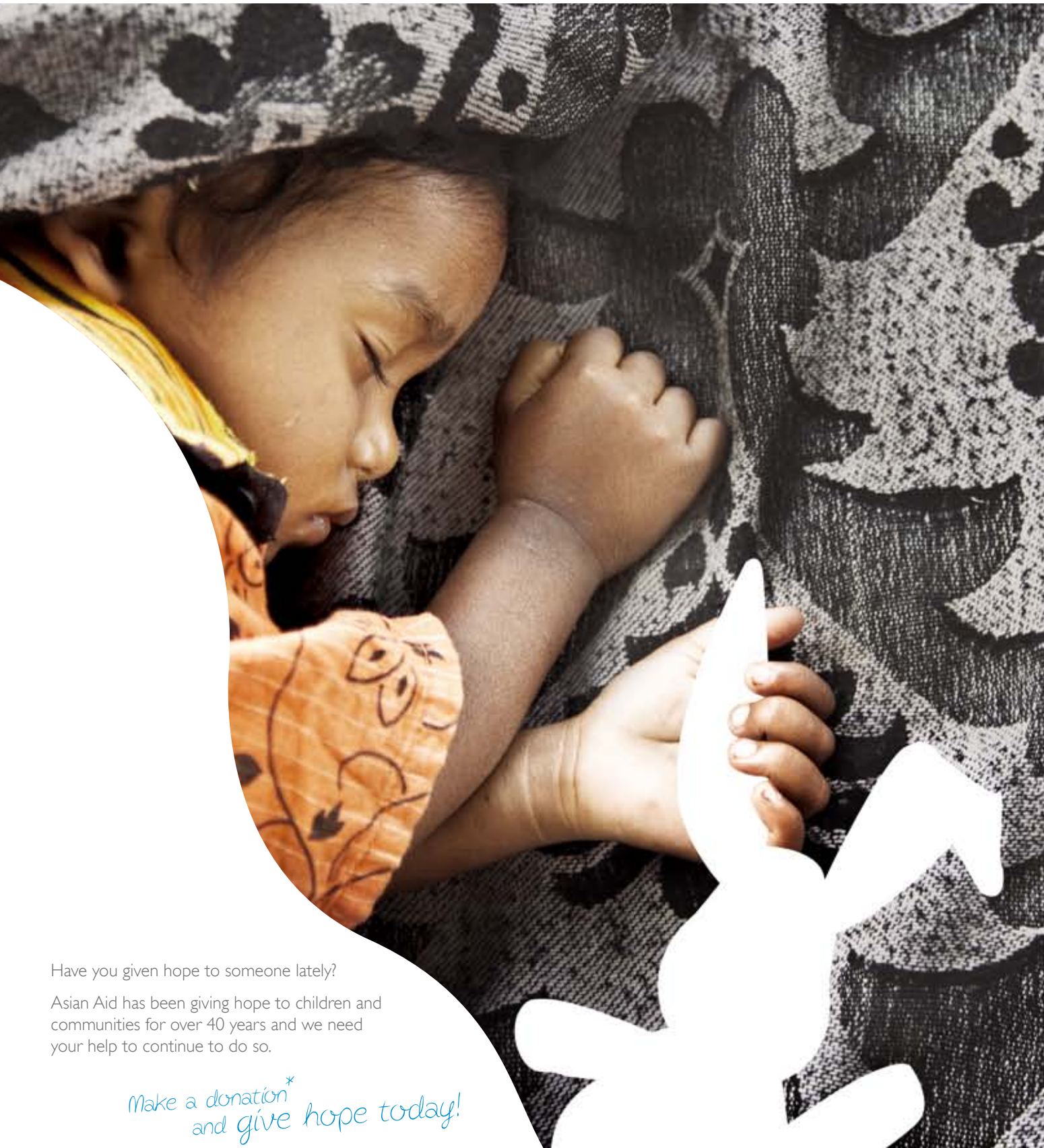




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Seventh Aboriginal pastor ordained

Pablo Lillo—Sydney, New South Wales

Parramatta church was overflowing as hundreds of family, friends and colleagues were there to support Johnny Murison, as he was ordained into pastoral ministry.

Many family members and friends travelled from Northern Australia, Western Australia and New South Wales, Mt Druitt church and Campbelltown. In his welcome, Pastor Gilbert Cagy, senior church pastor at Parramatta, said, "There is a difference between a minister doing his job well and having an anointing from God. We're here to testify that inasmuch as the church gathers in affirmation of his calling today, the fruits of Johnny's anointing have already been evident not only in our midst at Parramatta, but wherever he's had the opportunity to minister."

Steve Piez, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) director, indicated that Pastor Murison was the seventh Indigenous person to be ordained into pastoral ministry in the Australian Union Conference.

Johnny Murison was born in Blairgowrie, Scotland, to a Scottish father and Indigenous mother but spent most of his youth in Townsville, Queensland. After finishing school he followed in his father's footsteps, working as a carpenter until he accepted his Heavenly Father's call to ministry. "Before I tell you why I became a minister," said Pastor Murison, "I want to tell you that I became a minister the day I gave my heart to Jesus. God not only called me to minister to Indigenous people, but to everyone."

In 1997 he attended Mamarapha, the ATSIM Bible college in Western Australia. During his studies he felt God preparing him for something special: "I understood my purpose, it gave me courage and conviction," said Pastor Murison. In 2000 he started a Bachelor of Arts in Theology



Johnny Murison and family members who attended the ordination.

at Avondale College wanting to do further study and sharpen his ministry skills. He thanked Dr Ray Roennfeldt, former head of Theology, for his invaluable encouragement and support throughout his time at Avondale.

Pastor Murison's aunty, Judy Enoch, spoke highly of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its impact on the Murison family many years ago on Mona Mona Mission, near Kuranda, Qld. Pastor Murison thanked his family for never giving up on their faith and for preserving their Adventist heritage for him.

He joined the Greater Sydney Conference in January 2005 and was appointed to serve as an intern at Mt Druitt church. Pastor Murison currently serves as associate pastor at Parramatta church, pastor of The Way Redfern Seventh-day Adventist Community church, ATSIM director for Greater Sydney Conference, and a member of the ATSIM advisory.

"I stand here as someone who knows God and someone who is known by God," said Pastor Murison. "I am a product of grace. I am what I am because of grace and mercy. I am what I am because I responded to a man who said, 'Come to me and I will give you life.'"

New textbook to help Christian teachers

Brenton Stacey—Cooranbong, New South Wales

An Avondale College lecturer has given teachers planning to work in Australia's Protestant schools their own textbook to help share faith development with students.

For more than a decade, Barbara Fisher, a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Education, created additional resources for students in religious curriculum studies classes because she could not find an appropriate, relevant and locally informed textbook. The frustration led to Barbara writing *Developing a Faith-based Education: A Teacher's Manual*.

The textbook is particularly for pre-service early childhood and primary teachers. It is significant because it is: the first supporting

Protestant spirituality and faith formation in an Australian setting; the first of its kind written by a Seventh-day Adventist in the South Pacific—the book includes references to the new *Encounter* Bible curriculum for the church's primary and secondary schools in Australia and New Zealand; and the first written by staff in the faculty and published commercially.

"This raises Avondale's profile," said vice-president (administration and research) Dr Vivienne Watts during the launch in Avondale Library on April 28. "However, the ideas in the book about the role of a faith-based teacher are a more significant contribution."



Barbara Fisher and her husband, Colin, at the book launch.

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We have this hope

Jarrod Stackelroth

It's May 15. Time: 12.30 am, and I'm crying. I was sleeping peacefully. Now I'm awake—and I'm crying. The date and time may mean little to you but to me, it's the day I lost my grandmother. A week before she had celebrated her goth birthday on Mother's Day. But during the week she had gone downhill.

All Mum said on the phone was, "she's gone," and I knew. And it struck me. Not with great force or violent bouts of emotion but a quiet, overwhelming hole opening in my life—jagged-edged, dark, tinged with sorrow.

Yet I have hope. "The dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). I will see her again as she really is, as she was meant to be, as even I've never seen—restored and more alive than ever. Her transparent skin and soft white hair will be replaced and revitalised, imperishable. She'll have confidence and sparkle; the intelligence and competitiveness that I've heard of in her stories of little Annie. But she'll also have the wisdom, maturity and patience of Grandma Anne.

What we were on Earth, we will be in the New Earth, but more of what we are, which is why we must practice now. We will not become robots but our true characters will shine.

I know I will see her again. I know you, reading this, have lost loved ones. But not lost forever. I choose to believe in life and the eternal, not a random process of death and chance. I choose to believe in the hope of a universal rescue operation, not the world as a giant horror death camp. I choose to believe in a loving relationship with my God, which means I am to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8). And one day, when we are all changed in the twinkling of an eye, I will see my loved ones again (1 Corinthians 15:52). That's what I believe. Could I be wrong? I see no other choice.

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Fly-and-build sees results in Solomons

Charles Russell—Pine Rivers, Queensland

Pine Rivers senior Sabbath School continued its long history of supporting fly-and-build projects in the South Pacific with team members recently returning from the 14th fly-and-build project in as many years. The team of men and women consisted of builders, plumbers, handymen and other helpers.

The 15 member team of local and other church members from South Queensland Conference worked at the Sango clinic in the Solomon Islands for two weeks. More than \$A20,000 was needed for the project and the funds were raised by Pine Rivers as well as Emerald church, together with private donations and profits from the pie shop at South Queensland Camp. The money went towards building a new nurses' residence, repairing the pastor's house and installing four water tanks for the residents of Sango. The project had been requested by the Division's Health Department as a follow-up to renovations of the clinic by a previous Pine Rivers fly and build project in 2009.

The residents of Sango were amazed to see the completion of a two bedroom residence in just eight

working days. They assisted the team by carrying timber, sand and gravel to the project. The humid and rainy weather was a challenge, as was the largest recorded flood in the area for more than 20 years.

As well as the construction work, one of the Pine River's Sabbath School groups supplied a quantity of school stationery supplies and equipment for the appreciative local Adventist students and teacher.

To complement the building work, some of the team were involved in a Kids' Club each day after school. Approximately 150 children turned up each day for crafts, games, puppets and stories.

Pine Rivers member, Barry Geelan, took the Sabbath service and each evening an audio visual program featuring Doug Batchelor was presented to the community.

"Thank you to all those church members who faithfully continue to support our fly and build projects each year," says project coordinator, Warren Bailey. "Members' donations and prayers make a big difference in the lives of people in the island field."



The team constructs roof trusses in the wet weather.



The satisfied fly-and-build team sits outside one of the buildings they helped construct.

Karalundi prepares for growth

Romela Sanggalan—Karalundi, Western Australia

Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre's upgrade is well underway, with renovations and extensions of its hostel facilities and building works completed for the boys' and girls' accommodation. Extensions and equipping of the kitchen and dining room are ongoing. The project was supported by the Australian Government's Indigenous Boarding Infrastructure Program with a grant of \$A1.64 million. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June 2010.

The improvements will bring the facilities in line with an expected increase in enrolments and provide a much better living environment for students to reach their potential.

Additionally, construction of an \$850,000 multipurpose hall should be completed by the end of 2010.

Karalundi offers education from lower primary to Year 12. It provides a culturally relevant school curriculum, employs Indigenous school and boarding staff, supports its teaching program with visits to communities



Karalundi's boys' dorm under construction.

and towns, and on special occasions, opens up the campus for Indigenous communities to visit and engage in sporting and spiritual activities.

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1000 set on the road from pain to recovery

Danielle Synot—Melbourne, Victoria

More than 1000 people have attended community programs in Victoria, facilitated by evangelist and television personality, Cheri Peters.

Mrs Peters came from a background of abuse, homelessness and drugs. However at 23, while strung out on heroin in a drug house, Cheri found God. "It sounds trite to say I had a spiritual experience and everything changed but that's exactly what happened. I felt the presence of God during a suicide attempt and He convinced me that my life was worth living."

Mrs Peters' Life in Recovery series spoke openly to the community in relation to finding recovery from the issues of hurt, abuse and addiction. The series on recovery not only dealt with the issues of drugs and alcohol but also included sex addiction, eating disorders, workaholicism, depression, rage, lying and perfectionism.

The series was run in Bendigo, Geelong, Melbourne and Albury. Each presentation was followed by prayer and one-to-one counselling appointments. Mrs Peters was also invited to speak at a number of local schools and drug rehabilitation centres.

A participant in the programs said, "Cheri's ability to be herself is great. For someone to be really connected to God and still be sensitive, real and honest, as well as very funny, made her very easy to relate to."

It is likely that recovery and twelve step groups will be initiated in local communities as a direct result of these programs.

As a guest speaker at the Victorian Conference Camp, held at Elmore, she proved herself brave by jumping from the famous "Pinnacle of Terror", along with the other guest speakers Eddie Hypolite and Herb Larsen.



High on life—Cheri Peters was appreciated for her direct and positive approach.



Desperate need in Pacific

Ray Coombe—Wahroonga, New South Wales

The Pacific Islands Advancement Offering on June 19 will address one of the most pressing needs of the Pacific: more pastor budgets.

While Adventist membership in the Pacific continues to grow dramatically, the ratio of pastors to members has dropped to as low as one for every 1,800 members in some local missions. In Papua New Guinea the average ratio is now 1:1,072 compared to 1:856 in 2002. The Trans-Pacific Union Mission's average ratio is 1:874. This contrasts dramatically with Australia where the ratio is one ordained pastor for only 193 members (see graph).

Sadly, apostasy rates are climbing because of lack of pastoral support and nurture. And as island economies struggle, the cost of employing pastors has risen, with some missions unable to provide budgets to absorb the ministers graduating from Pacific Adventist University, Sonoma and Fulton.

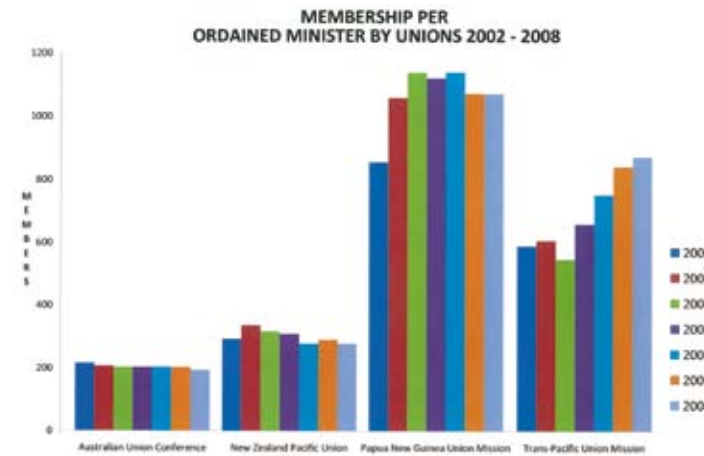
The Pacific Islands Advancement Offering on June 19 will be directed to the specific need of funding more ministers at the grass roots. "We hope

to raise sufficient funds for many new budgets" says Division CFO Rodney Brady.

Last year, the Pacific Islands Advancement Offering was directed to the need of university chaplains. The \$A154,000 raised was the highest total ever recorded.

Although many Adventist youth attend Adventist tertiary institutions, many hundreds more do not have the opportunity of gaining their education at a church-run campus. So the church has seen the need for more full-time chaplains to nurture these university students.

"The employment of additional chaplains in the Pacific islands comes at a time when outreach activities are beginning to gather momentum," says South Pacific Division Youth Director, Nick Kross. "It's not just our own young people who will benefit, but the



potential of scores of other students who are searching for a spiritual home."

One example of this is the new church plant in Suva, Fiji, the Pacific Tertiary Evangelistic Centre (PTEC), where Joe Talematoga, a newly graduated minister from Avondale, serves as chaplain and pastor (see blog site: <http://pacifictertiaryevangelisticcentre.blogspot.com/>). Three other university campuses in Papua New Guinea have also had chaplains appointed, as well as an additional chaplain for Sonoma College.

Seventh-day men march again

Brenton Stacey—Cooranbong, New South Wales

A former South Pacific Division president, Avondale College principal and Avondale College honorary senior research fellow has revised for the first time his study of the Anglo-Saxon heritage of Sabbath keeping.

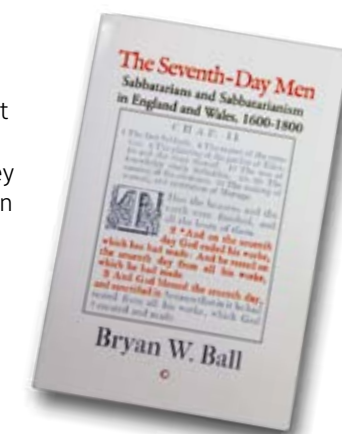
Dr Bryan Ball's *The Seventh-Day Men: Sabbatarians and Sabbatarianism in England and Wales, 1600-1800* is, according to publisher James Clarke & Co, the first fully documented account of the growth of Sabbatarianism in England and Wales following the Reformation. The revised edition of the book is 60 pages longer and includes information about previously unidentified Sabbath keepers, a more extensive analysis of what constituted Sabbath keeping and additional notes to the original text.

The Seventh-Day Men shows the spread of Sabbatarianism to more than 30 counties. It also traces the origins of the movement to the Celtic tradition—it then appeared again as Sabbatarianism about 1402—and examines its decline in the 1800s. Christians and Seventh-day Adventists in particular should learn from the latter, says Dr Ball. Influenced by Calvinistic theology, the 17th- and

18th-century Sabbatarians did not make the sharing of their faith a central part of their mission. "They felt God would do His own thing in His own time," says Dr Ball. They also lacked a cohesive structure—congregations met informally in homes and did not belong to a sisterhood of churches.

The Seventh-Day Men was first published in 1994.

Dr Ball is the author of six other books. He is working with publishers in Europe to have *Can We Still Believe The Bible?* translated into Latvian, and more significantly, it has been chosen as Missionary Book of the Year for northern Europe. He is also working with Signs Publishing Company to update and expand the book to coincide with next year's 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Version of the Bible. *The Seventh-Day Men* is available for sale from the author. Contact Bryan at <bryanball@netspace.net.au>.





No nukes!

As the world's most powerful nations discuss how to reduce nuclear weapons, hundreds of religious leaders met at the United Nations in New York to call for the total abolition of nuclear arms. At the upcoming UN nuclear non-proliferation conference they are expecting to receive millions of signatures in support of a nuclear-free world. —*Religion News Service*



Joyful noise

The 41st Annual Gospel Music Association Dove Awards saw some of Christian music's best talent gather in Nashville, Tennessee. Casting Crowns took out the Artist of the Year award, Brandon Heath was named male vocalist of the year and Francesca Battistelli won the female vocalist award. —*Christian Post*



Unexpected allies

Churches in Germany have spoken out against a far-right political party that is pushing for a ban on Muslim minarets. Protestant and Catholic churches have released a joint statement in opposition to the proposal, saying a ban isn't compatible with the Christian faith. —*Ecumenical News International*



The Lost Ark?

On Turkey's Mt Ararat, Christian ark hunters claim they've dated a wooden structure to the time of Noah's flood. The structure is above the snowline, where buildings wouldn't normally be expected. They say they're 99.9 per cent sure this is Noah's ark. But other Christian organisations are being cautious about the claims. —*Associated Baptist Press*



Food for thought

Yoshio and Fumiko Kataoka own a confectionery shop in Tokyo and are doing a roaring trade with what they call "Hallelujah Manju cakes". Each cake displays a Bible text on the top. Demand for the product is increasing, as orders come in from all around the world. —*Ecumenical News International*



Earth care

Health ministries director for the Adventist world church, Allan Handsides, has released an internet video for World Earth Day, warning about the danger that plastics pose to the natural environment, even so-called biodegradable plastics. The video is the latest addition to the church's YouTube channel, which was launched last year. —www.youtube.com/adventistsaboutlife

LAY MEMBERS NEEDED for Church Management Boards

As we approach the end of another quinquennial (5 year) period of church management we are again looking to the church's rich resource of lay members to fill positions on the church's key boards and committees. Over the last 5 years the South Pacific Division has been blessed to have lay members making outstanding contributions to our key boards of management. These faithful church members give up considerable time to freely share their valuable expertise and experience.

For the next quinquennial period we are seeking lay members who have a strong commitment to the mission and values of the church and also have a background in management, finance, human resources as well as other specialist expertise that may be relevant to the specific profile of each board. Being able to give of your time to is also an important consideration.

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Indigenous Adventists celebrate centenary

by Kent Kingston

"ONE HUNDRED YEARS ON AND STILL GOING strong", is how one of the weekend's speakers put it. More than 300 people gathered in Kempsey, on the mid-north coast of NSW, to remember and celebrate 100 years of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry.

This year marks the centenary of Pastor Phillip Rudge's appointment to Kempsey in 1910. Shortly after his arrival, Pastor Rudge began to minister to the local Aboriginal people. Many descendents of the original converts remain faithful to the Gospel.

The weekend was not merely a reflection on the past; it was strongly focused on the present and future. Sydney ATSIM director, Johnny Murison, opened proceedings on Friday night with an appeal to total commitment. "We're not here to make a living, we're here to make a difference," he said. Refusing to patronise his audience with a simplistic approach, Pastor Murison referenced Augustine and Karl Barth as he challenged the congregation to reject the excuses that stand in the way of living 100 per cent for God.

The backbone of the music for the weekend was provided by Garth Fatnowna and his parents, Matthew "Uncle Mackie" Fatnowna on the piano and Faith on the organ. The feel was upbeat, with a mixture of action songs, choruses and stirring hymns, many on the theme of the Second Coming. Effortless key-changes and a touch of jazzy *glissando* from Uncle Mackie, and Auntie Faith's fancy footwork on the bassline of *We Have This Hope* left no doubt as to who was in charge.

Sabbath was a high day, with some worried faces from organisers concerned that the Kempsey church would not hold the crowd. Church leaders from conference, union and division levels along with former ATSIM director Pr Eric Davey were in attendance. Australian Union Conference president, Chester Stanley, preached from Psalm 46. Applying verse five to the church, Pastor Stanley reminded the congregation: "God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day."

God's guidance and help was acknowledged again and again over the weekend with perhaps the most poignant moment being the presentation of a book about the life of the late Pastor George Quinlin (pictured right) to Esther, the

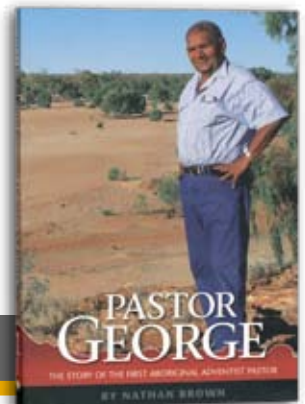
woman who shared his ministry for 44 years, and Vincent, their son. The book was commissioned by ATSIM and written by Nathan Brown.

Sabbath afternoon also saw Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) workers, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, take to the podium to report on the progress of their work in various parts of New South Wales. A number of these workers are volunteers or divide their time between ATSIM and other roles. It's a testament to their commitment that so many ATSIM workers are seeing results as they reach out to Indigenous people in their communities. The impact of Mamarapha, ATSIM's college on the outskirts of Perth, Western Australia, was also seen, with a small forest of hands raised amongst ATSIM workers and in the congregation to indicate how many had studied there. According to national ATSIM director, Steve Piez, Mamarapha not only provides a pathway into ministry for many Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders, it is also building a strong foundation for future growth by empowering people and developing them to take their place as leaders wherever God is calling them.

But the centenary weekend was not all meetings and reports. There was plenty of time for socialising, a "good feed" at Sabbath lunch and a barbeque on Sunday. Saturday night's concert was also a highlight, with a series of impromptu items from all comers. Liata Ballengarry was the surprise standout here: after having the crowd in stitches with comic repartee, she launched into a heartfelt song of worship, eyes closed and voice clear and strong.

It was a fitting summing up of the mood amongst the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Adventists present: no pretensions to grandeur but a sustained confidence that if God can see His people through 100 years, He has the future firmly in hand.

Pastor George is an ATSIM initiative aimed at reaching Indigenous people.



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OPINION

Korey Dowling

Generation why?

Being involved in promoting Adventist Employment, I often hear the cry, "why do we persist with employing Generation Y?" If you are unsure as to who Gen Y are; if you think that "tweeting" is something a bird does or you need help loading songs on to your iPod, then you may not be of this generation.

Gen Y (1982-2000) have been described as lacking commitment to the workplace, showing little loyalty, being purely money driven and demanding to progress through the ranks quicker than usual—traits that previous generations tend to abhor. So why would we want to employ Gen Y? Firstly, as a Church, we cannot afford to ignore this generation. A nationwide skills shortage and the future of the Church makes it necessary to attract and retain Gen Y's. Secondly, I believe there is much they can contribute.

One of the biggest shifts in workplace ethic across generations is represented by the mantra of "work to live, don't live to work". Too many times I've seen previous generations of church workers who "live to work", often at the expense of the more important things in life such as a personal connection with God and family. Gen Y's tend to "work to live". Flexible working conditions are central for them.

But one of the most exciting things is that Gen Y's are seeking spiritual meaning. Mark McCrindle of McCrindle Research states that "Gen Y's are on the search for fun, for quality friendships, for a fulfilling purpose, and for a spiritual connection."

So what can we learn from Gen Y? We need to put life into perspective. In Luke 10:38-42, Jesus rebukes Martha for missing the point. Martha was more focused on preparing the meal than spending quality time with Jesus.

Generation Y seem to have discovered what's important to them—have you?

Korey Dowling is the Employment Promotions Officer for Adventist Employment in the South Pacific Division.

NOW & THEN

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R HEALTH FEATURE

Plant foods—Defence against breast and ovarian cancer

New research provides more evidence that a diet high in fruit and vegetables can help reduce the risk of breast cancer and ovarian cancer.

One in three Australian women is likely to develop cancer before the age of 85. It's a scary statistic, but one we don't have to live with. Making healthy eating and lifestyle choices can prevent many cancers, including ovarian and breast cancers, and the evidence in this area continues to grow.

A new study published in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association found women who ate more than six serves of fruits and vegetables a day were 40 per cent less likely to develop ovarian cancer. It also revealed women who ate more than one serve of red meat or processed meat each day more than doubled their risk.

Another recent study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found women who ate the most plant foods— such as soy, legumes and green leafy vegetables—significantly reduced their risk of developing breast cancer. And people who had an eating style rich in plant foods, three to five years before diagnosis, had a better chance of breast cancer survival.

Interestingly, both studies found cruciferous vegetables— such as cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli—gave women the best protection from ovarian and breast cancer. These studies add to a wealth of research that encourages us to eat more plant foods. In fact, in 2007 the World Cancer Re-

search Fund reviewed over 4000 scientific papers and found that most common cancers affecting the western world are largely preventable by eating a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and wholegrains.

So how can we improve our lifestyle and diets, to give us the best possible chance of reducing the risk of cancer?

PLANT-BASED EATING: A style of eating based on fruits, vegetables, legumes, wholegrains, soy, nuts and seeds provides protective benefits against cancer. Aim for at least two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables each day, particularly cruciferous vegetables.

LEGUMES, BEANS & SOY: Replace meat with plant proteins like chickpeas, baked beans, tofu and lentils. Start by having one meat-free dinner each week and work your way up.

WHOLE HEALTH: Being active, maintaining a healthy weight, not smoking and having a positive outlook on life all help your body, mind and spirit to be healthy and strong.

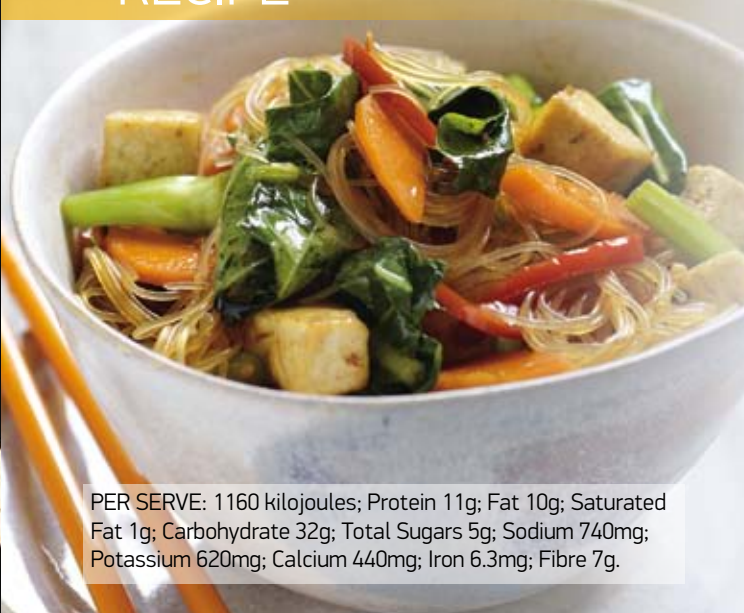
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R RECIPE

Tofu and bean thread vermicelli



- 150g bean thread vermicelli
- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 2 cloves garlic, peel and slice
- 300g firm tofu, diced
- 1 bunch Chinese broccoli (Gai Lam), trimmed and chopped
- 1 red capsicum, deseeded, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, halved, sliced diagonally
- ¼ cup kecap manis
- ¼ cup vegetarian stir fry sauce¹

1. Place the vermicelli in a large heatproof bowl. Pour over boiling water and leave for 5 minutes or until soft. Drain and set aside.
 2. Heat the oil in a wok and stir fry the garlic and tofu over the heat for a few minutes. Remove and place on plate with a paper towel.
 3. Add the Chinese broccoli to wok, capsicum and carrot and stir fry for 3-4 minutes.
 4. Add the vermicelli, kecap manis and vegetarian stir fry sauce. Add tofu. Toss over the heat to combine. Serves 4-6.
- Preparation time: 12 minutes. Cooking time: 10 minutes.

PER SERVE: 1160 kilojoules; Protein 11g; Fat 10g; Saturated Fat 1g; Carbohydrate 32g; Total Sugars 5g; Sodium 740mg; Potassium 620mg; Calcium 440mg; Iron 6.3mg; Fibre 7g.

¹Vegetarian stir fry sauce is a mixture of vegetable based sauces available in the health food or Asian section of your supermarket



I am “Christian”

Given Name: Christian
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(normal MUAC is above 135mm)



by Jonathan Duffy

SINCE BEING CALLED INTO THIS MINISTRY OF compassion through ADRA Australia, I have seen, heard and experienced some amazing things; some would even say miracles. Lives have been transformed and people have been given the second chance they so desperately need. But there are still things that need to be done and I'm writing to share with you an issue that is very close to my heart.

Around the world, a high number of children, infants and even babies lose their lives every day due to poor health or nutrition. Before today ends, 20,000 children under the age of five will lose their life due to a preventable illness. Meanwhile, 20 million more children will go to bed hungry.

Professionally, I find this appalling because it doesn't need to happen. But, personally, as a father of two, this breaks my heart. No one, let alone a child under 5 years of age, should lose their life because of a preventable illness. We need to defend the vulnerable like these!

Earlier this year, I received an email from one of my staff members, Matt, who was visiting a project in North Sulawesi, Indonesia. In his email, Matt told me about six-month-old baby Christian, a little boy from a very poor family who was so severely malnourished that his upper arm was only about 1½ times the size of my thumb; he rates very poorly on the Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) measure, which helps assess a child's nutritional status. Matt described Christian as being frail, very boney, having wrinkled saggy skin and a bloated stomach. His condition has left him in such a bad way that he can't even close his eyes when sleeping. Here's some of what Matt wrote:

I left Christian and his family late that afternoon; frustrated at how he could miss out on the care he desperately needed. But he was due for a weigh-in at the village health centre the following Thursday morning, so we made plans to meet then – I hoped to see him heavier and on the right track to better health. But on Thursday morning we received a phone call from the clinic saying that Christian had been admitted to hospital.

When we arrived at the hospital, Marni was hunched over Christian's bed in total exhaustion and emotionally drained, holding on to her son's tiny hands... When I asked Marni what happened, she explained that Christian had developed a high fever and was having very bad diarrhoea, which sounded like the usual, but this time he had trouble breathing. She thought he was going to die, so she brought him to hospital. "My son needed a doctor," she said. He just lay there, swallowed up in his huge hospital bed, with a device attached to his face to help him breathe.

In the few short hours that Christian had been sick, he had lost a lot of weight. That cute little boy I visited a couple of days ago, who we thought was doing better, was now fighting for his life.

Realising Christian's critical state, the doctor wanted to keep him in hospital until he put on at least 1kg, but this could take a month, even longer, as in six months he's only managed to put on 2kgs. The doctor is also concerned that Christian has received no immunisations, leaving him open to all kinds of illnesses and diseases. But for Christian to receive his first immunisation, his weight has to rise above the "red line". And for this to happen, he needs to stay in hospital.

I asked Marni how she would pay for Christian's medical expenses and her response tore at my heart – she just looked at me with an uneasy smile and said "I don't know." Not the answer I wanted to hear at all, but sadly it's the truth.

If Christian stays in hospital for a month, it will cost Marni and her family about \$110, more than four weeks of the family's income. But if he doesn't stay, he could die.

Isn't this story sad? I guess what makes it even sadder is the fact that Christian's mother has to choose between the life of her baby and providing for the rest of her family.

What would you do if you were in Marni's shoes?

To reach more vulnerable children and families, just like Christian and Marni, ADRA Australia has recently launched a special appeal to raise \$750,000 before 30 June. With these funds, we will continue and strengthen our health and nutrition work in Africa, Asia, South Pacific and here in Australia, as well as establish new water, sanitation and food projects in both Cambodia and Laos. And we really need your support.

Your help can make an amazing difference, such as what we're currently doing for Marni and others in her community. In Christian's home of North Sulawesi, we're providing health and nutrition education for mothers and caregivers, running village support groups, providing pre- and post-natal support to mothers, and providing a monthly growth monitoring service for all newborns and infants. And we want to do so much more for many others in great need.

We all have a role to play and Proverbs 31:8-9 reminds us that we all have a responsibility to defend the 'poor and needy'. And ADRA needs you. We need prayer warriors to keep on praying, we need advocates to keep on speaking out and we need financial supporters to keep on giving, since we are a ministry reliant on the generosity of others.

So I'd like to invite you now to use the inserted envelope to help ADRA raise the \$750,000 needed to help continue, strengthen and grow our health and nutrition work in Africa, Asia, South Pacific and here in Australia. Your support of ADRA's Health and Nutrition Appeal, before 30 June, will help reduce the number of children losing their lives every day due to poor health or nutrition, and lift families out of poverty and hardship.

Jonathan Duffy is the Chief Executive Officer of ADRA Australia.

Baby Christian rates very poorly on the Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) measure, which helps assess a child's nutritional status. His is only 96mm, when it should be at least 135mm.

Use this arm band to see how critical Christian's condition is.

1. Cut the band out and slice along the 3 lines marked on the front.
2. Thread the end of the band through the 3 slices to find Christian's MUAC measurement.

KEY ■ Severe malnutrition and threat of death ■ Moderate malnutrition ■ Risk of malnutrition ■ Normal health



Three candles: one light

by Max Hatton

CAN WE REALLY COMPREHEND GOD? WELL NOT absolutely, but we can understand what He has revealed to us. It has been common among humans to realise that there must be a God and they have tried to picture Him in wood and stone images; but God tells us that this is not the way to go.

"To whom, then, will you compare God? What image will you compare him to?" (Isaiah 40:18).

Yes, He has revealed some things about Himself in the Bible that we must comprehend for we would never want to dishonour Him in any way and we certainly need to know who it is that we worship. Our only hope is to take notice of what God reveals of Himself in the Bible. Of course we do not expect to understand all about Him, that would be too much for our finite minds.

The Bible teaches us that the Father is God, Jesus is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. This usually comes as a surprise for we know of no other being who can be described that way. But don't we expect God to be enormously complex? Could an ant hope to understand the complexity of a human? The gap between an ant and a human is small compared with the gap between we humans and the Almighty Eternal God. The Almighty is far more complex than we can even imagine. Are we sure about the Three being God? Let us see:

Everyone accepts that the Father is God and Jesus is shown to be God in a multiplicity of ways—"in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and what God was, the Word was" John 1:1 (New English Bible). Almost at the end of this same Gospel the apostle Thomas proclaimed Jesus to be "my Lord and my God" (John 20:28). Thomas was no radical and was speaking under inspiration.

The Holy Spirit is shown to be a Person and God over and over. Just prior to His return to heaven Jesus promised that there would be "another Counsellor" to take His place. The Greek word for "another" is *allos*, which means someone "the same". Someone the same as Jesus, who could take

His place, had to be divine. Yet, would you believe it, some try to make out that Jesus is that Counsellor. Surely it is unintentional but this would make Jesus out to be a liar. Our Jesus would never make out that He would see to it that someone else took His place and then sneak back as that person.

In Acts 5 Peter challenged Ananias, telling him that he had lied to the Holy Spirit (verse 3). He then continued in verse 5 to advise him that he had not lied to men but to God! Peter's obvious intention here was to advise Ananias that the member of the Trinity that he had lied to was God the Holy Spirit.

When we make the incredible breakthrough and discover that God is not a solitary figure, but is a Trinity, we can see that before He ever created anything He was not lonely, there was community, love and fellowship at a level beyond our understanding. How privileged we are for having made the discovery!

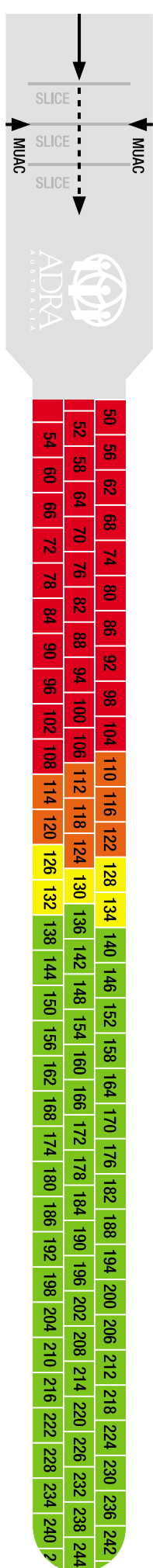
Because Christians learn from the Word of God that the Father is God, Jesus is God and the Holy Spirit is God, we are driven to the conclusion that the Three comprise the One God. The Three occupy One Divine Substance; otherwise we are saddled with such heresies as Tritheism (three gods) or Modalism (one person who manifests himself in three different ways).

We cannot know every detail of our Three in One God as John Wesley well knew. When accosted by a skeptic who challenged him to explain details of the Trinity doctrine, he asked to be excused for a minute. He returned with three lighted candles. "Here," Wesley said, "are three lighted candles but yet there is just one light. You explain that to me and I will explain to you the Trinity doctrine."

I close with the words of Paul, an early Christian Trinitarian: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14).

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Pastor Max Hatton is a retired minister who has written two books on the Trinity.





Church plant keeps multiplying

Five years ago John Horvath planted an all nations church at Koondoola (WA). Now, believers have planted another one at Queens Park, and yet another in Maddington. John is now planting a fourth church starting with a "kids' club" in Belmont near Rivervale. —*NewsWest*



Students surrender holidays

Seventeen students (not all Adventists) and five teachers from Mountain View Adventist College (Sydney) took StormCo to Coledale, West Tamworth for a week. They ran a kids' club every morning and community service projects every afternoon. —*Michael Heath*



Tully girls receive scholarships

Emily Gray and Shantel Weare are excited at both receiving Education to Employment Scholarships to help them with their education expenses. Both Adventist girls attend the Tully State High School in northern Queensland. —*TopNews*



Vegetable growing seals the plot

Year 7 students at Lilydale Adventist Academy (Vic) don't mind pumpkin, zucchinis, eggplant and capsicum after all. They grow them at a school plot under the supervision of Head of Science Michael Croft—recognised with the prestigious Adventist Schools Victoria Teacher of the Year Award. —*David Jones*



We will remember them

Following an ANZAC chapel service where Colonel Paul King spoke about service and sacrifice, students and staff at Longburn Adventist College (NZ) have decided to erect a stone plaque by the College flagpole listing the names of former students who died in service during World War I and II. —*Carl Hergenhan*



Pathfinders make a pledge at the cross

Steve Kane challenged Pathfinders at a regional camporee near Beaudesert (Qld) to "taste and see" God's word. They went on an experiential prayer walk and then pinned a personal commitment to Jesus on a wooden cross. —*Focus*



Jesus car in focus

Record InFocus Christian News presenter David Gibbons was surprised when Andrew 'Fishtail' Fisher drove his "Jesus" Super V8 ute into the Sydney AMN TV studios for the guest interview on May 28. Fisher's fast pace ministry is not only a witness on the racing circuit. He visits hundreds of schools and churches every year to share his passion for Jesus Christ. —*RECORD staff*



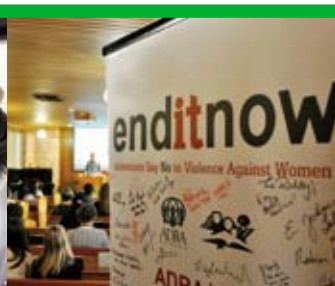
Inmates get fed

Operation Food For Life is the only ministry allowed to visit the notorious Laloki Hospital, which houses the most insane criminals in PNG, just 15 kilometres from Port Moresby. They give the dangerous inmates a nutritious cereal breakfast with fruit and juice and the chance to meet Jesus through their gospel singing group. —*Vincent Teulilo*



New mobile unit switched on

With so many hours spent transporting media gear, setting it up and then dismantling it after each event, the AMNWest (WA) team commissioned Daniel Blazicevic to build a media van. It now only takes a fraction of the time to record events making the task more efficient and enjoyable. —*NewsWest*



Conference explores God's ideals for women

Delegates at the fifth annual Women and the Word Conference in Sydney signed a banner pledging their support of a worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church campaign to raise awareness and advocate for the end of violence against women. —*Brenton Stacey and Tamera Gosling*



Surprise celebrations

Eighty friends and family came to the Yarra Valley Church (Vic) to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversaries of Pastor Ed and Joy Totenhofer, and Dr Merrill and Lyn Jackson. In both cases, the couples' deep love for each other and their God continues to be an inspiration. —*May Southern, IntraVic*



OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

Finding meaning and your purpose in life

When you accept Christ as your Saviour and the Master of your life you become a Royal child of the King of the Universe—you matter and belong to Him.

Read Galatians 3:26; 1 Peter 2:6,9

At that same moment, you also become one of His holy priests, set apart for the grand purpose in life of bringing honour and glory to God as the One who has rescued you from the darkness of your old life of sin, selfishness and of captivity to Satan. You are therefore God's ambassador to reconcile others to Him.

Read 1 Peter 2:10; Ephesians 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

So how do you fulfil this great purpose God has for your life?

Firstly you must remember that you are an alien and a pilgrim on this earth, because you are now a citizen of God's heavenly country.

Read 1 Peter 2:11; Philippians 3:20; Ephesians 2:12,13,19

As an alien you are not to share and participate in the values and practices of this world, which are foreign to the kingdom of your King. Rather you are urged to abstain and flee from its lusts, because they war against your soul, both destroying you, and making you ineffective in reconciling others.

Read Ephesians 5:11; 1 Peter 2:11

Secondly, you are to be a living sermon to non-believers, doing what is right and good among them. Thus you can help them to accept God's grace and glorify Him when Jesus returns for His people.

Read 1 Peter 2:12

Pastor Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism.



HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Cold and flu

Achooooo! And five billion germs spray out into the air, each clinging to a microscopic particle of moisture. Pity anyone within 2 metres, the distance they can travel from your nose and mouth. Inhaled by others nearby, they cling to the lining of the nasal passages and oral cavity. Here, within seconds they rapidly multiply. Within the hour, they've made their mark—developing "the Common Cold". It's also called "coryza", influenza, the flu, or simply "the lurgy". It is not the true form of flu, but a rhinovirus activated reaction a bit similar.



Sore throat, clogged nostrils, dribbling nostrils follow. Then come the body muscle aches and pain, sore joints, fever, and finally a nasty hacking cough as it tracks down toward the lungs.

Most will contract 1.5 colds this year. Many may be self-treated with simple measures. Nature fixes most within 7-10 days. You can help. Gargle throat with warm salty water three hourly. Take two paracetamol tablets (if feverish and achy), drink lots of water, at least 1.5 to 2.1L a day. Fresh fruit juices are fine (not sugary commercial ones.) Take a body warmth shower daily, end with cool, and dab body dry with a soft towel. Stay home for 2-3 days (otherwise you'll spread your bugs to others as somebody did to you). Don't smoke and avoid smokers. Eat light meals only—you will not starve to death. Stewed fruit, soup, toast, lightly done eggs, mashed vegies are best. Avoid chills which allow germs to multiply very fast. More at <www.docwright.com.au>

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How often do you spend time in family or personal worship per week?

■ 1-3 ■ 4-7 ■ 8+ ■ Never

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Result
What effect does the Adventist health message have on seekers?

Attract	78.95%
Repel	5.25%
Makes no difference	15.8%



Building community on campus

by Brenton Stacey/Kirsten Bolinger

IT'S "DOWN TIME" AND AVONDALE COLLEGE'S LAKE Macquarie campus feels empty. Most staff members and students are preparing for the weekend—shopping, perhaps even studying—but not Chris Starrett. The men's residence assistant is taking two other students out to maintain the garden at a house in Alton Road in Cooranbong. Pick A Street is a regular Friday afternoon activity for the Watson Hall boys. The concept is simple: pick a street in the local community and knock on the door of each house until you find a resident who needs a job completed. A typical response: "What? So, it's free? No catch?" The ministry helps the guys feel good, says Chris. "We return as a group and we're just sharing stories." The experience not only benefits the residents—one donated a case of Sprite to say thank you—but also strengthens the connection between the students.

Mateship: it's one of the key characteristics of Watson. Serving as a residence assistant has taught Chris to befriend others for no other reason than "they're a Watson Hall brother." Director, Pastor Mark McNeill, and colleague, Pastor Shane Roberts, initiate some of this relationship building by pairing new with old students—each carries a photograph of the other—as part of a "buddy" system. The two see themselves as friends to be called on at any time.

Mark pulls out a small, framed whiteboard to illustrate. He gave the board to a student called Tommy so he could plan when to complete his assignments. Tommy struggled with his studies and with issues in his personal life. He left before the end of the academic year but returned the board with these words scrawled in blue marker: "I haven't seen people that care as much as you. . . . The people I have become friends with are for life. You 'sevos' are a great bunch of people." "This guy kept me busy," says Mark, "but

his response reminds me of why I do what I do."

Join It, Do It, Plan It, Believe It, Give It: these statements are part of the Live It theme in the women's residences, Andre and Ella Boyd Halls, this year.

The theme incorporates five keys to life: community, health, education, spirituality and service. The directors of the residences don't tell the students how to incorporate the theme into their lives but encourage them to make their own plans. "If we create a vision for the girls, then we've done our job," says assistant director Mere Neale.

Each floor of the residences has a residence assistant whose role includes leading worship and leading on a rotational basis the combined residence worship on Wednesday evenings. Chantal Heise is one of the assistants. She and the students on her floor are praying for the victims of sex trafficking across a specific national border. They're also praying for the traffickers, the authorities and the churches in the area. "Most of the girls didn't know this was an issue and they were incensed," says Chantal. "It empowered them to pray."

Chantal and her floor's response to the Live It challenge is not an isolated example. Students have initiated 10 Bible studies this year, reports women's residence director Deirdre Hough. This is not an uncommon occurrence, says one of the other residence assistants, Rebekah Bamford. "We bond in a spiritual as well as a friendship sense. It just happens that way when you're praying for each other and living so close to one another."

Support Seventh-day Adventist education by giving to the Avondale College Offering today. Avondale will use the money it receives to renovate 15-20 rooms in Andre and Watson Halls. Rooms will not only look better but will encourage more students to live on campus. To discover more about this project, visit <www.avondale.edu.au/adoptaroom>.

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LAA Teacher Accepts ASV Award for Excellence



Each year Adventist Schools Victoria (ASV) elect one teacher to be recognised for their outstanding contribution within their school and to ASV schools collectively.

The 2009 ASV Award was presented to Mr Michael Croft for his leadership in the Science Department at LAA.

Mr Croft has excelled in developing course material for Years 7-10 Science with students able to access coursework via the LAA Intranet.

He has mentored and assisted other Science teachers and freely shares his resources.

Mr Croft has also spent many hours in developing the Year 7 and 8 Horticulture project, where students grow vegetable gardens.

Congratulations to Mr Croft on his tireless efforts and the recognition of this ASV Award to provide excellence in Adventist Education.

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MYSTERY HISTORY REVEALED



This photo is of Pastor Allan Forbes and his family; wife, Ethel (Ettie), Ramon (5 years old) and Ross (approximately 3 months old). It was taken in 1938 while they were living in Fiji. Pastor Forbes was the secretary for the Fiji Mission.



We have only had one response to this photo. It was suggested that it could possibly be Bathurst NSW with Pastor M Ball standing at the right of the photo (taken in the 1930s??).

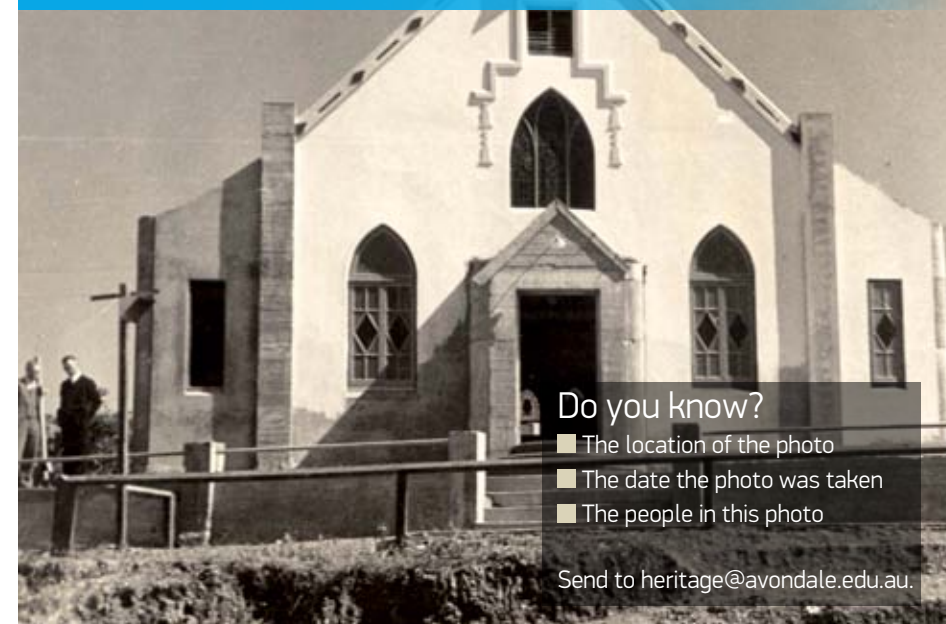


This photo was taken in Perth, WA, between 1954 and the early 1960s. It is of the SDA Nursing Cadets in St John's Ambulance Brigade. This year they are the winning team in a first aid competition where they must diagnose the injuries of the patient and then correctly treat them. The people in the photo, from left

to right, are Ellen Fairall, June Chester (now Gallop), Robert Jarvis (patient), Margaret Jarvis and Lynette Thompson (now Baird).

Thank you for your responses. Keep sending in your information.

MYSTERY HISTORY



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This week try and be a good neighbour - remember a neighbour is not just someone who lives next door to you.

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Luke 10:27

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and Joanne Sell (Penguin), were married 18.4.10 at Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden. We wish your God's blessing as they establish their home in Natone.

Robert Cook

OBITUARIES

Bradley, Evelyn, died 26.2.10 at the Care Retirement Facility. Predeceased by her husband. Survived by Bronwyn and Ewan Willis (Sydney); Lyndall and Brian Munnings (Brisbane); Robert and Wendy (Maitland); grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her children rise up and call her the best Mum ever.

Robert Craig

Dragojevic, Dragica, born 5.2.1945 in Bosnia, Herzegovina; died 19.3.10 at Sunnybank Private Hospital, Brisbane, Qld, following a two year battle with cancer. Survived by her husband, Dusan; her children, Stevka and Dragan; son-in-law, Dusko; daughter-in-law, Natalie; her grandchildren, Tasha, Nathan, Denysa and Maya. Dragica loved her Lord and her family with all her heart. All will remember her as a "true Israelite in whom is no guile".

David Stojcic, Zeny Vidacak

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Englert, Alan Grant, born 20.4.1929 at Maclean, NSW; died 8.3.10 at Cooranbong. On 11.1.1960, he married Eileen Cottier. He is survived by his wife; his children, Leanne Dennis (Cooranbong), Delleen Reynolds and Lloyd (both from Newcastle). Alan worked in the fishing and sugar industries and 22 years at Sanitarium. He enjoyed the outdoors and outback of Australia.

Alan Saunders, Lester Hawkes
Fergie Mackay

Fish, William Edward, born 19.7.1914; died 8.1.10 at the Bendigo Hospital (Vic). He was predeceased by his son, Lance. Survived by his wife, Ada; his son, Daryl (with wife Nita and their families); daughter, Narelle (with husband Peter and family); daughter, Raelene (with partner Gary and family); and daughter-in-law, Carol and family. Bill loved the Lord, and was a committed member of the Maryborough church for many years. He was much beloved by his family.

Jackie Reynolds, Graham Sutherland

Hagen, Andrew John, born 23.11.1971 at Tamworth, NSW; died 1.4.10 in Brisbane, Qld. On 12.10.1997, he married Karen. He is survived by his wife; his son, Tanner and daughter, Kalli. Despite his illness, Andrew was full of life, remaining positive to the very last. He thought only of his family and others around him. He will be missed for his love of his wife and family, his great smile, his sense of humour, his friendships, his obsession with cars and his faith in his Lord and Saviour.

Stephen Kane, R E Possingham

Hodgkinson, Vera, born 3.1.1923 at Blackburn, England; died 29.3.10 at Toowoomba, Qld. She married Reg in September 1942. She was baptised on 9.8.1947 by Pr Lauder in a bath tub in the farm house. Predeceased by daughter, Helen, who died aged 31. Survived by her children, John, Rhonda and Barry; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Vera's faith in

God was very strong, and prayer was a big part of her life. She will be remembered for her smiles, kindness, faithfulness and concern for others.

Douw Venter

Incher, Joan Edith, born 20.2.1916 in Cooma; died 22.2.10 at Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW. Married in 1938 at Yass. Predeceased by her husband. Survived by her children, Robyn Turner and her husband Graham (Sydney) and David and his wife Larissa (Adelaide, SA); her sisters, Gwen and Nance; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Joan was an outgoing person and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Robert Craig

Matthews, Dorothy Madge, born 5.6.1929 in Brisbane, Qld; died 13.4.10 in Caloundra. Baptised in Brisbane. Predeceased by her parents and sister, Myra. Despite a physical disability, she lived a very full life. Dorothy worked for Sanitarium for 31 years, as well as clerk and librarian at Albion church. She loved gardening,

reading, music and her church. She had a close friendship with Jesus, she now sleeps in Him.

John Rabbas

Nicolson, Alice Mary, born 6.6.1932 in Proserpine hospital, Qld; died 17.3.10 in Bowen hospital. Survived by her husband, Mervyn; sons Colin and Steven; and seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She loved the Lord, and is now resting, waiting for His return. She suffered from cancer for 12 years, but was always willing to help others even while she was fighting cancer. Rest peacefully until Jesus comes.

M.W. Nicolson

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SNAP SHOT

with Dr Barry Oliver

I asked the editorial team to use a different picture. Something more relaxed, not too “presidential!” I don’t really enjoy wearing a tie or even a suit. I would rather dress down.

You may not have known that about me. In fact, there are probably a lot of things you do not know about me. For most of the readers of RECORD, I may be just the president of the Division.

But surprise of surprises I am much more than that. I am a husband, a father, a grandfather, a son, a brother, an uncle, a great-uncle, a brother-in-law, a cousin, a friend, a colleague, a brother in Christ, and many more things. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, camping, hiking, snorkelling, walking in the bush, playing tennis, cricket, basketball and golf (even though I have almost no time for any of them!) I get a lot of satisfaction from working around my home and garden. I especially enjoy opportunities to delve deeply into the Word of God, spend time in worship with my church family—to laugh and cry as the experiences of life extend and enrich me.

The point is, we are all so much more than we appear at a casual glance. We are more than one aspect of our existence or a role we fill. Every one of us who is a part of the family of God has a rich diversity of experience, talent, perspective and education. That is the genius of the church. But so often we do not appreciate this genius of our God. Too often that is because we just do not know our brother or sister. We do not know the person in the pew on the other side of the church. We see the Sabbath clothes (or lack of them) but we fail to see the person behind the face.

“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35 NIV).

Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

MY CHURCH

NORTHSIDE ADELAIDE SAMOAN, SA

Pastor Roland Talamaivao-Amituanai

I pastor a church plant of 60 people who are mostly of Samoan descent. I’m passionate about discipleship and have spent the last twelve months teaching, mentoring and equipping our church members to become disciples. In the first four years of our church plant I discovered that many of our members had been Adventists most of their lives but had not yet grown to be the disciples God desired them to be.

Over the last couple of months I have seen God’s response and work in many lives at Northside. It’s encouraging to see how they’ve grown spiritually, shared their faith with unchurched friends, memorised Scripture, and had major shifts in their view of faithfulness—giving everything back to God.

In my church it’s easy to get swallowed up with the endless tasks associated with ministry but I have realised that my priority is to empower, encourage, inspire, challenge and motivate our members to be faithful stewards of God’s Kingdom.



WHY I BECAME AN ADVENTIST

Keith Robert (Sunny) Stockwell

I was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist family but I was more interested in playing sports and hanging out with my mates, so at about 13, I stopped attending church.

By 18 years of age I was smoking, drinking and taking drugs regularly. This continued for many years, but I always felt there was something missing in my life.

In 2006, my mother died. Her funeral was in Narrabri, NSW. I was distraught but was moved by the service taken by the officiating pastor of the Mt Druitt Seventh-day Adventist church, Johnny Murison. After the service I approached him to thank him and I said, “I want to get back on track with God”.

It was almost two years later that I started to go to church through the influence of Pastor Murison and Danuta Makosz, a literature evangelist who was delivering books to my sister.

One Sabbath morning I felt I wasn’t going to go to church that day. I opened a bottle of beer but something said to me, “you don’t need that today”. I knew it was God talking to me. So I poured the alcohol down the sink and threw my drugs and cigarettes away. I got dressed and went to church. From that day on, I haven’t looked back.

Two months later, I had the best day in my life. On August 30, 2008, I was baptised at Mt Druitt Seventh-day Adventist church. Since then my journey has grown more and more with God and I felt a calling to the literature evangelist work in late 2008.

Danuta (the literature evangelist who sold books to my sister) and I started dating after my baptism, and we married in January 2009. We are happily married and I have now joined her working as a literature evangelist and reaching souls for God’s kingdom.



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TESTIMONIES

Tina Maa, WA

Thank you for the very snazzy and fresh looking RECORD. I really enjoy the yummy recipes. But my favourite segment is where testimonies are shared in “How I became an Adventist.” It’s powerful and reminds me of my own journey.

REAL WORSHIP?

Lesley Topperwein, WA

I would love to attend a church as described in “Maybe?” Real worship is sharing the many evidences of God’s work in each other’s lives. Instead of sitting down with one’s mind wandering and trying to concentrate and listening to what someone else thinks God is saying to them. It’s often a 30–40 minute lecture of often dubious relevance to living a daily life in Christ.

NOT SCANDALOUS

Christine Miles, NZ

I wish Daniel Roberts hadn’t written under a pseudonym. The feelings he has expressed are not unique to him. They’re not scandalous—nor heretic. They are, in fact, a trend—if only more people had the guts to stand up and say “This is how church should be,” maybe things would be different.

I remember as a teenager taking on the Kindy Sabbath School, because I recognised even then that if I had no reason to be present, church attendance would become even more onerous. I hated feeling that everyone else had someone to talk to, except me.

Since those days I have been very active in church life, but only for fleeting moments have I felt I truly belonged. My relationship with God is great. My relationship with other

church members is positive so long as I put myself out there. If I were to leave my church, I doubt many would notice my absence. If church was like Daniel describes—I would never want to leave. The thing that keeps me attending church—more than anything—is knowing that the vast majority of attenders feel just like me.

LACK OF UP-TO-DATE EQUIPMENT

Deanna Joy Ayton, WA

I don’t understand why we’re spending so much “Wahroonga \$780m development gets the go-ahead” (News, May 1), when there is an Adventist mission hospital that is crying out for funds. People are dying for the lack of up-to-date equipment and supplies. I am referring to the Atoifi Adventist Hospital in the Solomon Islands. I have been there and have seen the needs of the hospital.

PARENTAL LEAVE RESPONSE: Colin Clark (Human resources director, SPD)

The letter (Parental Leave, April 17) raises some interesting issues concerning the church as an employer that warrant some clarification.

In Australia and New Zealand both governments have decided it is a social responsibility to provide financial compensation to those who give birth. In Australia all new mums currently receive payments (\$A5000) from the taxes we all pay. In NZ it is a similar amount but only working mums are eligible.

As an employer, the Adventist church strongly supports the family. For more than 35 years, long before the concept of parental leave, the

church provided a significant discount (currently 30 per cent) to church employees with children enrolled in Adventist schools. This constitutes a benefit of approximately \$35,000 per child. This is a way of assisting our church employees who are not earning large incomes, at a time when they most need it.

The church provides other benefits designed to support the family. In addition:

a. The letter writer mentioned two weeks paid parental leave for pastors. The benefit is actually one week of paid parental leave for fathers employed by the church. This was introduced as an appropriate way of assisting the family at the time of a birth as it would enable first time parents to be together or give experienced dads time to care for children while mum is in hospital.

b. The church has a provision for primary carers that is designed to assist mums who are wanting to return to the workforce by allowing family friendly hours of work (9–3) with up to six additional weeks leave so that mum can be with the children during school holidays and not have to pay for expensive child care.

c. Recently Primary Carers Leave has been introduced, which can provide up to five years unpaid leave at the end of maternity leave with significant financial benefits when mums want to return to church employ.

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