Conquerors fight cancer in song

Dora Amuimuia—Sydney, New South Wales

The Conquerors, a choir from the Mount Druitt Samoan Church, performed back-up vocals for Australian Idol winners Stan Walker and Guy Sebastian, at a local charity event, Wharf4Ward, held recently in Sydney.

More than 800 industry executives, celebrities and media representatives gathered at the Sony Foundation Australia event, held on Sydney’s harbourside, Woolloomooloo Wharf. The event was a major fundraising drive for their campaign, “You Can”, to build specialised wards for teenage and young adult cancer sufferers.

Forty-three members of the choir accompanied Stan Walker, with a six-part harmony to his latest single, Choose You. They then helped close the show, backing up Guy Sebastian on a Michael Jackson medley tribute, with Koreti Suitupe performing a solo in one of the verses.

“This has been an awesome opportunity for our youth to be positively involved in the community. We not only get to do what we love—singing, but we get to do it alongside some of our favourite artists,” said choir leader Irasa Patterson. The Conquerors’ involvement in the fundraising event struck a personal note as choir member, Diana Potoi, was recently diagnosed with cancer. Ms Potoi sang with the choir on the day.

Wharf4Ward raised $A470,000 for the cause. Mr Sebastian was impressed with the choir’s performance and the singers were asked to provide backing vocals at the ARIA music awards at the Sydney Opera House.

Students celebrate independence

Chucha Posman—Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Pacific Adventist University (PAU) has had a boost to its Papua New Guinea Independence celebrations after being awarded a K3000 cheque.

National Capital District Governor Powes Parkop presented the cheque to the Papua New Guinea Union Mission Student Association (PNGUMSA) on independence eve in front of staff and students on the PAU main field.

As they celebrated and reflected on Papua New Guinea’s 35 years of independence, Mr Parkop said it was important to note that God has blessed the country with a lot of resources. “What we need are leaders who possess wisdom to use these resources wisely for a better quality of life for Papua New Guineans,” he said. Mr Parkop said he entered politics to make a positive difference in the lives of people and urged the students to have the same passion. His vision is to see Port Moresby become a regional centre for trade and commerce. The PNGUMSA thanked Mr Parkop for his generous contribution.

Teens blitz Goondiwindi

Chantelle Ugljesa—Park Ridge, Queensland

Members of the Park Ridge church (Qld) travelled 360 kilometres west to the small cattle town of Goondiwindi on October 1-3, to share Jesus with the community.

The visit was aimed at encouraging the local church members and demonstrating the love of Jesus to the community of Goondiwindi (affectionately known as “Gundi”).

The group ran the Sabbath School program and a special church service where Pastor Daniel Cinzio preached a thought-provoking sermon and the teens each shared their testimonies with the congregation.

After lunch the team visited a local nursing home with a program of singing, testimonies and an appeal to be faithful until Jesus comes again.

They then doorknocked for Jesus with the local church members, held a games night for the young people and, on the last day of their visit, took part in two service projects for the community.

The first was to mow and tidy up the yard of a local community member, known by the local elder; the second was a quick trip to the CBD of Gundi, where the Chamber of Commerce director had organised for the team to give the local museum’s garden a makeover. After a short 4WD trip, the team drove the four-hour journey back home, feeling much closer to one another but, most importantly, closer to God.
The tracker’s challenge

Lawrence Tanabose

The Seventh-day Adventist Church recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of the inception of its name in 1860. One hundred and fifty years ago, a small group of Seventh-day Adventist believers held the name dear to their hearts because it identified their beliefs and lifestyle. Our name “Seventh-day Adventist” is what makes our Church unique to the rest of the world. It encompasses the fundamental truth about our Creator God and His eternal plan and power to restore sinful, bruised human beings back to Him.

Maintaining the status quo of being a Seventh-day Adventist but denying the power thereof is a huge challenge for the Church. Paul warned the church by saying, “You must understand this: In the last days there will be violent periods of time. People will be selfish and love money . . . They will love pleasure rather than God. They will appear to have a godly life, but they will not let its power change them. Stay away from such people” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Being a “good and cultured” Seventh-day Adventist does not prepare a person for the Advent of Christ. I liken this to a tracker who goes through a snow-covered pathway—the visible pole markers are his only guide. The pole markers provide direction by informing the tracker that he is on the right path. To reach the desired destination the tracker has to be intentional about staying on the path and progressing towards his destination. There must be a constant sincere desire and power from within to bring about success in reaching the objective.

What do we need in our Christian journey? “You need, if ever a man did, to be energised by the Spirit of truth. You need Christ formed within you, the hope of glory” (White, Testimonies, vol 2, p 543). Therefore just being a “Seventh-day Adventist” is to fall short of the finishing line. The dry soil of our lives is desperately in need of the latter rain—the outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

Lawrence Tanabose is the general secretary of the South Pacific Division.

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Small island new territory for Church

Ambroise Colombani/Pablo Lillo—French Polynesia

A new Adventist church has been built on the island of Aratika, in the Tuamotu Archipelago of French Polynesia.

Volunteers supported by “Global Mission Funding” have established Aratika as a new territory for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the French Polynesia Mission.

Aratika has a population of 233 inhabitants and there are three denominations on this small island—the Catholic Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and now the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The evangelistic work on Aratika began three years ago with a small group of lay members who stayed on the island for three months.

They shared their faith and gave Bible studies with many people who had never heard of the Three Angels’ Message. Seven people who have been studying the Bible are ready to be baptised on the island.

“This highlights the excellent work that can be accomplished through the support of Global Mission when all church entities, from the General Conference to the local mission, work together to contribute financially towards helping unentered territories,” said Pastor Jerry Matthews, president of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. Pastor Marama Tuairihionoa, president of the French Polynesia Mission, accompanied by 20 volunteers from Tahiti (the main island where the capital is situated), helped build a new church with the capacity of 100 seats in 18 days.

Through the generous support of Global Mission, the church was able to purchase land in Paparara for the construction of the new building.

The small group of volunteers in Aratika is reaching more than 20 people every week; many have started attending Wednesday evening and Sabbath programs.

Constituted with five archipelagoes, French Polynesia is as vast as Europe and consists of 118 islands—only 67 are inhabited.

This vast, newly growing territory needs your prayers and support.

Fijian Methodists praise health message

Semi Francis/Pablo Lillo—Lami, Fiji

The principal of the Methodist Theological College in Fiji has praised the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its longstanding health message and resources.

Dr Epineri Vakadewavosava made the comments while meeting with a literature evangelist in his office in Davuilevu, Nausori.

Dr Vakadewavosava has urged the 200,000 Methodists in Fiji to learn the importance of healthy living. Fiji is ranked the fourth most obese nation in the Pacific region, according to a 2010 health report by the Fijian Ministry of Health. “I believe the Seventh-day Adventist health message is the biblical message for the Methodist Church for this hour,” Dr Vakadewavosava said.

Figures released by the Ministry of Health indicate more than 60 per cent of the country’s 900,000 plus population are overweight and are deficient in iron and micronutrients. Lifestyle and diet imbalance in the Pacific has reached epidemic proportions.

Pastor Kevin Price, health director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific, said, “It is great to see such an acknowledgement of the significance and importance of our Adventist health message.” He said his department’s research showed Fiji had a huge obesity problem along with a resulting diabetes challenge. Associate health director Dr Chester Kuma has also reported that all the Pacific island nations carry a double disease burden of both infectious diseases and an alarming increase in lifestyle-related illnesses.

Pastor Price added, “Every health problem across the Pacific presents an opportunity for our Church to make a very positive impact. The Methodist Theological College is currently exploring the best way to make Adventist resources—including health literature—available to staff and students.”
Students at Kempsey Adventist School (KAS) surpassed expectations when they donated 268 shoeboxes filled with gifts. School chaplain Kieren Jackson introduced Kirri Hawes, from Operation Christmas Child (OCC), to the school body and challenged the students to serve the less fortunate. OCC is a unique project of Samaritan’s Purse that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Each class was inspired to fill one box, meaning the school would donate 15 boxes. KAS students and teachers were kept busy coming up with ways to increase the total. Some classes divided items and compiled boxes together while other families from KAS donated boxes themselves. Members from Kempsey Adventist church decided to get involved and donated knitted teddies to go into the boxes.

Every year, generous people across the world lovingly pack shoeboxes with gifts—simple, yet powerful messages of God’s unconditional love. OCC ships the boxes to developing countries where the children do not receive anything at Christmas. When a child opens a shoebox, they’re opening more than a present lovingly prepared just for them—they’re opening up their community to a world of life-changing opportunities.

The KAS Year 6 class held a “Bibliathlon”, receiving sponsorship for reading the Bible through the night, with the help of their teacher, Mr Humphries, and several enthusiastic parents. With their sponsorship money they were able to purchase enough items to fill 93 boxes. They also contributed nearly $A1000 towards the shipping costs for the boxes.

“Mrs Hawes was overwhelmed when she visited the school to collect the gifts,” said school principal Rohan Deanshaw. “KAS is proud of the way their community-minded students and parents contributed so willingly making the Christmas of 268 children in far-off countries a very special one.”

When was the last time you fasted for a spiritual reason?

- During this year
- Past five years
- During childhood
- Never

It’s very difficult for my family to find time to do spiritual things together.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Refer to The final challenge (page 17). Please visit <record.net.au> to answer this poll.
New course graduates baptise nine

David Gibbons—Launching Place, Victoria

Ten church members graduating from a pastoral assistant course have baptised nine people during their traineeship at Jumbunna Lodge, Victoria.

Pastor Chester Stanley, Australian Union Conference (AUC) president, congratulated the course participants, who came from five Australian states. It was the first graduation of the new lay pastoral assistant course run by the AUC.

The idea was conceived by Pastor Roger Govender when he worked in Sydney. After being called to a new role—Personal Ministries, Sabbath School and Stewardship—at the AUC, he quickly gained the support of the Australian Union team for a national training program.

The Australian Union leaders could see most church pastors were struggling with increasing demands and responsibilities. “Church members want to make a meaningful contribution to local ministry,” Pastor Govender said at the graduation. “So many of them are willing to pick up the role of pastoral assistants in the local church community, but until now lacked the skills and training needed.”

One student who enrolled in the course in February has now decided to enrol as a theology student at Avondale College in 2011.

The course included two intensive three-week sessions at Jumbunna Lodge, one in February, and the second in October. During the year, students completed a practical component alongside a local church pastor. Graduates have earned credits from the certificate course, which is recognised by Avondale College (NSW) and Andrews University (USA) towards a degree.

Lecturers included church leaders, theologians, pastors and evangelists from Australia as well as Andrews University.

Graduates say they now have the skills and confidence to conduct Bible studies, go on door-to-door and pastoral visits, and preach sermons.

Pastoral assistant graduate Wayne Born (Qld) said every participant in the course has their own story to tell. “Each one of us is here because God planned it—and I have been inspired, as well as skilled, throughout this course.”

The AUC backed this year’s course with a $60,000 contribution. Then each student paid a $2000 annual fee with strong conference and local church support.

Pastor Chester Stanley has huge expectations for the future. “We will continue this as an annual event,” he said. “Even though the course is restricted to 25 students, expressions of interest have already been received for the next course in February 2011.”

The course has worked so well that the Australian Union also plans to run a six-week intensive Bible instructor course for young people. Commencing in January 2011, young people who have just finished high school will be encouraged to give their gap year to God. Following their training, each young person will be placed at a local church to go on door-to-door visitations, and to conduct Bible studies. Graduates will be awarded a Youth Bible Instructor Certificate.

Church revisits heritage

Russell and Raewyn Fish—Papanui, New Zealand

Almost a month after the 7.1 magnitude earthquake that severely rocked Christchurch, Papanui church commemorated 150 years of the name “Seventh-day Adventist”.

Churchgoers were encouraged to dress in period costume to remember the pioneering Adventists who founded the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The young women especially enjoyed dressing up in long dresses and bonnets.

Cheryl Botha and Andrea Thompson coordinated the program, which began with the singing of Isaac Watt’s hymn “Lord in the Morning”. This hymn was sung 150 years ago at Battle Creek, Michigan, before the business session at which the name was adopted.

Ms Botha presented a historical multimedia presentation featuring the people who were at the historic meeting on October 1, 1860, and the discussions and opinions leading up to the choice of “Seventh-day Adventist” as the corporate name.

The children’s story, presented by Ms Thompson, was about Joseph Bates trusting in God for the money to pay for his Sabbath tracts and provisions, and Ellen White being shown in vision the Ten Commandments with the fourth commandment shining brightest.

Marina Shearer presented an inspiring sermon examining the core beliefs embodied in the name. Isaiah 58:13-14 and Revelation 14:6-7 illustrated the importance of “Seventh-day” and “Adventist” to the pioneers and reinforced the importance of these foundational truths to the Church.
**Alcohol study**
A new report into alcohol consumption has found that 1.4 million Australians drink just to “feel normal”. The Salvation Army–commissioned study also shows 2.4 million people, and one-third of 18 to 24-year-olds, drink to get drunk. The Salvation Army says the findings are alarming evidence of a culture saturated by alcohol. —Sydney Morning Herald

**Skin deep**
The City Church in Anaheim, south-east of Los Angeles, is celebrating its first anniversary and suggesting members show their thanks to God by getting a tattoo of the church’s logo. City Church is known for holding its Sunday services in a punk rock nightclub and using KFC buckets as collection tins. —Herald Sun

**Open access online**
After decades of secrecy surrounding the world’s oldest biblical manuscripts, Israel Antiquities Authority has partnered with Google to publish high resolution images of the Dead Sea Scrolls. High-tech imaging techniques will enable scholars to see writing that is invisible to the naked eye. —Israel Antiquities Authority

**Personal trainers**
The Victorian Country Football League (VCFL) has asked Sports Chaplaincy Australia to provide its clubs with chaplains. The VCFL is Australia’s largest sporting association, with many of its clubs also associated with netball teams. The Association of Surfing Professionals and Pony Clubs NSW are also asking for chaplains. —eternity.biz

**Mega-debt**
California’s Crystal Cathedral has filed for bankruptcy protection. Robert Schuller started out in a drive-in theatre in 1955 and saw the congregation grow to such a point that the 2500-seat Crystal Cathedral was built in 1980. The Crystal Cathedral is struggling to pay debts of up to $US100 million. —Los Angeles Times

**Meeting for mission**
Four thousand evangelical church leaders from more than 200 countries have met in Cape Town, South Africa, to discuss how best to share the Gospel with the world. The Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelisation tackled tough topics including interfaith relations, persecution of Christians, global poverty and HIV/AIDS. —www.lausanne.org

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**RECORD on the digital frontier**

by Kent Kingston

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE WORLDWIDE Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dr Ted NC Wilson, will visit the South Pacific region in January 2011. His itinerary includes a stop at Adventist Media Network’s Sydney campus where he’ll be launching RECORD’s latest incarnation: the RECORD iApp.

This year has already seen a surge in RECORD’s digital presence. The news magazine’s website <www.record.net.au> has gone from an online pdf archive to an integrated website which allows users to comment on stories and view episodes of the *Record InFocus* TV program. Those who have signed up for the weekly email newsletter or who visit the RECORD website regularly will be aware that the two-week wait between print editions can be relieved by checking for the daily website updates. Apart from the bonus of being able to catch breaking Adventist news first, the RECORD website also publishes extra stories that may never make it into the print edition, due to space or other factors.

The new RECORD iApp, dubbed “iRecord”, will provide all these digital features, optimised for Apple’s iPhone and iPad platforms, allowing RECORD readers to browse the news features magazine from any location where there’s mobile phone or Wi-Fi reception. A double-tap on the iPad touchscreen will zoom in on the article indicated, allowing those who struggle with smaller text to read more easily.

“The clarity is amazing,” says head of news and editorial, Pablo Lillo.

“Immediacy” is the watchword here. Like all of us, the RECORD team is grappling with the expectations of the “instant” drive-through 21st century. Take this year’s General Conference session, for example. If the rumours are to be believed, names of some nominees were available via text message or Twitter to people on the other side of the world before they were even announced on the floor of the meeting. If church media wants to make a meaningful contribution to the conversation, timeliness is a must.

Regular *InFocus* viewers will have been tracking how the look and feel of the program has been changing in concert with the print and online editions of RECORD, a visual expression of the media integration the news and editorial team is aiming for. The latest facelift sees a new set in lush orange and blue. The main backdrop uses a modular structure used for exhibitions, where displays need to be light, strong, wrinkle-resistant and easily collapsible.

Of course, iApps and new TV production sets don’t come cheaply. Like most church entities, Adventist Media Network’s budget is often stretched to breaking point. But the RECORD team is thankful that there are people in local churches who share the vision of spreading the message of hope to new frontiers. Four major donors from Australia and New Zealand, including the New Zealand Christian Foundation, have made the development of the iRecord app and the construction of a new *InFocus* set possible. RECORD says, “Thank you.”

* Look out for details of Ted Wilson’s four nation South Pacific itinerary in future editions of RECORD.
The weight of evidence

God gave Ellen White a health message in 1863 so that the members of the emerging Seventh-day Adventist Church would choose life. While health does not determine salvation, it has a dramatic impact on one’s quality of life.

Jesus has promised us life “and that more abundantly” (John 10:10). The Adventist health message teaches that good health is a matter of choice.

The weight of scientific evidence now supports the principles God gave to Ellen White in 1863. T Colin Campbell sums up a lifetime of research in this way, “One of the most fortunate findings from the mountain of nutritional research I have encountered is that good food and good health is simple. . . . The recommendations coming from the published literature are so simple that I can state them in one sentence: eat a whole foods, plant-based diet, while minimising the consumption of refined foods, added salt and added fats”.1

This health message has been a tremendous asset to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. National Geographic magazine in November 2005 stated that Seventh-day Adventists are one of the three longest lived populations in the world and the only population of longevity that is passing on this longevity to their children.2

The cost of Western lifestyle diseases is becoming a crippling burden on the economies of many developed countries. The principles of the Adventist health message provide an answer to these diseases. As a Church we have a unique opportunity to use what we know about health to build bridges within our community. Mrs White refers to the health message as “the great entering wedge . . . the door through which the truth of this time is to find entrance to many homes”. 3

Moses at the end of his life challenged the children of Israel, saying, “I present to you life and death, blessings and curses . . . Oh that you would choose life so that you and your children may live” (Deuteronomy 30:19).

God has given us information on which we can make sound choices regarding health. Choose life.

3 Ellen G White, Evangelism, p 513-514.

Pastor Paul Rankin is health ministries director for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.

Refer to The final challenge (page 17).
How often have you raced out of the house in the morning without time to eat breakfast? It’s easy to skip breakfast when you are short on time, but there are many reasons why we should take time to eat breakfast and “break your fast”.

The benefits of eating breakfast

Eating a healthy breakfast such as wholegrain cereals or breads, fruit and yoghurts has many health benefits, such as:

- A healthy breakfast will improve your nutrient intake for the entire day, adding more fibre, vitamins and minerals to your total nutrient intake and minimising your fat consumption levels.
- One of the key habits of people who have successfully lost and maintained weight is eating breakfast regularly.
- Breakfast will help put you in a good mood and prevent mood swings and irritability that often result from low blood sugar levels and hunger.
- Breakfast is particularly critical for children, helping to improve their behaviour, concentration, memory and learning ability at school. It also helps them to meet their daily energy intake requirements for growth and development.
- As any athlete will tell you, it’s important to fuel your body. As we fast overnight the fuel stored around our muscles is gradually used, and therefore needs to be replaced in the morning.
- Breakfast foods, such as wholegrain cereals, are high in fibre, which will help relieve constipation and increase regularity to give you greater comfort and a flatter tummy.
- Breakfast is an opportunity to model good eating habits to your children. Kids copy from example; establishing regular eating habits for children is vital for their future health.

Tips to encourage breakfast eating:

- Make time to have breakfast. Try preparing as much as you can the evening before, or getting up 10 minutes earlier.
- You don’t have to eat as soon as you wake up. Often we don’t feel like eating as soon as we get up. Eating breakfast within an hour of waking is fine.
- Get enough sleep. A bad night’s sleep or regular sleep deprivation can make us lethargic and disinterested in many things, including breakfast.
- Add variety.
- Portion size. If you have a physical job it is sensible to have a large breakfast as it provides you with the energy you need to get through your physically demanding day. However, if you sit at a desk all day, you may be better off having a smaller breakfast and then a healthy mid-morning snack.
- Don’t overeat at night. The amount of food you eat before bed will affect how hungry you feel in the morning.
- Make it tasty. Try eating things you really enjoy until you get into the habit of eating in the mornings—save the treat breakfast for once a week.
- Persist. It takes 3-4 weeks to form a new habit.

Wholesome Bircher Muesli

- 1 ½ cups rolled oats 
- 1 cup flaked almonds, toasted
- 1 tsp cinnamon 
- 1 cup low fat Greek yoghurt
- 10 lychees, peeled, deseeded and halved
- ½ cup hazelnuts, toasted, skinned and chopped
- 2 passionfruit, pulp removed

1. Place the oats into a bowl and pour the apple juice over.
2. Cover with cling film and refrigerate overnight.
3. When ready remove from fridge and add the rest of the ingredients; mix until all ingredients are combined.
4. Spoon muesli into your serving bowl and dress with seasonal fruit and extra Greek yoghurt if desired. Serves 4 – 6.

Per serve: 1300kJ (300cal); Protein 9g; Total Fat 15g; Saturated Fat 2g; Carbohydrate 33g; Total Sugars 17g; Sodium 40mg; Potassium 410mg; Calcium 115mg; Iron 2.2mg; Fibre 4g.

Tips:
- Canned lychees can be used if fresh are out of season.
- Alternatively, use fresh berries (strawberries, blueberries) in place of lychees.
A tiny speck in the sky
by Darren Peakall

T WAS EARLY ONE MORNING, THE SUN WAS ABOUT to rise and we packed the Jabiru aircraft and headed towards a little community five hours flying time away called Burringurrah, north-west of Meekatharra in Western Australia.

Travelling at 200km/h at 9500 feet, the remoteness of this region was revealed as we observed the vast terrain, the mines and airstrips on the country stations—we felt like tiny specks in the sky.

The air was silky smooth and as the morning sun bathed us, my mind went back to 2008 when God gave me the desire to learn how to fly recreational aircraft. During my training I would never have dreamed how God would lead to this moment, when Clint and I would be flying to remote communities. God does work in mysterious ways and on one weekend He lead me to the men who would be part of our team, Clint and Steven.

Our trip was amazing and after we refuelled in Meekatharra, we flew north-west on our final part of the trip. Eventually after one and-a-half hours of flight, we could see the small community come into view and in a short time we were meeting the Indigenous people of Burringurrah. Clint had made previous visits so when we asked if they remembered him, they asked “you Clint?”

Clint Hollingsworth serves as a literature evangelist—he goes door-to-door with his books and I walk the town taking photos. I quickly noticed a few of the buildings were empty and realised the immense possibility of sharing Jesus with a community that has no worship centre of any kind.

I liaised with the local school principal to borrow some equipment and that night we showed the Cosmic Conflict DVD. A small group attended including a schoolteacher, children and several mothers. They were touched by the story of creation and the simple redemption story for a fallen race that included them. The following day, I went with Clint on some of his calls and played with the neighbourhood children—they were friendly and I enjoyed interacting with them. We sensed the people would really benefit from simple community programs to help them enhance their lifestyles. The ideas started to formulate in our minds.

The next morning we rose early and walked 2 kilometres to the airfield in the dark so we could leave at first light. As we made our way back to civilisation we started to think of the possibilities before us. The idea of flying to remote stations and communities like Burringurrah, 1000 kilometres north of Perth, helped a dream become a reality.

And so Cornerstone Aviation was formed—a non-profit organisation using aviation to access remote regional communities—taking the message of Jesus Christ to many.

The plan is to hire an aircraft and fly to Burringurrah once a month to work with the Western Australian Conference Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries group to build up a small church and then move to other communities. We’d like to visit remote stations and towns and commit a period of time to each area we want to outreach. This will ensure the long-term success of the church.

As the wind assists us with our trip back, we are excited about the work before us and as we touch down on our remote strip, I thank God for placing a desire in me to move right out of my comfort zone, to learn how to fly and take on a project that will lead people to a walk with Jesus.

My dream is to see Adventist men and women flying aircraft around Australia—taking God’s Word to all of the remote areas in this vast land.

Darren Peakall has since been out to Burringurrah with Pastor John Beck (with plane). They received a warm welcome and were invited to speak at a community meeting.

Comment? Go to record.net.au/comment
LEADERSHIP IS NOT A CALL FOR POWER or authority but a call for greater service." This statement, by South Pacific Division president, Dr Barry Oliver, kept popping up in my mind throughout the Trans-Pacific Union Mission Second Quinquennial Session 2010. It has put the Church organisation and structure into perspective for me. Church leadership is not about power or authority but of service to God and the people.

I feel privileged that at a young age I have been exposed to the decision-making process of the Church: as a youth delegate to the Fiji Mission Session in 2005; a member of the South Pacific Division Executive in 2006 (which I was unable to attend); as a member of the Fiji Mission Executive in 2010 and a youth delegate to the recent Session.

In my first experience being a youth delegate I did not know what to expect. As a naive young person, sitting innocently and listening to reports, I had thought our Church was the sort of institution in which everything given from the stage is received and accepted without any questions asked. But to my surprise, the delegates representing individual churches were given opportunities to question Church leaders and allowed to give recommendations. I find this to be the healthiest and most effective way of organisation. It allows the work of the leaders to be scrutinised by lay members. This process stirred some personal interest in me and I decided to learn more about the processes and systems governing our Church operation and the logic behind them. Initially, I had the impression that local churches exist independently. With more exposure and experience, I realised the Church is much bigger. I often questioned why the Church is organised and structured in such a stringent way.

Over time, I grasped the rationale behind these approaches—that it reflects the concept in 1 Corinthians 14:40, “that all things should be done decently and in order”.

Another interesting concept is the introduction of strategic planning centred on the three-fold theme of “Reach Up, Reach Across and Reach Out”. As a young person in the Church, I find this to be an excellent holistic approach, with an emphasis not only on salvation (Reach Up) and service (Reach Out) but also on our fellow church members (Reach Across). This is crucial to the youth ministry, as many young people are leaving the Church due to inadequate nurturing.

This also means that all activities undertaken at any level will align with the vision and mission of the Church and will require a higher degree of accountability and transparency.

Sitting back during the meetings and listening to discussions, I realised that while the Church recognises the existence of young people, it has not fully realised the potential this group can contribute to the operation of the Church. It is often argued that young people do not have the necessary experience and exposure to be involved in decision-making of the Church. That is the role of local churches, to nurture young people into leadership roles and find any opportunity to involve them. What better way to gain experience than to expose them to the decision-making process. I believe there is a need for young people to be represented and their input considered in every decision-making process at local church, district, mission, union and division level.

I am confident the existing system and structures of the Church, coupled with the contribution of young people in the decision-making process and blended with the wisdom and experience of the leaders, will provide an effective platform for accomplishing the Great Commission.

Ellen White expresses similar sentiments, “With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!” (Education, p 271).

Apaitia Rokotuni writes from Suva, Fiji.
Hapax legomenon

When is one word only enough?
WHILE READING ONE OF THE VOLUMES OF Testimonies to the Church, I encountered a word that I had never seen before. Even after assistance from a dictionary, at first I was still unsure what it really meant, and why Ellen White would choose to use it. But the more I contemplated the passage, the more I liked her choice of words. Then I discovered, following an electronic search, that she used this particular word just once in all of her writings.

Scholars have a special term to describe this phenomenon where an author, or a particular text or work, uses a certain word only once—hapax legomenon. This is a Greek transliteration meaning something "said once". The New Testament, for example, contains 686 occurrences of words that are used only one time. While we probably should not attach undue significance to such words, they are nonetheless interesting to study.

I am currently in the process of acquiring yet another language. My first introduction to a foreign, albeit archaic, language was under the tutelage of Dr Norm Young at Avondale College. I was determined not to fail his New Testament Greek course, unlike my father decades earlier under Dr Salom.

I can still recall his introductory class where he impressed upon us the importance of association as a means to memorisation. Pretending that a dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg, he vigorously kicked his leg in the air hoping that the imaginary dog had latched onto his leg.

My second exposure to another language occurred when I decided to undertake a Masters of Public Health degree at Montemorelos University in Mexico. I was forced to quickly speak, read and write in Spanish in order to get through the course work. There is no doubt that my earlier exposure to Greek had broken the ice for me. Although lacking the grammatical precision of Greek, Spanish contains a specificity in its word usage that is not so easily replicated in English.

But the language I am currently attempting to learn is the language of a medical specialty—dermatology. As a trainee in this demanding specialty, there are disease entities with names that leave one panting for breath; for example, pityriasis lichenoides et varioliformis acuta or inflammatory linear verrucous epidermal naevus.

And yet I am slowly appreciating the precision of this language to describe a very specific clinical presentation. The word that Ellen White used is "preternatural", as used in the following sentence: “Our condition through sin has become preternatural, and the power that restores us must be supernatural, else it has no value” (Testimonies, Vol 8, p 291).

According to the Webster’s dictionary of her time, preternatural means:

"Beyond what is natural, or different from what is natural; irregular. We call those events in the physical world preternatural, which are extraordinary, which are deemed to be beyond or without the ordinary course of things, and yet are not deemed miraculous; in distinction from events which are supernatural, which cannot be produced by physical laws or powers, and must therefore be produced by a direct exertion of omnipotence."

The word preternatural accurately describes our sin problem. With laser-like precision, it cuts to the core of the dilemma in which we find ourselves. And with equal exactitude, it is contrasted with the source of the solution. So here is some more context:

“Our condition through sin has become preternatural, and the power that restores us must be supernatural, else it has no value. There is but one power that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is the power of God in Jesus Christ. Only through the blood of the Crucified One is there cleansing from sin. His grace alone can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies of our fallen nature.”

This world and all that adorns it is an aberration of God’s original creation. In our fallen state, we no longer resemble the image of God. There is no inherent power in humanity to change this preternaturalistic reality. And therein lies the problem.

God’s gift of grace is the only remedy for sin, the only pathway that leads to restoration of His image in our lives. The source of the gift lies outside of our realm and in God’s supernatural domain. There is the solution. It is through God alone, or not at all, by which we can claim the victory in this life and the right to spend eternity with Him.

Most surgeons would be familiar with a phrase that emphasises the importance of washing a dirty wound with copious quantities of saline solution in order to minimise infection: “The solution to pollution is dilution”.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Dr Robert H Granger is undertaking specialist training in dermatology in Adelaide. He also has Masters and Doctoral degrees in public health, focusing on preventive care.
Testing the prophetic gift

The Bible places a high value on the gift of prophecy. This spiritual gift, designed for the blessing of the whole church, has always played an important role in God’s dealings with His followers and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. However, Satan is the master of counterfeit and he always attempts to imitate God’s gifts and methods. When it comes to prophecy, how can we distinguish between the false and the true?

How should we relate to the gift of prophecy?
- We are to avoid attitudes of neglect and contempt towards the manifestation of prophecy.
  Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-20
- We are encouraged to test messages that claim to be prophetic.
  Read 1 John 4:1 and 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

What tests are found in the Bible to help us distinguish between the false and the genuine?
- A genuine message from God is consistent with the revelation found elsewhere in the Bible.
  Read Deuteronomy 13:1-4 and Isaiah 8:20
- A true message will agree with the Bible’s revelation of Jesus.
  Read 1 John 2:22, 4:2-3 and 2 John 7
- The genuine prophetic gift produces blessing and goodness.
  Read Matthew 7:16-20
- If a message contains the element of prediction, its fulfilment is proof of its truthfulness. Read Jeremiah 28:9. However, the concept of conditional prophecy needs to be borne in mind here when assessing the authenticity of a prophecy claiming a Divine source. Read Jeremiah 18:7-10. An example is Jonah’s message of repentance and judgement for the city of Nineveh.

All genuine claimants of the prophetic gift must meet these criteria; failure in one area exposes a message as false. God still speaks today, and we are blessed when we heed His Word to us (2 Chronicles 20:20).

A healthy heart

It beats 70 times a minute, 100,800 times a day and 2500-million times in an average lifespan—your heart delivers oxygen and food to every cell in the body. Simple lifestyle modifications will keep it healthy for a lifetime.

Correct weight is essential. Look full frontal in the mirror for the answer. More accurately, measure waist at navel level. The ideal is 93 cm and less for men, and 80 cm or less for women. Excess fat clogs arteries, leading to premature angina (chest pain and breathlessness), and risks of cardiac failure, sudden heart attack and possible death. It also leads to diabetes, where the pancreatic gland cannot produce enough insulin to process sugars (carbs). This also builds up causing further arterial narrowing. It aggravates blood pressure. Hypertension or high blood pressure leads to stroke and prematurely weakens an overworked heart. Eating less salt, no alcohol, more exercise and reduced weight will help. Ideally, minimise all fat, especially animal fat, which is high in cholesterol, the artery clogging stuff. You should aim for a cholesterol level of 4.5 or less. Stick to fruit, veggies (all colours) legumes (peas, beans, lentils), non-sugar cereals (Weet-Bix, granola, rolled oats), wholegrain breads, berries, nuts, low fat dairy products (milk, yoghurt, low fat cheese) and fish. Take a 40 minute walk and drink 1.5 L of water daily. Get eight hours sleep, don’t drink alcohol, don’t smoke and think kind thoughts.

Unwell? Go to <docwright.com.au>. Enter symptom and click for immediate help. If symptoms continue, see your doctor.

The Maclean Seventh-day Adventist Church (NNSW) has up to 30 members; mostly older people with few children. But the congregation is keen to do what it can in terms of reaching out to the community.

Apart from supporting the annual StormCo visits from Gateway Church in Cooranbong (NNSW), Maclean runs small Adventurers and Pathfinders clubs and devotes the fourth Sabbath of every month to a kids’ church.

After a very successful StormCo was held one year, the Maclean church sent written invitations for Adventurers, Pathfinders and kids’ church to all the families of the children who’d attended the StormCo kids’ club. Zero response.

Undeterred, the church approached the parents of the kids’ club children again after the following year’s program, this time in person.

A key contact was made with a woman from the small town of Ashby, on the other side of the Clarence River.

“Look, we have no church or anything over there,” the woman said. “We’d love to have something like this for our kids in Ashby.” She estimated there would be about 30 children likely to attend.

The “we come to you” method was a different way for the Maclean congregation to think about mission. But suddenly things started to flow.

The Ashby Community Trust has provided use of the community hall for free and some local mums have volunteered to be part of the team.

Ashby’s monthly children’s program is now ready to go. —Jane Richardson/Kent Kingston
The final challenge

by Daron Pratt

The rumours spread quickly through the church as the pastor who had led them for years was stepping down. How could he do this? He was their leader and a hero to their children. He had rescued and revived a dying church.

Now he was leaving. The rumours and gossip reached a crescendo until finally it was official. The church was called together to hear his final speech. Hushed silence reigned as he reminded them of their history, heritage and the journey they were on. As the speech progressed, it became evident that he was concerned about their future. The pastor was intent on impressing upon the people the need to transfer their faith to their children and the generations to come.

In Deuteronomy 6:4-12, Moses warns the Israelites they are moving into a land flowing with milk and honey. He warns against the danger of becoming spoiled by the wealth of Canaan. He warns them not to forget God and become distracted by the prosperity and riches coming their way.

It’s 2010 and we live in a land flowing with milk and honey. Children now have more disposable wealth than ever. They have become a lucrative global market. Social research company Australia Scan reports the “Tween market in Australia, targeting 7 to 13-year-olds, is worth more than $A10 billion of which anywhere between $A250 million and $A1 billion is spent on clothing”.

Obesity has also become the single biggest threat to child health. Between 1985 and 1997 the number of children considered overweight doubled and obesity tripled among children aged 7 to 15. Australia is the third fattest nation next to the US and Canada.

A 2009 study revealed children’s exposure to multimedia is increasing at an alarming rate—from 7 hours, 29 minutes per day to 10 hours, 45 minutes per day on average.

We’re close to the end of 2010, and I need to ask a critical question. Can the average family still find time for God? It’s difficult for a child to find community and connectedness with another human being while playing video games, listening to an iPod, watching TV or surfing the internet. The media noise also limits opportunities to sit in silence and withdraw from the bondage of material things in order to grow closer to God. Parents are often quite happy with the status quo as their children are quiet and out of the way. But what is media noise doing to them mentally and spiritually?

Parents should honestly take stock of, and limit, their own use of media noise.

With the increasing pace of life and activities, family meal time is no longer common in many homes. Between parents working long hours and the children’s various sports, classes and activities, meal time has become a thing of the past. When the family does get together it is often around the television. Meal time provides an opportunity to talk, connect, bond and learn from one another, encouraging closeness, sharing of personal achievements and family belonging.

Through the busyness of the week, a rhythm is established at home that shapes children’s lives—in turn shaping their values. So the question is, how normal is God in your home? Are you finding time to talk about the things of God “when we sit at home, when we walk along the road, when we lie down and when we get up”? Is there room to make Him a part of the rhythm of your day?

Parents have a huge responsibility to pass on a legacy. If we want our children to be spiritual and trust in God, then we need to live godly lives. If we want our children to have strong healthy relationships—then we need to be cultivating ours. The truth of the matter is, if it’s not in our hearts then it will not be in theirs. We often pray for spiritual revival in our churches but revival has to start in the home. Parents are so busy providing for their children, they forget the spiritual aspect of their lives.

I enjoy reading Joshua’s final speech delivered to his contemporaries (Chapter 24). Joshua challenged them to godliness, “Choose you this day whom you will serve?” The same question applies to us today. Who do you choose to serve? Is it the technology gods of the iPhone, iPod, iMac and iPad? Could it be the gods of consumerism, work and money? The greatest statement and legacy Joshua left for us is, “as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”.

Pastor Daron Pratt is children’s ministries director for NNSW conference.

Go to record.net.au to vote on the poll question: It’s very difficult for my family to find time to do spiritual things together.
FLASHPOINT

It’s a sign!
Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre, WA, gave its church—the Vaughan Seventh-day Adventist Memorial Chapel—its first facelift since 1996 by renewing the church’s official sign on October 22. Students and staff gathered together at an opening Sabbath dedication reflected on its significance to those who travel through the Karalundi gate. —Robert Collins

Primary students challenged
Social justice was the theme of the first ICT (Information Communication Technology) Competition held at Sydney Adventist College, NSW. Students from schools within the Greater Sydney Conference from Years 5 to 8 were invited for a day of research, media preparation and presentations. The culmination of their research was then presented to an assembly of students, teachers and the judges. —Joshua Moses

Word perfect
Avondale College students (NSW) have had their poetry published commercially in the anthology Wording the World alongside well-known Australian poets. Two of those poets, Martin Langford and Anthony Lawrence, attended the book’s launch at the Lake Macquarie campus and have praised the students and the opportunites the book represents. —Brenton Stacey

Met Jesus in a car
Thirty-year-old Shawn Steinhardt was listening to Vision FM, a Christian radio station while driving through Caboolture, Qld, looking for answers in life. As the signal weakened he found himself learning about the Sabbath on 3ABN Radio. Many of his questions were answered. He looked for a Seventh-day Adventist church in Townsville, had Bible studies and was baptised soon after. —Pablo Lillo

Delicious food
Year 11 students from Prescott College provided morning tea for the South Australian Conference ministers and leaders for their monthly meeting. This event was part of the students’ assessment task. They were evaluated on teamwork, planning, preparation and presentation of healthy food. The meal was very much appreciated by the pastors. —Elizabeth Ludlow

Never too young!
Lorelly Malletin checks out the latest version of RECORD on an iPad. Remember to get your entries in for the chance to go into the running to win one of 10 iPads. Just tell us in 25 words or less what you think of the new-look RECORD.

Stepping out
A record number of entrants pounded the pavement for the 10th annual San Run For Life fun run at Wahroonga, NSW, on Sunday, October 17. Close to 1500 elite runners, students, politicians and families competed in the event, which includes a 10 km run, 5 km run and a 5km walk. State Opposition Leader Barry O’Farrell was among the runners. Funds raised from this year’s event are going to the Sydney Adventist Hospital’s research arm, the Australasian Research Institute. —Tracey Bridcutt

Closed on Sabbath
Kym Lomas recently opened a retail store on the Gold Coast called Closed Saturdays after running a surf shop for many years. He imports second-hand American clothing and uses every opportunity to share his love for Jesus with his customers. —Pablo Lillo

Beware spirits!
US Adventist evangelist Steve Wohlberg has warned against trying to contact spirits of the dead. Halloween is now mainstream in America and Clint Eastwood’s latest movie, Hereafter, focuses on a psychic who contacts the dead. Wohlberg says the practice is “fraught with risks”: “Lying spirits also exist ‘beyond the veil’.” —Christian Newswire

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Have you read that story of the little brother who wanted his dad to give him all of his inheritance?

You can read it in Luke 15:11–22.

You know the dad in this story loved his son a lot. Jesus loves you heaps too. Even when we are naughty, Jesus loves us and wants us to come home.

Can you help the son find his way home? His dad is waiting!

Bible Text Anagram

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Why our Church is special (Part 7)

It is 5.30 am. I am in Kimbe, the headquarters of the West New Britain Province of Papua New Guinea.

Last night when I arrived I visited two homes where our extended church family had gathered to mourn the loss of two dear ones, Mrs Koli Kase and Mr Mondo Aka. I had not seen Pastor Mitiel Kase, the husband of Koli, for more than 25 years.

We had worked closely together in New Britain and New Ireland in the early ’80s. When we saw one another the years just fell away. We cried together, we reminisced together, we ate together, we even laughed together despite the great sadness in our hearts.

It is so hard to lose one who is loved so much. But at such times it is so special to belong to our family.

Our Church is special because no matter where we go or what experiences come to us, when we come together with those with whom we share our faith, we are family.

Whether we mourn or whether we laugh; whether we celebrate new life or the hope of new life, ours is a family so special that we should thank our God every day for such a precious gift.

In the words of the apostle Peter, “You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

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

MY STORY

Emelyne Niyinzigama

I was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a nation located in Central Africa. It is the third largest country in Africa after Sudan and Algeria and the 12th largest in the world. My family moved to Tanzania soon after I was born.

I was five when rebels attacked my family. We were living in the Nduta Refugee Camp in Tanzania, run by the United Nations (UN). The rebels broke into our makeshift house and attacked us with knives and machetes. Mum was cut and stabbed—my father didn’t survive his injuries.

With the help of ADRA and the Seventh-day Adventist Church we were able to move to another refugee camp. Mum would go every day to the UN office in the camp and apply for asylum to a Western country. After four months of applying we were able to move to Australia.

Life has been very difficult, as Mum has had to raise four children on her own. We miss Dad a lot and look forward to the soon return of Christ and spending eternity together.

I’m grateful to the Adventist Church for its support while in the refugee camps. I’m also grateful to the South Australian Conference and Pastor Lee Bowditch–Walsh for their support in Adelaide, South Australia, where we live. I attend Prescott College as a Year 9 student and worship on Sabbaths at Elizabeth church.

I thank the Lord every day for bringing my family to Australia and for keeping Mum alive after the rebel attacks. It’s a miracle she survived. Without Him we would be orphans. My God has always been here for us.

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MY STORY

Joadine Ndambajimana

I was baptised by Pastor James Moyonga in 2004, in Tanzania, Africa. After studying God’s Word as a teenager I realised the Seventh-day Adventist Church keeps God’s Commandments and is faithful to His Word. My parents are of different faiths—Mum is a committed Seventh-day Adventist, while Dad is Muslim.

I attend Prescott College in Prospect, South Australia. I’m planning to become a nurse and then work towards becoming a midwife. As a passionate Seventh-day Adventist I’d like to use my skills to serve the poor and needy with the United Nations.

I attend Elizabeth church where I enjoy serving others and singing during worship. I haven’t told my pastor yet, but I’m looking forward to preaching during the church service one day. I strongly believe we need to be saying more about the Sabbath—reminding people of the importance of resting and building our relationship with God. We also need to teach people about the change from God’s ordained day to Sunday. The Second Coming is another topic I’d like to teach from the pulpit—the return of my best Friend, Jesus.

I love my church, I love worshipping and doing whatever I can to further God’s work in Adelaide. I have seen God’s powerful hand at work in my life, and in the lives of my family and friends.
There have been two suggestions received for this church:
1. It may be the old church that was at Tuggerah, NSW (on Gavenlock Road).
2. It may be a church that was built at Mona Mona Mission, Queensland (photo taken around 1913-1920).

This photo, from left to right, is of Clytie Latto, Gwenneth Thornton (now Agafonoff) and possibly either Kerry McQueen (now Brenton-Coward) or Coral Pigeon (we have had responses suggesting both). It was taken on the Welshpool campground in Perth, Western Australia, in the 1950s.

It has been suggested that this photo was taken in Tahiti around the mid-1930s and that the first names of the two adults pictured were Tofa and Tini. Tofa was a church worker in Tahiti and Tini was his wife.

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

**NOW & THEN**

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APPRECIATION

Scrugg, Pastor Walter Robert Lambert. We as a family are heartily grateful for the many expressions of sympathy and care addressed to us. These, along with the messages of appreciation for Walter as man and minister, have greatly cheered us in our loss of a husband and father. Thank you for showing yourselves to be truly part of our larger family of faith and love.

Wife Betty, and children Greg, Bronwen and Mark

ANNIVERSARY

Baldwin, Maurice and Joan (nee Garner) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 10.8.10. Maurice, an engineer, and Joan, a Sydney Sanitarium nursing graduate, met at Wahroonga, NSW, in the mid-1940s. They both worked for a time in Perth, WA, and were married there in 1950 before returning to set up home at Castle Hill, NSW. Their special occasion was marked by a family dinner at the home of their youngest daughter, Adrienne Harnett (Brisbane, Qld), which was attended by their daughters Karen Butler and Jennifer Baldwin (both of Sydney, NSW). A disabled son, Kent, also lives in Sydney.

OBITUARIES

Howse, Annie May (nee Bradley), born 9.5.1911 at East Fremantle, WA; died 24.9.10 in the Avon-dale Retirement Village, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Eric; and her two sons, Murray, a doctor, and Kevin, a pastor and theology lecturer. May is lovingly remembered by her two daughters-in-law, Judy Stacey and Inge-Lise Butler; four grandchildren and their spouses; six great-grandchildren; and a wide circle of extended family and friends. In 1938, May, a Sanitarium Health Food Company employee, married Eric Howse; thereafter they shared service in such places as Fiji, Lewisham, the South Pacific Division in Wahroonga and the General Conference in Washington, US, where Eric was director of World Food Services and May was secretary for W.L. Pascoe.

Arthur Patrick

Ormiston, Gordon Havelock, born 3.12.1922 at Bribie Island, Qld; died 12.9.10 at Adventist Retirement Village Hostel, Victoria Point. On 16.3.1943, he married Fay, who predeceased him on 26.9.07. He is survived by his children, Carol Stent (Brisbane), Helen Munro, Glenda Worrell, (both of Townsville), Gordon, John (both of Sydney, NSW), and Kevin (Cooranbong). After serving in the Australian Army as a medic during World War II, Gordon continued working in the medical field until he became a literature evangelist in 1954. After
some years of successful sales he was called to Greater Sydney Conference as a publishing director. He went on to serve in that capacity in Northern Australia, and North NSW Conferences with distinction. He was ordained into the Gospel ministry in 1970, in Mackay. After his retirement Gordon cared for the Redcliffe church. After a prolonged illness Gordon felt it was time to depart this life having a strong faith in the reality of the “Blessed Hope”.

Neil Peatey, Keith Grolimund
Robert Possingham

Rasmussen, Noelene Edna, born 21.11.1943 at Hurstville, NSW; died 26.9.10 at Bulli District Hospital, Wollongong. She is survived by her husband, Borge Rasmussen; her daughter, Glenda and her husband David; and grandson, Logan. Noelene had not been in good health for a number of years. She had been of great assistance to her husband, Borge, who has worked tirelessly for street people over many years. She was a wonderful wife and mother and will be sadly missed.

John Bews

Scragg, Pastor Walter Robert
Lambert, born 17.11.1925 at Auckland, NZ; died 20.9.10 in Sydney, NSW. Walter was the third child of Walter (then president of the North New Zealand Conference) and Daisy Scragg. He began his ministry in 1948 and served as pastor and evangelist in the Victorian Conference. There he met and married Betty Onion in 1951. A varied and high-profile ministry career followed: Voice of Prophecy radio speaker; director of the Radio-TV ministry of the Division; principal of Longburn College, NZ; and a director of the Radio-TV department of the General Conference (GC). In 1971 he established Adventist World Radio (AWR). In 1975 he became president of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, based in England. The Scraggs returned to Australia in 1983, where Walter served as president of the South Pacific Division. In retirement, Walter and Betty returned to Washington to reorganise AWR, followed by calls to pastor the newly-formed Fox Valley church in Sydney and Sligo church in Washington. Walter and Betty finally laid down tools in 2000. Those who mourn most deeply his passing include Betty, his wife of almost 60 years; his brother, Roy and sister, Iris (both of South Australia); his children, Greg (Sydney, NSW), Bronwen (Bristol, England) and Mark (Sydney, NSW); and nine grandchildren.

“T here is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail” (Job 14:7).

Garth Bainbridge

Stidolph, Jason Phillip, born 2.2.1978 in Sydney, NSW; died 26.9.10 in Brisbane, Qld. He is the son of Barry and the late Maria Stidolph. He is survived by Joanne Walpole, Kale and Zen Stidolph (all of Brisbane). Jason was a young man who will be greatly missed.

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