

# RECORD



Members of the South Pacific Division's Communication Department are celebrating their first anniversary. Pictured left to right are: Adam Sparke, Bronwyn Mison, Brenton Stacey and Bruna Tawake.

## New SPD communicators celebrate first anniversary

*Brenton Stacey*

**W**hile the Communication Department of the General Conference celebrates its 90th anniversary, the equivalent in the South Pacific Division (SPD) is celebrating its first. The church restructured the department, increasing the number of staff members from one to five, at its session in 2000.

A key word around the department is “branding.” Director Bronwyn Mison and her team—assistant director Bruna Tawake, news correspondent Brenton Stacey and assistant Adam Sparke—are encouraging the church’s entities, conferences, local churches and members to use the church logo. “Be proud of what the Seventh-day Adventist Church name represents,” says Mrs Mison.

The department can supply the logo artwork for signage, stationery and bulletins. It is also planning to produce merchandise, such as caps, T-shirts and gifts, that features the logo.

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# Living stones make a living church

**F**or many Christian pilgrims and tourists arriving in Jerusalem the first time, it's like walking into a religious Disneyland—authentic street theatre with real characters, costumes and conflict. But that's not a particularly insightful judgment given the place of the Holy City in history. By virtue of its age alone—some 3000 years—it's worthy of more respect.

Crammed into just one square kilometre, along narrow *souks* and bordering its squares, are some 400 so-called holy sites, with dozens more on the hills and in valleys just outside its ancient stone walls.

Jerusalem is characterised by its walls, mostly constructed of limestone blocks—the most recently quarried in the Jewish quarter—which gleam white in the midday

The city is compartmentalised according to its religions—Jewish, Muslim, Armenian and Christian—but within each of these local zones, bitter but less violent disputes constantly flare. Sometimes it's over the occupation rights to a certain building or it might be over the governance of a holy site, or a difference of opinion regarding theology or lifestyle practice of conservative and liberal factions.

Christianity really began in Jerusalem—the followers of Christ were first called Christian elsewhere, granted—at Pentecost. It was there, also, that the seminal church met in its first councils to thrash out policy and priorities, so the signs were, not surprisingly, it was to become the centre of this new belief system.

However, and it must have been quite

cold, lifeless relics of past glory days, but breathing, warm people—living monuments in the present.

When Christ said, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18), He could have been reflecting upon the 12-metre-long monoliths that supported the temple or are part of today's Wailing Wall. But, in the metaphorical sense in which He spoke, He was referring to the church of which He was the cornerstone.

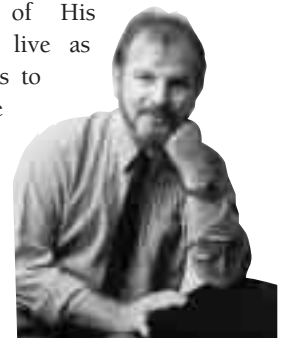
With Christ as the cornerstone, we're all part of the construction that is the church: stable and solid, attractive and productive, a place where God's presence can be felt.

Any visit to Jerusalem is more than a reminder of Christianity's beginnings. It's a reminder that Jesus Himself ministered here. He saw the walls in their glory days—and predicted their fall.

Then, when the time was right, He died on Golgotha Hill. Buried in a Jerusalem tomb, He rose again. Jerusalem couldn't contain this kind of news. It spread throughout Israel, the surrounding nations and then to the ends of the earth.

The Holy Spirit is building the church of Christ, and is working with flesh and blood, not bricks and mortar.

Jesus would that we were all breathing, living stones emanating love for humanity, faithful witnesses and ambassadors of His kingdom. To live as living stones is to strengthen the body of Christ—the church.



Lee Dunstan

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sun. But much more impressive if more drab is the ancient Wailing Wall, or Western Wall, with its massive hewn blocks weighing as much as 400 tonnes. Now well below street level, these reminders of the past are all that remain of Herod's Temple, which was destroyed in 68 AD by the conquering armies of Titus.

I was privileged to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of Jerusalem shortly after the Oslo peace accord was signed, when safety wasn't a problem. I wandered freely from one site to the next, but in these days of suicide bombings, assassinations and ambushes (some 14 dead in an attack as I write), the shine has gone off the place as a tourist destination. Dissension and alienation have resulted in extremism.

early, the Jerusalem church was floundering, for by the time Paul wrote his letter to the Romans, he was soliciting funds from the churches for "the poor among the saints in Jerusalem" (15:26, NIV). So, sadly, when visiting Jerusalem today, you catch only fleeting glimpses of Christianity. Christians now comprise less than 2.3 per cent or some 16,000 of the population of Jerusalem—down from 25,000 in 1948.

Those who are left, says Harry Hagopian, an international affairs lawyer and an officer of the Jerusalem Council of Churches, are what he endearingly terms the "living stones" of his city—the heirs of the ancient Christian community, a faithful, unstinting island in a floodtide of Muslim and Jewish revival. They are not



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- Kiwi sports celebrity at Adventist school • ADRA-PNG now online
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● In February 2003, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) will run **multiple seminars** in every metropolitan city around Australia for **victims of the Bali bombing** and their friends and families. National programs director **Gary Christian** (pictured) says that ADRA will contract



one of Australia's best-known trauma counsellors for the program, **Don Wood-**

**lands**, a retired Salvation Army administrator. The seminars will be run from football clubs from which team members were lost (and other locations), dealing with issues of loss, anger and coping.

● **Pastor Rob Steed**, personal ministries director for the Australian Union Conference (AUC), is looking for 100 people in Australia who would be interested in receiving **\$A1000 to conduct friendship evangelism** activities for the next 12 months. For further information contact him at <rsteed@adventist.org.au> or phone (03) 9259 2314. Also check out the information online at <www.homesofhope.net>.

● A Friday-evening **opening Sabbath** worship service incorporating **Jewish culture** style of worship was initiated on November 1 in Nunawading, Victoria (Flashpoint, October 12). **Roger Dawkins**, chairman of the Israelite Heritage Institute of Australia (IHIA), says, "The service was well attended by the Adventist community and Jewish

## Students sing for Special Olympics

The Mountain View Adventist College Choir (MVACC), from Doonside, NSW, performed at the closing ceremony of the Special Olympics, Sydney, on September 26.

A Year 11 student from the college choir, Donny Potoi, sang the national anthem along with three female vocal soloists, and backed by the MVACC.

The choir also performed two solo items, featuring Donny, including "Oh Happy Day" and "One Day I'll Fly Away." The program concluded with all the performers singing the Games theme song, "Moving Forward."

"Mountain View Adventist College Choir received strong, positive feedback from the directors and coordinators of the Special Olympics," says Lyndon Darko, the principal. "They were publicly congratulated by the director for their professionalism. The choir members were wonderful ambassadors for the college and everything it stands for."

Choir director Elizabeth Cartmer says, "I'm proud of the choir's success and looking forward to a great ministry for God and success for the students and college."



friends." Elements in the program included; lighting of the candles, blessing of the children, blessing of the grape juice, and blessing and eating of the bread. "A commentary by **Rodrigo Silva** explained every aspect of the Hebrew culture and



worship style," says Mr Dawkins. The IHIA will conduct monthly opening-Sabbath worship services to **build bridges** between Adventists and their Jewish contacts by **sharing the heritage** of God's seventh-day **Sabbath**.

● Dillon Boucher—a member of the successful **New Zealand Tall Blacks basketball team**, recently placed fourth at the World Championships—was special guest and keynote speaker at **Auckland Seventh-day Adventist High School's** sports prize-giving ceremony on November 11. Mr Boucher spoke about the importance of meeting challenges and working through the lows in life to achieve goals. He commended students on their achievements this year and also congratulated those who were "giving sport a go" by participating in school sports. **Zion Vaega** and **Aaron Lee**,



two students of 79 recognised, are pictured with Mr Boucher after receiving their trophies.—*Marvin Anderson*

● The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Papua New Guinea (PNG) is **now online** with the launch of their web site in October. Information about **ADRA-PNG's** projects, staff and volunteers, and information and photos about PNG is available on the site. "The design of the site is simple," says ADRA-PNG director **Michelle Abel**. "It should be quick to download in countries where Internet connections are slow." You can look at the web site at <www.adra.org.pg>. Certain sections of the web site are still being completed, but "feedback or suggestions about improvements to the site are welcome," she says.



● **Chile Seventh-day Adventist University** was recently granted **full government recognition** and autonomy through a decree issued by the national ministry of education. The accreditation represents the culmination of a process that began in 1990, involving a period of institutional mentorship under the guidance of three older national universities. With an enrolment of some **1200 students**, the university serves a constituency of more than 100,000 Adventists in a country of 16 million. The university, located near the city of Chillan, is one of 99 colleges and

universities operated by the Adventist Church worldwide.—ANN

● A song written by **Adventist songwriter** Dawn Bailey made the list of **top five Christian songs** in a London-based competition that ended in November. “Rejoice,” the title of the song, has **aired on Christian radio stations** in London, and features the voices of four girls from the Wilmslow Adventist church in London. The song was written specifically to be performed by children, Ms Bailey says. “In this song I have tried to give youth an insight into the joy they can have with Christ in their lives.”—BUC News

● Information from documents acquired by religious and human-rights workers in Vietnam about a recent wave of **government repression** against Montagnard evangelicals in **Vietnam’s Central Highlands**, confirm that 354 of 412 churches have been forcibly disbanded in Dak Lak Province alone. Some 50 Christian **pastors and elders** in this province had been **arrested or have “disappeared.”** Three Christians are reported to have been executed by lethal injection after participating in peaceful demonstrations. All **communal activities** of the churches—worship, teaching, prayer for the sick, observing holy days, administering sacraments, performing baptisms, weddings and funerals—were **forbidden**. Leaders were forced to sign statements of compliance. The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom in September recommended that the US State Department name Vietnam as a “country of particular concern”—the **worst category for abusers of religious freedom**. Yet even seasoned observers of the religious-liberty abuses in communist-Vietnam are surprised at the ferocity in the latest persecution of Christians.—*Crosswalk.com*

### Days and offerings

**December 25**—Christmas Day

**January 25**—United in Wonder of His Grace emphasis day

## Off the record

● Taree church members **Ian and Elaine Godber** were recently featured in the local paper, *Manning River Times*, as produce growers from the local area. Known for their roadside stall where they sell beans and strawberries, along with their **“famous” homemade strawberry jam**—which the report claims people come from Sydney to buy—Mr and Mrs Godber were able to share their experience of a healthy lifestyle and belonging to a Christian community in the article. Mr Godber (pictured) made many references to Sanitarium (whom he used to work with in quality control), ADRA and their local church throughout the article.



Scott Calvin

● After **50 years**, the **Mullimbimby Adventist School**, NSW, may be small, but that doesn’t mean it doesn’t have potential. That’s the message from the principal, **Dawn Hankinson**. And with student numbers at 16 (from Kindergarten to Year 6) it fits well in a town that calls itself the **“biggest little town in Australia.”** Currently they are looking for Norco-Paul’s milk collectors caps. Already, through collecting them, they have raised \$A2000 for Adventist Development and Relief Agency and other charities. Send them to the school, Main Arm Road, Mullimbimby, 2482.

● Members of the **Bayles church**, Vic, recently held a trivia night and auction to **raise funds for drought-stricken farmers** in the Outback. With only 14 participants, some **\$A636** was raised. “If every Adventist church in Australia held one fundraising event for drought-stricken farmers,” says **Rosalie Bennetts**, “think how many hearts would be encouraged because they felt **someone truly cared.**”

## Giving beauty into other people’s lives

**A** Brisbane cosmetics company, Sceptre Australia, is proving beauty is more than skin deep. with proceeds from a range of all-natural, designer skin-care products going to building homes and educational facilities for underprivileged children.

All funds raised from the sale of Déjà vu Cosmetics go to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), to assist communities with sustainable economic development, food security, primary health, education and disaster preparation and relief.

Sceptre Australia’s managing director and visionary, Judith Devorah (pictured right with Graeme Humble, South Queensland Conference director for ADRAcare), almost lost her life to cancer in the early 1990s. Since her recovery she has worked to create opportunities for those less fortunate than herself.



A regular worshipper at Brisbane Central Adventist church, Ms Devorah says, “When customers use Déjà vu they’re not only looking after themselves, but others too.”

# First in communicating—and still leading

Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

Since 1912, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has recognised communication as a necessity for church growth and awareness. This year, the church celebrates the 90-year anniversary of Adventist communication.

In the 1870s, Ellen G White, a founder and leader of the church, was already urging a widespread, aggressive use of public media. But it was in 1912 when the church founded the Bureau of Press Relations, which later developed into the Bureau of Public Relations, a precursor to the current Department of Communication.

Formal communication within the church developed out of necessity, comments Howard B Weeks, director of the department from 1956 to 1962. Standing for the separation of church and state, the Adventist Church came under intense scrutiny and public pressure in the late 1800s. The need for a more systematic plan



for public information was realised with the creation of the corporate communication office in 1912.

This decision became a historical landmark in corporate communication by a Christian church. Evidence indicates that the 1912 decision produced the first such organised “public relations” activity in a Protestant denomination.

From the beginning with press relations, Adventist communication evolved into new arenas, including the use of public media to present the church’s message. In the area of broadcasting, the Adventist radio program, *The Voice of Prophecy*, was aired in 1937, hosted by Pastor H M S Richards.

Later, television became a massive communication medium for the Adventist Church. Programs such as *It Is Written*, *Faith for Today*, *Breath of Life*, *The Quiet*

*Hour*, cable television in the Caribbean, and lay television initiatives, such as Three Angels Broadcasting Network, are examples of the church’s intentional interest in mass media in outreach and public-awareness programs globally.

Refocusing on the definition of communication in the early 1990s led to the beginning of Adventist News Network (ANN), the news agency of the church, operated by the Communication Department at the General Conference. Adventist News Network reports church news every week and, as of last September, television viewers receive *Adventist News-Line*, a weekly news program produced for the Adventist Television Network.

Presently, apart from the news service, the department oversees numerous communication initiatives for the world church, and is involved in the field of public relations, media relations, and web development. “Building bridges of hope” is the department’s vision statement. It follows up on the communication vision for every Seventh-day Adventist: “Seventh-day Adventists will communicate hope by focusing on the quality of life that is complete in Jesus Christ.”

Ninety years later, the Adventist Church continues to be at the forefront of using technology in its communication activities, including the Internet and satellites to broadcast its message around the world.

“This anniversary offers an opportunity to pay a tribute to the creative services of all communication leaders throughout the worldwide church,” says Ray Dabrowski, director of communication for the General Conference.

Reflecting on the state of Adventist communication today, Pastor Dabrowski adds that “effectiveness of our communication can be measured by the efforts we make to bring the church’s presence and message to the society in which it exists. That’s why one wishes that every Seventh-day Adventist would regard themselves as communicators. This calls for a daily question: How active are we in the communities we live in?”

## SPD communicators celebrate first anniversary

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The SPD Communication Department has also helped create and market the church’s new vision statement, launched the church’s new web site and produced six editions of *Adventist News*. It is currently producing printed materials. These include a brochure promoting the church and its services, leaflets explaining the church’s position on social issues, and a welcome pack for new church members.

Image, however, is easily tarnished, “and that’s why we’ve also implemented a plan to manage crises,” says Mrs Mison. This has included establishing a crisis-management team and producing a crisis-management manual for the SPD office based in Wahroonga, New South Wales.

The department supports the Bible Society in New South Wales’s Easter Celebration of Word and Song program. Other promotions have included the

worldwide church’s United in Worship theme and the book, *The Essential Jesus*, produced by the church in the South Pacific.

Supporting unions, conferences and missions with communication seminars and writing news for RECORD are also responsibilities of the department. “News is not just for internal distribution, and working with the media is also a priority,” says Mrs Mison. “We continue to talk with those in the media to ensure we have a voice on current issues.”

Mrs Mison says the aim of the department is to communicate messages—especially those it sends to the community—more simply. “The church offers so many products and services, but we struggle to promote them as Seventh-day Adventist. On a personal level, our desire is to encourage every church member to know, experience and share their hope in Jesus Christ.”

# NZ education and evangelism benefits from funding by Christian foundation

Joanne Davies, Auckland, New Zealand

**E**ducational and evangelistic resources for five preschools in the Seventh-day Adventist Early Childhood Association of New Zealand are among the successful applications for funding from the New Zealand Christian Foundation for 2003.

"There is a definite but unplanned emphasis on educational projects this year," said David Davies, chairman of trustees. "The trustees were very impressed with the standard of projects submitted this year and regretted they were not able to assist with funding other worthy applications that were received. It is our prayer that this foundation will facilitate a more purposeful and creative evangelistic effort in New Zealand now and in future years."

A summary of the eight projects that will receive funding in 2003 are as follows:

1. \$NZ7500 has been awarded for the development and expansion of Warwick Pascoe's "The Miracle of Life" Christian family and personal development education project. This presentation—targeting churches of all denominations, schools, community centres and government agencies as part of a larger training program—promotes healthy eating for women of child-bearing age, support for pregnant women, heterosexual marriage, creation versus evolution and God as our Designer, Creator and Saviour.

2. Funding has been granted to facilitate the establishment of a resource library for ADRAcare Bishopdale, located in Christchurch, South New Zealand. The library is required to support the centre in its many projects to ease social, educational, financial and emotional poverty.

3. \$NZ7600 has been granted to Palmerston North Seventh-day Adventist School to enable the completion of the

networking of the school's computers. The completion of this project will enhance the ability of the school in preparing its students for a future of lifelong learning in this information age.

4. Funds have been provided to a church company—Moeraki, South New Zealand—to expand their evangelistic ministry through the use of videos and electronic equipment in their community. This ministry has already proved successful and the further funds will expand the service.

5. \$NZ5000 has been granted to the Bishopdale Footsteps Preschool, in Christchurch, to enable the completion of the preschool playground. This completes the development of the facility, which is now available and open

to the community.

6. Funding for the refurbishment of three Bridge Program Support Houses is included in this year's grants. This Salvation Army initiative maintains residential and non-residential professional services providing assessment, counselling, day programs and after-care for men and women aged 18-65 years who are addicted to alcohol or drugs. The Bridge Centre is one of the limited number of accredited agencies in New Zealand for clients undergoing treatment under the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Act, 1966.

7. \$NZ5000 has been granted to expand the program for the establishment of a new church company at Alexandra in South New Zealand. The funds will be used to purchase a photocopier and resources to assist in this evangelistic outreach.

8. \$NZ10,000 has been awarded for the purchase of appropriate materials that promote Christian Bible teaching and values at Seventh-day Adventist Early Childhood Learning Centres in Napier, Palmerson North, Wellington and

Christchurch. The Seventh-day Adventist early childhood committee plans to have at least 10 community group meetings as fully licensed government-approved early childhood centres or playgroups as part of the Seventh-day Adventist Early Childhood Association of New Zealand.

The New Zealand Christian Foundation was established in 2001 with private donations that exceeded \$NZ1,000,000 for the purpose of funding New Zealand-based Christian projects providing services in the areas of education, evangelism, health and humanitarian outreach (Newsfront, November 17, 2001). Over the past year the foundation has grown in membership and size, and received one gift of a new rental property north of Auckland.



**The Miracle of Life, a Christian family and personal development education project, is one of eight New Zealand projects to receive grants from the New Zealand Christian Foundation.**

## Adventist leader addresses Sikh symposium

**A**t a symposium organised by the Sikh community, in Washington, DC, USA, attorney James Standish, director for legislative affairs for the General Conference, addressed attendees on issues relating to the refusal of employers to accommodate religious practices. "This problem is affecting people of faith in the workplace, including Sikhs and Adventists," said Mr Standish.

The Sikhs have experienced hostility from some members of the community after the events of September 11 due to the fact that Sikhs wear turbans and are categorised as members of the Taliban.

Adventists extended their hand of friendship to the Sikh community, expressing support for local Sikh leaders. "This was an opportunity to deepen the relationship between our church and the Sikh community," Standish added. "We'll continue working together to advance the cause of religious freedom."—AWA

# Band tours Lord Howe Island

Kellie Hancock

Music and health were the emphasis during a recent visit to Lord Howe Island (LHI), off the north coast of New South Wales, by Melbourne Advent Brass and media medico Dr James Wright.

The community project received support from both island residents and



Geoff White

Band members utilised the main mode of transport while touring Lord Howe island.

organisations and individuals from the mainland (Flashpoint, August 31).

Three community programs were held with Melbourne Advent Brass performing and Dr James Wright presenting health talks for some 130 attendees.

During the full concert held on the fourth evening, Pastor Ken Mead, band patron and artist, presented to the locals a

painting of the island, which will be displayed in their community hall.

Jonathan Duffy, the South Pacific Division's health director, arrived to support the tour's Sabbath program by leading out in Sabbath school and moderating an afternoon health forum. Some 150 visitors attended a worship service held on Sabbath, "Songs of Praise," presented by the band and led by Pastor Mead.

"The LHI board, which administers the island, gave strong support to the program," says Clive Wilson, senior elder of the LHI church. "The blessings flowing from the week-long program were a two-way street. Visitors were outspoken in expressing their appreciation with tourists and locals alike attending most programs."

Mr Wilson praised Reynold Gilson, Pastor Ken Mead and Ray Boehm for their enthusiastic leadership, and Dr Wright, Mr Duffy and individual band members for their participation in the project. Go to [www.flexo.com.au/panoramas](http://www.flexo.com.au/panoramas) and select digital gallery for photos of the band on tour.

# Books big with schools in Solomons

Brenton Stacey

Literature evangelists (LEs) have delivered more than \$SBD30,000 worth of books to schools in the Solomon Islands this year.

The books promote moral, physical and mental health.

"Most of the schools we visit buy a complete set," says Penioni Vula, the associate publishing director for the Trans-Pacific Union Mission. "We find sponsors for those that cannot."

Some of the sponsors include a Member of Parliament, and a businessman who has promised to not only place books in every kindergarten in Honiara, but to build and deliver bookshelves as well.

"Our goal is to place books in all the

schools and in all the churches in the Solomons, and to get the government to add them to the education curriculum," says Mr Vula.

Kukum Adventist Primary School received the LEs' first donation—\$SBD4228 worth of books—earlier in the year. Betikama College received the largest donation—\$SBD8100—in October.

"God's people are still supporting His work, even though the Solomons is facing a financial crisis," says Mr Vula.



Publishing director for TPUM, Penioni Vula.

# First framework for Adventist sex education released

The first Seventh-day Adventist curriculum framework for sexuality education was released this week by the General Conference Family Ministries Department.

The concepts detailed in the framework were developed by the World Commission on Human Sexuality, convened at the General Conference in 1997. Suggestions from Adventist professionals with expertise in sexuality were incorporated.

"In the past we've produced a lot of resources without thinking about the overall message," says Karen Flowers, co-director of family ministries for the General Conference. "Now we've had a wide base of input, and this is the framework of what we want to say about these issues."

"Its release could not be more timely in terms of the strategic goals of the world church," Mrs Flowers continues. "Sexuality education is no longer a luxury; it's a matter of life or death due to the HIV/AIDS crisis. The local church has a responsibility to use its avenues to convey these issues—not to bypass parents, but to help them."

Each union, or local office of the church, will receive the curriculum and decide how it can best be implemented in their own area.

Mrs Flowers says this represents a big step beyond a one-size-fits-all program approach.

This is the first of 11 curriculum frameworks to be released. The topics range from marriage and parenting to interpersonal relationships and biblical foundations.

The curriculum is being mailed to department directors at every union—family ministries, health ministries, women's ministries, chaplaincy, education departments, children's and youth ministries, and pastors' spouses.—Adventist News Network

# Looking for a challenge?

**L**ooking for a meaningful challenge? Live the life as a volunteer in 2003! The following are a sample of the kinds of skills needed to help the church in Australia and New Zealand, in the Pacific and around the world. And remember that the needs are changing all the time. Keep checking the web site and the RECORD for other opportunities, or contact Mel or Kylie direct (details below).

All the following positions are available for 12 months:

## Australia

### ●Youth Pastor and Pastoral Assistant positions available at:

- Gateway Ministry, Victoria  
Kingscliff, NSW
- Cairns, Northern Qld  
Kellyville, Sydney
- Nerang/Southport, Southern Qld  
Parkridge, Southern Qld

●Assistant Men's Dean, Avondale College. Experience with young people and maturity required.

●Pinnacle of Terror, Tasmania. Team leader and three team members needed.

●AUC Youth Department, Melbourne needs a volunteer with experience in graphic arts, web design and communication skills.

●South Qld Conference Youth Department is seeking a full-time youth volunteer for a period of 12 months. Duties include both office and field work.

## New Zealand

### ●Youth Pastor and Pastoral Assistant positions available in:

- North Harbour
- Hamilton
- Nelson
- Royal Oak



### ●Pinnacle Challenge, ADRAcare NZ.

To promote health and wellbeing through awareness programs, motivational team-building exercises and a mobile recreation centre.

●NZPUC Youth Department NZ is in search of a talented, committed and eager young person to serve as a volunteer for the North New Zealand Conference. This position holds heaps of excitement, fun, learning and responsibility.

Responsibilities are to assist the youth directors and secretary in the planning and implementing of the North New Zealand Conference youth program. This will involve networking with youth and Pathfinder/Adventurer leaders around the conference. Also includes supervising various programs and assuming extensive responsibility. The successful applicant will be expected to be a committed SDA leader and love youth. Term: 12 months commencing January 2003.

## The Pacific

●Positions available in the Pacific for people with **treasury and management skills**, beginning January.

●Vocational Trainer, Kiribati: to teach

practical and theory skills in agriculture, carpentry, mechanics and joinery. All-round practical person needed. Accommodation and living allowance provided.



Mel.

## Contact


You can contact Mel or Kylie through: **mail:** AVS, Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga NSW 2075; **phone:** (02) 9847 3275; **email:** <volunteers@adventist.org.au>: or check out the volunteer web site at: <www.adventist.org.au/volunteers>.

## Worldwide

- Elementary teacher—Pohnpei, Micronesia
- English teacher—Ecuador
- Accountant—Guam
- Secretary—Chuuk, Micronesia
- Dentist—India
- Music teacher—Ecuador
- Pharmacist—Malawi
- Assistant Deans—Kenya
- ESL Teacher—Romania



Kylie.

To check out these and other worldwide options, log onto the General Conference volunteer web site at: <http://volunteers.gc.adventist.org>. 



# My last gift

by Vyrona Parker

Music plays softly over hidden speakers. Christmas bells hang from the pillars in the shopping centre; tinsel drapes from one side to the other.

People bustle here and there, busily purchasing gifts, then impatiently waiting in line to pay for their selections.

As I stand back watching people hurry by, my heart feels heavy. It will be the last time I will spend Christmas with my mother. I determine to make it one to remember.

I've shopped all morning for gifts for family and friends, but I'm undecided as to what to buy as a last gift for the one who has been my mentor and friend for 30 years. I'm glad I've had this time, for I have memories that will last forever.

Usually Mum's gift is the first I would buy, for previously I've known exactly what to get, but this year is different. I'm at a loss to know what to give. I want this Christmas to be memorable.

Again the music interrupts my thoughts, softly blending in with excited voices of children eager to spend hard-earned money. There are banners surrounded with tinsel hanging from the ceiling, urging us to buy this item or that for "the one you love," but they all seem expensive and superficial.

There's nothing personal in buying the latest washing machine or TV. It seems so mercenary without the love that is supposed to go with Christmas. I'm looking for something that will give satisfied memories, knowing I've given her something of joy.

I wander down one side of the mall then up the other, but the joy and excitement of the season is alien to my state of mind. I don't want to go home without something for her. I stop near a seat to rest a little.

Again, I watch the people walk by, wondering what's on their minds, or if they're just in a hurry because they don't like shopping at Christmas time.

I recall previous Christmases of laughter, happiness and love. I remember the day I was given my first bicycle, running out, rubbing my eyes, then looking into the smiling eyes of my parents, so overjoyed with their gift. They're memories that will linger.

I see a girl with her mother—they're both laughing—and I realise that soon I will not be able to do that. I decide to leave this place of happiness and make my way home. I will think carefully and find something special to buy for her next time. I still have two weeks.

For a week-and-a-half I've been thinking about it, trying to think of something special. Then an idea is born.



The gift must be personal, it must be inexpensive and, most importantly, has to be a gift of love.


I'll make up a book of our memories. I'll write poems, insert photographs and add comments as I go. But I'll have to hurry, for I have but three days in which to complete it.

I go through my photos, my book of poems and strain my brain for thoughts to make into words of our "together things." This is something that will be precious to her in her last days.

I stay up late each night, working until it is complete. There are pictures, photos, anecdotes and notes of things and events I'm thankful to her for. I'm pleased with the result, and can't wait to give it to her. I go to bed satisfied, for I feel I've given part of my life back to Mum.

Christmas morning arrives, and I feel like a child again, unable to wait to give out the presents to those I love. Eventually, it's that time and as she opens my gift I see tears freely sliding down her face. They're tears of joy mingled with sadness, but as she turns each page, her face lights with a smile.

Her thanks is something I will not forget. I see joy in her eyes, as she studies each photo, reads the passages and recalls the events that we've shared.

As the day ends I say, *Thank you, God, for that moment of inspiration.* I'm content with my effort and the day's events. Yes, this is a Christmas to remember, and the memories will not be all sad. I look back with a tear or two but also a smile. I will keep the memory in my heart until our Lord reunites us. 

Vyrona Parker writes from Nairne, SA.

# All those choices!

by Kevin Amos

**E**very day we make choices. Some have little consequence—for instance, will I have Weet-Bix or cornflakes for breakfast? Other choices produce outcomes that effect us for the rest of our life: who I marry; where I choose to live and work; and how committed I am to the lordship of Christ in my life.

This key choice—accepting Christ as our Saviour and King—influences decisions we make each day. To place Christ as Lord of our life means we will seek God’s guidance and direction in every aspect of our life.

Isaac’s life illustrates how the lordship of God influenced choices he made.

## Choice Number 1. Where do I live during a drought?

According to Genesis 26:1-6, Isaac is living under drought conditions. As these conditions worsen, he knows he has to make a decision. Where can he go to find enough pasture and water for the flocks and cattle? And how can he find sufficient food to care for his family and servants?

When Abraham, his father, was in a similar predicament, he moved down to Egypt, but that proved to be a bad choice. Isaac also knew that around the town of Gerar, in the territory of the Philistines, Abraham had dug several wells and lived there at peace with the local inhabitants. So he decides to move to the area of Gerar for the remainder of the drought.

There are those helpful times in our lives when God blesses us with positive confirmation of our choice. This happens to Isaac. The Lord speaks directly about three things:

1. He identifies what is prohibited: “Do not go down to Egypt.”
2. He reveals what is provided: “Live in the land where I tell you live.”
3. He shares a number of promises: “And I will be with you and will bless you.”\*

When making any decision, and desiring to be under the lordship of Christ, it is helpful for us to reflect on these things:

1. What does God prohibit? In His Word, God clearly outlines and states what they are. It is essential that we understand and know what God prohibits to help us make right choices.

2. What has God provided? In Scripture, God tells what He has provided for our lives. To be aware of what God has provided helps us see the possibilities of what can be achieved.

3. What has God promised? More than 7000 promises can be found in the Bible. There’s one that will fit our every need. Being aware of what God promises gives strength and determination to carry out His will, even if we don’t find it pleasant.

Reading and understanding God’s Word is essential if we wish to live under the lordship of Christ. His Word contains the wisdom and guidance that cannot be found anywhere else.

When we understand and practise these three principles, we can be sure that Satan will soon test our resolve. Isaac found himself facing such a test.

## Choice Number 2. How do I respond when I am scared?

The story continues in Genesis 26:7-11. While living in the area of Gerar some men ask Isaac about his wife. Isaac feels threatened and chooses to tell a lie, saying, “She is my sister.”

This is a deliberate lie. Rebekah isn’t

Isaac’s sister or even half-sister. She’s his cousin. However, that doesn’t define the true nature of the relationship, for Rebekah is his wife.

This is a dangerous lie. By not telling the truth, Isaac is guilty of endangering the very one he loves and wishes to protect. It’s an unnecessary lie. No lie can ever be considered necessary, especially seeing

God had promised to be with Isaac and told him to live in

the land of the Philistines. Had Isaac’s faith been active he would hardly consider disowning his wife.

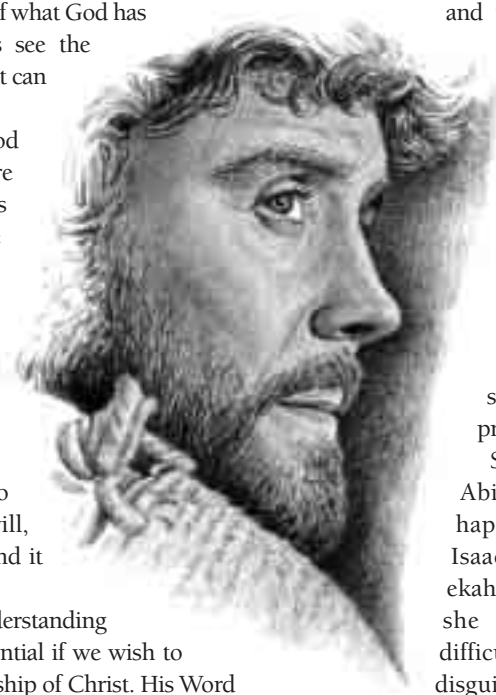
God, in His providence, makes sure that lies are detected. Lying is something that God prohibits.

Sometime later, Abimelech the king happens to observe Isaac caressing Rebekah and knows then she is his wife. It’s difficult to maintain a disguise for any length of time—even the best-

fitting false mask will eventually fall off. God allows lies to be detected so we can get back under the lordship of Christ, for God cannot bless those who act contrary to His character.

God uses Abimelech to reprove Isaac. He points out to Isaac that:

1. He had told a lie: “She is really your wife! Why did you say, ‘She is my sister?’”
2. Telling the lie could have exposed his wife to great danger: “One of the men might well have slept with your wife.”
3. The lie could have affected many people: “And you would have brought



guilt upon us.” When we fail a test it impacts on ourselves and many others.

True friendship will expose deception whenever it’s practised in a way that seeks to restore rather than to condemn. The sin that is not exposed hardens the heart and sears the guilty conscience, and makes it harder for a person to repent and change.

Abimelech graciously forgives Isaac. He provides protection for both Isaac and Rebekah, and generously allows them to continue living in the area.

Testing times are not intended to destroy God’s people, but to reveal how easy it can be to move out from under the lordship of Christ and start running our own lives. Every choice, however insignificant it may seem, is a test as to whether we are allowing Christ to be lord of our life.

**Choice Number 3. How do I use my time?**

Genesis 26:12, 13 shows how Isaac continues to live in the Philistine area without the pretense of falsehood. He now has to decide what is he going to do with his time. God prohibits laziness. He encourages us to use our time wisely and He promises to bless our sincere efforts to do good: “Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth,” says Proverbs 10:4.

So Isaac, along with his servants, begins to cultivate the land and his crops grow and flourish. The Bible clearly identifies that the abundant harvest is not achieved by human skill alone, but from God’s blessing on a person working in harmony with Him.

With the drought continuing, Isaac is able to sell his produce and soon he becomes a rich and important person. He’s a major supplier of food, and provider of employment in the Gerar area. Working under the lordship of Christ results in others being blessed as well.

**Choice Number 4. How do I relate to those who reject me?**

Genesis 26:14-22 shows that with wealth and position comes a perception of power. The locals start to feel jealous of Isaac’s success and fear he could use his power and wealth against them. They decide to put an end to his success. They

fill in the wells, and ask him to move away. Isaac has to make a choice. How will he respond to those who reject him?

The Word of God prohibits violence and encourages us to return evil with good. Isaac decides to move away and set up camp some distance from Gerar. Soon the people from that area contend over the ownership of the wells he has dug, so he chooses to move again.

Finally, after moving away far enough and digging another well that is not in dispute, Isaac is able to live in peace. To acknowledge that God’s hand is over all he did, Isaac calls the new well Rehoboth, meaning *room*: “The Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land.”

Contention is never easy to resolve. The selfish heart will constantly seek what it shouldn’t have and in doing so comes into conflict with others. Working under the lordship of Christ helps us understand this life from God’s perspective, and gives us an insight into eternal issues as well. When we take eternity into account, it can help clarify current problems and issues.

**Isaac’s faithfulness confirmed by God.**

In Genesis 26:23-25, as he moves away from the Philistine area, Isaac is able to set up his camp peacefully at Beersheba. This is where God appears to Isaac and encourages him with several promises.

In the quiet of this area, Isaac does four things:

- 1. He builds an altar. He places the

worship and honour of God as a central part of his life.

2. He calls on the name of the Lord. He places himself again under the lordship of God. He wishes to be known publicly as a person working under God’s leadership.

3. He pitches his tent. He sets up camp hoping that his stay in this area would be more permanent.

4. He digs a well, a water supply needed for the flocks and the people.

**Isaac’s faithfulness confirmed by others.**

Genesis 26:26-33 shows that shortly after Isaac’s faith is confirmed by God he is visited by Abimelech, his leading adviser and the chief of the Philistine army. They’d reflected on Isaac’s time with them and have come to realise that they had been blessed when he was present and that they have lost a real friend. They ask if they can have a peace accord with Isaac. This Isaac is willing to do.

Making choices in life is not always simple or easy. When we live under the lordship of Christ—avoiding that which God prohibits, following through on what God commands and claiming God’s promises—we’re given a reliable basis to make the best choice possible. **R**

*\*Bible quotations are from the NIV.*

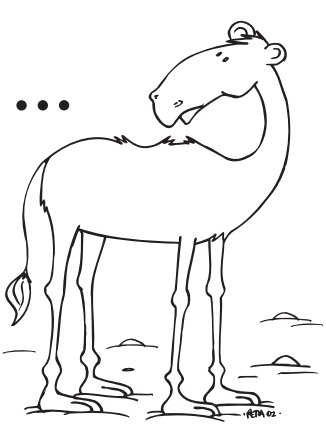
*Kevin Amos is president of the Tasmanian Conference.*

Just for children

What if ...

... God forgot to put the camel's hump on its back?

The camel wouldn't be as fit to do long journeys across the desert without food. Camels have a large store of fat in thier humps that they can live off for up to a week when food is scarce.



Peta Taylor

## To be or be not

**Cezary Niewiadomski, ACT**

The writer of "An old earth: Theory or fact?" (Letters, November 2) asserts that William G Johnsson ("In the shadow of Galileo," October 5) attempts to "preserve our traditional view of Creation . . . at the expense of Scripture." He says the idea of a young universe fails in that we observe light from distant stars that must have been travelling for millions of years.

But the idea of millions of years presupposes a constant speed of light. Until recently, scientists believed the speed of light was the most reliable constant they knew; but now they can speed up light or bring it to a halt. It appears that a constant speed of light was a cherished fallacy of scientists.

The assumption of a long age for the earth is borrowed from the theory of evolution and is yet to be proved. The long ages disagree with observable and demonstrable facts, which is why evolution still is and will ever be only a theory. The letter writer calls to account Dr Johnsson for pushing his ideas at the expense of Scripture when in fact he himself is guilty of it.

**Geoff Houstoun, email**

"Infidel geologists claim that the world is very much older than the Bible record makes it," writes Ellen G White. "They reject the Bible record, because of those things which are to them evidences from the earth itself, that the world has existed tens of thousands of years. . . . Without Bible history, geology can prove nothing" (*Spiritual Gifts*, Vol 3, pages 91-3).

The old-earth-recently-dressed theory creates more problems than it resolves. The description of day one—"without form" in darkness, does not describe a sphere close to the sun. If the sun already existed, what then was created on day four?

Genesis 1:15-17 tells of an earth-centric creation, with the role of the sun and moon being to service the earth. Verse 17 becomes a nonsense unless God set the sun and moon in heaven after the creation of the earth.

Day four tells me that God gave the

earth positional stability in space and an energy source, thereby relieving Himself of these duties. His original ingredient assembly, as the underwater world of day one, is now ready for further business. He has established a secure environment.

Reading Genesis 1 as simply as possible creates fewer difficulties.

**Cyril R Weir, NSW**

I agree in principle with the view of the creation portrayed by the writer of "An old earth: Theory or fact?" His venture into the realm of astronomy is interesting. I have similar views since reading Reu Hoen's *The Creator and His Workshop*, Pacific Press (1951), as a Sabbath school

inhabitants. We have been given all the light needed to understand that the age of the earth should not be an issue. We haven't been told how long other worlds have been in existence, but Ellen White, in *Sons and Daughters of God* (page 242), sees our world as a theatre on which the struggle between good and evil is fought out.

## Congrats, SPD

**Dwayne and Renae Knowles, Canada**

Thank you so much for putting RECORD online. It is especially on the Sabbath that, here in Canada, we feel so far from friends and loved ones, but reading about events

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help. In it he quotes from Ellen White to support his view.

A careful reading of the first chapter of *Patriarchs and Prophets* reveals that the earth was created along with the rest of the universe, but in the wisdom of God was left without form and void until after Lucifer's disaffection. This is why the earth bears the marks of being hoary with age.

**Merle Green, Vic**

The Scriptures deal with the problem of sin and God's plan to redeem the world's

and the weddings of friends makes us feel not so out of the loop.

In my opinion, the South Pacific Division is years ahead of North America in their worship, and I believe the latter rain is falling in the South Pacific, so rejoice! We cannot wait to return to our beloved church there. Until then, we read with eagerness.

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## Just a coincidence





## Appointments

Avondale College appointments:

●**Juanita Brinsmead**, to receptionist/secretary, Adventist Media Centre, South Pacific Division. ●**Devena Chambers**, to teach primary, Prescott Primary-Northern, South Australian Conference (SAC), Australian Union Conference (AUC). ●**Jonathan Dustow**, to teach PDHPE, Macquarie College, North New South Wales Conference (NNSW), AUC. ●**Clinton Eakins**, to teach sport and PE, Brisbane Adventist College, South Queensland Conference (SQC), AUC. ●**Tatiana Green**, to teach Bible/Drama, Avondale Schools, NNSW, AUC. ●**Andrea Hay**, to teach infants, Northpine Christian College, SQC, AUC. ●**Tharven Hutchinson**, to ministerial intern, Greater Sydney Conference (GSC), AUC. ●**Kristy Lett**, to teach lower primary, Hurstville Adventist Primary, GSC, AUC. ●**Laitini Matautia**, to teach English, Carmel Adventist College, Western Australian Conference, AUC. ●**Tim Pope**, to teach science and mathematics, Gilson College, Victorian Conference (VC), AUC. ●**Lisa Quimm**, to teach primary, Rotorua SDA Primary, North New Zealand Conference, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. ●**Wendy Quodling**, to teach middle primary, SOSE, Bible and general lower secondary, Gilson College, VC, AUC. ●**Neil Redman**, to ministerial intern, Tasmanian Conference, AUC. ●**Jenna-Lee Rochford**, to teach English/Bible, Macquarie College, NNSW,

AUC. ●**Heidi Stanley**, to teach infants, Prescott Primary-Northern, SAC, AUC. ●**Adrian Stiles**, to teach sport and PE, Nunawading Adventist College, VC, AUC. ●**Jodie Thompson**, to teach PDHPE, Sydney Adventist College (SAC), GSC, AUC. ●**Jodi Turner**, to teach physics, SAC, GSC, AUC. ●**Graham Wynnatt**, to ministerial intern, South New South Wales Conference, AUC.

## Appreciation

**Hanley.** June and Dr John Court and family wish to thank many kind Adventist friends for their expressions of love and sympathy at the loss of their dear mother and grandmother, Vera Hanley.

**Rowe,** Ella, Marjorie and David would like to express their sincere thanks to all for their kind thoughts, cards, letters and flowers following the loss of their dear husband and father, Reginald Rowe.

## Weddings

**Chambers—Scott.** Leigh Nathan Chambers and Jenny-lee Scott, both of Muswellbrook, NSW, and formerly of Kurri Kurri, were married on 10.11.02 at Largs. *Bert Cozens*

**Coverdale—Kim.** Luke Coverdale, son of Cliff and Lesley Coverdale, and Soyeon

## Volunteers needed

**Blocklayers—Kiribati** to join a fly'n'build team to Kiribati, departing January 20, 2003, for 2-3 weeks. Accommodation provided in Kiribati. Pay own airfare.

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Kim, daughter of Song Ja and Jong Ho Kim, were married on 26.10.02 at Lane Cove, Sydney, NSW. *Andrew Kingston*

**Cox—Egen.** Damien Nelson Cox, son of David and Gail Cox (Adelaide, SA), and Natascha Egen, daughter of Wilfried and Dagmar Egen (Adelaide), were married on 27.10.02 in Prospect Adventist church. *Lee Bowditch-Walsh*

**Davis—Miller.** Peter Allan Davis, son of Allan and Dorothy Davis, and Sandra Louise Miller, daughter of David and Eunice Fitzclarence, were married at sunrise in a beautiful beach setting on 10.3.02 at MacMasters Beach, Central Coast, NSW. *David McKibben*

**De Flavis—Ruthenberg.** Elpino De Flavis, son of Francisco and Emma De Flavis (Brisbane, Qld), and Rebecca Ruthenberg, daughter of Trevor and Nettie Ruthenberg (Ipswich), were married on 3.11.02 at St John's Lutheran church, Ipswich. *Gordon Oaklands*

**Dowdy—Arnold.** Daniel Dowdy, son of James and Pam Dowdy (Mildura, Vic), and Sharyn Arnold, daughter of Bill and Barb Arnold ("Bindara," via Broken Hill, NSW), were married on 3.11.02 at "Bindara" Station, NSW. *Morrie Krieg*

**Fish—Foster.** David Fish, son of Robert Fish and Colleen Joyce (both of Auckland, NNZ), and Emily Foster, daughter of Ian and Judy Foster (Harcourt, Vic), were married on 7.9.02 at the Mount Cotton Gardens, Qld. *Steve Cinzio*

**Ierome—Ryan-Southward.** Sila Emsol Ierome, son of Sila and Taulima Ierome (Brisbane, Qld), and Fofoaivaese Line Dana Takua Ryan-Southward, daughter of Colin and Satuala ("Salome") Southward (Elimbah), were married on 20.10.02 in Pine Rivers Adventist church. *Ross Baines*

**Jackson—Cameron.** Stewart Jackson (Branxton East, NSW) and Jennifer Cameron (Homebush Bay) were married on 17.11.02 at St Helena Estate, Lochinvar. *Sid Griffith*

**Kingston—Harris.** Jotham Kingston, son of Andrew and Janette Kingston (Erina, NSW), and Erin Harris, daughter of Jacqui Harris (Empire Bay, NSW), were married on 10.11.02 at Woodston, Matcham. *Andrew Kingston*

**Martin—Wood.** Shaun Victor Martin, son of the late Richard and Margorie Martin, and Linda Margaret Wood, daughter of Alan and Fay Wood (Ballarat), were married on 5.11.02 in Ballarat Adventist church. *Mike Francis*

**Oliver—Obst.** Sheldon John Oliver, son of Murray and Pamela Oliver (SA), and Candice Jade Obst, daughter of Mark Wheaton and Julie Obst (SA), were married on 27.10.02 in Morphet Vale Adventist church. *Allan Croft*

**Styk—Smilek.** Michal Styk, son of Stan and Anna Styk (Springvale, Vic), and Dianne Smilek, daughter of Mirek and Anna Smilek (Springvale), were married on 10.11.02 in Dandenong Adventist Polish church. *Richard Araya-Bishop*

**Taylor—Hunter.** Pastor Ronald W Taylor and Marjorie Lorrie Hunter, both residents of the Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village, were married on 4.11.02 in the presence of members of both families in a lovely setting at Mount Coot-tha Summit, Brisbane, Qld. *Orm Speck*

**Thomas-Tong—Panton.** Scott Thomas-Tong, son of Charlie and Mary Tong (Perth, WA), and Tanya Panton, daughter of Daniel and Anna Panton (Perth), were married on 20.10.02 in North Beach Adventist church. *Andrew Skeggs*

**Thwaites—O'Neill.** Bradley William Thwaites, son of Morvyn Howard (Gladstone, Qld) and the late Richard Thwaites, and Peggy Sue O'Neill (also known as Phipps), daughter of Marguerette Phipps (Townsville), were married on 20.10.02 in Townsville City church. *Dave Hamilton*

**Van Der Westhuizen—Lankester.** Winston Roy Van Der Westhuizen, son of Bill and Doreen Van Der Westhuizen (Perth, WA), and Pauline Angela Lankester, daughter of Guy and Maria Spadaccini (Perth), were married on 17.11.02 at Olive Farm Winery, South Guildford, Perth. *Steve Goods*

**Woods—Robinson.** Stephen Denis Woods, son of Hazel (Mandurah, WA) and the late Wilfred Woods, and Vicki Ann Robinson, daughter of Clarence (Perth) and the late Marlene Robinson, were married on 3.11.02 in Queens Gardens, Perth. *Steve Goods*



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## Obituaries

**Butler**, Roy William Gray, born 1.1.1922 at Villeneuve (near Kilcoy), Qld; died 6.10.02 in Brisbane. He was predeceased by his first wife, Audrey, in 1982. On 27.9.82 he married Olive Greenwood. He is survived by his wife (Victoria Point). Roy loved his Lord and he loved his church. He was an accomplished organist and enjoyed playing for Sabbath school and worship services. He touched the lives of all who knew and loved him.

*Ken Lawson, Neil Tyler*

**Cross**, Roy Ellis William, born 29.5.1901 at Warialda, NSW; died 23.9.02 in Redlands Hospital, Cleveland, Qld. On 3.10.39 he married Muriel Cowley. He is survived by his wife (Victoria Point); his children and their spouses, Ann and Dr Roger Henley, and Robyn and Michael Raymond; his five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Roy developed diabetes in 1938, which he managed for 63 years with no side effects. He was made a Life Member of the Diabetes Association of Qld and received public attention, with special citation when he turned 100.

*Orn Speck  
Gordon Oaklands, Roger Henley*

**Driu**, Miliana (Milly) Rada, born 3.7.1938 in Fiji; died unexpectedly in her sleep 2.10.02 at Oberon, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Maika, in 1997. She is survived by her children, Vasiti Madataca, Vonivati Cibaciba and Miliana Namata (all of

Fiji). Miliana was "aunty" to all who knew her; strong in her faith and faithful in her care of the aged people with whom she had lived. For her warmth and wisdom she will be sadly missed.

*Colin Dumm*

**Fuatavai**, Aloni Daniel, born 16.6.1933 at Faleapuna, Samoa; died 2.10.02 at Invercargill, SNZ. He is survived by his children, Eric, Enosa, Daniel, Rebecca, Adrian, Joyce (all of Invercargill), Emma Fiu (Auckland, NNZ), Apopva McBride and Dorothy Fuatavai (Sydney, NSW).

*David Kosmeier*

**Guilhot**, Gilbert Rene, born 21.3.1929 in Tunisia, North Africa; died 24.9.02 in Wesley Hospital, Qld. On 29.12.56 he married Julie Malvaud. He is survived by his wife; his children, Rene Armitage, Josette Gilbank, Patricia Jutila and Philippe (all of Qld). Gilbert was baptised on 1.10.61 at Sandgate. He worked as a wardman at Royal Brisbane Hospital for 32 years. He was a maths tutor while living in Tunisia and studied to be a petroleum engineer.

*Humberto Rivera*

**Grbac**, Carole Dianne, born in December 1947 in Ontario, Canada; died 27.9.02 in Sydney after years of ill health. She was predeceased by her husband, Tomo, in 1992. She is survived by her parents; her sisters, Beverley, Kathie, Betty and Melva; and her brothers, Ted and John (all of Canada). Colin and Naomi Lewis, and Freda Hudson, provided immeasurable support for Ted and Melva, who represented the family in the fond farewell at Pine-

grove. Members from Stanmore, Granville and Kings Langley churches attended the funeral. Carole was renowned for her strong faith and her years of tireless service in child evangelism.

*Wal Taylor*

**Green**, Terrance John, born 9.6.1943 at Northam, WA; died 25.9.02 in the Avon Hospice, Northam. He is survived by his parents, Allen and Margaret; his sister, Lorraine Owen (all of Northam); his brother, Geoff (Cervantes); and his five children. Terry was a very loving and considerate person. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

*Pat Downey, Lynn Burton*

**Haimes**, Beryl Dorothy, born 22.11.1927 in Perth, WA; died 2.10.02 in Perth. On 1.12.51 she married Raymond, who predeceased her on 15.1.97. She is survived by her children, Susan Haimes (Hobart, Tas), Wendy Smith (Perth, WA) and Peter Haimes (Bundaberg, Qld).

*Piroska Vranjyak*

**Harrison**, Peter Bruce, born 17.2.1951 in Adelaide, SA; died 1.10.02 in Hollywood Hospital, Perth, WA. On 16.12.72 he married Shirley Reimers. He is survived by his wife (Boyanup); his sons and daughters-in-law, Eachan and Heather (Argyle), Nathaniel and Julie (Perth), Simon and Wendy, and Joshua and Jasmine (all of Alice Springs, NT). Peter was loved and respected by his family, church and community. He had a long interest in Pathfinders and at the time of his death was serving as director at Bunbury.

*Robert Kingdon*

**Jensen**, Margaret Ada (nee Stewart), born 6.1.1914 at Birkenhead; died 23.9.02 at Taihape, NNZ. On 17.5.49 she married Ray, who predeceased her on 28.4.89. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Garth and Ruth (Taihape); her daughter, Inge Jensen (Auckland); her five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; her sisters, Jean Gifford (USA), Flora McKean (Rangiwahia) and RayUna Sheely (Mount Maunganui). Margaret was a faithful and beloved member of Taihape church for more than 50 years. She was a woman of achievement and indomitable spirit. She will be remembered for her great encouragement and helpful attitude to all associated with her.

*Ben Timothy*

**Martin**, Roy Kingston, born 2.12.1918 at Gympie, Qld; died 27.9.02 in Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, NSW. On 8.12.45 he married Connie. He is survived by his wife; his children, James (Sydney), Elizabeth Baines (Brisbane, Qld), Marilyn Stafford (Perth, WA), Geoffrey (Melbourne, Vic), David (Sydney, NSW); his sister, Iris McPaul (Kyogle); and his brothers, Allen (Cooranbong), Doug (Alstonville) and Mervyn (Leycester); his 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Roy and Connie were baptised by Pastor Don Watson in 1952. Roy became a literature evangelist in 1961 and faithfully ministered for 24 years in northern NSW. He was a noble brother and friend; devoted to his wife, his family and his Lord.

*Ross Baines  
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## Positions vacant

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Rex Cobbin

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Barry Whelan, Dean Giles

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**Tuilimu**, Upuia, born 12.10.1926 at Savaii, Samoa; died 27.9.02 in Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth, WA. She is sur-

vived by her daughter, Faufau Harris (Karrinyup); and her son, Aso (Kalgoorlie). Upuia was a good mother and earnest Adventist who endeavoured to lead her family in the Adventist faith. Cyrus Adams

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