ARCHIE: Imagine, though, if it were true... What a different spin that puts on things!

JASON: But suppose it's not true?

ARCHIE: It ought to be, then.

The clock is counting down until Jason is due to die. On death row, the minutes are filled with waiting and with urgency, with nothing and with everything.

Listen in on these conversations about life and death, guilt and innocence, truth and lies, despair and hope.

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Ben Carson shares his faith in NZ

Auckland, New Zealand

More than 2700 people attended a ticketed event to hear world-renowned American neurosurgeon, Dr Ben Carson, speak at the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre in Manukau, New Zealand.

Dr Carson was in New Zealand to promote Duffy Books in Homes (DBiH), a New Zealand charity that puts free books into the hands of 100,000 children, three times a year. Together with Sanitarium, the North New Zealand Conference (NNZC) has given its support to the cause.

While in New Zealand, Dr Carson appeared at various high-profile fundraising events and national media programs where he graciously shared his faith and commitment to God. He was interviewed by Ian Grant, founder of Parents Inc, New Zealand, and Petra Bagust, co-host of the Breakfast Show on TV1. Both are committed Christians. Singer Albert Mataafa and men’s group, Day 7, provided inspiring music. During the course of the interview, Dr Carson, a Seventh-day Adventist, shared his heart on matters of faith, creation, family and upbringing of children. He encouraged people to stand up for what they believed even at the risk of being seen as politically incorrect.

Dr Carson shared snippets of his life, spoke about his mother and what led him down the path of paediatric neurosurgery. He encouraged the audience to believe in their ability to do anything they set their minds to, and become high achievers.—Hana Isaac

Red meat linked to early death

Chicago, Illinois, US

The Archives of Internal Medicine—a journal produced by the American Medical Association—has reported eating a lot of red meat may shorten your life.

The finding comes after the diets of more than 121,000 middle-aged men and women were tracked for up to 28 years. During this period, almost 24,000 of the study participants died—6000 from cardiovascular disease and more than 9000 from cancer. “This association is not surprising given that red meat contains a number of compounds linked to development of cardiovascular disease and cancer,” said Dr Ross Grant, CEO of the Australasian Research Institute at the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

It was calculated for every daily serving of red meat the risk of dying early increased by 12 per cent. That number increased to 20 per cent with processed red meat. Researchers also found substituting other healthier protein sources significantly reduced mortality risks between 7 and 19 per cent. “The Church has [always] maintained that meat is dangerous for health,” said Dr Chester Kuma, associate director of the South Pacific Division’s Adventist Health Department. “Science has just now confirmed it.”—Linden Chuang

Students serve overseas during holidays

Deuba, Fiji

Seven students from Sydney Adventist College volunteered as counsellors at a Christian camp in Deuba, Fiji, during their holidays.

They were inspired by their teacher who spoke in class about how rewarding she had found a trip to help others in Fiji. Motivated to take up the challenge, serve others and gain some valuable experiences along the way, the year 10 girls started fundraising. And by using some of their own savings, they soon had the required amount.

On arrival in Fiji, they were allocated disadvantaged and underprivileged children, some of them orphans, hand-picked to come to the camp by chiefs from the surrounding areas.

The Fijian children experienced things they had never done before and engaged in exciting activities such as jet skiing, snorkelling, billy kart racing, volleyball and football. A popular Fijian theme park even gave them a full day at the park free of charge.

One of the girls reflected that, “The trip changed the way we look at our own lives at home in Australia; the things you have, things like money, do not give you happiness. We should be happy and thankful for what we have. Here in Australia we always want more but in Fiji they are just happy with what they have and that inspired me to appreciate and be happy with what I have at home.”—Theo Stanculescu
A few months ago I took a short cut as I walked between appointments. I was in a part of Sydney I’d known since I was a boy, but behind a discreet fence and a large hedge, I found evidence of a lost world. I had stumbled across Sydney’s historic Gore Hill Cemetery in all its neglected glory.

Most of the graves range from the late 1800s to the early 20th century—many are in decay, some have caved in, some markers are broken or eroded, and others are overgrown. The cemetery is carefully divided into denominational sections, with each reflecting the unique culture of its community.

I entered the cemetery in the Roman Catholic quadrant with its ornate graves, emotive statuary and rich imagery. As I walked down the uneven path between the graves, I noticed a significant change—I’d walked across an invisible line into the Anglican zone, a sector dominated by memorials reflecting quiet dignity and a certain restraint.

It was in the Baptist sector that I came across an unusual grave. I suppose it caught my eye because it broke the symmetry of the plots; it was only a third of the size of the other graves. The simple cross was partially covered by thorny brambles. I reached down and gently pulled them to one side to reveal the inscription:

**Jackie**

*Our Idol in Life, Our Angel in Death*

*Aged 2 years and 9 months*

I am not an excessively sentimental man, but there was something about the universal vulnerability that comes from loving a little life with everything a parent has, that spoke to me. Who was little Jackie, I wondered. How did he die? Did Jackie’s mum and dad have any other children? Did they ever recover from their devastating loss?

As I looked down on that little plot of ground, my heart ached. Jackie was obviously the joy of his mummy’s and daddy’s existence, the sun in their morning, their love in the evening, their hope, their dream, their most precious of precious. And yet, despite all their love and care, irrespective of their fervent desires and heartfelt wishes, they were forced to lay Jackie’s lifeless little body, along with their own hearts, in this tiny cemetery plot.

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I suppose Jackie’s parents have long since passed away themselves, as has everyone who stood by that little grave on September 27, 1912—a century ago this year. Everyone who ever held Jackie in their arms, who changed his nappies, who played little games with him, who made him laugh and who comforted him when he cried, all of them have been washed away with little Jackie into the abyss of time that awaits us all.

As I contemplated Jackie’s grave, I began to understand nihilism—the rejection of any meaning in life. Where is justice, where is love, where is significance of any kind in a world where every ounce of human devotion can be swept into nothingness in an instant? Why impose meaning on a reality so patently devoid of compassion, reason or temporal redemption? It’s a question everyone has to confront, I suppose, but when a parent buries a child, the question transcends the abstract mental games of armchair philosophers. There is no pain more cruel, no loss more disillusioning, no question more confronting. And all the simple answers and silver linings, all the trite truisms and tortured explanations, amount to nothing more than an aversion of the mental eye to the inexplicable human suffering death inflicts on us.

And yet, here in this abandoned field of pain, only a few steps from Jackie’s grave, the Baptists erected a gateway. And there on the gateway, engraved deep in stone, are words of hope and healing from Scripture: “Weeping lasts for the night, but joy comes in the morning”.

I don’t know what the future holds for me or the people I am most devoted to. I do, however, know that loving the Lord is no inoculation from the most devastating pain this life inflicts. But in the desperation and devastation of lonely graves, there is a glimmer of hope. Not hope in this world, where even Christ Himself was described as a “man of sorrow acquainted with grief”, but hope for a better world in which all the tears that we have so bitterly wept are wiped away. Hope that our God, who suffered the death of His own Son, understands and empathises with our pain. Hope that the same Christ, who conquered death Himself 2000 years ago, will one day soon conquer death for all of us.

Christ’s resurrection doesn’t anesthetise us to the pain we have right here, right now. But it does give us something to look forward to—something that provides an intrinsic meaning to life, even as we struggle to comprehend and recover from the series of losses that inevitably accompany life in a sinful world. It’s a Christian cliché—but for a good reason—that graveyards will be the happiest places on earth when Christ returns.

As I walked out of the cemetery, I looked backed through the stone arch to Jackie’s cross, and thought I cannot wait for the day when little Jackie is back in the arms of his mummy and daddy, and all the hopes and dreams of his family become a joyful reality. I can’t wait for that day for my family, too.

James Standish is communication director for the South Pacific Division.

Women in leadership

Dr Tracie Mafileo is deputy vice-chancellor of Pacific Adventist University, located near Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Her work, research and publications reflect her commitment to advancing the wellbeing of Pacific peoples through research, social work, community development and higher education. She is married to Taupo Tani, originally from Tuvalu, and in June last year they welcomed their first baby, Tuviya, into the world.

As deputy vice-chancellor of Pacific Adventist University, Tracie has the responsibility to oversee the academic programs of the university.

She is challenged by the need to promote continuing quality improvement while at the same time increasing the enrolments and the range of course offerings. She considers it a very real honour to be involved in shaping the lives of the leaders of the Church and the broader society.

“As deputy vice-chancellor it is a privilege, through the power of God, to lead, shape and enable the contribution that higher education and research play in building the kingdom of God here on earth and for eternity.”

Tracie is not backward in stating her passion: “I am passionate about the unique position of Pacific Adventist University to positively assimilate aspects of Pacific cultures and the Western university system to make a difference in the communities that we serve, and to bring glory to God.”

Thank you Dr Tracie Mafileo for your leadership at Pacific Adventist University. You are making a huge difference for the community, the Church, and ultimately the kingdom of God.

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

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MISSION IN BRIEF

Money follows mission
The North NSW Conference has decided to sell four of its properties in order to fund church planting. “It shows where the priority of this executive committee is,” says president, Pastor Justin Lawman. The new church plants are at Blue Haven, Belmont, Maitland and the Tweed. –Around the Traps

Generous giving
South Pacific Division youth director, Nick Kross, said the World Changers Bible project had received “an amazing number of donations from across Australia since my last update”. “The total we now have from the donations we have received is $417,960, which translates into a total of 83,592 Bible kits.” –worldchanger.me

Message received
A Beijing student, Troy, sent this email to the Voice of Hope: “Six years ago, I listened to one of your English instructional programs online. I ordered some materials and you included some Gospel pamphlets. Since then, I’ve been baptised. God used your website so I could hear the gospel message for the first time.” –Chinese Hope TV News

Connecting
The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Albania is reaching out to the third of Albanians with a Facebook account. The Albanian Mission and ADRA Albania are online and each local church now has its own webpage, blog or Facebook presence. Fifty digital missionaries reach Albanians through the popular Lifeconnect website. –tedNEWS

Large scale
Seventh-day Adventists in 37 countries around central America and the Caribbean, have organised nearly 100,000 evangelistic events, in a month. Fired up by the World Church’s push for “Revival and Reformation”, Adventists in the Church’s Inter-American Division organised health seminars and spiritual programs in churches, auditoriums and community centres. –IAD News

Working together
Vanuatu literature evangelist Christine Melip planted the seed when she sold some spiritual books to the Tataeng family—dad, mum and three daughters. They loved the books and asked Christine to visit every week to pray with them. The whole family was baptised after attending meetings featuring Australian evangelist Gary Webster. –InTouch

World Mission Budget Offering Today

Every day, nearly 1,000 Adventist missionaries serve in more than 200 countries around the world. Your support of the World Mission Budget on April 7 this Easter, will help give them the resources they need to tell the world about Christ’s love.

Thank you for being a part of it!
Christian magazine for ‘Gorgeous’ girls
Brisbane, Queensland

A new Christian magazine has been launched to inspire, educate and empower girls and young women.

GiGi, produced by 5 Sisters Ministry, features true stories and testimonies that focus on the everyday struggles of girls and young women. The 100-page magazine, to be published quarterly, also contains articles on topics such as fashion, beauty and food.

Games and quizzes are also included in the full-colour magazine, which is aimed at young women aged 13 and up.

“GiGi stands for Gorgeous In God’s Image,” said project manager Esther Espinoza, who works with special needs students at Brisbane Adventist College. “We want girls to believe this no matter who they are, what they look like or where they are from.

“We’re very nervous and excited about this project, but we believe that God wants us to do it,” she adds.

5 Sisters Ministry is a team of five sisters from Queensland, Australia. Esther, Stephanie and Maria Espinoza attend Brisbane Spanish Seventh-day Adventist church. Martha Hughes and her family are members at Park Ridge church, while Zorayda Fenger and her husband attend the Springwood church.

The women have a dream of making a difference in the community, and working with girls and women around Australia, New Zealand and other countries.

In conjunction with the magazine, they will be holding GiGi workshops, which will take place throughout the remainder of the year.

“We want girls to hear the great speakers, meet other girls their age, grow closer to God and find hope by realising that they are not alone,” their website states.

The first issue of GiGi was released in early March.

Yearly subscriptions are available directly through 5 Sisters Ministry. Single issues are also available for purchase. For more information visit <www.5sistersministry.com.au>.

—Linden Chuang

Recipe book now in second edition
Warburton, Victoria

Popular recipe book, Simple, Tasty, Good, has been produced in a second edition.

Since its release in September, 2010, the plant-based recipe book has sold more than 7500 copies and continues to sell well. Simple, Tasty, Good was developed by Adventist Health Ministries in the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) and published by Signs Publishing Company.

“We had three criteria for the book,” said Pastor Paul Rankin, then-director of NZPUC Adventist Health, “that the recipes were healthy, the ingredients were available in any New Zealand or Australian supermarket, and that the recipes taste good.”

Signs book editor, Nathan Brown, said the new edition was needed because Signs had sold out of the first edition and it also offered an opportunity to improve the book.

“We were able to improve the descriptions and instructions in a few of the recipes and offer a couple of minor updates,” he said. “But the new print run is also an opportunity for the book to be used further in the Church’s community health outreach initiatives.”

The recipes were developed and selected by leaders of the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) programs in New Zealand, using the dietary principles of CHIP to assist participants to make significant lifestyle changes.

“The vegan diet traditionally gets a bad rap as being too difficult, too limiting, tasteless and lacking in nutrition,” Pastor Rankin said. “But the reality is that a properly planned plant-based diet can provide an extremely healthy lifestyle with tasty and easy-to-prepare food providing a big energy boost for those who adopt it.”

Mr Brown said they had received many positive responses from people who are using the recipes.

“The success and popularity of this book is a good news story,” he said. “Not only is this a resource to help people live healthier lives, this project shows how different parts of the Church can work together to create something worthwhile.”—Kerry Arbuckle

Available at Adventist Book Centres or go to <www.simpletasty-good.com>.

—Linden Chuang
Two ordinations and a commissioning

Iutini Rimoni and Cristian Copaceanu were ordained, and Danijela Trajkov was commissioned, during a High Sabbath at the Dallas Brooks Centre in Melbourne, Australia, in November last year. —IntraVic

Cristian Copaceanu

Pastor Cristian Copaceanu and his wife, Erika, have served in a number of churches in Victoria. They recently moved to the North NSW Conference, with newborn daughter Kaytlin Grace. Cristian was born in communist Romania. He migrated with his family to Australia when he was young. His pastoral work is a continuation of the passion of his parents for mission. —IntraVic

Danijela Trajkov

Danijela Trajkov, and her husband Nick, also a pastor, serve at five country churches in Victoria. Danijela also coordinates Adventist Women’s Ministries in Victoria. Having grown up as an Adventist in communist Croatia, Danijela has endured her share of hardship. She and her husband were serving in Bosnia when the war broke out in 1993, forcing them to flee. Danijela says God’s providence brought them to Victoria. She has recently completed her Masters in Ministry. —IntraVic

Iutini Rimoni

Pastor Iutini Rimoni and his wife, Jemilyn, work together in Melbourne at Preston and Spotswood churches. He also spent a few years serving in North Fitzroy. Iutini, originally from Samoa, believes he was called to ministry very early on in his life. However, it was not until he spent time working in Japan as an English teacher and trainer, and travelling through Asia, that his desire to spread the “Good News” came alive. —IntraVic

James Venegas

Pastor James Venegas and his wife, Kaylene, were ordained at the Tamworth church in December. His first act as an ordained minister came just minutes later, when he baptised his son, Daniel, and daughter, Leticia. “One of my dreams has been to baptise my two children,” he said. “To be able to do that on my ordination day made the realisation of that dream very, very special.” James was the minister at the Tamworth and Quirindi churches in NSW, Australia, for three years. The Venegas family has since moved to the United States, where James is serving as pastor to the Community Adventist Fellowship in Arcadia. —Adele Nash/Paul Geelan

Paul Jonker

Pastor Paul Jonker and his wife, Ella, were recently ordained in Rotorua, New Zealand. Messages from family members (including his father, a lay minister, sister and two brothers, both of whom are Adventist pastors) paid tribute to Paul’s story, which saw him leave the faith for 20 years before coming back to God. Paul and Ella have been serving in churches in Rotorua, Murupara and Whakatane. Prior to that they were ministering in South Africa. — Anne Larsen

Ben Martin

Seventeen years after a young Ben Martin and his family left Hamilton church in New Zealand to return home to Australia, Ben is back in Hamilton as their church minister. Pastor Ben and his wife, Lenka, were ordained in December. Ben admitted he “never wanted to, and never even thought of going into the ministry” when he began his studies at Avondale College. A real and powerful encounter with God, however, prompted him to transfer from his studies in business to theology. — Anne Larsen
“The projector is broken and the generator is out of fuel.”

Lachlan Campbell recalls the challenges he faced when presenting an evangelistic series in Kenya with three other ministry and theology students from Avondale College of Higher Education over the year-end break.

During this trip, Campbell, Ben Reynolds, Jared Smith and Martin Thomson ministered in Dubai, India and Zambia as well. In the past 18 months, 11 students have travelled to 10 countries to spread Jesus’ love.

Students wanting to share their faith initiate projects such as this, says Dr Murray House, senior lecturer in ministry and theology at Avondale. “What they receive in return is the amazing discovery that God’s Word transforms lives.”

The experience of sharing Jesus in different cultures has helped Campbell appreciate the freedom to worship in Australia. “In Dubai, because it’s in a Muslim country [the United Arab Emirates], it’s illegal to publicly evangelise. People risk death when they become Christians—you have to baptise in secret.”

This is good for students, says Dr House—it opens their eyes and deepens their passion for Jesus. “They come back on a spiritual high because they’ve watched God work miracles.”

In Kenya, India and Zambia, Campbell witnessed the poverty many face. “Despite their struggles, the people I met seem more open to the Gospel than we are in the West.” This openness has seen more than 300 people give their lives to Jesus through baptism during the past 18 months.

It’s not all about the numbers though. “Rather than coming with an attitude of ‘we’re making the trip to get thousands of baptisms’, it’s important to empower the local staff and elders so they can continue the work when we leave,” Campbell says. “We emphasise it’s not ‘mzungu magic’, which means white man’s power, it’s God’s power.”

Campbell sharpened his skills as a communicator during the seven-week trip. “When you speak through an interpreter, it’s important your message is clear and simple so the meaning isn’t lost.”

Dr House agrees. “When the students are preaching every night for three weeks, their communication and presentation skills really improve and mature.”

Closer to home, the ministry and theology students are just as active. All engage in doorknocking and work placements in local Seventh-day Adventist churches. After five years of evangelism in the Lake Haven and San Remo areas, a church is being planted there this year. “San Remo is spiritually aware; it’s time to plant a church there,” Dr House says.

And his vision is for the ministry and theology students to play a part in the new church. “It’s exciting to see motivated young adults speaking easily about their faith and sharing it with others.”

Josh Dye is public relations intern at Avondale College of Higher Education.
Principles of prayer
Prayer is a simple yet profoundly powerful expression of a personal friendship with God. As such, it is an experience that does not conform to any formulae or defined protocol, yet the Bible reveals that powerful prayer does have certain characteristics.

What principles of powerful prayer are revealed in Scripture?
- A powerful prayer is driven by a great sense of our need and weakness. Read Psalm 40:1-3 and Luke 18:9-14
- We must pray with an attitude of faith and a belief that God is able to act. Read Hebrews 11:6 and Mark 11:22-24
- We must approach God with a spirit of obedience to His will. Read Matthew 6:9,10. An amazing example of praying in submission to God’s will is Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:39, 42, 44).
- As we come to God in prayer, we must not knowingly cherish sin in our lives. Read Psalm 66:18 and James 4:3
- We are encouraged to pray in a spirit of forgiveness. Read Matthew 6:12 and Mark 11:25
- Powerful prayer is persevering prayer. Read Colossians 4:2 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Prayer should be specific rather than vague and general. For example, the apostle Paul prayed that believers would grow in love (Philippians 1:9), spiritual strength (Ephesians 3:16), patience (2 Thessalonians 3:5) and maturity (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
- Prayer should be characterised by a spirit of praise and thanksgiving. Read Philippians 4:6 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18

In many respects prayer is a mystery, but regardless of our limited understanding we are invited to talk to God. Through prayer we come to know Him better and understand more clearly His will for us.

Q: Which is the best and most nutritious breakfast cereal?

A: Untampered wholegrains head the list, with rolled oats and Weet-Bix (wheat) leading the pack. All are low in fat and sugar. Avoid cereals that are loaded with sugar. These have minimal nutritional value, and half of the sugar immediately turns to fat once ingested. Unfortunately children rapidly get hooked on these “sweet” products and stay addicted for life. Many develop diabetes along with obesity, high blood pressure and, later, stroke and heart failure.

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

Meeting the Author
Pierre Bayard’s How To Talk About Books You Haven’t Read is a book about books, and our relationships with them. In the first section, Bayard, a literature professor and psychoanalyst, discusses how you can have a conversation with others about books you don’t know, books you have skimmed, books you have heard of, and books you have read and forgotten or perhaps even forgotten you read! As I read this, I was challenged to consider which of these descriptions might apply to my own experience with the Bible. Do I know God’s Word personally, or merely enough to give other people the impression I do?

Bayard states: “It is possible to have a passionate conversation about a book that one has not read, including, perhaps especially, with someone else who has not read it.” It’s an interesting concept.

When it comes to the Bible, if we aren’t reading it regularly, we’re missing the point because we’re missing out on opportunities to grow and develop as a Christian. The salvation story is as simple as it is powerful, but there are always new things to learn and eternal truths to rediscover.

True Christianity is about giving ourselves wholeheartedly to God and His plans for us. If you’ve made the commitment, make it count. Keep reading the Bible—and don’t just leave the knowledge within its pages. Learn from it. Take it into your heart and make it real in your life.

As a child, I learned that “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so”. That statement is as true now as it was then—and although the words haven’t changed, knowing them needs to change me.

As followers of Christ, let’s make sure we can have a passionate conversation about a Book we have read—and that each day, we take time to meet the Author of life.

*Views represented in Opinion are not necessarily those of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Sharyn Brady is communication assistant at Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing.
I’m a pastor and serve as the religious liberty director for the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, headquartered in California. When I was born, however, there were few less likely trajectories for my life. You see, I was born into a Jewish family in New York City. We weren’t religious in the classic sense, but we did keep alive the annual holidays of our ancestors. As a young man, I held to no faith at all—other than a sex, drugs and rock and roll lifestyle. But there was a huge gaping hole in my life. And one day a friend, who also came from a Jewish family, called to let me know he’d “found the truth of the universe”. As preposterous as it sounded to me at the time, he was right.

He sent me a copy of The Great Controversy, and I read myself right into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I am thankful every day for God reaching out to me through my friend, and revealing His truth for our times. And I’m not alone. There is a robust community of Jews who have joined the Adventist Church over the years and are working to spread the wonderful news of Christ’s soon return.

In our new lives in Christ, we’ve endeavoured not to lose touch with the thousands of years of history that connects us to our ancestors. One way we do that is to continue to celebrate Passover—not as a religious obligation but as a joyful celebration. There is no ceremony I know of that comes close to the power of the Passover Seder to reinforce spiritual truth. Western society has largely lost the blessing that comes from the metaphors of the Passover. By losing touch with the Passover, our children have been deprived of wonderful anchors for their spiritual lives. But my household is a little different. As a result, my daughter will ever be drawn to the Lord by our annual celebration of Passover.

So how do we celebrate Passover in the modern world? The table is set, family and friends gathered. It’s time to begin. A blessing is said, candles are lit, ceremonial foods are eaten, reminding us of what the Lord did for us—not just for them—and the story is told, new every year. It’s the story of God’s deliverance, of His faithfulness, of His love. Bitter herbs remind us of the bitterness of bondage in Egypt, and the broken promises of sin’s “fun”. Maror, a delicious mixture of nuts and dates, represents the mortar used to make bricks for Pharaoh’s building projects. The unleavened bread—matzo—is aptly named “the bread of affliction”. By the time the ceremonial activities are complete, stomachs are growling and everyone is more than ready for the feast that has been prepared. Four glasses of grape juice recall four of God’s promises. The third one, the cup of redemption, is the one Jesus used to inaugurate the communion service. Songs are sung, scriptures are read, and all of the senses engaged in reinforcing profound spiritual truths.

The internet is full of resources about Passover. But permit me to recommend one produced by an Adventist friend: The Ultimate Passover, a DVD available from the ABC. The purpose of the video is both evangelistic and practical. It invites the viewer to respond to Christ, our Passover Lamb, but also has special features to explain and explore the significance of the Seder. But a video is only a video: what it lacks is my wife’s secret for the best matzo ball soup—a Jewish dumpling soup that is delicious. Don’t believe me? You’ll have to come to California and drop by and try it. Her matzo ball soup will forever draw my kids to the Lord by our annual celebration of Passover.

Passover is not only an opportunity to reinforce our own spirituality, but it can also be a wonderful opportunity to build bridges with the Jewish community.
the Church because of its delicious association with Jesus—our Salvation. Passover is not only an opportunity to reinforce our own spirituality, but it can also be a wonderful opportunity to build bridges with the Jewish community. Many churches are discovering the joy of conducting Passover Seders. Two weeks after leading a Seder in an Arizona church, one of the Jews in attendance was baptised. But we have to be careful not to be too pushy. Remember that the Jewish community has been the target of forced Christian conversions and church-endorsed persecution for generations. Not surprisingly, this suffering at the hands of those claiming to be Christians has made many Jews sensitive to anything that resembles pressure or coercion. Ask your Jewish friends if you can attend a Seder. Go to learn, not to preach. Ask questions. Listen. Don’t volunteer too much. Wait to be asked about your perspective. Adventists and Jews have much in common, but far too little has been done to build bridges of friendship. Passover is a great place to start. And in all our dealings, it’s critical to remember that respecting the religious perspectives of others is the hallmark of true Christianity.

Passover is known as the “festival of freedom”. We celebrate at Passover what God did for us, not just for them, but also for us. We were delivered from Egypt, from bondage to sin, and led into the Promised Land. The story lends itself to new spiritual applications every year. The service closes with the prayer: “next year in Jerusalem”. For Adventists, our hopes are fixed on the New Jerusalem. Imagine if we do meet next year in the New Jerusalem, and we can celebrate Passover together with the Lamb Himself. So, at Passover, we celebrate the promise of a Messiah, His atoning sacrifice, freedom in Christ, and the promise of eternal life in our heavenly home. It is the entire story of salvation in symbols. And those symbols include sharing the joy of salvation with the best food, family and friends. Can it get any better than that, this side of the kingdom?

Alan Reinach is religious liberty director for the Pacific Union Conference, California, US.

POLL RESULTS:

The recent spate of natural disasters can be attributed to:

- **6.4%** Climate change
- **22.4%** Part of the natural cycle
- **39%** Signs of Christ’s soon return
- **32%** Combination of above
HEALTH FEATURE

Disciplined eating

A healthy eating plan is more often than not about discipline. For many of us, we think we are only disciplined if we succeed 100 per cent of the time.

However, discipline does not mean you have to have a willpower of steel; it may mean being more mindful about what you are eating, by making sure your portions are a healthy size or having a treat once or twice a week instead of every day.

Portion distortion

Over the past couple of decades portion sizes have been increasing. In an age where obesity is on the increase, eating appropriately sized meals is important in maintaining a healthy weight.

Tips for a healthy serving size

› Try using a smaller sized plate.
› Place vegetables or salad on the plate first—they should make up half of your main meal.
› As long as they have eaten a bit of everything, don’t insist that children finish everything on their plate. This can create bad habits for later in life.
› Eat slowly as it takes up to 20 minutes for your stomach to register it is getting full.
› Avoid supersizing fast food meals.
› If enjoying a snack such as chips or nuts from a family-sized bag, separate off a serving size and eat only that. Alternatively buy single-serve bags.
› Measure serving sizes on a kitchen scale until you become used to what they look like.

Treat me

Aim to make a permanent lifestyle change and not to go on a temporary weight loss diet. It is unrealistic for most people to never eat chocolate or chips again, so if we allow ourselves a little treat occasionally we won’t feel as if we are deprived. But be wary not to get into the trap of allowing it to creep back into your everyday diet.

Tips for reducing treat foods

› Identifying the reason you are craving these foods in the first place can be a way of breaking the cycle.
› Eat regularly—If we wait too long to eat it can be harder to control cravings and have a healthy snack. When we are hungry we generally crave high calorie foods which are either high in fat or sugar or both.
› Be prepared and have healthy snack options available at home or at the office. If you know you are going to be out for long periods, don’t let yourself get too hungry.
› Plan for the days you know you have a function that you may be tempted (like a birthday party), and make this the day of the week you will have a treat food. This way you won’t double up.

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RECIPE

Apple crumble

- 4 apples
- 4 dried apricots
- 4 prunes, chopped
- 2 tbsp raisins
- ½ cup flour
- 25g margarine
- ¼ cup rolled oats
- 1 tsp cinnamon

1. Remove the core of the apples then score around the middle of the apple to prevent the apple skin from bursting. Place the apples in an ovenproof dish in a small amount of water. Mix apricots, prunes and raisins together. Place fruit mix into apple and push in firmly.
2. For the crumble, mix flour and margarine until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the rolled oats and cinnamon. Sprinkle the crumble over the stuffed apples.
3. Bake at 170°C for 20 to 30 minutes, until the crumble is golden and the apple is soft.

Preparation time: 10 minutes  Cooking time: 20 minutes  Serves: 4

PER SERVE: Kilojoules 996 kJ (241Cal); Protein 3.4g; Fat 6.5g; Carbohydrate 42g; Sodium 59mg; Potassium 413mg; Calcium 39mg; Iron 1.6mg; Fibre 4.7g.
The Great Sabbath

by Nathan Brown
SABBATH IS A GIFT—A DAY FOR MANY THINGS—BUT we miss something of Sabbath when we too often fill it with busyness. The poignancy of Sabbath is found when it allows for some emptying and emptiness: While celebrating God’s presence, we should also allow ourselves to feel something of His absence, even if only that as waiting “Adventists” we are at the end of another week in which Jesus has not returned. And there is no Sabbath on which this is a more appropriate way to “keep” Sabbath than that in the midst of Easter, remembering the day on which Jesus Himself rested in death.

There is evidence of an annual Christian memorial of Jesus’ death and resurrection from the first century, most of which we know about because of debates among Christians in the second century as to when this already-established practice should be marked on the calendar. As one of the earliest Christian observances, it is hardly surprising that there is a deep and broad treasury of Christian traditions, practices and meaning that surround the annual remembrance of Jesus’ submission to, and defeat of, death. Perhaps least known among these are some of the practices and worship observed on the Sabbath of Easter, known in various traditions as Holy Saturday, Black Saturday or—in the Eastern Orthodox tradition—the Great Sabbath.

Absence

The Great Sabbath begins with worship on Friday evening styled as a funeral for Jesus and continues to employ funereal elements throughout the day. The enormity of the death of the Son of God should not be skipped over in our anxiousness to get to the good news of His resurrection.

On this Sabbath, perhaps more than any other, we should allow ourselves to feel the absences and silences of God in our lives, church and worship—and to be able to rest in that. Having been through the worst that His world could throw at Him, beat Him with and torture Him by, Jesus rested in the tomb on that Sabbath, the Creator following the pattern He had set at the making of this world.

In His rejection by His own people, His physical suffering and His death, Jesus experienced and identified with so many of the experiences of what it means to be a broken human being in a fallen world in which God seems to be silent and absent too often and too long: “The cross that is a symbol of defeat before it is a symbol of victory speaks also of the absence of God. . . . Jesus shares with us the darkness of what it is to be without God as well as show-
A GREAT STORY COMES OUT OF THE COMMUNIST Russia. Nikolai Ivannovich Bukharin was a powerful man in the Politburo of the Soviet Union. He was the editor of the national newspaper, Pravda, and a soldier in the Bolshevic Revolution that forced communism on Russia in 1917.

In 1930 he travelled to the Soviet city of Kiev to address a huge assembly of workers. His topic was atheism. For over an hour he hurled insult, argument and proof against God and His claim to be the Creator of the world.

By the end of his speech the large crowd was cowered, beaten and fearful. Gazing around the room for several moments in triumph, he finally asked, “Are there any questions?” Deafening silence answered his challenge and every eye was lowered to the floor.

But then an old man began to shuffle to the platform. He struggled up the steps and finally stood next to Bukharin. Slowly he surveyed the crowd. Then he raised his arm upward and cried out an ancient Russian Orthodox greeting, “Christ is risen”. En masse the crowd leapt to their feet and in voices that rolled like thunder they shouted back, “He is risen indeed”.

Surely that is the key truth of Easter—Jesus is risen. He is alive and that ought to make a difference to your life and how you live it.

And yet, many Christians live as if they worship a Jesus/God who is dead. How long since you made a decision with Him as your chief adviser? Is your day-to-day behaviour tempered or influenced by a living God? When you go to church week by week is it Jesus you meet and worship? How deep a role does He really play in your life, or is He dead to you? These are serious life questions that deserve an honest and considered answer. If Jesus is alive, as the Easter story so powerfully challenges, then what real difference does that make to your life in 2012?

Perhaps the reason Christians struggle to live their lives in the “certain knowledge” of a real Jesus is because the world they live in wallows in disbelief.

Famous and popular atheists like Dawkins and Hitchens swamp the media with arguments against Jesus while directing derision at His followers. Universities and education often completely ignore the Jesus narrative. Secular society has largely turned its back on Him. Christianity no longer influences the culture as it once did.

Yet despite all the anti-Christ posturing in our society, the 2006 census identified 64 per cent of Australians claiming Christianity as their religion of choice. That is probably why churches will be full this Easter with worshippers remembering Jesus.

And the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus is quite...
strong. Consider these eight proofs:

1. Broken Roman seal

When Jesus arose from the dead the seal on His tomb was broken. In Roman culture this was the most serious of crimes punishable by death—usually on a cross, hung upside down. Jesus’ disciples were cowards. All but John had fled the scene of the cross. His followers were in disarray, hiding all over Jerusalem. No army broke the seal. No order from the governor or the priests was sent out.

2. The tomb was empty

Actually that is not exactly true. The grave clothes were lying in the tomb neatly folded. Remember that Roman soldiers were guarding the tomb. There was a Roman seal attached to the stone. And yet it was empty. Paul Althaus states that the resurrection "could have not been maintained in Jerusalem for a single day, for a single hour, if the emptiness of the tomb had not been established as a fact for all concerned".

3. The women witnesses

In near-east cultures 2000 years ago, women were generally seen as second-class citizens and unreliable witnesses. If the story of the resurrection was a hoax made up by the followers and disciples of Jesus, then men not women would have been chosen as the initial eyewitnesses to the resurrected Lord. This would have brought much more credibility to the story.

4. The Roman guards fled

Matthew relates how the Roman guards left their post reporting back to the priests about what had happened. Roman military discipline was the secret to their power and domination of the world. It is unthinkable that Roman soldiers would leave their post unless something highly unusual occurred:

“A Roman legionary soldier swore an oath to serve to death. . . . A consequence of this under Roman military law was that soldiers could be executed. If a Roman legionnaire left his post while on duty or deserted during a battle, he would be sentenced by the tribune to be killed. . . ., usually by stoning or by being beaten. His fellow soldiers. . . . carried out the punishment.”

5. Over 500 witnesses to the resurrected Lord

The apostle Paul tells of over 500 witnesses who saw Jesus at one time.

M. Yamauchi, associate professor of history at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, emphasises: “What gives a special authority to the list (of witnesses) is historical evidence is the reference to most of the five hundred brethren being still alive. St Paul says in effect, ‘if you do not believe me, you can ask them’. Such a statement in an admittedly genuine letter written within thirty years of the event is almost as strong evidence as one could hope to get for something that happened nearly two thousand years ago.”

Then of course there are the smaller appearances Jesus made to His friends and the disciples. The Bible lists at least 12.

Finally, there is the apostle Paul who himself was an eyewitness to the resurrected Lord. Josh McDowell calls him a hostile witness as initially he was persecuting to death the church of Christ. Then he met the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus. Everything changed.

When the risen Christ appeared to Paul on the Damascus Road, Paul became Christianity’s most determined missionary. He endured five floggings, three beatings, three shipwrecks, a stoning, poverty and years of ridicule. Finally the Roman emperor Nero had Paul beheaded because the apostle refused to deny his faith in Jesus. What could make a person willingly accept—even welcome—such hardships? Christians believe the conversion of Paul came about because he encountered Jesus Christ who had risen from the dead.

6. The impact on Jesus’ followers

The testimony of Jesus’ resurrection is written in the blood of over 50 million martyrs—men, women and children who gave up their lives for their risen Lord. Surely such a witness cannot be denied.

7. The growth of the Christian church

The dominant doctrine of the early church was the resurrection of Christ. This was undoubtedly fuelled by the frequent and exciting appearances of Christ that the disciples and some in the early church were privileged to experience. From a small sect in Judah, fired by the Holy Spirit, Christianity now numbers more than 32 per cent of the world’s population, or a little over 2 billion people.

8. The impact on you/me

Twenty-two years ago the resurrected Jesus came into my heart and burst into my life. The changes He has brought are astounding. Friends of long ago barely recognise the “new” man. Through Jesus I have become a new creation. That is ultimately the strongest witness and proof of a resurrected Jesus that anyone can ever see.

It is Easter. Jesus is risen—He is risen indeed!

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Lloyd Grolimund is senior pastor of Wahroonga church, NSW.
Mrs White’s credentials

From 1871 until her death in 1915, Ellen White was provided with the same credentials as those issued to ordained ministers—though she was never ordained by the church and there is no record of her performing baptisms, marriages or funerals.

Some years, such as in 1885, her credential was issued with the word ‘ordained’ ruled through. Other times, such as shown here, the word ordained was left intact. Apparently, the Church struggled to define the status of Ellen White.

After all, the Church had no licence or credential to recognise the role of someone called to prophetic ministry so the Church gave her the most senior status in spiritual leadership it had! However, she never considered herself to be ordained by the church—and in fact did not consider such status one to be sought. But, in the early years, shortly after the Church began employing women ministers, it did recognise the issuing of their ministerial licences put them on the path to ordination and considered ordaining them. While this did not eventuate, there is no record Ellen White or the early Adventist leaders had any theological objection to the ordination of women. If there had been, one would have expected Ellen White, in her very special ministry to the Church, to have provided counsel on the issue.

Dr Lester Devine is director emeritus of the Ellen G White/Adventist Research Centre at the Avondale College of Higher Education.
AWESOME LOGO
Joy Cornell, Qld

I enjoyed Rachel Rankin’s article (Opinion, RECORD, March 17). Rachel, your life logo, X=ME, is more awesome than you realise.

‘X’ is ancient Christian shorthand for Christ. So you are also saying CHRIST = ME or, as Paul puts it, “For ME to live is CHRIST” (Philippians 1:21).

Many think that ‘Xmas’ is a way of taking Christ out of Christmas, but X (Chi) is Christ’s initial letter in Greek. The early Christians’ famous secret code, so popular today, was the fish outline, because the initials of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Saviour, in Greek spell ICHTHON, fish.

But apparently an even earlier secret symbol was like a wheel with eight spokes—because if you superimpose those five ancient Greek letters, that’s what you get.

And Rachel, that’s what you’ve got! CHRIST in ME = I in CHRIST = I am UNKNOWN = ‘CHRIST, only CHRIST, no trace of I be found’. Awesome!

POSITIVELY REFRESHING
Neil Peatey, Qld

I recently read the editorial by James Standish, “Fear and self-loathing” (March 3) and wish to thank and to congratulate him for a most timely and brilliant editorial. It is true that there are far too many negative generalisations appearing in our publications and via the Internet. It was refreshing to read positive remarks, re: the work of the Church corporate, and individually. God’s blessings on you as you continue to keep up the good standard of articles in RECORD.

RECORD ONLINE
Merv Mahon

I am 81 years old and I would like to be able to read the RECORD on my computer. I would like to keep up with the news of movement of pastors, teachers, etc, as well as marriages and deaths, as well as the articles included. I am not sure how to set up such an arrangement. Perhaps you could help me with that.

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YOUTH IN CHURCH
Daron Pratt, NSW
via Facebook

I am writing in response to the Opinion Poll (March 17). The question asked what best supports young people in developing their relationship with Jesus?

Here are seven key factors that I believe are crucial:
1. Parents need to model what a relationship with Jesus looks like. Children are more likely to be as faithful as their parents.
2. There is a strong correlation and cooperation between the church and home. Church champions and equips the home and vice versa.
3. Our youth need faithful mentors. Five key people is the ideal! These mentors are more important the older Youth get and are particularly crucial as they leave home and move into work/uni.
4. A key factor is regular intergenerational worship that is relevant to ALL ages and where meaningful connections are made with young people.
5. Participation in service activities—there is a strong correlation between faith formation and service to others. This includes involvement and service in the programs and ministry of the Church, plus community service.
6. Strong gospel-based, grace-orientated teaching that combines head knowledge with heart knowledge.
7. Meaningful rituals have been taught and practised both at church and at home. Things like meal times, worship/devotion, prayer, communion, Bible reading, Sabbath, etc.

LET US KNOW
Jenny Howard, NSW, via Facebook

Keep up the great work on a wonderful magazine . . . letting us know what our fellow Adventist family are doing around the world . . . and of course Australia!

GREAT JOB!
Greg Hamilton, Washington, USA via Facebook

Great job [on RECORD InFocus news]—sure beats to pieces anything our church does over here in terms of being truly journalistically current and relevant.

GUEST NEWS PRESENTER
Ralph Lombart, England

Just a brief line to let you know that I really enjoyed listening to Cybèle Coutet present the news report [Ms Coutet was a guest news presenter on RECORD InFocus News].

Warm greetings from Canterbury, England.
NORTH PERTH, WA
Lydia Timms

My church is located close to the heart of the city. Visitors to our church are welcomed by a vibrant youth group who are highly involved in the life of our church and who receive great support from their church family. Our group flourishes because we spend time engaging in dynamic Bible study and worship. Intent on engaging with the local community, we enjoy volunteering at a local soup kitchen on a monthly basis.

Thanks to generous church friends and family, and God’s providence, the youth raised over one and-a-half times the amount we needed for a mission trip to Cambodia in December last year.

Joined by others from Livingston (WA) and Central Coast churches (NSW), the team led the trip, titled IMPACT 1:27, based on James 1:27 where Jesus instructs us to help the widows and the orphans. Cambodia, a country in dire need of such help, gave the opportunity to do just that. The trip was coordinated by International Children’s Care (ICC).

The team of 14 built a bamboo house, much to the delight of its new occupant, ‘teacher Ben’. They also painted a house at ICC’s ‘Light of Hope’ village and deloused the children at a local school. Other highlights included visiting the Angkor Wat temples, exploring the markets and defeating the locals at a game of soccer. Several members of the team chose to sponsor children from the ICC village and all were thoroughly blessed by the trip.

The Bray Park Community Craft group meets each Tuesday morning at the Bray Park Seventh-day Adventist church (North NSW). They have been busy learning to make cards, flower arranging, and some of the ladies do their own things such as knitting, crochet, embroidery and tapestry.

There is an average of 20–30 non-Adventists attending each week, and they love the fellowship with one another, as many live on their own and it is their only outlet.

At 9.30 each morning we pause for a worship time of 10 minutes and they enjoy the story or talk that is presented and will ask if we could pray for family or friends who are sick or have other problems.

Each year the Sydney Adventist Hospital sends a medical team to Fiji and other places to do open heart surgery on those less fortunate, and so some of the craft group have been making trauma teddies, rugs, beanies, socks, pillows and jumpers to send to Fiji to give to the patients.

It’s been amazing the response this project has had on the community, as there are people making things who don’t even come to craft group—but know someone who does—and we are very grateful for their commitment.

Please pray for this group. —Lois Chilton
Ciao* Kids

Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Everyone hated him, but Jesus loved him and invited Himself over for dinner.

Zacchaeus was sorry for stealing money and wanted to make things right again, so he gave it all back.

CROSSWORD
Read the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10 to find the answers.

Down
1) Who was the wee little man that climbed up the sycamore tree?
2) Where did Zacchaeus live?
3) Why did Zacchaeus need to climb up a tree? Because he was _____.

Across
2) Who told Zacchaeus to come down from the tree?
4) Zacchaeus collected what?
5) Memory Verse: Here and now I give _____ of my possessions to the poor (Luke 19:8).
6) Worship Message: I show others Jesus’ _____ when I put wrongs right.

Cut on the dotted lines and help Zacchaeus climb the tree.

*Hello in Italian (Italy)
WEDDING

Saville–Furner. Brett Saville, son of Barry and Donna Saville, and Lisa Furner, daughter of Trevor and Angela Whyatt, were married 12.2.12 at Murrays Beach, NSW. On a beautiful Sunday afternoon at Murrays Beach, guests arrived for the engagement party of Brett and Lisa. Moments later they were surprised as the wedding was announced. The couple will set up their home beside the lake at Silverwater.

Jeff Parker

OBITUARIES

Brownlow, Lynda Ruth, born 10.3.1972 in Crookwell, NSW; died 31.1.12 at home, aged 39. She is survived by her mother, Ruth, father, Bernard (Burnie); her two children, Laura and Jonathan; her brothers, Andrew and his wife, Tina; and Christopher and his wife, Jody; and their respective children, Sarah, Amy, Haley and Iain. Her sudden death partly due to a bad fall sent a shock to all. Lynda will always be remembered for her love of life, people and her love for the Lord. She is greatly missed by her family and her church family. Come quickly Lord Jesus, come.

Miroslav Stilinovic

Lewis, Lionel Herbert, born 8.9.1921 in Sydney, NSW; died 28.8.11 in Coffs Harbour Hospital after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Ellie; and his children, Dallas, Dianne, Sharma and Deborah. Lionel was a lovely Christian gentleman who ever adored his beautiful wife and dearly loved all his children. At an early age he gave his heart to the Lord. With an amazing singing voice and devotion to colour–teur ministry for many years, he glorified his Master whom he regarded as his ‘Rock’. Looking forward to meeting up with Lionel at the great resurrection morning.

Miroslav Stilinovic

McKenzie, Ruth (formerly Molly Lennon), an Aboriginal lady born in 1919 at Enringa Station, SA; died 11.11.12 in Port Augusta Hospital. On 21.4.1937, she married Malcolm McKenzie. She was predeceased by her husband, and her children, Molly and Margaret. She is survived by her 11 children, Kenneth, Donald, Angelina, Beatrice, Vivianne, Malcolm (Tiger), Heather, Alwyn (all of Port Augusta), Rex, Deidre and Regina (all of Hawker). Nana Ruth joined the Port Augusta church on Profession of Faith in 1999 under the ministry of Pastor Johnny Murison, and was baptised in 2006 by Pastor Eric Davey and Robert Dorante. Nana Ruth was one of the ‘stolen generation’ and suffered some tragic experiences, but would often say positively, “If I hadn’t been taken away I might not have learned about the Lord Jesus”. She loved the Lord with all her heart and found great comfort in the Bible teaching that the dead sleep until Jesus comes and wakes them up.

Eric Davey, Don Feichberg, John Beck, Robert Dorante, Trevor Hiscock, Garry McIver Nicholas, Winifred (Wyne) Marie (nee Dayhew), born 4.6.1929 in Auburn, NSW; died 9.10.11 at home. On 8.5.1951, she married Maurie Nicholas who predeceased her in 1979. She is survived by her daughter, Wendy Long and son–in–law Ken Long. Wyne was well known for her magical voice and sang for missions and weddings over the years. Her career was varied, with highlights being several years at the Voice of Prophecy in Wahroonga and 17 years in nursing. Wyne was a woman of prayer and constantly prayed for her family and friends. In her last moments she was talking about meeting her loved ones in heaven and then quietly went to her rest awaiting her Lord’s return. A celebration of her life was held at Kellyville church.

Martin Vukmanic

Priestley, Edith Gertrude (nee Richards), born 27.5.1917 in Cambridge, NZ; died 4.1.112 in Adventist Aged Care, Cooranbong, NSW. In 1946, she married Charles Priestley in Wanganui, NZ, who predeceased her. She is survived by her daughters, Robyn (Windemere Park, NSW) and Carol (Hornsby Heights). Edith graduated from the San in 1941 and started work as a nurse in the Waikato Hospital, Hamilton, NZ, and then later was matron at the New Zealand Missionary College, Longburn. In 1960, Edith and Charles opened a nursing home in Wanganui where they served for 16 years. In 1988, they moved to Australia to be closer to their daughters. She will be remembered as a woman who demonstrated her love for her God and her church in a loving, efficient, yet unassuming manner, that raised the spirits of all who knew her.

Doug Robertson

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Adventist Aviation Association of North NSW Conference. The annual general meeting of the NNSW AAA is to be convened on April 14, 2012, at 6.30pm in Cooranbong Community Centre—Rice Hall. The business and activities of the AAA will be reported and an election of officers and committee to serve for the ensuing year will follow. The Avondale Brass Band will play at 6.30pm. They will feature the AAA march written especially for the association. All who are interested in the wonderful outreach of AAA are invited to attend. Bring a plate and enjoy the fellowship.

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Para Vista church 25th anniversary. Former members and pastors of the Para Vista (SA) church are invited to join with the church in its 25th anniversary celebrations on Sabbath, June 23, 2012. To obtain the full Sabbath program and notify of your intention to be present, please contact Dan Heidik (08) 8263 2562 or <dheidik@bigpond.com>.

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CORRECTIONS
In RECORD, March 31:
1. The Adventist education system in PNG has seven high schools and secondary schools, not 11 (page 9–10).
2. The photo labelled Don Polye, is actually Peter Ipatas, Governor of Enga (page 11).

Finally
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