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Adventist missionaries remembered

Canberra, Australia

The Australian Government paid tribute to the victims of the country’s worst maritime disaster by unveiling a new memorial in Canberra on July 1.

The moving ceremony, held on the grounds of the Australian War Memorial, remembered those who died when a World War II United States submarine torpedoed a Japanese transport ship, the Montevideo Maru, with mostly Australian war prisoners on board.

During the ceremony, Governor-General Quentin Bryce unveiled the Rabaul and Montevideo Maru memorial, which also recognises Australians who died at the hands of the Japanese in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea (PNG).

More than 1000 people, primarily relatives of the victims, attended the ceremony, including family members of Seventh-day Adventists lost in the disaster.

“It was an incredible, amazing day,” said Lynne Hughes, granddaughter of Trevor Collett, an Adventist missionary in PNG who was captured and believed to be on board the Montevideo Maru. “It was a closure, a chance to commemorate, and a chance to talk to other families who suffered losses.”

Two other Adventists were believed lost in the maritime disaster—fellow missionary Pastor E M Abbott and Adventist government medical assistant Len Thompson.

It is believed more than 1000 Australian soldiers and civilians died when a US submarine, the USS Sturgeon, pursued and torpedoed the Montevideo Maru, mistaking it for a Japanese destroyer.

It was the greatest single loss of Australian life in World War II. However, for almost 70 years, mystery surrounded the events, and no formal recognition was given to the victims.

“It is a shame,” said Geoff Atkins in regards to the delay. His father, Pastor A S Atkins, a leader in the New Guinea Mission, died in Rabaul.

“There’s certainly been a lot of hurt, but after Sunday’s service we feel we can just get on with life and concentrate on the things that matter.”

The service included a prayer of dedication for the new memorial.

—Linden Chuang

New church ‘manna’ for the broken

Auckland, New Zealand

Members of the new Manna Park church in Drury, south of Auckland, celebrated the opening of their new building on February 25.

Not only did they have the official opening, but also the dedication, as the church was debt free at the time of the opening.

The special day began with Sabbath School and church followed by the opening celebration. Pastor Eddie Tupa’i spoke in Sabbath School, and South Pacific Division president, Dr Barry Oliver, took the church service focusing on the Church and its mission. He also officially cut the ribbon at the church opening, which was attended by about 300 people, some travelling from as far away as Australia.

Representatives from both the former Huntly and Pukekohe churches paid tribute to their previous churches, and shared how God moved to bring the congregations together to form the Manna Park church.

Pastor Jerry Matthews, president of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, also spoke during the opening and dedication service, reminding the church of its mission to make a difference where it’s needed most, namely in the lives of broken people.

Two previous pastors—Grant Burton and Paul Hopson—recounted the journey from the planning stages through to the completion of construction.

“All the praise goes to God for His goodness in providing the land, the resources to build, a completed church building and an on-fire church community, who are excited about sharing their faith with their neighbours, workmates and friends,” Pastor Greg Timmins said.

Several musical items were performed by local artists and groups including Day Seven.—Pastor Greg Timmins
Strong and proud

James Standish

From the ‘76 convertible Cadillac El Dorado I drove when we lived in California to the Ford Mustang I rattled around in during my first year of college—until it blew up. From the BMW 325 I sadly waved goodbye to when we left the US, to my current Audi A4, there is an overriding theme—I have a weakness for cars. Yes, all my cars were bought second, third or fourth-hand, at bargain basement prices, but I’ve cherished each one of them for their unique character.

But it is the car I purchased after wrapping up law school that retains the most special place in my heart; my two-seat BMW Z3 Roadster. Sure, the car had its detractors. Some automotive writers bagged it for lacking true brute power. Others had trouble with its styling—’What possible purpose did the shark grills on the side have?’ some sniped. My own brother called it a “poser car”.

But when I was zipping through city traffic with the top down and stereo blasting, none of it mattered. Not one bit!

One of the critic’s knocks against the car was its excessive BMWishness. In retrospect, BMW did slightly overdo the branding. There was the familiar BMW roundel on the front. And on the back. On the steering wheel. And at the centre of each of the four wheels. And just in case the message wasn’t clear enough, there were another two BMW roundels plastered on the side for good measure. All up, nine BMW logos on one rather small roadster.

Why? Because, let’s face it, BMW has cachet, and knows it does. And it’s not just BMW. Nearly every successful brand gleefully plasters its name and logo anywhere it can find space. Coca–Cola aims to have its logo visible in every inhabited place on earth, and they must be getting pretty close to their goal. Apple no doubt has a logo the world will see—gratis, of course.

As a car manufacturer, BMW is a leader in the branding game. There’s a BMW logo plastered near the centre of each wheel. And there are even BMW logos on the seats, the dashboard and the steering wheel. It’s not enough to have BMWs everywhere, they want to make sure that people know who they are and what they stand for.

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Looking back, maybe nine logos was a bit excessive. But it certainly didn’t hurt BMW’s Z3 sales. Similarly, I’ve visited schools around the world that proudly brand themselves Adventist and are overflowing with students, churches that are packed and Adventist entities of all shapes and sizes that proudly use our name and logo.

My conclusion? Being up-front, open and proud about who we are and what we stand for is not only the right thing, it’s the smart thing too. BMW, Coke, Apple and a thousand other entities have already figured that out. It’s time we did.

James Standish is communication director for the South Pacific Division.
One of my favourite Bible passages is found in 1 Corinthians 5:14-21. The Gospel is simple. It goes like this:

“He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own. Because of this decision we don’t evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don’t look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We’re Christ’s representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God’s work of making things right between them. We’re speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he’s already a friend with you. How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God” (The Message).

If that isn’t good news, nothing is good news!

Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
**Freeing prisoners**
Members from Burns Creek church (Honiara, Solomon Islands) conduct a weekly church service for inmates at Tataba Prison. Some of the prisoners have been convicted of violent crimes and fraud. No other denomination is reaching out to the prisoners in this way, helping to rehabilitate them with the message of Jesus’ love.—Wayne Boehm

**Adversarial approach**
An evangelistic event in Christchurch was headlined by Jonathan Sarfati, a former New Zealand chess champion (1987–88) and speaker for Creation Ministries. Mr Sarfati took on 10 challengers simultaneously, soundly trouncing them all. The creation/evolution focused weekend concluded with 20 people expressing an interest in attending prophecy seminars.—Southern Connexions

**Warm welcome**
Avondale School groups have been taking StormCo trips to Cobar in NSW’s outback for the last 16 years. This July school holidays, 26 Year 12s returned to Cobar where they ran a kids club and preached at the local AOG church. This year 1212 Aussie youth will participate in StormCo.—Around the Traps

**Camping with neighbours**
To connect with their community, “The Station” house church (Cannington, Western Australia) went camping with four families who live around their block. Two of the families are Christian and the other two have a Hindu background. Kids’ activities were organised and the families got to know one another around the campfire.—NewsWest

**Chance meeting?**
When Antonina Kuharenko, who attends the Russian church in Sydney, greeted a lady at the Coogee beach swimming pool, she noticed the lady had a Russian accent. A friendship with Zhanna grew—she began attending English classes held at the church, which led to women’s ministry meetings, Sabbath services and baptism.—Intrasyd

**Pass it on**
Bible instructors at the Discovery Centre in Wahroonga (NSW) received a phone call from one of their students to clarify a biblical point. The caller said she wanted to get her facts straight because she’s been preaching at her evangelical church, basing her sermons on the Discovery Centre materials.—Sharon Martin (pictured)

**Kempsey Adventist School**

**Change your location and change lives!**

Kempsey Adventist School (KAS), a Pre-Kindy to Year 12 campus, is now inviting applications from experienced Adventist Science, Mathematics, English and Learning Support teachers who would like to join a teaching team in a stimulating learning and genuine ministry setting.

Recognized by the Association of Independent Schools NSW as a growing curriculum leader, KAS also enjoys a vibrant relationship with local Adventist Churches in reaching out through the ministry of education to a community which is actively seeking authentic, Christ-centered, values-based education.

Located alongside pristine surf beaches and National Parks, KAS offers a unique lifestyle/work opportunity for experienced teachers who have a passion for education in an environment of growth, professional support and relevance, where teaching is about changing lives and impacting a whole community.

For further information about career opportunities at KAS contact Mr Rohan Deanshaw, Principal - Kempsey Adventist School, by phone on 02 6562 7023 or by email at principal@kas.nsw.edu.au. Applications close on Friday 28 September 2012.
**Adventists connect with community**

*Wahroonga, NSW*

Helping make the world a better place is as simple as knocking on doors.

That’s the message of this year’s ADRA Appeal, a nationwide doorknock run by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) that launched this month.

“We all hope to leave a positive mark on the world. This year you can,” said ADRA Australia CEO Jonathan Duffy. “By simply knocking on doors in your community, sharing a little about ADRA’s ministry and asking for a donation, everyone has the opportunity to make the world a better place for those doing it hardest.”

In the past year, ADRA Australia’s work across the country has included family refuges that provide sanctuary and support for victims of domestic violence or families in crisis, community centres that provide free assessment and counselling, and community meals programs that help support the homeless and disadvantaged.

In addition, ADRA operates a number of youth projects that help equip, train and build resilience in young people for brighter futures.

“ADRA has been changing people’s lives across Australia for a long time,” Mr Duffy said. “That’s largely thanks to people’s generous support of the annual ADRA Appeal.”

Donations also support ADRA’s work overseas. In 17 of the world’s poorest countries, ADRA Australia supports projects that assist communities living in poverty, helping them to identify and address areas of need.

- Programs include increasing access to clean water, securing year-round food sources, providing basic education in literacy, numeracy and vocational skills, and improving household incomes through training and access to micro-finance opportunities.

- This year, in what is the Adventist Church’s largest organised community engagement activity, thousands of generous Adventist volunteers across Australia will be collecting in their local communities to raise money for ADRA’s work.

- To get involved with the ADRA Appeal this year, speak to the ADRA Appeal coordinator in your local church or contact your local director of ADRA services.

For more information about ADRA Australia, visit <www.adra.org.au> or connect at <www.facebook.com/ADRAAustralia>.

—Braden Blyde

**Church uses Olympics for outreach**

*London, United Kingdom*

The Adventist Church in London is using the opportunity provided by the influx of visitors, as well as the almost carnival atmosphere created by the Games, to increase outreach.

With the Olympic torch visiting more than 1000 towns in the UK, many churches have held street parties or been involved in the festivals, with health expos, sports tournaments, boot camps, holiday Bible schools, cookery clubs and youth cafes.

The Church has also developed the Official Adventist Church Olympic Outreach App, an app for smartphones, which has collated all of the summer evangelism plans from churches across the South England Conference. There is a timeline that shows events happening during all aspects of the Games.

Some examples of events that have already happened include an Olympic themed Pathfinder investiture and the Leicester Central church’s Women’s Gospel Choir singing “This little light of mine” as the torch relay went past their church.

London pastor, author and preacher, Richard Daly, is an official Olympic chaplain. Some churches have been using his book, *The Christian Race*, as an outreach tool, handing it out with their details during the Olympic torch parade.

For more Olympic updates, visit <http://www.hopetv.org.uk/content/media-library/media-story/ml/buc-news-media-archive/olympic-torch-witness/>.

—RECORD staff/Victor Hulbert
**FLASHPOINT**

**Young hearts share God’s heart**
Thirty students from Kindergarten to Year 7 at Riverside Community School took the church service at Victoria Park Adventist church (WA) in May. The children presented a story about God’s heart. They also sang songs, read Bible verses and showed artworks to illustrate their message.—Karyn Stanton/NewsWest

**Surf’s up!**
Adventist youth in Gippsland (Vic) recently came together for a day of surfing. The event was part of the VicYouth’s Regional Ministry, and featured Moe Adventist church head elder Paul Holton as speaker and former pro surfer Glyndon Ringrose as tutor. Ringrose also gave his testimony of how he shared God with his fellow surfers while on the pro tour.—James Smith/IntraVic

**Quakes close camp**
The South New Zealand Conference (SNZC) is continuing to deal with the effects of the Canterbury earthquakes and has been advised by the Pascoe Park Management Committee that 12 buildings on the campground no longer meet the standards required for use as a public building. The Executive Committee has upheld its duty of care and taken the unfortunate but necessary decision not to hold camp at Pascoe Park in January 2013. Other alternatives have been investigated, but a lack of suitable venues on the South Island means a residential camp will not be held next year.—Southern Connexions

**Silver success**
Year 7 Gold Coast Christian College student Anna Rowe (far right) won a silver medal at the 2012 Australian Gymnastics Championships as part of the Queensland Level 7 Gymnastics Team. The championships were held at Sydney Olympic Park (NSW) from May 28 to June 2. Anna also earned individual top 10 honours overall, after her achievements in the floor, balance beam and uneven bars categories. Her success at the championships is a reflection of her dedication and work ethic, which includes 20 hours a week of training.—GCCC/Delta Gymnastics Gold Coast

**Anzac story in demand**
On Anzac Day, an It Is Written Oceania program, *Fighting Mac—The story of William McKenzie*, featured on national television in Australia and New Zealand. Since then, the documentary has garnered a great amount of interest. One recent inquiry came from The State Library of NSW in Sydney, which asked for a copy of *The Faith of the Anzacs* DVD and book, as well as other Anzac materials.—IIWO

**Anything at Avondale**
Prospective Bachelor of Arts students at Avondale College have more options than ever. They can choose from any major at Avondale or from any major at any other higher education provider—and have it appear on their Avondale testamur. “So, effectively, we offer every major in the world,” says Associate Professor Daniel Reynaud, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Theology.—Brenton Stacey/Colin Chuang

**The perfect storm**
It’s winter in New Zealand, but the small community of Otuatau was recently overcome by a different kind of storm—StormCo. Twelve high school and university students were busy during their week-long service trip in early July—running kids’ clubs, picking up rubbish and cleaning yards. They also held a mini Olympics for local teens. StormCo plans to return to Otuatau next year.—SNZC

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It costs money to send missionaries and establish an Adventist presence in new areas around the world. But for the past 22 years Seventh-day Adventists have found an effective and efficient way of making disciples and planting new churches among unreached people groups and in previously unentered areas.

Global Mission, an initiative of the General Conference, has funded local lay volunteers as “pioneers”–from the 10-40 window to big-city suburbs and tiny atolls–to grow new churches. The Annual Sacrifice offering, which will be collected on September 8, the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, will again support these Global Mission projects across the world.

“Global Mission projects have raised up at least 42 new church groups within the South Pacific in the last three years and seen 287 people baptised in 2011 alone. We have received $A1.3 million from the General Conference in just two years to support these new church plants,” said Pastor Ray Coombe, coordinator for Global Mission in the South Pacific Division. “These funds are made possible by the generous giving of our members around the world, and most Global Mission projects would never get started without this injection of money.”

In Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific we see exciting developments among new people groups. Because of immigration there is an increasing number of large ethnic populations in Australia and New Zealand that have never been reached before, and these represent an opportunity for the Adventist Church. Recently, Global Mission has established a new church group among Filipinos in Christchurch, Indians in Auckland, Indonesians in Sydney, Asian students in Melbourne, Karen Burmese refugees in Melbourne, Bendigo and Perth, and African refugees in Perth. There are also new church plants growing in Mata-mata, NZ, at Flagstone in Brisbane, at Melton in north-western Melbourne, Coober Pedy in central Australia, Bourke in western NSW, and on Saibai Island in the Torres Strait.

In Papua New Guinea, Global Mission projects have opened new Adventist work in the Mekeo district of Central Papua, at Wutung on the border between PNG and Indonesian Jaya, and many new churches in the remote highlands. New areas have been opened in Vanuatu, Fiji, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Samoa and the Solomon Islands and the most recent challenge is to begin Adventist work among the Chinese communities of Honiara, Port Vila and Nuku’alofa.

The new church groups developing among the Karen Burmese community in Victoria are a good example of what Global Mission is able to do in fulfilling the Gospel commission. Nan Shwe Yi is a lay pastor supported by Global Mission funds, who, with her husband Mervin, has run Bible study groups among Karen young people and seen groups grow in Werribee, Geelong, Bendigo, Springvale and Ringwood. They have seen 35 baptisms in four years. Many of these people have come to Australia from refugee camps. Some are from Christian backgrounds and others were Buddhists.

The large cities of Australia–where thousands of new immigrants now have the freedom to change their religion and where secular modernists are looking for certainty and hope–are the challenge for Global Mission in the 21st century. Your generous offering on September 8 will help to plant new churches and make disciples in all parts of the world.

Ray Coombe is Global Mission coordinator for the South Pacific Division.
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The funds raised help projects that are making real and significant differences in the lives of people in our own communities and in communities right across the world. By committing to the ADRA Appeal we are helping to meet the call for justice echoed throughout Scripture.

But more than that, thousands of Adventists across the country are on the doorsteps and in the shopping centres of their local communities, meeting people, getting to know them and sharing just a little about what it means to follow Jesus.

So this year I am challenging myself to not approach the ADRA Appeal with dread and obligation. I’m endeavouring to remember what the ADRA Appeal really is: connecting with community and changing lives. That sounds pretty great to me.

Nathan Hawkins is the ADRA director for the North NSW Conference.
The obesity vaccine?

Countless new scientific studies are published every day, but over the last few weeks one in particular has been getting quite a bit of attention. A study, published in the *Journal of Animal Science and Biotechnology* investigated the effects of a vaccine currently in development. What makes this particular vaccine different is that it’s not designed to prevent measles or malaria; it’s designed to treat obesity.

In the paper, it was reported that mice given a series of injections over the course of a few weeks experienced a loss of about 10% body weight, sustained over that time. Perhaps the most intriguing part of this experiment was that these mice were being fed a high fat diet, suggesting the mice could “eat badly” and still lose weight. However, such findings we note with interest and some caution. Mouse studies like this one offer limited data for how such a vaccine may or may not function in a human being.

While some people may hold hope that such work might one day lead to an “obesity vaccine” for humans, would an injection that allows us to eat badly and stay slim automatically solve our ever growing problem of chronic disease? While obesity is associated with a whole range of chronic diseases, it has also been described as the “canary in the coal mine”, a visual sign that there are greater problems at hand. While science works tirelessly to help find solutions to health problems, we should not forget that by following a healthy lifestyle, we have some great, scientifically proven tools available already to help maintain optimal health.

Black-eyed bean and eggplant curry

Preparation time: 20 minutes  Cooking time: 45 minutes  Serves: 4

- ¾ cup (150g) dried black-eyed beans, soaked overnight
- 2 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2cm piece ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 275g eggplant, trimmed and cut into 1cm dice
- 1 tbsp korma curry paste (for more spice use 2 tbsp)
- 1 cup tomato passata sauce
- ½ cup vegetable stock
- ½ cup reduced fat natural yoghurt
- ½ cup coriander leaves, roughly chopped

1. Place soaked drained beans in a saucepan, cover with water and bring to the boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Drain and rinse well.
2. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, ginger and eggplant. Cook, stirring often, for 10 minutes until vegetables are tender. Stir in curry paste. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
3. Stir in beans, tomato sauce and stock. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 10-12 minutes or until beans and eggplant are tender. Stir through yoghurt and coriander.
4. Serve with steamed brown long-grain rice.

**TIPS:** Passata sauce is available in most supermarkets in the pasta sauce aisle; alternatively you could use pureed tinned tomatoes. Cook eggplant separately for a more vibrant colour.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:** 880kJ (200cal); Protein 8g; Total Fat 11g; Saturated Fat <1g; Carbohydrate 17g; Total Sugars 10g; Sodium 480mg; Potassium 650mg; Calcium 120mg; Iron 2.1mg; Fibre 7g.
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WHAT DID ELLEN WHITE MEAN WHEN SHE said the history presented in the book of Haggai “will be repeated”? On its face, it is an odd statement. After all, Haggai was written during the time of the reconstruction of the temple after the return of the Jews from the Babylonian exile. What could that have to do with us, today? Did she mean the temple would be rebuilt in Jerusalem? Or that a modern day equivalent of the Babylonians would again attack a nation of Israel? Is it a cryptic reference to unknown prophetic events?

To understand the statement, we must understand the circumstances Haggai confronted. You see, the temple reconstruction turned into a painfully stilted affair. It was begun with great gusto, and then petered out. The Jews were back in their Promised Land. But tragically, the temple remained a hollow shell; a hollow shell that should have been a living metaphor for salvation through faith in Christ.

What caused the neglect of the temple? It turns out that people back then weren’t so different than we are today. You see, they lost their focus on building God’s house, because they were so busy building their own houses—their “panelled houses”. (Haggai 1: 1-4). Their focus diverted from God to themselves.

Similarly, we today find it easy to become distracted by our own business and our own works, and in the process take our focus away from the sacrifice of Jesus. But salvation isn’t about us, our works or our plans—it’s found entirely and totally in Christ.

Haggai stirred up the people and they finally completed the rebuilding work. They rebuilt the temple, not because the building had an intrinsic value, but because it would have its function restored—the work of cleansing sin, by pointing to the great sacrifice that was to be made to save sinners through faith.

In Haggai 2, the Lord said the glory of this second temple would be greater than the former (Solomon’s temple). How could this be? There is almost universal agreement that the second temple was far inferior to the first. And this second temple was defiled by Antiochus Epiphanes’ order to sacrifice pigs on its altar before the idol of Zeus he erected within it. Even after Herod extensively renovated the second temple soon before Christ’s birth, it was nothing compared to Solomon’s original.

So how did this second temple surpass the first? Simple. It was in this second temple that the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, would one day walk. And through Him, the metaphor so beautifully played out in the sacrificial system over the millennia, would be fulfilled and our salvation would be assured. His sacrifice ensured that there would be no need, ever, for a third temple here on earth.

It’s now more than 100 years since Ellen White wrote that had the church of the time accepted the message of 1888 (justification by faith—the Gospel) they would have been in heaven. But we are still here. Is it because we have committed the sins of the people in Haggai’s time and taken our focus away from Christ and turned our attention to our own lives and our own works? Do we talk about us living the Christian life, instead of looking to Jesus?

The good news is that the delay in rebuilding the temple in Haggai’s time was not permanent. The people responded to his call; the second temple was completed and the services symbolising salvation through Christ began anew. It’s time for that history to be repeated! It is my prayer that the story of our people in this time will similarly end with a recommitment to salvation by faith in Christ, and through our collective acceptance of Christ’s perfect gift of justification, He will use us to finish the work He’s entrusted to us.


Graham Morris is a retired journalist and teacher who attends Lilydale church in Victoria.
I WILL SAY IT AT THE OUTSET; I HAVE A GOAL FOR this article and it is to convince you that Adventist history matters. Of course, you already know that, as one of the most loved statements of our pioneer and prophetess, Ellen White, says: “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”¹ And yet, although we frequently quote these words, we tend to be uninterested in much of “our past history”; in effect, we have “forgot[ten] the way the Lord has led us”.

Some may wonder if history has much relevance for Seventh-day Adventists, who look forward to the impending end of history. Knowledge of the past might appear pointless—perhaps even a sort of stumbling block. Might not looking backwards make us stumble and fall in the race of faith that is supposed to end with a heavenly crown? In fact, the opposite is true.

God’s people and history

Throughout the Old and New Testaments God repeatedly urged His people to record, preserve and be aware of their history. The model in Scripture is that knowing and reflecting on our history reminds us of how much we owe God, rather than ourselves. Knowing and reflecting on past missteps is a reminder of our need to rely on His power, not our own. Knowing how He acted in the past also gives us confidence that He will enable us to meet the challenges we have to face now and in the future.²

In our early days, Seventh-day Adventists were well aware of the potential for encouragement in both biblical and Adventist history; it was a common theme of Ellen White. In addition to the earlier quotation, she also wrote, for example, that God Himself “has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work”. In consequence, she affirmed: “The past history of the cause of God needs to be often brought before the people young and old.”³ She regarded “reviewing our past history” as integral to mission and regretted our failure to permanently record “the precious story of what God has done for us”⁴. More generally, she highlighted God’s desire for historical awareness among those who worship Him; she emphasised the need to record, for future generations, events in both Adventist and wider Christian history; and she stressed the importance of sacred history in Adventist education.⁵

Nevertheless, Seventh-day Adventists collectively have been, and still frequently are, careless of our history. This is partly because our focus on Christ’s imminent return has made our past seem unimportant. Yet there is another reason, I believe—fear. Some of us fear, if only subconsciously, that research might reveal discreditable things about our past.

Learning God’s lessons

However, to adapt Ellen White, we have nothing to fear in our history—and much to learn from it. Ignoring unpleasant facts about the past is self-defeating, for those who do not learn from the mistakes of the past frequently repeat them. Furthermore, it defies the example of Scripture.

According to Ellen White, “one of the best evidences of the authenticity of the Scriptures [is] that the truth is not glossed over nor the sins of its chief characters suppressed”. She dryly observed:

How many biographies have been written of faultless Christians, who, in their ordinary home life and church relations, shone as examples of immaculate piety. . . had the pen of inspiration written their histories, how different would they have appeared?
Biblical narratives, she writes, detail the lives of their protagonists in full, “record[ing] the struggles, the defeats, and the victories of the greatest men this world has ever known”, with “all their faults and follies”. Yet this does not discourage us; instead, “seeing where they struggled and fell, where they took heart again and conquered through the grace of God, we are encouraged”.5

Seventh-day Adventists, individually and collectively, have not always done things efficiently, honestly, or in a Christ-like way. But that was true of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Moses, Joshua and the judges; David and Solomon; and our Lord’s own disciples. When we research our history, as when we study the Scriptures, we will find the mistakes of sinful humans—and the triumphs granted by God despite them.

As well as being chastened by knowledge of past mistakes and missteps, we can also be encouraged and inspired by the example of lives of commitment and self-sacrifice. The best example of this is the extraordinary narrative of people of faith and of sacred history in Hebrews chapter 11.

The author emphasises that even Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah “did not receive the things promised”; though they had faith, they died (verse 13, NIV). How, then, were Isaac, Jacob, Esau, Joseph, Moses, and all the judges and heroes of biblical history, able to maintain faith? Every generation of believers has the example of the previous generation, which has lived by faith and been empowered by God to confront terrible challenges. We today have the record of so many more generations of faithful believers, who faced torture, derision, imprisonment, hunger and all kinds of hardships, but “whose weakness was turned to strength” (verse 34, NIV).

Every believer to whom the book of Hebrews was written was surrounded by a very “great cloud of witnesses”—how much truer is that of us today! Because of their example, we are able to “lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares . . . and run with endurance the race” that concludes with Christ, “the author and finisher of our faith” in heaven (Heb. 12:1-2, NKJV). Our history is far from a stumbling block—it encourages and energises us.

Our pioneers encountered poverty, ostracism, hunger and imprisonment, but were undaunted. The denomination’s first missionary, J N Andrews, literally starved himself to death, pouring all the money he received into his work, leaving insufficient for his own needs. Early missionaries to Russia and the Middle East were frequently beaten, fined or imprisoned. Dozens of Adventists boldly went as missionaries to West and Central Africa, to South-East Asia, and to the islands of the South Pacific, although they knew this meant encountering tropical diseases for which no cures were then known. Many died and are buried there, their humble graves, sometimes sadly forgotten by subsequent generations but not by the Saviour they served. “And [in the words of the author of Hebrews] what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about” the experiences of Joseph Bates, James and Ellen White, J N Loughborough, G Daniels, E J Waggoner, W W Prescott, W A Spicer, G D Keough, Arthur Spaulding, Arthur Maxwell, A H Piper, C H Watson, W H Branson, F D Nichol, L E Froom, Ferdinand and Ana Stahl, and so many others.

Their examples can motivate us and give us new courage as we proclaim the good news of salvation to a world broken by sin. They are the “great cloud of witnesses surrounding us”, today’s Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

Embracing our history

I am a church historian, both by profession and vocation; I am not suggesting we all become scholars! However, we can all encourage our youth to be interested in our history. Local churches can explore their own history and the workings of Providence in their past, and can annually devote Sabbaths to the Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist heritage. And we can all affirm, encourage and pray for those who research our history.

For if we want our Church to fulfil its mission, and if we are to be true to the Lord who gave us the great commission, we need the confidence that comes from knowing how God has acted in our past. We need the chastening of knowing that, when we rely on our own strength, we fail. And we need the power that comes from knowing there is a great cloud of witnesses, ordinary men and women, with manifold flaws and imperfections, who were transformed by God’s grace into potent vessels for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Rather than being a stumbling block, dusty rocks, which only get in the way of the race of faith, the events and people of our past are the metaphorical foundation stones, the building blocks, of our Church. They point us toward the Author and Finisher of our faith, whose power alone can transform us and bring us to heaven.

1 Life Sketches of Ellen G. White (1915), 196.
4 Life Sketches, 596; Selected Messages, II, 390, Ill, 320.
5 See Education (1903; 1952), 173-84 esp. 184; Messages to Young People (1930), 176; Selected Messages, Ill, 320-21; Testimonies, V, 521, 525, VI, 364-65, VIII, 307.
6 White, Testimonies, IV, 9, 10, 12; Patriarchs and Prophets (1958), 596.

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FIRST MARTYR
Geoff Atkins, Vic

A belated thank you for “Torpedo Tragedy” (Feature, June 16). On July 1, my sister Lois and I were able to join Anthea Hughes (nee Collett) and some of her family as we attended a ceremony in Canberra for the dedication of the Rabaul and Montevideo Maru memorial.

It was a moving occasion and a time of closure for many I’m sure, and I trust will put an end to the many and varied speculations that have surrounded these events.

Some years ago I was told of a book written by a priest, presumably from Vunapope Catholic hospital in New Britain, which stated that our father, Pastor Arthur Atkins, was the first Christian martyr of the war in New Guinea.

I didn’t put much significance to it at that time but now the full list of prisoners has been released and it shows that Dad was executed at Vunapope. I guess if he had died of his cardiac asthma he would not have been a martyr.

Whatever the full story is, Lois and I agree that what really matters is that we know where he is (thanks to Ken Boehm), he has a proper grave and we can look forward to the resurrection morning with eagerness. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

GOD TAMES ACTION MAN
Felicity Johnson, SA

The articles “Not a tame lion” (Opinion, June 16) and “Guts and glory” (Editorial) both resonated with me.

How patient God is with us. Fancy a human being trying to control God as though He was some kind of lion. But then how inspirational to know that although the devil walks around as a roaring lion, Jesus gives us the courage to radically change the way the world is for good.

Yes, it is ironic that we can find ourselves wrestling with God in an attempt to get our own way, while the whole time He is trying to save us from ourselves and motivate us to help Him save others. Truly, as Ellen White put it, our greatest enemy is ourselves.

CALL AGAINST PREJUDICE
Karen Muirhead, NSW

Thank you for reminding us the call against prejudice is from Christ.

Growing up in a cross-cultural Adventist family in Melbourne, it still takes my breath away when professed God-lovers make derogatory comments about refugees or people of other cultures—in company, as though it’s an alright thing to say.

It makes me heartsick remembering my little sister staying away from school because of the cruelty, my articulate grandmother treated as illiterate . . .

The tragedy of the Chamberlains’ life-altering loss and trauma happened in Australia because of a present, although at times latent, prejudice. God requires that we love justice and show mercy to all, and that means all (Micah 6:8).

QUANTUM LEAP
Hans Vandyk, NSW

I have just finished reading both the June and July editions of the RECORD. The choice of material, the themes and the intellectual nature of the articles are inspiring.

I see the RECORD having taken a quantum leap. I am just so thrilled and delighted. Today, it has true integrity as a church paper.

The RECORD can now be used as a witnessing tool, similar to the way Signs can.

Sincere congratulations—what an utter joy to digest.

FINALLY?
Paul Edwards, NSW

I noticed that the June 16 RECORD didn’t have the “Finally” quote at the end.

What’s happened? It’s one of the little things I look for in my RECORD. Please bring it back.

Editorial Note: We’re so glad you enjoy the quotes our team locates for each issue. Unfortunately, it was left out of one issue due to space constraints. The quote is back to stay!
HOLLYWOOD HAS MADE DEMONIC FORCES INTO a cartoonish form of entertainment. On the screen actors writhe as bulging-eyed priests attempt to exorcise demons. Wizards and mystical forces are so common in our entertainment, we have become anesthetised to them. And yet, even as our entertainment is bathed in exploration of dark forces, many in our society are increasingly skeptical there is a devil at all.

Maybe one of the devil’s most effective deceptions is to dupe people into believing he doesn’t exist. With no devil, people blame all evil on God. And if people don’t believe in a literal devil, they are unprepared to battle him. Today, people often assume evil is just people acting at their worst. Many assume the devil is a fairytale. Surely, they ask, Satan is simply a metaphor for our own weaknesses?

That’s not what the Bible says, and it’s not what I’ve experienced first-hand as a pastor. From the Garden of Eden to the temptation of Christ, Satan is consistently presented in the Bible as a very real, literal force in our world. Paul puts it this way: “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12).

But do we have any reason to believe the Bible’s account? I certainly do!

I grew up in Papua New Guinea where I heard nearly every week of people being directly attacked by the enemy and of people receiving victory in Jesus. But, ironically, it wasn’t until I returned to Australia that I saw demonic possession first-hand. I’ve now witnessed the working of demons a number of times—including strange voices, mysterious movements and people possessed by the devil.

Recently, for example, I received a phone call from a pastor requesting my presence immediately. During praise time at his Perth church one of the attendees started going into strange convulsions—writhing and raving. He was out of his mind, possessed by outside forces. As I drove to the church, I prayed for the power of Christ. In the following hours, through the power of Jesus’ name in prayer, the man received victory from this demonic attack. This wasn’t in remote jungles or during some far off time. This was Western Australia, today.

The great controversy is not just a metaphoric story about the struggle between good and evil—it describes a very real battle between Christ and Satan. The Bible is clear that the devil and his demons are on this earth doing their evil work. However Jesus’ death on Calvary was the event that decisively decided their future—His shed blood gives us victory over the devil and his evil angels. While the devil still comes to kill and destroy, we need not fear because Jesus is more powerful and He came here to give life. God can and will cleanse us from sin and the devil’s influence if we let Him. All we need to do is ask God to reveal to us the sin in our lives, repent and claim the victory of Jesus. God is waiting to replace sin and evil with the love and peace of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Is Satan a real, literal presence in our world today? Tragically, I’ve seen first-hand that he is. Is Christ just as real? Absolutely! And, most importantly, not only is Christ real, He has the power to vanquish Satan and demonic forces. I’ve seen Him do it!

1 Revelation 12
2 Colossians 2:13-15
3 Matthew 10:1, Luke 10:1, 17-20; Mark 16:15-18; Acts 26:18
4 John 10:10
5 Psalms 139:23-24, John 16:7-11
6 Romans 2:4; Acts 2:38, 3:19, 8:22, 17:30, 26:20; 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:5; Daniel 9:4; James 5:16,17
7 Romans 10:9,10; Revelation 12:10,11
8 1 John 4:13-17; Romans 8:10-11

Pastor Glenn Townend is president of the Western Australian Conference.
Colin Hone

I was 29 and living in my office with barely enough money to buy a pie at the local 7/11 across the road. It was the lowest point in my life. I would spend everything I earned on drinking, cigarettes and marijuana. I had tried everything to feel happy—partying, travelling, living in a rainforest. I went from one relationship to another seeking love to fill the emptiness I felt. In desperation, I got down on my knees and cried out to God for help.

One night, I was walking down Bondi beach in Sydney with a friend when we came across some young people handing out books. I asked them if they had any books about prophecy, as I remembered studying the Bible briefly with my stepmother, a Jehovah’s Witness. They gave me a book on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, which I read. I couldn’t believe how much it made sense.

Immediately, I called a friend of mine who was an Adventist, and asked if I could visit to discuss the things I had read. I was so excited that my friend gave me another book called The Great Controversy. I read it in a couple of days. It completely changed my life. I checked everything it said with the Bible—the war between Jesus and Satan, what sin had done to the human race and God’s rescue plan.

I looked up the number for the Seventh-day Adventist church in the White Pages, and left a message asking for Bible studies. Within 24 hours, Pastor Phil Brown had invited me to his house to study the Bible once a week, to his church at Glen Huntly (Victoria) and also to a small group meeting with people I soon called friends. Six months later I was baptised. According to prophecy, God raised up a movement of people in 1844 to give a message of hope, worship and warning to keep the commandments in Christ-like faith. I became an Adventist because I believe it’s our job to preach the Gospel of Jesus and His righteousness to the world.

It has been a journey of ups and downs. A few years ago I joined Pastor Dennis Smith after reading his book 40 Days: Prayers and Devotions to Prepare for the Second Coming. Since then, I’ve been preaching and doing revivals in churches worldwide. In the Philippines, 319 people were baptised. In Thailand and Ethiopia, 3000 people came and re-committed their lives to Jesus. I have seen God do amazing things, especially through this book. The signs of the world tell us that our time is short; that nothing but the baptism of the Holy Spirit will prepare us for the second coming. My mission is to revive God’s people through prayer.

40 Days: Prayers and Devotions to Prepare for the Second Coming is available at Adventist Book Centres and at <www.spiritbaptism.org>.

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Pastor Geoff Youlden
Why I believe Christ is coming soon (parts 1 & 2)
How to be ready for end times
The Vatican, the EC and Australia
How to get others ready for the end times

Dr Allan Lindsay
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- **Primary teacher and Head of Secondary—Heritage College (Officer, Vic) is expanding its operations at Heritage College campus in the suburb of Officer. 2013 will see the opening of an early years program (P–2), along with the expansion of the secondary school (7–12). Applications are invited for the positions of: 1. Primary teacher. Qualifications—Bachelor of Education (Primary). Applicants will need to demonstrate: support of the ethos of Adventist Education; best practice in learning and teaching strategies, understandings and skills in the area of early years; a sound knowledge of the use of ICT in all learning areas is essential; innovation in an open classroom setting. 2. Head of Secondary. Qualifications—Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Master of Education is desirable. Applicants will need to demonstrate: support of the ethos of Adventist Education; best practice in learning and teaching strategies, understandings and skills in the area of secondary education; successful administrative and leadership experience; ability to foster and develop appropriate relationships with staff, students, parents and the wider church and school communities. Please email letter of application and CV to: The Director of Education, Adventist Schools Victoria, <brianmercer@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **August 31, 2012**.

- **Infant school teacher—Port Macquarie Adventist School (Port Macquarie, NSW).** We are seeking an experienced, innovative and qualified infant school teacher for Port Macquarie Adventist School. The Port Macquarie Adventist School is a vibrant and growing K–6 primary school. The full-time position will involve teaching students in an infant class and also assisting in extra-curricular activities. The successful applicant needs to be a committed, practising Seventh-day Adventist, hardworking, and an enthusiastic teaching professional with excellent subject knowledge and a sound understanding of the NSW Board of Studies curriculum. The successful applicant will need to be a motivated individual with a keen interest in encouraging and inspiring students to love learning, to grow and develop skills for life. For more information, call Marilyn Hansen on (02) 4944 3223. To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter by email to Marilyn Hansen <marilyn@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **September 21, 2012**.

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APPRECIATION

The family of the late Darrel Wyborn sincerely thank all those who lovingly sent cards, flowers and prayed for our family. A special thank you to all his old Longburn College friends who contacted us. His students were very special to him and he often spoke so kindly of his time as preceptor during 1951–1954.

ANNIVERSARIES

Clancy, John and Barbara (nee Jones) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family at Port Macquarie, NSW. They were married 16.5.1952 in Maclean. Love and best wishes come from their extended family of six children, Christine, Julie, Ouida, Suzanne, Jennifer and Stephen; nine grandchildren and spouses; and seven great-grandchildren. They spent many years in the Clarence River area, in Cooranbong and in recent years in Port Macquarie.

Wawrzonek, Miroslaw (Mick) and Bozena (nee Nowicki) have celebrated their 60th anniversary in 1.7.1951 in Krakow, Poland. Mick was a builder technician and Bozena worked in the Southern Conference office in Krakow. They have two children, Bogdan and Alina; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. They immigrated to Australia in 1961 and are active members of the Newcastle Polish church, NSW. Mick serves as church elder and every Sabbath plays his saxophone and Bozena is a church organist. Their whole life is devoted to Jesus Christ and the Adventist Church.

WEDDINGS

Cooper—Kim. Cameron David Cooper, son of David Cooper (Newcastle, NSW), and Jenns Kim, daughter of Sook Kim and Yeon—Sook Ko (Jeju, South Korea), were married 11.3.12 at Lilydale church, Vic. They will live in Melbourne, where they both work for the Church.

Ford—Sobrevilla. Kevin Ford and Edna Sobrevilla were married 22.4.12 in Kevin’s home at Batemans Bay, NSW, in front of a small group of family and friends. Having lost their previous partners, they have both found love again and will continue to live in Batemans Bay. In addition to their commitment to Christ, the couple plans to work in personal evangelism and pursue their other passion—fishing.

Halteh—Howey. Pashaar Halteh, son of the late Farah Halteh and Anne and Mato Halteh—Kreso (East Doncaster, Vic), and Jane Elizabeth Howey, daughter of John and Denise Howey (Mount Eliza), were married 22.4.12 at St James The Less Anglican church, Mount Eliza.

SHANE HUBNER, MORRIE KRIEG

OBITUARIES

Haywood, Beryl Jean, born 23.4.1913 in Essendon, Vic; died 25.5.12, aged 99, at Advent-Care Whitehorse, Nunawading. In 1931, she married Thomas Campbell, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Max and Yvonne; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Beryl was a warm, loving woman with a smile that radiated God’s love. She became an Adventist in her latter years on the Gold Coast. She ran a healthcare shop amongst the many businesses she operated. Beryl attended Mont Albert church, before coming into care at AdventCare. She looked forward to meeting her Saviour.

VICKI WOOLFE

Karalius, John, born 22.11.1935 in Memel, Lithuania; died 13.1.12 in Warwick, Qld. John migrated to Australia in 1949. In 1961, he married Robyn Stewart at Quirindi, NSW. He worked in Melbourne and Sydney before eventually retiring in Warwick, Qld. He is survived by his wife (Warwick); his children, Marie-anne MacArthur (Macleay Island), Katrina de Val, Michael (Ipswich) and Rachael Benz (Warwick); his grandchildren, Peeta de Valle, Katelyn Karalius and Billy Benz. John was at peace with God and awaits the call of the Lifegiver.

DON BRYANT

Laredo, Larry James, born 28.9.1939 in Sydney, NSW; died 24.4.12 on the Gold Coast, Qld. On 31.1.1961, he married Ruby. He is survived by his wife (Gold Coast); and his children, Grant (Cooranbong, NSW) and Jenny Hilda (Newcastle). After their wedding, they served as literature evangelists in Victoria and Tasmania. Then Larry worked in various types of media including newspaper, radio and television, with roles in sales, marketing, public relations and management. He was then called to ministry, pastoring across Australia and NZ. Larry will always be remembered for his happy, positive attitude that was even evident up to just days before his death from cancer.

GEORGE YOULDEN, SEAN BERKELEY

Mackay, Elsie Merle (nee Thomas), born 29.3.1925 in record.net.au • AUGUST 4, 2012 21
Kempsey, NSW; died 3.6.12 in Avondale Retirement Village. On 5.4.1947, she married Fergus. She is survived by her husband; and their daughters and their families, Coralyn and Derek Eddy, Marilyn and Chris Olafson and Kaylene and Graeme Humble. Ferg and Elsie were baptised in 1951 at Mullumbimby and became foundation members of Tweed Heads church. After some years of literature evangelism, Ferg entered the ministry and he and Elsie served the Church in Australia and the Pacific Islands. Elsie passed to her rest after a lengthy illness, with Ferg by her side every day.

**Ross Goldstone, Horrie Watts**

Scott, Cliff Halford, born 6.10.1935 in Gympie, Qld; died 20.4.12 in Kingaroy. On 10.5.1969, he married Lyn Davison at Kingaroy. He was predeceased by his son, Dwayne, on 7.3.12. He is survived by his wife (Kingaroy); his son, Dwayne, on 7.3.12. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Joop and Rinke, and his children, Trudy (Toowoomba), Tim (Brisbane), Ben (Sunshine Coast) and Andrew (Canberra, ACT). Cliff will be remembered as a husband, father and grandfather, who loved his family. A builder by trade, he was involved in building the current Kingaroy church. Cliff (too) to be involved at church, especially through the Pathfinder Club, in many and varied ways through his skill and knowledge of many things.

**Victor Tonnes**

Nugara, Juliet Mildred Georgiana, born 19.6.1917 in Galaha, Sri Lanka; died 11.10.11 in Westmead Hospital, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley, and son, Stanley Jr. She is survived by her children, Camille (Baukham Hills), Fredrick (Mount Annan), Murray (Castle Hill), Sanford (Dural), and Ripple (Tennyson, but now sadly deceased), and their respective spouses, Sue, Bev, Glenda and Mark; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Juliet was a devoted wife and mother and a committed follower of Jesus. She had a special gift for friendship and hospitality, and she organised numerous social events which touched the lives of many women both in the Church and in the community.

**David McKibben**

Slotegraaf, Pieter George (Piet), born 3.12.1920 in Sumatra, Indonesia; died 19.4.12 in Paynesville, Vic. Piet moved to Tasmania in 1951 where he met Aly. They were married on 8.5.1954 in Hobart, before moving to Victoria in November 1956. On 17.7.1982, he was baptised in Bainsdale church by Pastor Lyman Ritchie. He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Mikhela, aged 14 months. Piet was survived by his wife; two sons, Joop and Rinke, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Piet worked in the Department of Agriculture for 28 years. He loved his garden and felt most at home there. He loved his Lord and is now awaiting His return and the resurrection of the faithful.

**Matthew Hunter**

Osborne, Trevor Mervyn Alfred, born 20.2.1937; died 2.1.12. He was baptised on 5.5.1955. In 1957, he went to the Carmel Missionary College, WA, where he met his wife. He married Helen Robertson on 20.1.1960, and they were blessed with four children, Victor, Heather, Jamie and Debbie. Trevor was a loyal and devoted member of Millicent church. During the early days of his marriage, he sold Christian books on the Yorke and Eyre Peninsulas. He was well known and respected in the local community and spent many hours studying the Bible and sharing what he learned with others. He had a great sense of humour and a knowledge of nature that inspired others to learn.

**Jim Zydeveld**

Wilson, Robert Leslie, born 8.9.1924; died 30.5.12. His wife, Dorothy Croxford, predeceased him some years ago. He graduated from Avondale College from both the Ministerial and Teaching courses in the 1940s, and worked as a teacher and an administrator. For some years he also worked in NZ, and in later years he served on the faculty of Avondale College in Teacher Education. Robert was blessed with a fine tenor voice which he used widely in solo singing and in choirs. The last years of his life were lived in the retirement village in Cooranbong where he attended and worshipped with the Memorial church. He is survived by his sons, Graham and his wife Gail, and Dallas and his wife Ann-Marie; and his five grandchildren. Robert was a devout Christian, and devoted to his wife and family.

**Leonard Tolhurst, Graham and Dallas Wilson**

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**Finally**

God has the perfect timing—never early, never late. It takes a little patience and faith, but it’s worth the wait. —Unknown

**Next Record** **August 11**

### Volunteers

- Builders and tradespersons needed for a Fly-n-Build project in Fiji, September 5-18, 2012, to build a church in the town of Marou in response to a RECORD article (November 19, 2011, p 10). We are currently needing trade skilled people in building, carpentry, plumbing and electrical as well as general labourers. For further details contact Anna Downing at Adventist Volunteer Service by emailing <volunteers@adventist.org.au> or phone (02) 9847 3278.
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