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The Adventist Aviation Services (AAS) engineer, who received burns to 50 per cent of his body when a fuel tank exploded, is in a stable condition after receiving his first skin graft operations.

Linden Millist is still heavily sedated but some of the swelling to his face has gone down and he has had skin graft operations on his lower legs. His doctors are reportedly positive about his progress so far.

Prayers and messages of support have flooded in from around the world on the RECORD website, as well as on the Facebook page, “Prayer for Linden Millist & Bri Norton – His fiancé & family’ which has 747 likes so far. A message posted on the page Saturday expressed appreciation at the overwhelming response. "Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support, I'm sorry I haven't been able to respond to each personally but I have passed on comments to Linden and let him know you are praying for him, it means so much."

Linden’s younger brother, Jared has arrived in Brisbane from Norway, where he is serving as a student dean at an Adventist high school. Providentially, Jared had already scheduled a trip to Australia for a friend’s wedding.

Pastors Murray Hunter and Jorge Munoz, president of the South Queensland Conference, have also visited the hospital to pray with and show their support of the family at this time.

The family have set up a GoFundMe account to receive donations in lieu of gifts and flowers. The money will go towards medical bills and rehab, lost wages for Linden's carers, car hire, food, accommodation and other costs over the next few months. So far they have had more than $6200 pledged online. The site is now running smoothly, after PayPal suspended payments for a time due to the high level of international activity.
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Those who had the privilege of attending the World Changers Youth Congress in Brisbane have enjoyed one of the most revitalising, vision-casting events that we have ever conducted in the South Pacific Division. There was energy, enthusiasm, commitment, determination, fun, and adventure. Young people from right across the Division prayed, worshipped, ate and played together. The speakers were excellent. The prayer times and group sessions were invigorating. With Bibles and study guides in hand, people have returned to their home churches ready to live and act to make disciples for Jesus and further establish the kingdom of God.

But now the challenge! Surprise! It is not for the young people. They are ready to go. The challenge is for the rest of us: the church boards, church officers, pastors, conference and mission administrators . . . everyone. We must do everything we can to make it possible for those who have been motivated to share their faith and actually get involved in disciple-making. Invest in them. Encourage and equip them. Support them. Get involved with them. Catch their enthusiasm and commitment and see what great things God can do with us as we work together. After all there is much more to changing the world than a few days of inspiration at a great congress!!

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