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Uli Paga, pictured with his wife, Lyn, is a literature evangelist (LE) in the Brisbane area. He is one of 337 in the South Pacific Division and 140 full- or part-time LEs working in Australia and New Zealand.

Literature sales still strong after 150 years

Bruce Manners

In 1853, 150 years ago, a price was put on Adventist literature for the first time. Up until then, Adventist printing was dependent on donations. This approach became the foundation of self-support for a worldwide publishing program.

And it is 10 years, from 1993, since a new structure was put in place for literature evangelists (LE) in the South Pacific Division. Since then there has been a “surge in Adventist literature sales to those outside the church,” says Pastor Terry Goltz, the Publishing Department director for the division. “In 10 years we have almost doubled our output of literature.”

In that time, the number of full-time LEs has increased and their earnings have lifted dramatically. This was helped by an initial price decrease (by one-third) of the books, a support system for new career LEs, a direct-debit system for buyers and a broadened range of books.

The LEs are frontline troops for the church, says Pastor Goltz, and on Literature Evangelism Rally Day (today) they need church-member support. In two ways: “Phone them and tell them they are praying for them. That’s always appreciated. Then, be on the lookout for friends who may be interested in books they have.”

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The misunderstood chapter

In five days a few weeks ago, I attended or participated in three weddings. That's a personal best. I conducted the Monday and Friday weddings, and attended the church service for the Thursday wedding.

Each of them was different. Thursday's was of a young Warburton couple (Andrew, the groom, works in production at Signs Publishing Company); Monday's was of a couple, both of whom had gone through divorce and had grown children; and Friday's was of a couple without church connections, whom I'd come to know through Margaret (my wife), who'd worked with the bride for several years. They'd kept in contact and she asked me to marry them.

They were each quite different in style: one was in a large church, another a small chapel at a reception centre, and the third beneath a shady tree in a well-cared-for garden. But there was one element outside the usual joy and happiness of a wedding that was a constant. The three couples independently chose to have portions of 1 Corinthians 13 read. This is Paul's classic statement about love, so there's nothing unusual about it being used at a wedding.

And no wonder: "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance" (verses 4-7, NLT).

Entirely suitable. But if this chapter is left for marriages alone we've missed the point entirely, for Paul writes here of the church. Chapter 12 tells of spiritual gifts given as a "means of helping the entire church"

(verse 7, NLT). He lists gifts, then interrupts himself: "First, however, let me tell you about something else that is better than any of them!" (chapter 12:31, NLT).

His point is that even if one speaks the language of heaven, prophesies the future, possesses faith enough to move a mountain or experiences martyrdom, it has no value if we lack love for others (verses 1-3). And in aiming this at the church, Paul reflects the words of Jesus when He said His followers would be known by the love they have for each other (John 13:35).

New church vows

It's as if Jesus and Paul envisaged a church where to love was one of the baptismal vows—where church is a place of trust, support, affirmation and peace; where conflict is resolved with concern for the other, not for self; and where accountability is mutual and correction is pursued to help with growth in the Christian walk.

This is a church where love means the members are there for each other, no matter what the trauma, no matter how deep the despair.

Harold Kushner, a rabbi, is best known for his book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Kushner's book came out of his struggle to deal with the sickness then death of his own son, when he discovered the answers he'd been giving his parishioners in similar circumstances gave him no comfort.

He found there's little that you can say that will help people in trauma. In an interview with Samantha Trenoweth (in *The Future of God*), he said there are often situations where you can do nothing. But if you think there is nothing you can do, "there is always something you can do,

even if it's just to sit with someone and help them cry. If you don't do that, you're leaving them to cry alone and nobody deserves that."

This is love. This is being there. This is hurting for them, even if you don't hurt as they hurt. Kushner tells of a doctoral student in psychology who studied how long people could sit with their bare feet immersed in iced water. "For this, you get a PhD," he laughs.

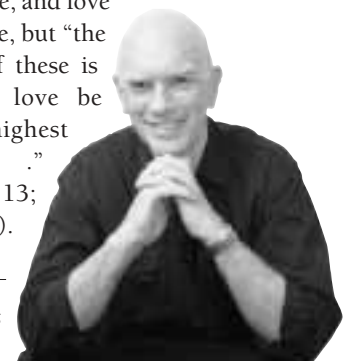
"The psychologist learnt that, when there was another person in the room, her subjects could keep their feet in the water for twice as long as when they were alone. Isn't that absolutely fascinating? The presence of another caring person doubles the amount of pain you can endure."

He adds, "So, if you have a friend who is going through a hard time and you feel helpless because you don't know what to say—as if the price of admission to helping a friend is to say something so clever that nobody's thought of it before—don't worry. You don't have to say anything. Just be there and, by your presence, indicate that you care."

That's love.

Aim high

Paul adds, "Love will last forever. . . . Faith, hope, and love" will endure, but "the greatest of these is love. Let love be your highest goal . . ." (13:8, 13; 14:1, NLT).



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—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● The **Discovery Centre** team, Wahroonga, NSW, have been busy since their first TV campaign of the year in **Western Australia**, where more than **550** people called in requesting to view the *Search* video. Some **504 New Zealanders** requested to view the *Who Is Jesus?* video from advertisements in Auckland. Pastors in **Melbourne, Vic**, have received **1810** names to visit, and at last count some **1092** names were received from the **Sydney and Wollongong** campaign.—*Discovery Newsletter*

● More than **100 people** attended a **refugee reunion** hosted by **Garden City church**, Brisbane, Qld, on March 16. Most attendees came to Australia during the past decade from the territory of former **Yugoslavia** under humanitarian and refugee programs. While sharing a free dinner, attendees told of their personal experiences since arriving in Australia. The evening included an audiovisual presentation with a documen-



tary about the Community Refugee Support Group and some recently arrived refugees, an interview by **Pastor Peter Vlado Stojanovic**, a founder of the Community Refugee Support Group and a

Wallsend celebrates a century



which added to the festive atmosphere (pictured are Andrew and Theresa Clark, and their sons, Josh and Nathaniel).

Wallsend's current minister's relationship with the church began while he was working in fruit and vegetable retail and received an invitation to attend Wallsend's first Revelation Seminar. "This was the community of faith that nurtured me toward my decision for Jesus and baptism in 1985," says Pastor Colin Renfrew. "They were there for me during my three years of working as a literature evangelist, and then as I went to Avondale College.

"You don't often get the chance to pastor the church in which your spiritual life was birthed," he says. "To do that while the church celebrates its centenary is a double blessing."

Dr Bryan Ball, former South Pacific Division president and joint editor of the book *The Essential Jesus*, was keynote speaker at the centenary celebrations.

performance from former Yugoslavian folk music star **Zora Dubljevic**, who sang some old Bosnian folk songs.

● Did you hear about the ratio of Seventh-day Adventists to non-Adventists attending an **evangelistic series in Port Augusta**, South Australia, March 17-22? Only one of the more than 20 attending the first of **Darren Slade's** programs had joined the church. "We're really working in an unentered area," says **Pastor Don Fehlberg**, the local minister. "But the numbers of non-Adventists attending shows the potential for new members." Pastor Fehlberg spent two hours most evenings picking up people to take to the

series. "I found that frustrating because those I picked up missed some of each program." He notes the **churches in Port Augusta that seem to be growing have buses.**



"Church members from the local Aboriginal communities are now saying to me, 'Pastor Don, we need our own bus.'"—*Brenton Stacey*

● A **community program for children** run by Adventists from the Lisimore, Alstonville, Casino and Ballina churches in northern NSW received an **Australia Day award** in the category of "Best and most successful community service."

Kidz Connexion is a two-hour program



run on **Sabbath** afternoons for **community children** between six and 10 years old. Some 100 children are "on the books" with up to 40 attending regularly each week. One non-Adventist family who attended, on moving to England, asked the local Adventist church if they ran a Kidz Connexion program. Pictured with the award is program coordinator **Warren Lemke** and his wife, **Nadene**.—*Lloyd Coe*

● **Price correction:** In the April edition of *Bookshelf* (inserted in RECORD, April 5) two products had the prices swapped inadvertently. They are the Bible Notebook CD-ROM and the Hymnsearch CD-ROM.

● **Four defectors from North Korea** were baptised on March 11 in Seoul, one of the largest such groups to be received into the Seventh-day Adventist Church since the 1950-53 war, which split the peninsula. More baptisms of defectors are an-

Bible sales high in troubled times

Preparation for war may have boosted sales of Bibles and other religious books in America, the *Financial Times* reported. US publishers collected almost \$US15 million in religious book revenues in January.

"Is this a result of the war? A fear of the unknown? Could be," said Mark Rice, a spokesman for Zondervan, a leading Bible publisher. Revenues from the company's Bible sales in January were 10 per cent higher than the year before—and the earlier sales had been influenced by the September 11 attacks.

Publishers Weekly Religion Bookline reported that religion titles continued to fare well in 2002, though they did not top the magazine's annual fiction or nonfiction lists as they did in 2001.

The top 15 nonfiction titles included five books released by evangelical Christian publishers, with each selling more than 600,000 copies. *A Life God Rewards* by Bruce Wilkinson was in the number two spot, with sales of more than 1,186,000. It was followed by *Let's Roll* by Lisa Beamer with Ken Abraham, ranking third with more than 958,000 in sales.—*Religious News Service*

anticipated, church officials say. The event originated from **the witness of one person**, a defector who was born into an Adventist family in North Korea. He had **secretly kept the Sabbath** during their years in the Communist state and witnessed to others in the Hanawon Training Center, an institute established to help defectors become assimilated into South Korean society.—ANN

● As war and rumours of war pulse throughout the Middle East, **Adventists are broadcasting messages of peace** as an oasis in troubled times. "Radio Awaha," or "**Radio Oasis**," is the name of a new radio programming service being created by the Middle East Union, based in Nicosia, Cyprus, according to **Pastor Michael Porter**, who heads the office there. Producers worked very closely with Adventist World Radio's technical operations centres so that the special emergency programs went on air the moment the invasion started, with additional broadcasts being **aired to the Middle East**.—ANN

● Will **God** find a place **in Europe's Constitution?** After sparring over Iraq, farming subsidies, fishing quotas and budget-deficit caps, European countries have stumbled on another **roadblock toward forging a larger, more integrated union: God**. Or, more precisely, God, religion and spirituality—three words that may, or may not, be included in the continent's future constitution. The matter has cobbled strange alliances among European Union members and candidate countries. Delegates from Poland and Germany—at odds over the military action against Baghdad—are united in pushing for a religious reference in the text, which Islamic Turkey and Roman Catholic France oppose. Even Pope John Paul II has jumped into the fray.—*Religion News Service*

Days and offerings

April 26—Union Institutions Offering Christian Education Day

Off the record

● **The National newspaper**, from Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, recently ran a column by Sir Paulias Matane in which he shares memories of **his interaction with a true Christian**. Reminiscing about people he met while at Sogeri High School in the 1950s, he said one of the most interesting teachers was an Adventist who is now retired and living in Queensland—**Dr Geoff Gibson**. "As an educator, he spread the good news by teaching, studying and above all, **practising in life what has been taught** and learned," wrote Sir Matane. "Many of us are still practising things he imparted to us. I thank Geoff for helping many become what they are today—honest, hard-working, committed, caring, loving, transparent, accountable and incorruptible."

● The administrative secretary and receptionist at Sydney Adventist College, NSW, **Stephanie Loren**s, was the **first graduate** of the new Customer Relations course for school office and support staff offered by the Centre for Marketing Schools. The course included lessons on various aspects of marketing, customer relations and office etiquette.—*Intrasyd*



● A correspondence student from Phillip Island, Vic, on completing the "Health" and "Taking Charge of Your Life" courses from the Adventist Discovery Centre wrote, "I don't know a great deal about the Adventists, but **through Signs and the courses you offer I can see that you are truly a loving and caring church**. I don't know of any other church that does such a great thing."—*Discovery Newsletter*

Aussies feature on Sabbath school TV show

Brenton Stacey

Forty-nine young adults from Australia will appear as panellists in the new series of “Sabbath School U.”

“Sabbath School U” helps teachers of the Adult Sabbath School Bible-study Guide understand a particular week’s lesson and gives ideas on how to apply it. Adventist Television Network uplinks the program to satellite two weeks before the applicable lesson.

Adventist Media produced 39 of the 28-minute episodes over two weeks in March.

“The young adults from Australia brought a stimulating mix of creativity and enthusiasm to the program,” says executive producer Pastor Gary Swanson from the General Conference Sabbath School Department. “We’re looking for innovative approaches to the adult Sabbath school lessons, and I appreciated the richness and depth of the young adults’ Bible-study skills and insightful observations.”

“I was pleased they embraced so quickly the hopes we have for the enrichment of Sabbath school classes around the world through a renewed emphasis on fellowship, outreach, missions and Bible study.”

Pastor Swanson and director David Brillhart were visiting Australia but had to return to the United States on only the fourth day of production because of the beginning of the war against Iraq.

Host Casey Wolverton, the minister of the Newcastle youth church and the Adventist chaplain at the University of Newcastle, supervised the program’s spiritual development over the remaining 27 episodes. “It was a learning curve for me, but the team at Adventist Media were extremely helpful,” says Wolverton. “Kevin [operations manager Kevin Townend] is also a minister and he helped flesh out some of the more difficult theology.”

Four young adults join Pastor Wolverton for each episode. Pastor Wolverton introduces the theme and each of the young adults before asking six questions



On the set with Sabbath School U.

about the lesson. He and the young adults then give insights into possible discussion leads. They also offer suggestions for handling questions, prompting answers, finding scriptural applications, drawing object lessons and choosing activities and songs that reinforce the theme.

Each episode begins with these words: “Offering information for your mind, enabling transformation for your heart. ‘Sabbath School University’—a weekly dialogue exploring God’s Word and its applications to today’s world.”

Pastor Wolverton says young adults bring a “fresh” perspective to the Adult Sabbath School Bible-study Guide. “I’m going to use some of the panellists’

comments next time I have to take a lesson.”

Sean Berkley, the assistant youth director for the South Queensland Conference, volunteered as one of the panellists. “I know how hard it is for Sabbath school teachers to find good resources.” He says he enjoyed discussing the lesson—“the other panellists were passionate about giving ‘Sabbath School U’ a go”—and “brainstorming” about how to apply it. “The program gives insight into how those of other cultures do Sabbath school.

“[The program] shows Australians are not dead and buried on Sabbath school,” says Mr Berkley. “We’re still keen to make it an integral part of our Sabbath experience.”

While young adults participate in the discussion, Pastor Swanson adds “Sabbath School U” is for “anyone studying the Adult Sabbath School Bible-study Guide.”

Adventist Television Network will uplink the “Sabbath School U” episodes featuring the young adults from Australia the week beginning May 4. The series runs until February 2004.

Visit <www.adventist.tv> for more information about “Sabbath School U.”

Me and “Sabbath School U”

I’m volunteering as one of the 49 young adults from Australia who appear as panellists in the new series of “Sabbath School U.” It’s a Monday morning. Host Casey Wolverton is waiting anxiously with me and another young adult at the Adventist Media Centre in Wahroonga, New South Wales. Two of the other panellists are stuck at the airport. We’re taping five episodes of the series today.

The delay gives me more time to make notes. I don’t have answers to all of the questions.

Phew! The other panellists have the answers I don’t. Casey is discussing the theme of the lesson with us on the set. The director asks if we’re ready to begin. [Nervous laughter.]

Cue the theme music and the voice-over. The other panellists and I are sitting opposite each other on two sides of a coffee table. Casey sits at the head of the table and delivers his introduction to one of the four cameras in the studio.

Casey keeps the discussion flowing freely. It helps that the other panellists complement each other. One is good at finding scriptural applications, another at choosing activities that reinforce the theme, still another at drawing object lessons.

The director gives Casey the one-minute signal. We’ve been talking for 27 minutes! I don’t want the taping to end. The discussion has inspired me to take my Bible study more seriously.—Brenton Stacey



Better strategies for short-term missions

Brenton Stacey

Short-term mission needs improving. This is the consensus of the 40 delegates who attended a consultancy organised by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Australia, the South Pacific Division's Adventist Volunteer Service Department, and Institute of World Mission at the Crosslands Youth and Convention Centre in Sydney, from February 27 to March 3.

Short-term mission volunteers joined representatives from Avondale College, from independent, supporting ministries and from Sydney Adventist Hospital at the consultancy.

The division's Institute of World Mission director, Pastor Brad Kemp, summarises in one word the delegates' suggestions to improve short-term mission: "Simplicity."

"We have lots of volunteers who want to serve their church. They're enthusiastic. They want to involve others. I find their passion for mission refreshing. But we need to make their experience a happier one."

While the delegates agree on the need to improve short-term mission, they disagree about why it needs improving.

Ron and Nita Clarke, veterans of 20

short-term missions, describe the problem as a "bureaucratic barrier."

Carl Ginger, deputy chair of the independent, supporting ministry Asian Aid, writes of "improving the synergy, effectiveness and efficiency of short-term missions through better communication, coordination and combined experience."

Mr Ginger's most recent short-term mission was a fly'n'build to the Cook Islands in September last year. "The benefits from combining buying power, proposal writing and streamlined team logistics can bring multiple rewards to projects."

Michael Peach, ADRA—Australia's international program coordinator, questions the agenda of those organising short-term mission. "We haven't been targeting the real needs of the local communities. Despite our good intentions, we haven't promoted as much as we could have ownership or the transfer of skills. We need to aim at achieving long-term sustainability."

Organisers of the consultancy set aside an hour-and-a-half each evening for delegates to share stories from their volunteer service.

"We did this to foster a learning and sharing culture," says Mr Peach. "We raise awareness of issues when we share what we have learned from short-term mission."

The Clarkes agree. "There are many other volunteers with the same problems we have. A skills and experience bank would be a great asset to avoid time losses."

The Clarkes also suggest organisers of short-term mission reduce the size of, say, their fly'n'builds to just one or two volunteers. "This ensures skills transfer and cements the sense of local ownership and ongoing care of the project."

Mr Ginger suggests, among other things, that ADRA reinvest short-term mission grants from AusAID to employ a short-term mission coordinator.

ADRA and the division will, in the next six months, draft a Code of Best Practice for short-term mission based on these and other suggestions from those attending the consultancy.

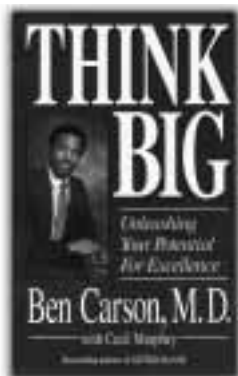
Mr Ginger describes as "refreshing" the spirit of cooperation and sharing at the consultancy. "The nurturing and building of this network would be an invaluable resource to furthering the mission of the church."

Surgeon and author receives prestigious visionary award

Dr Ben Carson, noted paediatric neurosurgeon and committed philanthropist, received the prestigious Visionary Award from a high-level executive organisation in Washington, DC, USA, on March 19.

Dr Carson is the first recipient of the Visionary Award of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), a 25,000-member group of leaders and executive officers of a wide range of national organisations.

Presenting the award, ASAE Foundation chair Ginger Nichols identified Dr Carson as "someone who exemplifies the highest in community service." Introducing Dr Carson, Tonya Muse, member of the ASAE board, spoke of her appreciation for his



Dr Ben Carson's book Think Big.

philosophy as outlined in his book *Think Big*. "Dr Carson believes in giving back to society," said Ms Muse, "and tonight we honour him with this Visionary Award for his philanthropic efforts through the Carson Scholars Fund. Through this program of annual

scholarships, Dr Carson is helping others strive for excellence and to truly 'think big.'"

Making reference to God several times in his acceptance speech, Dr Carson clearly identified his faith and convictions, and explained that the reason for the Carson Scholars Fund was to place the emphasis in the right place—care and concern for others as well as academic excellence.

"I want people to realise that it's OK to look to God—that's what the 'g' in 'Think Big' stands for—and to recognise the importance of values and principles, of really standing for something!"—*Adventist Review*

SPD web site 6 months on

Wahroonga, NSW

The South Pacific Division's (SPD) new web site is averaging almost 1000 unique visitors per week. "The growth has been increasing since we redesigned



Adam Sparke.

the site in October last year" says webmaster Adam Sparke. The General Conference's (GC) web site <www.adventist.org> reports it averages 22,000 unique visitors per week. GC webmaster John Beckett says, "The site was averaging 8000 visitors per week when I started work in 1999."

"With the Adventist Church in the South Pacific taking a more concerted effort in increasing their web presence, the web site will continue to grow in clarity, content and visitors with similar growth patterns to the global Adventist web site," predicts Mr Sparke.

The Australian Union Conference reports hits for their web site <www.auc

sda.com> have doubled since the SPD's web site was relaunched. Webmaster Rob Steed attributes this to "the link between the two sites."

The church has received some 100 emails with feedback from church members since relaunching the web site.

Their comments include:

- Add a recipe collection (visit <www.adventist.org.au/recipes>).
- Concerns about the site download time.
- Appreciation for the depth and spread of information, particularly on the South Pacific area of the site <www.adventist.org.au/southpacific>.
- Concerns that the corporate colours used in the web-site design are not "warm and friendly."
- Appreciation from expatriates for providing the RECORD online.

Mr Sparke says he will make ongoing changes to both the design and the content to the web site based on feedback.

Email feedback@adventist.org.au to voice your opinion about the web site.

Adventist wins military service case

Moscow, Russia

A regional court in the Russian Far East has ruled that Seventh-day Adventist Church member Sergei Panchenko should be allowed to do alternative service rather than be forced to bear arms, against his religious beliefs, in the Russian army.

Mr Panchenko, 18, petitioned for an alternative assignment when he was called to the army late last year. Most Russian males are required to serve one or two years in the military, but a law passed in 2002 states that alternative service must be allowed for those who can demonstrate genuine pacifist convictions.

The military registration commission

in Tambov, Amur Region, initially denied the request, and Mr Panchenko was subsequently ordered to enter the army's railroad division. After he appealed the order, citing his religious belief against killing, prosecutors opened a criminal case against him.

"The military and the court said they hoped to make an example of Mr Panchenko," says Pastor Valery Ivanov, communication director for the Euro-Asia Division. "Instead, this young man showed that, without any doubt, he is a sincere Christian who cannot violate his conscience by carrying weapons. Both the court and the military representatives agreed that his convictions were genuine."—ANN

Free webcast: Pastoral care in an anxious age

Mark Kellner, ANN

The Seventh-day Adventist Church broke new technological ground when its ministry professional growth seminar, "Rumors of Peace: Pastoral Care in an Anxious Age," was webcast free around the world on April 1. The Web streaming was in addition to satellite transmission of the event.

Ministers from Australia and New Zealand were part of the 15,000 clergy members—from the Adventist Church and other denominations around the world—who viewed the event. "I don't believe any other church organisation has as large an audience as we will have for this event," says Pastor Nikolaus Satelmajer, associate secretary for the General Conference's Ministerial Association and seminar organiser.

Adventist ministers used this opportunity to bridge to clergy of other denominations and invited them to attend the live satellite broadcast or view the program online via the free webcast

The seminar featured Dr Lloyd John Olgilvie, chaplain of the United States Senate and long-time pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian church; Dr Randy Roberts, senior pastor of the University Church of Seventh-day Adventists in Loma Linda, California; Dr Hyveth Williams, pastor of the Campus Hill church in Loma Linda; and Dr James Forbes, Jr, pastor of the Riverside church in New York City, USA.

In addition to the real-time online streaming of the event, the entire program will be archived online for a period, to let Internet users replay the program at their leisure. Both the webcast and the archived program will be available at <www.acn.info>.

Lilydale's exciting future

by Daryl Murdoch

Lilydale Adventist Academy celebrates its 40th anniversary next year. Many will remember the rain, mud and flurry of activity that accompanied the opening of the Academy and its transformation into a beautiful campus.

Since then, hundreds of boarders have passed through the dormitories and enjoyed lifelong benefits of Adventist education. Recollections of friends, teachers, social events, choir and band tours and performances, and outdoor adventures have created significant individual memories and a proud Academy tradition.

The Academy continues to provide an excellent boarding program for many families. By midyear our boarding house facilities will be full. Our houseparents, Bruce and Donny Wareham, provide a supportive family atmosphere for our boarders. They believe strongly in their mission to support and guide young people as they grow in Christ.

Here's what boarding students say:



Kelly.

Kelly, Year 12 (rural Vic): "When I enrolled I found many more advantages than just a great education. I found a stable home environment and caring houseparents as well as lots of brothers and sisters whom I respect and trust. I really feel as though I belong"



Wesley

Wesley, Year 12 (WA): "I've been to four public schools and one private school before I came here. This is my first boarding school and it is so much better because you get to know people much better. This school is a great place to grow in love for our Saviour Jesus Christ."

Serai, Year 9 (Manus Island, Papua New Guinea): "This is my first year in a new country and my first time ever at a boarding school. To start it was a bit hard but now I'm used to the lifestyle and I'm enjoying board-



Serai.

ing life immensely. I have experienced lots in the few months I have been here and I'm sure I will experience heaps more during the rest of the year and the years to come. I especially like the shopping on Thursday nights!"



Anne.

Anne, Year 12 (Kadina, SA): "I came to Lilydale to get a better education in a Christian environment and to experience a different lifestyle with a new circle of friends. Boarding life has introduced me to new cultures, different beliefs and most of all I've received a new enlarged family in which I feel secure and loved."



Henry.

Henry, Year 12 (Jakarta, Indonesia): "When I was home I had school on Saturday and I didn't even know what church was and what Christianity was. But at LAA I have had the chance to learn what these things are and even to be introduced to God and now to have a relationship with Him."



Sharona.

Sharona, Year 12 (Papua New Guinea): "With my parents living so far away in Papua New Guinea, I find that boarding has helped me grow, adjust to the Australian culture and become an individual. I have learned many things—emotionally, spiritually and mentally. After four years of living here and looking back on those years, I am glad I came to LAA to become who I am today."

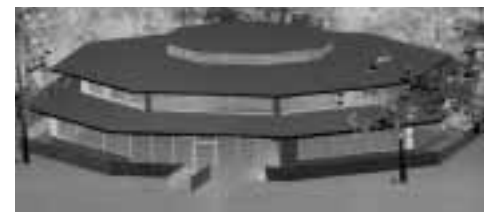
Rachel, Year 9 (Launceston, Tas): "I came to LAA because I felt I needed a new start and I felt that it was the best choice. The Christian atmosphere at LAA is great

for me because before I came here I went to a public school with most people around me choosing to do drugs and the wrong thing. I feel I am learning more in both a spiritual and educational way. I am learning heaps more than I did at my old school and I am getting to know God more and more each day. Boarding life is really fun and is a great experience for anyone who comes here. I'm glad I made the decision to come!"




Rachel.

The Academy has an excellent reputation in the community. Its park-like grounds provide a haven for the boarding and 205 day students; but some of the school's facilities are starting to show their age—there's an urgent need to modernise the school's library. A new library/resource centre is needed to meet the learning needs of students. This will be helped by the Australian Union Conference Institution Offering on April 26. In combination with government funding, it's intended that your offerings and donations will provide a



An artist's impression of the library/resource centre.

much-needed library/resource centre for the Academy and Edinburgh Adventist Primary students.

Donations to the library/resource centre are tax deductible. We look forward to your support as the Academy moves into another exciting decade of operation and invite former students, staff and friends to our anniversary celebrations in 2004. 

Daryl Murdoch has been the principal of Lilydale Adventist Academy since the beginning of this year.

Longburn keeps on growing

by Peter Kilgour



The 1990s was a difficult decade for Adventist boarding schools across North America, Australia and New Zealand.

Adventists decided to avoid boarding school and keep their young people home for a little longer. Some reasons given to me were: "The kids need to mix with the world a little more"; "It's no longer economically viable"; and "We're saving up for Avondale College and can't afford both."

So far this century, Longburn Adventist College (LAC) has seen a resurgence of interest in its boarding department, with many students from all over New Zealand and many countries overseas enjoying the camaraderie and education LAC has on offer. Now LAC is at capacity, with many on the waiting list vying for a place. Here are the reasons:

- God has blessed us immensely, particularly at the end of 1997 when the boarding department was at a crisis point. We prayed for a student a day for the dorms over the Christmas period and God answered those prayers to the very one.

- We make no compromise in being the best at everything we do. Our staff and students believe there's no better school, and they perform accordingly. Our students achieve the university placements or careers they want. Our sports teams win, or come close, at regional competitions against larger schools. Our students take leadership positions in the school. Our staff are involved in further study and succeed at it. With God on our side we can achieve what we set out to do and more.

- The Palmerston North Adventist church and LAC are connected. Our teachers and staff are leaders in the church, and church members who are tradespeople do the many improvements on our physical

plant. Our parents are among the most vocal and influential in support of the college, in town and across the community.

- We support our students with pastoral care and other services. We have a chaplain, youth worker, campus ministries director, special needs coordinator, careers adviser and so on. This is apart from teachers, deans and support staff. We follow our school leavers through into the tertiary sector and continue to support them.

- Not all our students are Adventists, but all those enrolled are Christians with regular church attendance at one of the many Protestant churches in town.

- Our board and management think outside the square, take risks and try different things in order to develop a niche market that is unique and quality.

Allan Brown, residential supervisor for the boys residence, says, "LAC is an awesome place appointed by God to train young men and women for His service. I know this because I see them participate in spiritual activities on campus, at the local church and in the community. Over the past three years many of the students have helped me with Prison Ministries."

Our Week of Prayer held in March was fantastic, where the senior class provided the music and leadership, while Jerry Unser from Queensland's Gold Coast challenged students with God's Word. Two-thirds of our 330 students stood in commitment or recommitment to the Lord.

The Longburn Adventist College Board of Trustees has started two new initiatives this year—two scholarships for two specific needs. The first, a Pacific Islands Scholarship, is offered to a student of an Adventist high school in the Pacific region. This scholarship recognises the strong links New Zealand has had with the Pacific region ever since its foundation as New Zealand Missionary College.

The inaugural LAC Pacific Islands



Scholarship goes to Elenoa Osborne (pictured), the deputy head girl of Suva Adventist High School in 2002.

The second scholarship is designed to attract quality students back to LAC as teachers after finishing a teacher-training course. It is a one-off award of \$NZ2000 toward university fees, provided the students give LAC first option on their services when they graduate. This is an attempt to be proactive in recruiting Adventist teachers back to our college in an era when Adventist teachers are becoming harder to find.

This scholarship goes to Rebecca Keen (pictured), who was dux of LAC in 2002 and has decided to attend the Massey University College of Education to become a secondary mathematics teacher.

LAC is a dynamic and growing place. The more we grow, learn and develop, the more we see what needs to be done. We will never be satisfied with where we are, because God can always provide better.

Thanks for your offering for LAC (the NZPUC Institution Offering) next Sabbath. It will be well used. Read more on our web site <www.adventistcollege.co.nz>.

Peter Kilgour is principal of Longburn Adventist College.



Elenoa Osborne.



Rebecca Keen.

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The Governor-General and I

by Joseph Maticic

Recently I was invited to a civic reception with the Governor-General of Australia. I should correct that. I wasn't actually invited, but I attended.

Let me explain. Through my involvement with the Ministers Fellowship in Bendigo (Vic), for a couple of months I filled in while the secretary was overseas. During that time, an invitation came for the Ministers Fellowship president, inviting him to a civic reception for the Governor-General. The president was away on holidays. And with the secretary overseas, it came down to me!

So here I was attending this function as the second fill-in. I mean, my name wasn't even on the official invitation. Standing in the auditorium, filled with people sipping champagne, I soon realised these were the who's who of the town—company executives, dignitaries and leaders.

Apart from the city mayor, whom I'd met once, the only other person I knew was my wife. We gathered, each of us dressed in our formal wear as instructed on the invitation. And when Peter Hollingworth was introduced to the gathering, I reminded myself I was in the presence of a man whose position is higher than even the Prime Minister's.

I wasn't able to speak to the Governor-General. And even if I did, he wouldn't know me. Come to think of it, he holds little significance for me personally anyway. He's too far removed from my life. And to him, I would be just another face among the thousands he meets regularly.

As I drove home that evening, I began thinking about another reception—the one awaiting God's people. I imagined the ultimate reception, when our Lord Jesus returns in glory to take us to heaven.

I began thinking how different an experience that will be to my encounter with the Governor-General!

The Bible pictures it as a wedding reception. "Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb," it says in Revelation 19:9 (NIV). For a start, I won't be at the heavenly reception with God and Jesus simply as a fill-in representing someone else. Instead, God has my name written on the heavenly invitation and, to stretch the analogy, it is written in the blood of Jesus. What's more, this invitation is open to all and received by those who will believe.

I went to the civic reception with the Governor-General in my best suit. The reception with Jesus also has a dress code, but this is one He provides for everybody. That way everyone is there on the same terms and I don't have to worry if I match up.

I wondered how different the gathering of the redeemed will be to the guests at the civic reception. I'm glad that it won't be just the elite of the community. Rather, there will be people from every country, background and socioeconomic class.

In fact, in God's kingdom, greatness isn't measured by how high one is on the corporate ladder, but by service to others. There among the saved in heaven will also be many who came through "great tribulation" (Revelation 7:14).


Another contrast of the heavenly reception with my meeting with Peter Hollingworth is this: While I had the opportunity to be in the presence of the man who has the highest office in Australia, that is no match to being in Christ's presence.

Think about it, I (we) will then be in the presence of the King of kings, the Creator of the universe, whom angels bow before in worship declaring, "Holy, holy." He is



higher than any governor of any country. Yet He is the one who died for us so we could join Him in heaven—not just for an evening, but for eternity.

There's one more difference in the heavenly reception. When I realised I would be attending the civic reception with the Governor-General, I began thinking, *What do I talk to him about? What would I say to him?* As it was, I didn't have to worry about any of that.

I picture the time when I will see my Saviour face to face. I imagine the moment when I will come before His presence. As He extends His arms and His nail-pierced hands, He will call me by name. In that awesome scene, I envisage falling at His feet and taking the opportunity to thank Him again for saving me! 

Joseph Maticic was the pastor of the Bendigo church, Vic, when he wrote this last year. He is now ministering in Albania.



It's 48 hours to war

by Karen Muirhead

It's 48 hours before a Third World war.

At this moment, here in my street, it's quiet. The lawns have a blush of green—we've had a few showers of rain. And my husband and I have finally found that bush block to call home.

But in 48 hours it will all change. It seems totally surreal.

They say the Iraqis will experience shock and awe, but I think that's what we're experiencing.

A group of teenagers at the Christian school where I teach sit on the lawn at lunchtime—praying. Staff also meet to pray; to pray that God's will is done. Yet our little time of sporadic world peace is slipping away. We have 48 hours to go.

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It is 48 hours before He is born.

Rabbis ponder great mysteries and great nothings. They theorise the coming Christ, apparently looking for Him, yet unprepared to find Him. Priests continue the daily sacrifice, voices intone and blood spills. Tribes still fight against tribes, families build their herds, and couples marry.

The ordinary overshadows the impending extraordinary.

The Roman census is taken as their empire expands. Virtual villages of people uproot and travel to their appointed places, causing temporary minor havoc with jostling families vying for accommodation for the night. And caught between this cacophony of life and the unfazed symphony of heaven, is a pregnant woman on a donkey, searching for a birthplace for her Son.

Angels gather in the heavens to prepare for the event. That He is doing this astounds them. How much love He must have, they consider, how much compassion to make this unheard-of venture. God, to become subject to His subjects. This is the beginning of the end of the reign of sin.

The Ruler of all is making Himself known. They press closer to earth to share the joyous news, yet so few people seem to really want to know. Mary will soon deliver her first child—the Son of God. The baby carries so low that she lies on her side to relieve the pressure. She can smell the musty damp earth; she is almost beyond noticing the cold night air.

Christ is born.

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And it is with awe that the angels sing.

And it is with shock that the reality of His presence confronts those who never thought they would see Him—at least not like this—nursed, fitting into the crook of an arm.

“Salvation is found in no one else . . . for there is no other name . . . given to men by which we must be saved’ (Acts 4:12). His birth is the beginning of a chain reaction that will result in the beginning of the total destruction of evil. [Christ's birth] concerns alienation and redemption, sin and salvation” (Bryan Ball, *The Essential Jesus*).

As that 48-hour period ticked over in ancient Bethlehem, the world experienced freedom and truth in its magnificence. Some were perhaps right to fear, but all had the opportunity to rejoice.

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Do we remember 48 hours before He came into our lives?

What were our anxieties, what were our passions and our guilts? And how much has wonderfully changed for us since then? Before He was born, sadly, God seemed distant, meant only for kings and prophets. But Christ, in becoming an infant—so totally dependent and fragile and so intimate with humanity—meant we saw more of God's love for us.


It's soul-stilling to understand that in that moment the world changed. Not for an era but for eternity, and not just for me but for the whole of humanity.

Truly this creates a mixture of shock and awe.

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So, 48 hours to go. History tells me war begets war. I feel only sadness. This war will eventuate, and what will humankind reap?

With pride some call themselves liberators—so much seems to depend on which side of the mirror one stands. Yet war will not liberate as Christ has done by His earthly birth. Its missiles will not purge as His grace does. The efforts of humans will not create a new, safe world in the way His compassion has.

My heart lifts as I think of the Prince of Peace. I commit to search for Him, for He says He will be found. There is no time to postulate. He was there then, He's here now, and He is coming soon. 

Karen Muirhead, a former member of the RECORD team, writes from Dubbo, NSW. This is one of a series about Jesus.

One Thing I Know

I was recently reminded of how good a writer James Coffin was, and is, when reading his recently released book *One Thing I Know (And Other Stuff I Strongly Suspect)*. And I strongly suspect he was responsible for the title—I worked as his associate for almost four years and it has a Jim feel about it. (And, yes, Jim's a friend so this review is immediately biased.)

Jim was the editor of RECORD from 1987 to 1991 and had a significant impact on the magazine. He'd been commissioned to "make [RECORD] contemporary," to deliberately attempt to "move it down a generation." That's how one division administrator explained Jim's role. During his five years as editor, he introduced journalistic style in news, stronger editing practices and the letters page became much more open.

His book is 65 chapters crammed into 157 pages. Compiled into six sections, most chapters are RECORD editorials and will create a sense of nostalgia for many. In "Just call me Jim" (see, I have his permission), he argues for those who want to call each other "brother" and "sister," and for those who don't. "By their loot ye shall know them" is memorable as a title that won an award from the Australasian Religious Press Association. "Screening the big screen" looks at movie theatre attendance.

What I had forgotten was how sharp, how logical and clear Jim can be in stating his case. For instance, when writing on divorce and remarriage, and current (then and now) practice, he discovers the "church's unintended statement": "We're not terribly concerned about marriage, and we're not even that concerned about divorce. But we're adamantly opposed to remarriage after divorce."

He tackles several difficult issues, including women's ordination, but there's much more. He's a talented writer and storyteller.

And several chapters are recent.

Being a compilation means there is no overall theme, and even the division of the chapters into groups is forced in some cases. Yet a theme emerges that is one of making our Christianity real, consistent and practical.

The stand-out chapters are two and both illustrate his storytelling ability. "A story revisited," is of the woman caught in adultery and taken before Jesus, and forgiven. The church board then gets into the act. After lengthy discussion it's decided she needs to be punished "for the fair name of the church." She is, of course, stoned.


In the following chapter, "A story revisited—again," a prostitute comes to church and is converted. There is much rejoicing. She prizes her new-found faith and she is prized by her church. Then she discovers that the woman caught in adultery (a former friend) was stoned by



her church. "O God," she cries, "thank You that I fell into sin *before* finding the church rather than *after*." Hmmmm.

You could use this book as a chapter-a-day devotional reading. If you do, be prepared to keep thinking about what you read well into the day—"Myth of the open mind" is probably good for a

few days.

Jim is currently the senior pastor of the Markham Woods church in Longwood, Florida. He dedicates his book to Leonie, his wife, who, he says "most inspired me to be less judgmental, less legalistic, and less willing to settle for religious clichés and platitudes." In reading his book I suspect you will be inspired to be less so inclined as well. Leonie has done a good job. 



James Coffin.

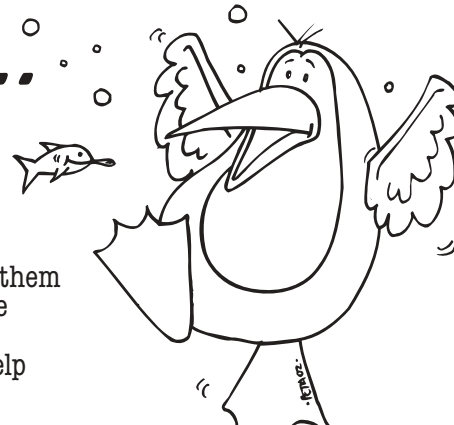
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Just for children

WHAT IF ...

... penguins had wings instead of flippers?

God gave penguins flippers so they could swim, allowing them to hunt for food and to escape quickly from predators. Wings wouldn't be of much help to a penguin!



Peta Taylor

Insight through pain

Wilf and Hazel Rath, NSW

Thank you, Pearl Grey, for sharing your experience of divorce with us through RECORD ("Dear 'uncaring' friend," March 15). It must have been hard for you to reveal your inmost feelings and hurtful experiences, but we now understand a little better how to empathise with those like you who undergo a similar experience. Your closing line, "Thank you for your Christian love," said it all.

Spellchecker, please

Cyril Were, NSW

There have been five generations of the Were family in the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1895, none of whom spelled their name W-E-I-R, including the Pastor Louis F Were and the division's photographer and film-maker Eric Were. How could you have got that wrong (in Letters December 7, 2002)?

We were wrong, were we not? What a weird language we work with. Apologies.

Why bother?

Jeff Meadowvale, NSW

Thank you for the editorial "Why bother with church?" (March 22). I know from experience that people usually leave the bride of Christ over issues with others

in the body of Christ and not over scriptural teachings. Keep up the wonderful work you do.

Here is the dream

Sheila Walton, Tas

I commend and recommend the reading of Pastor Gilbert Cangy's editorial ("Keeping the dream alive," March 15). Dedicated young people, equipped by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the principles demonstrated in the life and teaching of Jesus, would give power to the message of salvation that the

members—but nothing for men.

"When women pray" (Editorial, March 1) states that a day of prayer for all is preferred, but women comprise 70 per cent of church membership and are "leading the way," so there's a day of prayer for women only. What made church administration decide *not* to adopt the preferred option? It seems the other 30 per cent—males—aren't important enough. The mention of the 70 per cent in "The great woman question" (Editorial, June 9, 2001) seems to indicate Women's Ministries has adopted a numbers count to somehow determine the relative importance of women.

The church should maximise the missionary capacity of all church members by providing the same services and opportunities for all. . . .

world needs to hear, and it would revitalise the whole church. I wish him and his mission God's richest blessing.

Give the blokes a go!

G Reed, WA

Are men unimportant in today's church? We have Women's Ministries in the church; a Womens' Ministries Emphasis Day; a Women's Ministries newsletter, *Going Places*; a Women's Ministries web site; a Womens' Day of Prayer, with special resources provided by the General Conference; and special activities for women

If numbers are important, I'm sure an analysis of tithe would find that the forgotten 30 per cent pay as much or more as the 70 per cent. The church should maximise the missionary capacity of all church members by providing the same services and opportunities for all, including the forgotten 30 per cent.

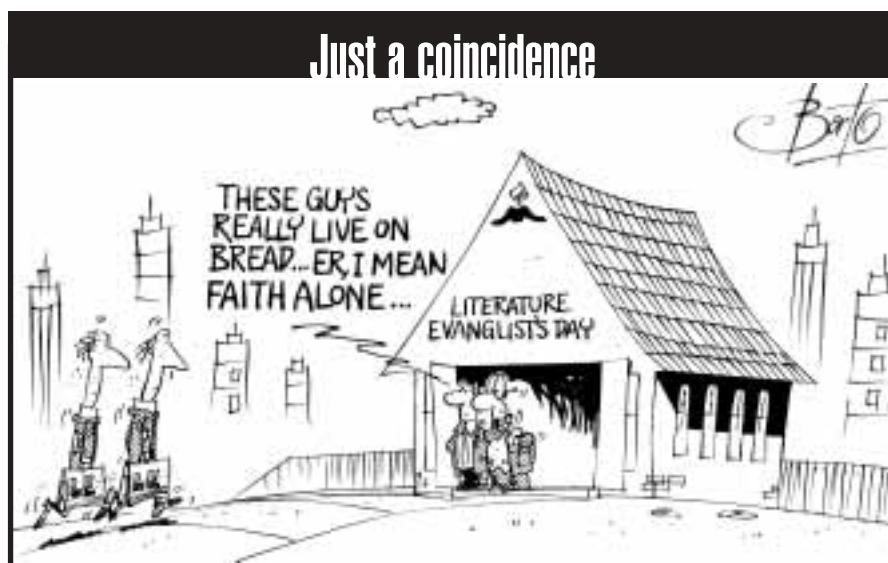
More on war

W J Everett, Vic

Concerning "Thoughts on war" (Editorial, March 29), there is no such thing as a "justified war." The Bible states positively, clearly and frequently, "You shall not kill." The Bible states, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." The Bible states, "Do not judge others or you will be judged." The Bible states, "Forgive others if you expect to be forgiven." The Bible states that God wants all to come to repentance. If they're killed they cannot repent.

The Bible states the commandments—including "You shall not kill"—and engraved them in stone because they are everlasting. They cannot be annulled by fire or human rejection.

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Anniversaries

Bond, Arthur and Leticia (nee Matthews) were married on 18.2.53 in a Methodist church in Rockhampton, Qld. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family in Brisbane. They have four children, Caryl, Philip, Rachel and Annette, and 15 grandchildren. Arthur and Letty worked as a literature evangelist team in central Qld for 18 years and for three years in NZ. They are known for their commitment to each other and their family, and for being deeply anchored in the gospel of Jesus.

Cooper, Alan and Elaine (nee Hick) of Toronto, NSW, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family on 7.1.03. They were married on 7.1.53 in the Hamilton SDA church, Newcastle, NSW. Their two sons and families were present, to make it a special occasion.

House, Eric and Fermena (nee Pages) were married on 23.2.43 at Wahroonga church, NSW, by Pastor R A R Thrift. Fermena is remembered for her hospitality and graciousness. Eric is affectionately remembered as "red-roof House"



and served in four conferences in pastoral/evangelistic ministry. Sons Kevin, Brian and Murray hosted the diamond anniversary that was celebrated at Victoria Point, Qld, with friends and family. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the impact of one couple's love.

King, Romney and Margaret (nee Large) were married on 21.1.53 at East Prahran SDA church, Melbourne, Vic, by Pastor A P Dyason. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner party at Mitcham, Vic. Congratulations were received from their four children, Vaughan, Julie, Glenice and Hilton; their spouses and seven grandchildren.

Appreciation

Gilmore. June and family, Ross, Yvonne, Ngaire and Clive wish to thank our wonderful church family for their love and support since the death of dear Laurence. Your cards and phone calls have meant so much. "We have this HOPE!"

Slade. Warren Slade of Busselton, WA, and Judith Mazz of the Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW, would like to take this opportunity to thank the many friends and relations of the late Pastor Frank Slade and the late Mary Slade, for the expressions of their kind thoughts of sympathy and support, in the many cards and letters sent to us.

Weddings

Bolst—Lomo. Bradley Dean Bolst, son of Bob and Jan Bolst (Kellyville, NSW), and Carmen Lomo, daughter of Elena Lomo (Dural, NSW), were married on 23.3.03 at Careel Head Reserve, Bangeley Head. *Bob Bolst*

Farrell—Rowan. Derek Farrell, son of Anthony Farrell (Wentworth Falls, NSW) and Jan Hay (Perth, WA), and Mary Jane Rowan, daughter of Glynn and Judy Rowan (Karratha), were married on 15.3.03 at Bathurst Light-house, Rottneest Island. *Jim Tonkin*

Hiscox—Foots. Stephen James Hiscox, son of Lyndsay and Eileen Hiscox (Mount Cotton, Qld), and Joanne Darina Foots, daughter of Darina Eams (formerly Foots of Barnawartha, Vic) and the late Robert Foots, were married on 2.3.03 at "The Foothills," Talgarno, near Albury, NSW. *Bryan Craig*

Murchison—Martin. Alexander (Alec) Roderick Murchison, son of Alexander (Alec) Murchison (Coorabong, NSW) and Felicity Koentges (Agnes Water, near Bundaberg, Qld), and Susan Lorraine Martin, daughter of Alwyn and Loraine Martin (Wandandian, NSW), were married on 2.3.03 at Meroo Union church, Meroo Meadows, near Nowra. *Clifford Murchison, Dale Arthur*

Obituaries

Baronian, Connie Elizabeth, born 10.3.1923 at Auckland, NNZ; died 29.11.02 at Tauranga. On 10.3.48 she married Charles, who predeceased her on 6.12.57. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Keith (Christchurch, SNZ), Stephen and Patrice (Tauranga, NNZ) and Barrie and Debbie (New Plymouth). *Grant Burton*

George, Kathleen, long-standing member of Wollongong church (NSW), turned 100 on 6.3.03. Her association with Wollongong church stretches back for many decades and during this period she held many and varied positions in the church,



her first being organist with a pump-action organ. For years she crocheted and knitted garments and crafts that she sold and supported Pastor Makisi Tonga, from Tonga, during his college years and all through his ministry (he has now retired). She passed away 10 days after turning 100 and Pastor Tonga, who came for her birthday celebrations, conducted her burial service. At 90 she began to write poetry, even though her sight was fading. She was predeceased by her son, Don (Eric). She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Betty, and her family. *Makisi Tonga*

Volunteers needed

Youth Volunteer, Gateway Church, NSW—a youth who has had experience working with teenagers and youth. Aged 20–26. Living allowance, lodging with church family and food provided. Term: 12 months, commencing Aug/Sept, 2003.

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▲ **President—Avondale College (Cooanbong, NSW)** is seeking expressions of interest and/or nominations for the position of President of the college. For further information visit the SPD web site "Employment" page <www.adventist.org.au>.

Hale, Gordon Edward, born 20.12.1938 at Kojonup, WA; died 23.12.02 at his home at Kulikup. He is survived by his wife, Eugenie (Jane); his children, Bernard and Georgie (Georgina); his stepsons, Calvin, Laurie and Vincent Chan; and his sisters, May Hale (Greensborough, Vic), Jean Mack (Bonnells Bay, NSW) and Hazel Eaton (Lismore). Gordon was a foundation member of the Kulikup SDA church and farmed in the area all of his life.

Ray Eaton, Andrew Skeggs

Lea, Victor Colin, born 30.12.1919 at Invercargill, SNZ; died 26.2.03 at Invercargill. On 9.5.64 he married Ethel. He is survived by his wife (Invercargill); his stepchildren, Peter Greene (Adelaide, SA), Elizabeth Greene (Auckland, NNZ); and Harold Greene (Christchurch, SNZ).

David Kosmeier

Loumeau, Marie Reine Therese, born 1.10.1928 on the island of Mauritius; died 9.3.03 in Perth, WA. She was predeceased by her husband, Marc Serge, on 20.7.2000; also her daughter, Sylvaine. She is survived by her children, Danielle, Christiane, Chantel, Josiane, Marie-Claire and Marie-Claude; their spouses; her 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Since coming to Australia in 1967, Therese worked for Sanitarium until her retirement. She will be remembered as a kind and loving Christian who always put God first in her life, others next and herself last. She loved her Saviour, her church and her family.

Gervais Cangy, Larry Laredo

Oponda, Teofilo, born 15.9.1918 at Bohol, Philippines; died 8.3.03 in a nursing home in Canley Vale, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; his children, Rudy, Roger, Dina, Gilbert and Warren; his 18 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He and his wife have been members of Blacktown church for many years. He is remembered as a person who was always well dressed when coming to worship the Lord.

Pedro Fuentes

Peach, Moira Mavourneen (nee Steven-son), born 23.1.1931 in Blantyre, Nyasaland (now Malawi), Africa; died 27.12.02 in Auckland, NNZ. In 1953 she married Dr Peter Peach, who predeceased her about 1996. She was also predeceased by her daughter, Angela, on 9.6.56. Moira and Peter served at Mwami Mission Hospital and Leprosarium in Zambia. In 1957 they moved to Johannesburg, South Africa, from whence they migrated to New Zealand in 1972, where Moira lived a full and happy life. She is survived by her daughter, Dr Jocelyn Peach; her sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney and Tania, Richard and Karen, Robin and Dolly; and her beloved grandchildren (all of Auckland); her sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and John Relihan (Whangarei). Moira is remembered with great love and appreciation as a psychologist, a committed church leader, a good friend, beloved sister and much loved mother.

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 (Australian Chapter)

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Avondale Memorial Church Hall
10am - 12 noon
Sunday May 4, 2003

TOPICS:

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2. "Can the Church Be Relevant and Survive?"

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