Daron, if God is real why is my dad in Afghanistan fighting a war?” Or “My teacher told me I was going to hell because I was naughty. Do you believe in hell?” “Where is God?” “Pastor Daron, how do I become a Christian?” These questions inspire and challenge me to believe in, connect with and continue to serve the children I meet as a Scripture teacher.

Why do I want to reach unchurched

children? Because like Jesus, I have a passion for the lost. If children aren't lovingly taught about Jesus and His saving power, love and grace, they might miss out on eternal life. Children are a priority in the kingdom of heaven. That is why they should be a priority to us as a church. Recent research reveals children are more likely to make a decision for Jesus than their adult counterparts. So no matter how lost a dad is, he usually still loves his children. And no matter how off track a woman is, she still has a soft place in her heart for her kids. Children will always have a strong influence on their parents and extended family, so it makes sense to reach the heart of a child.

As a church, we have the privilege of a wide-open door each week to every state classroom in our country. Why don't you walk through that door and invest in the lives of children? You could get involved in cutting-edge evangelism and discover why children are the next “big thing.” The results have eternal significance. **R**

Daron Pratt is the director of Children's Ministries and Sabbath School for the North New South Wales Conference.



An inspiring young pilot

BY KATHLEEN-JOY M RATNASINGAM

SITUATED ALONG THE MIGHTY Turama River in the Kikori District of Gulf Province, Papua New Guinea (PNG), is the Komaio village. Komaio village is a day's trip by banana boat from Kikori, the district capital. The first missionary to make contact with this village was Pastor Hariva Haru. He ventured into the jungles of the Turama River with the Adventist message of hope. The "primitive" villagers accepted the Adventist message brought by Pastor Haru.

Among them an energetic young man named Robert Kirobai Sauka and his wife, Kaiha, who hail from the Ikobi Kairi clan of Komaio village, embraced the Adventist message with eagerness and accepted the call to become missionaries.

The couple had seven children. The youngest, Royden Robert Sauka, was born on August 12, 1975. He was named after Royden Richardson, son of Pastor John Richardson, the first pioneer to serve from New Zealand who worked in Southwest Papuan Mission as a missionary.

Due to being the youngest in the family, Royden was unable to attend school until the age of 11. This gave him the privilege of travelling with his parents wherever they were sent to serve. He observed the difficult

situations his parents encountered and endured during their missionary service.

At times, the journey was tiring. His parents would be forced to conquer the mighty Turama, Purari, Vailala and Oriomo rivers by paddling for many long and tiring hours—even days—to reach their destination. Other times, they walked through thick forests and crossed fast, muddy, flooded, crocodile-infested rivers just to bring the love of Jesus to the

unreached villages. Whenever possible, they would travel on the Adventist Mission airplane making the travel easier for them.

Soft-spoken Royden grew up in a very remote village. Often as they flew over villages for his dad's missionary appointments, he would whisper gently to his dad, expressing his dream of one day flying



a plane. This had only been done by the white man. Royden wanted to take short cuts to make up for the struggles that his parents had endured in sharing their faith with the least fortunate living in remote parts of PNG.

Royden's dream came to fruition in 2005, when he graduated with a commercial pi-

lot's licence from Coffs Harbour, NSW. Shortly upon returning home, he was employed by Airlines PNG.

Royden's clan—which was least known for fame and often laughed at by others, seen as a primitive tribe—brought their critics to astonishment when he flew an Airlines PNG Twin Otter into Kikori airport.

During his short-lived career as a pilot, he maintained an excellent working relationship with his colleagues and associates, sharing in their joys and satisfaction.

Royden was the pride of his parents, family, clan, tribe, district and province until the fateful morning of August 11, 2009. The Twin Otter he was co-piloting crashed tragically into the rugged mountainous terrain of Owen Stanley Range in the Kokoda region, between the Central and Northern provinces of PNG. Tragically, Captain Jennie Moala, First Officer Royden Sauka and 11 passengers perished.

At his death, Royden left behind his beloved wife, and their first and only child, born in September, 2009.

I struggle with Royden's sudden death and where God fits into the tragic situation in which his family is placed. It has been challenging trying to comprehend the premature loss of a young, committed Adventist.

Now the pride and joy of the Ikobi tribe is gone, though not forever. Although Royden leaves behind a tribe, clan and immediate family in grief and sorrow, it is not for long. We have the hope and assurance of the resurrection and soon coming of Jesus Christ.

There are many unanswered questions when it comes to suffering, death and sickness. Why did Royden have to leave his family so early in life?

I believe God understands our suffering and He suffers with us. In fact, He has suffered with every person who has lived on earth, including His own Son.

God promises in Isaiah 43:2 that when we pass through waters, through rivers or walk through fire, He'll be with us. This text doesn't imply that God will put the fire out immediately or take away our suffering but there is an assurance that He understands our pain enough to not abandon us.

Our lives are filled with uncertainties—tomorrow is unknown. But as Christians, the empty tomb of Jesus Christ is the basis of Christian faith. Jesus rose from death and everyone who believes in Him, though they may die, will rise from their graves to live forever at Jesus' coming because of His resurrection.

Royden and Jesus have much in common. They both had humble beginnings. They both brought hope and life to many people. They both made an impact in their communities. They both died tragically. They both died with a passion for doing what they loved and wanted to do most. Jesus died by the will of His Heavenly Father, while Royden died using his God-given ability for a worthy cause.

The difference between them is that Royden is at rest in the grave, waiting for his soon-returning King, Lord and Saviour. But the tomb of Jesus is empty. And because of that empty tomb, Royden's grave will one day be empty, too. **R**

*Kathleen-Joy M Ratnasingam
writes from Port Moresby,
Papua New Guinea.*

Record Roo



Hi kids!

Joshua and his army now had a reputation throughout the land for being successful warriors.

The Gibeonites had made a peace treaty with the Israelites and when their city came under attack, they sent word to Joshua for help.

Joshua and the Gibeonites were outnumbered against all the Amorite kings from the surrounding areas. So Joshua did what he always did - he asked God for help...

Bible Text

On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel: "O sun, _____ still over Gibeon, O _____, over the Valley of _____. So the sun stood____, and the moon _____, till the nation _____ itself on its _____.
Joshua 10:12, 13 NIV.

Word Search

You can read the whole story in Joshua, Chapter 10. Find the words from the list in the puzzle below.

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Peta Taylor

Stellar contribution

COLIN MACLAURIN, VIC

Nathan Brown has made a stellar contribution as editor of RECORD. Some recent editorial nuggets that come to mind include his commitment to empowering others rather than promoting self (“Thirty-five,” March 7). His editorial “Recommended reading” (September 19) reveals a broad-minded seeker of truth. “I hope. . . Part 2” (August 22) was read at my church as part of the welcome, in the worship service.

Yet I was most impacted by the attention given to the prominence of social justice in the Bible—more than 2000 verses worth (“2103” September 20, 2008). I have been challenged to adopt a more biblical, Christ-centered focus.

Personally, I consider Signs Publishing to be the best Adventist publishing house worldwide, and look forward to its increased book production under Nathan.

Sad figures

ROGER HENLEY, NSW

I was troubled by the headline “PNG church growth comes with warning” (News, October 10), even more than by the sad figures the article contained. The impressive figure of one baptism every three hours in Papua New Guinea is dwarfed by the figure of 5000 people leaving the church every year—a figure that equates to one every 1.75 hours. Why is it that the headline read, “PNG church growth comes with warning”? Would it not be more accurate to say “The church is haemorrhaging?” We gain nothing and lose much by “spin.”

Taking a stand

RON TAYLOR, QLD

Thank you for sharing some of Dr John Ashton’s messages on the problems of alcohol (“Church can help the community on alcohol,” News, October 10). Coincidentally, he made his recent presentation at a camp-meeting. It was at a camp-meeting that Ellen White said the Adventist Church should be “the head and not the tail” when it comes to the fight for tem-

perance and total abstinence from alcohol.

Initially, the church responded positively with total abstinence education, pledge signing within the church and affiliation with other temperance organisations in the community.

Several decades ago, we were pursuing temperance with evangelistic zeal. We produced and screened effective films;

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organised the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism; and produced quality educational tools such as visual aids, give-away literature and subscription magazines like *Alert* and *Winner*. We even had Temperance Departments at the General Conference, the South Pacific Division and all levels of the local church. We produced some giants in the war against alcoholism.

But what is the church’s stance on alcohol? Has it faded because the problem no longer exists? Is alcohol no longer a threat to our young people and the wider community? The same voice that once called the church into positive temperance activity explained “Alcohol robs men of their reasoning powers” (*Review and Herald*, June 15, 1905).

Alcohol subtly puts the frontal lobes of the brain to sleep, where decisions for right and wrong are made. Alcohol victims are numbered in the hundreds of millions. Why then is our voice muffled, as it seems to have been in recent times?

Would it be too much to hope that after this period of somnolence, we are about to see a return to an effective positive role in the fight for sobriety?

Paul against Paul?

GEOFF HOUSTOUN, QLD

In recent letters, the ordination of women once more being put to us as a gender issue. Is it a simple gender equality issue? Is Scripture neutral on the role of women? More to the point, is it legitimate to quote Paul out of context in Galatians

3:28 to refute Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:1-3; 1 Corinthians 14; 1 Timothy 2:12; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; and Titus 1:5-11, where he argues for the spiritual leadership role of the male, using the Creation account as his reason?

At Creation, God clearly gave men and women different roles. If this is a problem for you, I suggest you take it up with God.

Please don’t let this issue break our church’s stand on the authority of Scripture, found as Fundamental Belief number one. This is what sets our church apart and is the foundation of our belief system.

Enlightening

SALLY-ANNE HOLDEN, NSW

I commend the author of “Are you really dumb? Or is it just your IQ?” (Feature, September 26). Thank you for your enlightening article. For many years, I struggled with the way I was treated at school. I’m aware now that I wasn’t “slow” but misunderstood throughout my years at school. Hopefully, children in schools today don’t have to suffer as I and many others during the fifties and seventies did. Many years later, I still bear the pain of the humiliation of being labelled “Commercial Studies only” in comparison to my brother and sister, who were A and B grade students throughout their school years.

KRISTINE STAHL, NSW

Thank you for “Are you really dumb? Or is it just your IQ?” The author is groundbreaking and inspirational in his approach to education.

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Positions vacant

▲ **Accountant**—*Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community Inc (Meekeatharra, WA)* available from December 2009.

▲ **Male and Female Dorm Supervisors**—*Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community Inc (Meekeatharra, WA)*. One immediate start.

▲ **Farm Manager/Horticulture Teacher and Mechanics Teacher**.

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▲ **Bus Manager**—*Adventist Christian Schools (WA)*. We are looking for a full-time manager for the schools' bus system. It is envisioned that the successful applicant will have clearly demonstrated abilities in many of the following areas: driving (appropriate licence); scheduling and routing of buses; driver recruitment and rosters; communication skills; mechanical ability to cater for repair and maintenance; and the ability to obtain a Motor Vehicle Repairer's Certificate. Additionally, appointment to this position will require a police and working with children check. The bus manager holds an important role in the operation of our schools, and requires someone with vision and organisational ability. Please email your application, including CV and church membership details, to Stacey Kendall <staceykendall@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **November 30, 2009**.

▲ **Primary Coordinator**—*Tweed Valley College (NSW)*. Tweed Valley College offers pre-Kindy to Year 12 and has been operating for over 50 years. Situated in one of the most beautiful parts of Australia in the northern rivers of NSW, it is set on a beautiful, 30-acre campus with great facilities. The successful applicant will teach in the Primary school and coordinate the functioning of the Primary program. We are looking for an experienced Primary teacher, with creativity and a commitment to the growth of Christian influence within our community. The applicant must be somebody with a passion for Adventist education who loves kids and has a vision to grow the Primary school section of the college. For more information or expressions of interest, contact Ralph Luchow at <ralphluchow@adventist.org.au> or (02) 4944 3225.

▲ **Assistant Accountant**—*Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (NNSW) Ltd* is seeking to appoint an assistant accountant to join their finance team, based in Cooranbong, NSW. The successful applicant will have a team focus and be degree qualified. For more information or a job description, contact David Knight on (02) 4977 0000 or <davidknight@aacnsw.com.au>. Applications close **November 14, 2009**.

▲ **Chief Executive Officer**—*Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Ltd*. This position involves giving leadership and representing Aged Care in South Queensland, as well as being responsible for the management of the Independent Living Units across the system. The successful applicant should have high-level management and administrative skills, tertiary qualifications in management, and preferably experience in the Health and Aged Care industries.

▲ **Executive Care Manager**—*Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Ltd*. This position involves overseeing the care needs of the system, the development and monitoring of consistent policies and procedures, working with local care managers to ensure the best possible care for residents and compliance with Aged Care Accreditation standards. The successful applicant should have a tertiary qualification and experience in Nursing Administration, with previous experience in caring for aged and disabled persons. They should also have current registration with the Queensland Nursing Council or be able to achieve such registration. Computer literacy and an understanding of the Commonwealth Government funding policies and procedures for residential aged care is essential.

▲ **Group Finance Manager**—*Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Ltd*. This position involves creating, implementing and monitoring all financial and administrative policies for the company in its current and future Aged Care ministries. The successful applicant should hold Business/Management/Accounting academic qualifications at degree level and be a member, or be eligible to be a member, of a recognised Professional Accounting organisation (CA/PCA). They should have a sound knowledge of financial accounting computer packages, including the use of MS Excel for spreadsheet analysis, and also be able to demonstrate current experience in financial management and administration, preferably in the Health or Aged Care industries. Detailed "Position Profiles" are available on request and written applications for these positions, including detailed Curriculum Vitae and referees, should be forwarded to the Secretary, Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Limited, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane, Qld 4000, facsimile (07) 3236 1305, email <mpotts@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **November 20, 2009**.

▲ **Accounts clerk**—*Seventh-day Adventist Church (Greater Sydney Conference) Ltd (Sydney, NSW)* is seeking to appoint an experienced accounts clerk to support the financial operations of the Treasury department. The successful applicant will be expected to perform general clerical duties including bank reconciliations, accounts payable/receivable, petty cash and data entry. All written applications, including your CV, three work-related referees and the contact details of your church pastor, must be sent to Graeme Drinkall, Chief Financial Officer, Seventh-day Adventist Church (Greater Sydney Conference) Ltd, 4 Cambridge St, Epping, NSW 2121, email <graemedrinkall@adventist.org.au> or phone (02) 9868 6522. Applications close **November 2, 2009**.

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Volunteers!

Volunteer teachers—Tonga. Volunteer teachers required for Tonga for 12 months in 2010. Mizpah school needs an English teacher for forms 5 and 6. Beulah College needs English and Maths/Science teachers. Beulah Primary School needs a Primary school teacher. For more information, please contact Siosaia Vaihola <svaihola@adventist.org.to>.

Volunteer Manager—Medical Boat Ministries (Solomon Islands). To supervise the operations and maintenance of medical clinic boats and buildings, and to provide monthly financial statements and reports to Sonship. Husband and wife team preferable. House, transport and stipend provided. Term 12 months. Commencement January 1, 2010. Captain's licence for large vessels an advantage but not essential. Contact Trevor Oliver on 0419 773 336.

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special message from the Queen, and as of February 16, 2009, Ruth and Wallace have their very own message from Queen Elizabeth II. Sons Lindsay, Graham and Warren, and their wives, were able to be with



Ruth and Wallace at their home in Forresterfield, WA, for this special celebration.

Vernon, Les and Kay, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May, 2009, then went on a trip to England to visit with their youngest daughter, Felicity.

Weddings

Polla—Goersch. Silvio Natale Polla, son of Marco and Verena Polla (Mettlen, Switzerland), and Astrid Goersch, daughter of Reinhold and Hannelore Goersch (Bega, NSW), were married 12.6.09 at Kusnacht, Switzerland.

John Tompson

Shofay—Flefel. Rudolf John Shofay, son of Daniel and Milica Shofay (Brisbane, Qld), and Maria Leslie Flefel, daughter of Jose and Maria Salvo (Runcorn), were married 27.9.09 in Albert River Wines Chapel, Tamborine.

Jorge Munoz

Anniversary

Davidson, Harold and Midge (nee Goozee) were married on 2.6.1948 in Ealing church, London, England. The couple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family at the Renaissance Restaurant, Cooranbong, NSW. Their six children in Australia, Margy (Melbourne, Vic), Marilyn (Tamworth, NSW), Les (Erina), Eileen (Brightwaters), Tim (Coffs Harbour) and Susie (Gosford) were in attendance, and love and best wishes were received from two more children, Trevor (Hull, UK) and Shiela (London). They have 22 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They are a delightful couple who are well thought of in the Cooranbong community.

Irvine, Wallace and Ruth. When Ruth Gane walked down the aisle of the Concord church on the arm of her grandfather, February 16, 1949, to wed Wallace Irvine in a ceremony conducted by her father, Pastor Roy Gane, she was hardly thinking of diamond wedding anniversaries. Plural, because Ruth's parents later celebrated their diamond anniversary, receiving that

Obituaries

Barr, Phyllis Jean (nee Gooper), born 29.10.1922 in Casterton Hospital, Vic; died 26.7.09 in Hamilton Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband, Francis. She is survived by her sisters, Gillian Coe and Lesley; her children, Gillian and Lesley; and grandchildren, Kayla, Jacqueline, Joshua, Nicholas and Lillie. Phyllis was a loving and caring woman, always helping others. Having opened her heart to Jesus, her home was opened to caring for little children and aged people. A full church was a tribute and testimony to her life from the whole community. As she rests til He comes, Phyllis will be remembered by all of Hamilton church and district.

Ron Burnett, Dr P Tung,
Russell Wareham

Kerby, Lindsay Paul, born 4.5.1940 at the San, Wahrenoonga, NSW; died 21.7.08 in Wahrenoonga. In 1969, he married Anne

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Reynolds. On 26.4.1987, he married Diane Nash. He is survived by his wife; her son, Lindsay Jnr; and her daughters, Caroline, Angela, Chloe, Olivia; and foster daughter, Anita. He was predeceased by his foster son, Wayne. He was also a tireless and generous worker for his church, friends and neighbours who packed the Waitara church on 28.7.08 to express their deep appreciation for his many kindnesses. He was then laid to rest in Rookwood Cemetery to await the call of his Lord, whom he had served faithfully and with distinction.

Clifton Glasgow, Bruce Price, Geoff Youlden

Metcalfe, George Albert, born 18.4.1929 in Adelaide, SA; died 17.8.08 in the Adventist Aged Care Facility, Cooranbong, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Helen (Cooranbong); his children and their spouses, Jenni and Robert (Brisbane, Qld), Dean, Kathy and Hosam, Andrew and Bernadette (Sydney, NSW); his granddaughter, Samantha; and his siblings, Margaret Quin, Yvonne Parker, Ted; and foster brother, Jim (all of Adelaide, SA). "Bert" was a warrior for God, and wielded the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, effectively and well through 43 years of public evangelism and pastoral care during 40 campaigns in Queensland, Victoria and Sydney. Before retiring with a stroke 12 years ago, while pastor of the Parramatta church in Sydney, he supervised the building of their beautiful new church. We confidently believe that one day soon, he will hear the Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

*Jim Beamish, Len Tolhurst
Peter Watts, Max Hatton*

Ryle, Eunice May (nee Young), born 30.3.1919 at Broken Hill, NSW; died 23.04.09 at Cairns, Qld. She was predeceased by her husband, Herb, in 1995. She is survived by her daughter, Marguerite (and Keith) Offer; and her grandchildren, Joel, Rhys and Bronwyn. Eunice will long be remembered as a devoted mother and grandmother, and a dedicated member of various churches throughout Australia. She was known as an unselfish friend and neighbour who shared her passion for the Word of God and English poetry, especially with the two writers. Eunice worked for many years as a teacher in state and denominational schools. Toward the end of her long and fruitful life, Eunice was frequently referred to by some of her friends and ministers as a "true mother in Israel." Eunice has gone to rest with complete confidence in the soon return of her Lord Jesus.

David Stojcic, Mike Brounhill

Vince, Pastor Ronald Arthur, born 18.3.1917 in London, England; died 16.7.09 in Sydney Adventist Hospital, Sydney, NSW. On 30.12.1945, he married Rosa Birgit Christiana (Kitty) Johanson at Watford, England. He was predeceased by his wife in 1989. On 9.9.1990, he married Helen Elenore Smith/Rosendahl at Galston, NSW. He is survived by his wife; his sister, Olive Canright (US); his children, Roger and Denise (Sydney, NSW), Kenneth (Sydney), Angela and Bob Saunders (Sydney), and Dianne Jeffs (Newcastle); and his grandchildren, Roland and Amy, Rodney and Hannah Saunders, and Brendan Wilson and Nicole Wilson.

Ron served his first years of ministry in England, first as a pastor evangelist and then as youth leader of the British Union. His transfer to Australia in 1954 began a long and fruitful ministry, first as Division Youth Leader for 12 years, and then as principal of Longburn College, South Queensland Conference president and finally, speaker for the "These Times" radio broadcast. Ron also headed Christian Services for the Blind. He was greatly loved as a youth leader and preacher, many recalling sermons and stories that proved pivotal in their spiritual pilgrimage. He was possessed of a gentleness of manner and a generosity of spirit that, even in later years, left its impression on many a life. His faith was profound in understanding, reverential in attitude and simple in its reliance on his Saviour's love.

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