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Rice technologist Eddie Tejano—brother of the Philippines Ambassador to Papua New Guinea—has spent a year at Pacific Adventist University developing a rice project.

Rice project working well

Port Moresby, PNG

Pacific Adventist University (PAU) rice technologist Eddie Tejano reports “outstanding success” in rice production and research work carried out on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL). The research, which started in July 2002, is increasing PAU’s self-sufficiency and contributing to general rice production in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Over the past four months Mr Tejano has continued his research on seven varieties to evaluate their resistance to disease and ease of pest control as well as to judge their yield and performance. PAU is increasing its capacity to produce high-yield seed varieties and hopes to be able to make commercial qualities and quantities available to PNG growers.

The experiments at PAU with water and irrigation have determined efficient water-use ratios, which significantly reduced the amount of water needed, below what had previously been thought was necessary.

“PAU is happy with the project’s progress and grateful for the support and interest in this developing project,” says Richard Worley, a lecturer in the Humanities Department and Public Relations and Development coordinator for PAU. “At present the project is seeking both a mechanical planter and harvester for maximum contribution to PNG’s need for locally grown rice. Efforts to procure these implements have so far been unsuccessful. In the meantime, we are carrying forward efforts to be ready to maximise production as opportunities develop.”

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Back to the beginnings: Part 2

For kids

(adults, read no further*)

Young Mark sensed something important was happening. Passover was always an exciting time, with special food and Temple services, and a holiday—but this year there was something more.

That something was going on in the room directly below his loft, which his folk called the “upper room.” He could hear them talking, but what they said, he didn’t understand. Something was happening, but he didn’t know what. Yet.

Through a knothole, he caught glimpses of the men dining. Earlier he’d been amazed when the Man—Rabbi, they called Him—washed His friends’ feet as if a servant. The Rabbi was telling His friends He was leaving them, but they weren’t catching on: “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more . . . because I am going to the Father?’” they whispered.

Mark watched and listened, snug under the blanket of his bed, and tried to figure it too. He shuddered from a sudden draught, for beneath his warm woollen blanket and bedsheet, he wasn’t wearing pyjamas. (In fact, he was wearing nothing at all!)

Earlier that week, he’d been on the street when the Man rode like a king into the city. But now this ominous talk: “I tell you,” the Man had told His friends, “unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. . . .” Later He’d said, “I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

To His friends, He was quoting Zechariah, saying: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.” Mark knew that verse; his teacher had told him it was “an oblique reference to Messiah.”

Why would the Man tell them this? Mark wondered. He seemed to be saying that there was trouble brewing and Mark, an

insignificant boy, was a witness to it. He noted what the men said and did, as he pulled his blanket higher against the cold. But he must have nodded off for a moment, for, suddenly, there was movement below. The men were making for the door, where the last one out extinguished the remaining candle, leaving only darkness.

Where were they going? I’ve got to know.

In the blackness, Mark searched for his carelessly discarded clothing. But hearing the footsteps of the men on the street, and unable to find his tunic, Mark pulled the bedsheet over his shoulders and climbed out of the window, onto the landing, then scrambled down an ancient grapevine to the garden. He was soon on the street.



Ahead, he could see the group exiting the city via the large gate. He followed them down to Kedron Creek near the olive tree garden. As it was almost full moon, he could see quite easily. The Rabbi wasn’t saying much, neither were the men. At the entrance to the garden, He left some sitting on the rock wall before walking slowly up the slope into the gloom cast by the trees.

Mark felt a little guilty for spying, *But this could be history being made*, he argued. His teeth chattered from the cold, so loud he felt certain someone would hear as he crept along the wall to a vantage point. A few metres away, he could see three men sitting alone, and a short distance beyond them, the Man, kneeling.

He was praying aloud. It seemed He really knew the One to whom He was speaking. It was a long prayer and from nowhere the thought *praying for an eternity* popped into Mark’s head. He watched until there was just the Man left awake; snoring told him everyone else was asleep.

Just the Man and himself awake, watching: How cool was that! The Man and His watcher, just a scrawny kid.

Now there was movement and voices. In the exchange, Mark sensed embarrassment among the men for their carelessness. Then the Man went back to the grove and prayed some more. He was asking for something, pleading that God would “take the cup” from Him. This happened twice, then just after the Man came back a third time, Mark heard people coming up the path behind him. From out of the darkness soldiers appeared, heading toward him. He ducked behind a low cypress pine, but just as he did, there was a lightning flash—or it could have been an angel.

In fright, Mark yelped and fell back, banging his head. Then, before he could recover, a big hand grabbed him.

“Who are you, Boy? What are you doing here?” asked a burly soldier.

Mark was in trouble. He wished he’d stayed home. Squirming to free himself, he turned, and miraculously the sheet unwound. Quite suddenly he was free! The Bible says, “He [Mark[†]] fled naked, leaving his garment behind” (Mark 14:52, NIV).

As Mark made his way back into the city, his mind was reeling: *How exciting was that! Me, John Mark, the only eyewitness to what’s happened. Me, a kid, saw the Rabbi’s pain and heard His prayer*, he thought as he climbed back into bed. *If only I could tell someone.*

Lee Dunstan

* It’s the Year of the Child, and this is for them.

[†] Conjecture only.



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—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● Television advertisements sponsored by Adventist Media and the **South New South Wales Conference** between June 15 and 22 will offer a free viewing of the **Search 6** video in the **Dubbo, Orange and Parkes** areas.

● A good response to the South Pacific Division's (SPD) **recruitment drive and employment database** (RECORD, January 25) is being experienced. **Peter Wrankmore** (pictured), recruitment promotions officer for the SPD, is enthusiastic about the number of people making contact as a result of advertising in various church publications, and camp promotions. "We're receiving between two and five inquiries per day, which is excellent given the time we've been operating. Having the resource that allows us to **tap into the talented and committed Christians in our church community** helps to build on an already strong workforce," he says. For more information see <www.adventist.org.au>.



● **Kidz Biz**, the quarterly Children's Ministries newsletter from the South Pacific Division, has listed some web-site resources for creative ideas. For children's colouring and activity pages go to: <<http://allgodskids.com/colouring>> or <<http://christiananswers.net/kids/home>>. Highly recommended is the site from San Francisco Central Adventist church <www.sfcentral.org/childrens_corner>.

Funding agreement a first in PNG



Adventist Development and Relief Agency—Papua New Guinea Trust and the AusAID-funded Papua New Guinea Incentive Fund signed an agreement for the funding of a water and sanitation project for Morobe Province on April 24.

"This is the first time an Adventist agency or institution in PNG has been funded by PNG Incentive Fund," says ADRA-PNG director Michelle Abel (pictured, right, with Bill Hamblin, team leader of the PNG Incentive Fund).

With a total funding budget of some K4.5 million, it is the largest ADRA-PNG project to be funded. The grant is for a three-year program in the Morobe Province to provide gravity-feed water systems in 88 communities across the province, and conduct hygiene and sanitation education in each community where a water supply is built. The project will also construct two demonstration ventilated-pit latrines with each community.

Community self-reliance and direct community involvement in the process is an important feature of the program. Consequently, community ownership of the project will be established by working in partnership with committees in each village. Community members will be trained in the construction and maintenance of the gravity-feed water system and a sense of responsibility will be created for long-term sustainability of the services.

● An **ADRAcare Community Shop** opened for business in **Gympie, Qld**, on March 20. When the Gympie Adventist



church was asked to take over the local men's crises centre in November last year, the church board decided to open an ADRAcare shop to help fund the centre. Within four months they had set up the shop and **are already making money**.

● "**The Spud**" is a new interactive approach by the Pine Rivers church, Qld, for their Friday-night **youth meetings** that specifically target "**hot potato**" topics. Pine Rivers minister **Pastor Michael Robinson** led the the inaugural "Spud" event on the topic of Christian standards in dress.—*Focus*

● A new innovation at Sydney Adventist College, NSW, is the **Junior Orchestral Workshop**, which



meets weekly on Thursdays after school. Young musicians—some as young as five years old—come

together to play orchestral and Christian music. As their skills develop, students will receive extra tuition in small groups.

● **Ashfield Pathfinders**, from Sydney, NSW, celebrated their recent inauguration with a camp-out at Crosslands Youth Centre on the outskirts of Sydney. Pictured is the **newly formed** Pathfinder group, who, according to reports, enjoyed their first club camp.



● **Mountain View College**, a Seventh-day Adventist Church institution in Mindanao, central Philippines, celebrated its **50th anniversary** April 7 to 13. The school is known for its quality graduates, many of whom serve as missionaries in many parts of the world. It has also supplied more than half of the workers and employees of the Adventist Church in the Philippines. The vice-president of the Philippines, **Teofisto Guingona**, keynoted the anniversary celebrations.—ANN

Aussie writer receives US award

An Adventist writer from Australia has received an award at the recent convention of the Associated Church Press in the United States.

Nathan Brown (pictured) won a tied third-place (known as an “honourable mention”) for his article published in the World edition of *Adventist Review* [inserted in RECORD, January 18] under the title “Unfinished Work.”



“I must be a good editor,” says Mr Brown. “While working at Review as an intern I was given the task of editing an article from some bloke from Australia and thus I was landed in the unusual position of editing my own article for publishing.

“It’s amazing to see it listed there with some of the big Christian publications in the US. It’s nice to get recognition like that, but some of the more personal responses I’ve had to that article are nicer, and more significant.”

The award-winning article originally appeared in the Australian and New Zealand *Signs of the Times* magazine in August 2002 under the title, “God’s unfinished work.” Lee Dunstan, senior assistant editor for Signs, says it’s good to see our homegrown writers being recognised internationally, but in this case he’s not surprised.

● The newly formed **International Adventist Symphony Orchestra** (IASO) dominated the stage for the evening festival of music at the **South England Conference** day of fellowship held at Wembley Arena on April 26. The orchestra drew musicians from countries including Switzerland, Serbia, Russia, Iceland, Australia and South Korea, as well as British musicians from a variety of cultural heritages. The IASO came about through the work of the **Adventist Musicians Association**. The orchestra was backed by a 200-strong massed choir, combining the voices of more than 10 separate choirs, including the London Adventist Chorale, the Croydon Seventh-day Adventist Gospel Choir, the Newbold College Choir, and the Rainbow Singers, from the Filipino church.—BUC news

● An intentional, **multi-year evangelistic effort** by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the **Dominican Republic** finished its most recent phase with a two-week series of meetings in the capital city of Santo Domingo. Broadcast to 60 church locations in the country via satellite, as well as by cable television to 100,000 homes, the series resulted in nearly **21,000 people responding to the call for baptism**.—ANN

● Some **170 Protestant Christians** have been **jailed, beaten and threatened** with death by **Eritrean security forces** in a recent harsh crackdown. In five separate incidents, police raided worship services and a wedding ceremony to arrest men, women and children **for practising what government officials called “a new religion.”** Although no formal charges were filed against them, those jailed were held in cramped, suffocating cells for up to two weeks for refusing to return to the historically dominant Orthodox Church.—Compass

Days and offerings

June 7—ADRA Disaster and Famine Relief Offering

—Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day

Off the record

● For many years, Port Macquarie church, NSW, has provided audiotapes of Sabbath services for the elderly and unwell. Some nine months ago, a **video ministry** was also established, with the sermons only. Retired member and computer/video enthusiast **Herman Camphius** says, “This proved to be **so popular, especially for outreach with new interests, that we now video the whole worship service.**” Mr Camphius edits the program on computer, and since



early this year, he has been producing video CDs of the services that can be played in most DVD players.—Bob Donaldson

● **Rochelle Fletcher**, graduating with a Bachelor of Medical Imaging from Auckland Unitec, NZ, was awarded the **top academic award** at its recent graduation ceremony in Auckland. The award, sponsored by Kodak Films, is given to the student with the highest aggregate marks over the three-year course. Ms Fletcher also received the **top clinical practice award** (pictured left with Peter Nicholson of Portable X-rays Ltd, who sponsored the award). The Medical Imaging Department dean, announcing the awards, said this was **the first time** in the department’s history that **both top awards had been awarded to the same student**. Ms Fletcher, an active member of the Eastside Adventist church, is currently working at Waikato Hospital, Hamilton, NZ.



Birth of triplets a first for Atoifi Hospital

Malaita, Solomon Islands

Staff members at Atoifi have delivered the first triplets born at the Malaita, Solomon Islands-based Seventh-day Adventist hospital during its 38 years of service.

Mary Poikosu, a teacher who lives two hours by canoe from the hospital, arrived in premature labour, reports Dr Percy Harrold, associate director of Adventist Health Ministries for the South Pacific Division. He relieved the hospital's surgeon, Dr Samuel Lecciones, in early

April. Dr Lecciones had delivered the triplets by emergency caesarean section on February 20.

Mrs Poikosu and her husband, Ronnie, a motor mechanic, already have four children aged between two and 12, but are waiting until the triplets make their target weight before returning home. "That has taken two months, as each of the triplets started between 1.28 and 1.5 kilograms birth weight," reports Dr Harrold.

The staff members on the maternity ward—who lack equipment such as humidicribs—are helping Mrs Poikosu bring the triplets up to their target weight. "The dedication to duty, the kindness to patients and the clinical skills demonstrated by the staff and students at the hospital impressed me," says Dr Harrold.

The Poikosus have named the triplets after three of the

hospital's midwives, but added a common ending syllable—Elmah, Gremah and Relmah.

"Mary and Ronnie have had offers from other families to adopt one or two of the triplets, but they've chosen to rear them at home with their brothers and sisters," says Dr Harrold.—*Brenton Stacey*

Supplies in short supply

Basic supplies, such as adhesive plasters and bandages, are almost non-existent at Atoifi. This is according to Dr Percy Harrold, a medical doctor from the church in the South Pacific's head office in Wahroonga, New South Wales. He visited the Malaita, Solomon Islands-based hospital in April.

"I was extremely careful how much Elastoplast I used after performing minor surgical procedures on outpatients," says Dr Harrold. "I had to borrow some from the operating theatre one day. I even gave one patient my personal emergency elastic knee support to keep a dressing on."

To donate disposable supplies to the hospital contact Dr Harrold by email <healthinfo@adventist.org.au> or fax +61 2 9489 0943.



Mary and Ronnie Poikosu cradle their triplets, the first born at Atoifi Adventist Hospital during its 38 years of service.

Percy Harrold

Church members and leaders discuss Internet evangelism

Las Vegas, Nevada, United States

Forty Seventh-day Adventist Church members and leaders at the front lines of Internet evangelism met in Las Vegas April 4 to 6 to recap the church's history on the web and where future outreach should go.

Representing divisions, unions, local churches and supporting ministries, as well as the world church, attendees agreed that the World Wide Web, now accessed by hundreds of millions of people daily, is a vital frontier for the message of hope the church is promoting.

It was appropriate for members to meet in Las Vegas, notes General Conference

vice-president Pastor Ted Wilson, because the desert city was noted as a place of escapism and entertainment; many who surf the Internet are also looking for an antidote to the harsh realities of today's world.

While the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been active online for nearly 20 years, and officially on the Internet for the better part of a decade, local church and church member outreaches have captured a great deal of interest and attention recently.

Martin Haase, communication director for the church in Euro-Africa says, "We've been confronted by the Internet as a communications medium as individuals,

ministries and Christians. Now we're realising we need to work together on this, and create a common front."

Toward that end, the group voted to ask the Church's Committee on Evangelism and Witness to create an office of Internet evangelism to help promote and facilitate such efforts; help with content initiatives; create a means to deal with technology issues and standards coordination; foster cross-platform synergies between the Internet and other media; marketing strategies and pooling of resources to make individual efforts more effective as well as address contextualisation sensitivities and issues.—*Mark Kellner/ANN*

Global Mission: Projects completed, but work remains after 1990 blueprint

Gary Krause

Thirteen years after a global strategy document outlined key challenge areas for church outreach, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has recorded significant progress in meeting those objectives, the General Conference's Office of Global Mission reports.

"We praise God for what has been achieved through this ministry," says Dr Michael Ryan, Global Mission director. "Millions of people have hope for the future and a new reason to live."

The 1990 report identified five areas of

greatest challenge: India, the Middle East, Russia, China, and the growing urban areas of the world.

In India, for example, the Adventist Church has grown from 171,000 members in 1990 to more than 573,000 at the end of 2001. Global Mission pioneers—lay volunteers who work as missionaries within their own country or culture group—have started new congregations in hundreds of new areas in India, and a significant part of the church's membership growth has occurred in the northern part of the country.

China's 1.3 billion people live in an

officially atheistic nation; however, church work is allowed within certain parameters. The estimated number of Adventists in China in 1990 was just over 108,000; today, more than 311,000 are members.

The 1991 break-up of the Soviet Union opened the way for a new era of Christian outreach in that part of the world. From less than 40,000 members in 1990, more than 140,000 people are now Seventh-day Adventist Christians in that region.

The Office of Global Mission reports that while the Middle East remains a challenging area for Christian mission, one that calls for much sensitivity and prayer, official statistics are encouraging. In 1990, there were 5643 Adventists, officially, in the Middle East. By the end of 2001, that number had grown to 13,617. Many projects in the region have been pioneered, but they cannot be disclosed publicly.

One area of great encouragement is Israel, where there has been unprecedented growth. Thirteen years ago, there were only 90 Adventists in the country; today, there are more than 1200, and church members are publicly admired for their honesty and hard work.

Urban areas of the world are identified as another challenge for the church. These metropolitan areas have seen increased outreach activities in recent years. Whether in Australia, Western Europe, North America or Thailand, church leaders and members are finding new ways to begin congregations in cities, while a new Global Mission study centre for secular/postmodern outreach is being established.

These, and other church programs, are fulfilling the church's mission, based on the call of Jesus Christ of bringing the gospel to all peoples, and making disciples of all nations, say Global Mission leaders.—ANN

More information on Global Mission programs can be found online at <www.global-mission.org>.

Church plant minister ordained

Derek McCutcheon, pastor of the Living Waters congregation, Victoria, was ordained to ministry at its Gilson College home on March 22. Present with him was his wife, Julie, and one-year-old daughter, Miquela.

Pastor McCutcheon says he first felt the call to ministry as a 16-year-old student in high school in Bunbury, Western Australia, when he did a work-experience stint with Pastor Andrew Skeggs in Albany. He says that although he had a variety of other career plans, the call to ministry wouldn't be silenced, and so after finishing school he went to Avondale College and studied theology, graduating in 1997.

"I had a strong sense that I should use my God-given gifts in ministry," says Pastor McCutcheon. "I particularly enjoy working with young people and kids."

With his wife, Julie, he spent three years in Victoria's Sunraysia district before transferring to his present position as chaplain to Gilson College on Melbourne's western fringe. He also ministers at the Living Waters church "plant," which averages almost 100 attendees weekly in what is, in Seventh-day Adventist Church terms, "unentered" territory.



Pastor Anthony Kent (left), Ministerial Association secretary for the South Pacific Division, leads the ordination prayer for Pastor Derek McCutcheon (centre), holding his daughter, Miquela, next to his wife, Julie.

"I really enjoy the challenge of church planting; it's fantastic! We're in the non Bible-belt area of Melbourne, so I'm talking to many non-Christian kids, such as Buddhists. It's so interesting and rewarding. You tell them about Jesus for the first time, and you see their eyes light up."

According to Pastor Glenn Townend, Victorian Conference Ministerial Association secretary—who officiated in the ordination—working with children and teens is a ministry in which Pastor McCutcheon excels, but observes that he is liked by people of all ages. "He's a very creative presenter, with a passion to see people become real disciples of Jesus."—Lee Dunstan

Women making a difference in Kiribati

Tarawa, Kiribati

A 10-day Women's Ministries program for the women of the Kiribati Mission was held on Tarawa Atoll (island), March 27 to April 7. "This was most certainly a first to have a combined church departmental ministry for women in this far outpost," says Joy Butler, Women's Ministries director for the South Pacific Division (SPD).

Topics presented included Women of Hope, Good Parenting, Women of Worth, Women Who Hurt, Nutrition, Exercise and other relevant topics for women. Every church was visited and meetings held for members and friends. "At each meeting the numbers grew," says Mrs Butler.

For five mornings a unique evangelistic outreach took place in the *maneaba* (meeting place). Forty mothers of students at a newly established preschool listened and responded—at first cautiously and then warmly—to Bible study, parenting and health talks.

The new preschool set up by the Kiribati Mission is being led by a volunteer from North New Zealand. Laurel Jackson, from

Hawera, is a qualified primary school teacher and will spend one year directing the newly established preschool.

As part of the women's outreach, Mrs Tokelau and Mrs Butler were also able to visit two overcrowded government primary schools and conduct Scripture classes.

Pastor John Horvarth, Kiribati Mission president and initiator of the whole venture, says, "I was thrilled with the response of the women of Kiribati. It was great to see their enthusiasm and support." His wife, Andrea, says, "It's been extremely helpful in so many ways; increasing the women's confidence, self-esteem and bonding."

Gloria, a local teacher, said, "Now the women of Kiribati who attended the workshop will be prayerful women!"

"Thousands of people living closely together on Tarawa need to hear a message of hope," says Mrs Butler. "Global warming and deteriorating natural



Marica Tokelau, Women's Ministries and Children's Ministries director for the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM), Lillian Kent, Health Ministries director for the TPUM worked alongside Joy Butler in presenting the program.

resources signal distressing times ahead for this overpopulated island. Half the population are under 15 years old. Time is running out."

According to Mrs Butler, the women of the Kiribati Mission are making a difference. They also hope to open a women's centre to teach and reach more people for Christ.

For more information on mission projects in Kiribati, contact the SPD Women's Ministries Department on (02) 9847 3307 or email <jbutler@adventist.org.au>.

Tommy Emmanuel entertains crowd at Avondale College

Cooranbong, NSW

Australia's best-known finger-style guitarist, Tommy Emmanuel, entertained more than 1200 concertgoers at the Chan Shun Auditorium, Avondale College, Cooranbong, NSW, on April 27. Fans came from as far south as Sydney and as far north as Port Macquarie for the concert.

Stephen Bennett, the all-time American National guitar finger-picking champion, warmed the crowd up with his broad finger-picking rhythm. He stunned the crowd as he pulled out a



Guitarist Tommy Emmanuel—who recently performed at Avondale College—has a career that spans four decades and continues to forge on into the 21st century.

unique looking instrument, which he identified as the harp guitar. In spite of its unexpected appearance, the guitar released a beautiful clean-toned harmonic sound.

Mr Emmanuel plays extraordinarily fast and yet incredibly accurately. The songs he played varied from his own composed works to other popular tunes. He performed a number of songs from his early days, bringing back many memories to the older audience members.

"It's worth doing something that will not

have an end, and guitar playing is one of them. It has no limits," he says.

Mr Emmanuel's music and life have become part of the Australian legend. Through hard work and endless tours, he has earned a success unequalled by any instrumental artist in Australia, with four platinum, three gold albums and numerous awards. He is also a songwriter: Olivia Newton-John, Al Jarreau and Sheena Easton have recorded his compositions.

"This is my first time to see Tommy live, and I can't believe my eyes," said Mark Fletcher, a Cooranbong local. "There is so much speed and accuracy in his playing. His music is inspiring. The more he plays the more I want to hear him play."—Troy Livah

The challenge in PNG

by Charlotte Ishkanian

When Natalie Misikaram was asked to be Women's Ministries leader in her local church in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG), she wanted to bring the women together to pray and encourage each other. She noticed that she wasn't the only woman whose husband did not attend church. She organised the women into prayer bands to pray daily for the 33 missing husbands.

The women prayed for each family and husband by name. Natalie encouraged the women whose husbands didn't attend church to show God's love in every act, to avoid arguing and, instead, to offer to pray

with their husbands if they would allow it. Within a year, the women began to see the results of their prayers. Some husbands stopped smoking or drinking; some began attending church. The women prayed even harder.

With the pastor's help, Natalie arranged a prayer luncheon at a beautiful garden and invited couples who were committed church members as well as families with a missing spouse. The event built bridges and opened hearts to the love of God.

Within two years, 25 of the 33 prayed-for husbands, including Natalie's, were attending church, and 20 have been baptised. Eight more husbands continue to be remembered in daily prayers.

Following a major evangelistic series in Papua New Guinea, more women joined the church without their husbands and

were immediately invited to join the prayer chain. The women also prayed for former church members.

"Through our prayers, we have reclaimed three former women members and another new convert, a neighbour," Natalie says.

Many adults, mostly women, can't read or write, so the women saw a need for a literacy program for their own members. Six church women volunteered to be trained to teach others to read and write, and 34 people enrolled in the literacy classes, which met two mornings a week for two years.

Some of the students told their neighbours about the classes, and some non-Adventists who wanted to learn to read asked to join the classes. One of these women chewed betel nut, even in church. She noticed that the other women came clean and sweet-smelling and not chewing betel nut. Within a few weeks, she gave up the betel nut, bathed more frequently and dressed better. Two women were baptised, both graduates of the literacy program.

Peter Pamula was a mechanic and attended another church. One day, as he walked along the street, he heard someone preaching and stopped to listen. The man said that Saturday is the Sabbath day. He'd heard about the Sabbath as a child in the village, but this man's words struck him. The message was so clear.

Peter couldn't get the Sabbath out of his mind. He wanted to know the truth, to know which church worshipped on the right day.

Peter began attending an Adventist church on Sabbath and his own church on



Buimo church, Lae.

Sunday, praying to find the truth. God sent Jimmy Barnabas to study the Bible with him. Jimmy invited Peter to stay with him and even offered him a job. Peter lived with Jimmy for a year, working by day and studying the Bible at night. Peter accepted God's Sabbath and was baptised.

Peter went into the ministry and is now pastoring four churches with a membership of about 1000. When he visits his home village, people are amazed at the changes they see in him.

"I was a bad boy and tried nearly every vice I knew. But today, by God's grace, I'm a new man. I want others to experience the freedom in Christ that I have," he says.

A growing church is a blessing, but it also poses challenges. The church throughout Papua New Guinea is growing rapidly—far more rapidly than their ability to provide churches for the believers. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build churches in Papua New Guinea, and an Aboriginal outreach and care centre in

Western Australia. 



Natalie Misikaram.



Peter Pamula.

Charlotte Ishkanian is editor of Mission.

The crowd of witnesses

by Nathan Brown

The security guard led me through the gate and onto the turf of Dairy Farmers Stadium—home of the National Rugby League’s North Queensland Cowboys. I surveyed the stands encircling the playing field, feeling dwarfed in the centre of the huge bowl. The manicured grass bounced beneath my feet and the light towers seemed to touch the night sky.

There’s something about such a setting that stirs the blood a little—even though the stands were empty and darkened. In the middle of the gloomy stadium, a small group of people were working in preparation for an event a couple of days later.

They’d phoned for a pizza—and I was the delivery driver. While they were pleased to see the arrival of their pizzas, it was probably not quite the same atmosphere as would have been created by 30,000 screaming fans urging me on.

It must be an incredible—and somewhat daunting experience—to live one’s professional life in packed sporting stadiums of the world. Every decision questioned, every mistake magnified and every triumph cause for shared jubilation. For most of us, it’s probably a strange mix between a dream and a nightmare. But perhaps it isn’t so far removed from our everyday experiences.

At the beginning of Hebrews 12, we’re urged to “run with endurance the race that God has set before us . . . since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witness to the life of faith” (Hebrews 12:1, NLT). The huge crowd of witnesses are those whose stories are told in Hebrews 11—Old Testament heroes of faith. An awe-inspiring audience to which we are accountable.

In a way, despite the recounting of grand Old Testament stories, Hebrews 11 ends on a down-beat with the statement that despite the faith of these people of God, “none of them received all that God had promised . . . for they can’t receive the prize at the end

of the race until we finish the race” (Hebrews 11:39, 40, NLT).

For the writer of Hebrews, the awards ceremony hasn’t happened yet, and those who’ve gone before us have not yet received all they were promised.

Against this backdrop, we’re introduced to this audience: “a huge crowd of witnesses.” This is the metaphor of an audience of countless thousands who’ve gone before us in the life of faith, from whom we can learn and form a tradition—in the best sense of the word—to which we are responsible. The emphasis is not on the witnesses, but on their witness—their testimony.

The Bible stories give us insight into the grand history of God, both in the broad sweep of history and in the ordinariness of people’s lives. But as Hebrews 11 reminds us, these lives weren’t ordinary because they lived with faith, in the presence of God.

There’s value in developing an appreciation of this history of the work of God. It extends beyond the Bible’s record across the past 2000 years of earth’s history and the spread of the kingdom of God.

In *The Screwtape Letters*, the devils refer to the “church as we [the devils] see her spread out through all time and space and rooted in eternity, terrible as an army with banners . . . a spectacle which makes our boldest tempters uneasy” (C S Lewis). This is the Christian tradition of which we are a part and from which we can learn much.

Examples of this heritage aren’t hard to find. Despite our alleged secularism, our societies are littered with elements of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Some months ago, I attended a synagogue for a Friday night *Shabbat* service—greeting the Sabbath. Their respect for the Sabbath and God’s Word were profound.

Wandering recently in rural Scotland, I visited a number of ruined Cistercian abbeys, dating from the 11th and 12th centuries. The devotion and austerity


practised in these places was so strict it significantly reduced the monks’ life expectancy. This is perhaps misguided, but nonetheless an inspiring example of devotion to God.

It’s difficult to enter any cathedral without gaining some sense of the majesty of God and the need to worship. Similarly, many of the grand old hymns are filled with glimpses of God and His goodness.

Then there is the vast volume of Christian writing. From the works of Augustine to the works of the Christian mystical writers of the Middle Ages to the writings of the Reformers to *Pilgrim’s Progress* to C S Lewis to Philip Yancey and thousands between, the library of our Christian heritage is vast and rich. We don’t necessarily agree with everything, but much wisdom and goodness can be found there.

We can also learn important lessons from other denominations as they—growing from the same Christian heritage—have wrestled with many of the same issues with which we have problems. And there’s much to appreciate in our own church’s history, and this shouldn’t be lightly disregarded or ignored as something we’ve heard vaguely a hundred times. We can also learn much from each other, sharing our struggles and our triumphs in the Christian experience.

These are components of our Christian tradition—“a huge crowd of witnesses”—of which we as fellow followers of God are a part. It’s an awesome privilege and responsibility. They are also our audience as we “run with endurance the race that God has set before us.”

The outcome is certain: it’s simply a matter of choosing to be at the post-victory party—and you don’t want to be on the sidelines for that. 

Nathan Brown writes from Townsville, where he is completing a PhD in literature.

Back to the beginnings: 2

by Reg Brown

This article continues a series on the history of the Adventist Church in the South Pacific, and is the second looking at the beginnings of the church in Australia.

New South Wales

The first known Seventh-day Adventists in Sydney, Margaret Hardy and her son, Ebenezer, came from New Zealand about 1888. Margaret's husband, Robert, established a timber business in Redfern. Soon after the family arrived, Adventist services began in the Hardy home in Redfern.

In 1890, evangelist David Steed arrived from Tasmania to begin public meetings in the Newtown Hall. The first baptism of 12



Marie Louis Forsythe was among 21 baptised by Pastor Robert Hare in the Parramatta River in 1892. Her great grand-daughter, Edna McLean, holds her charcoal portrait.

included Robert Hardy and Robert Shannon, a builder. It's possible that Shannon came in contact with the church through Hardy's timber yard. Shannon joined the Sydney church, which was organised in 1890.

In 1892, Robert Hare arrived from New Zealand and linked up with David Steed to make an evangelistic thrust westward to Parramatta. They pitched their marquee on the corner of Sorrell Street and Victoria Road. After preaching nightly for six weeks, the first baptism of 21 candidates took place in the Parramatta River. The Parramatta church was organised on Sunday, August 21, 1892, with 21 charter members.

The first Seventh-day Adventist church building on mainland Australia was erected in Charles Street, Parramatta. Volunteer labour, working long hours, had the wooden building ready for worship in

five weeks. It was dedicated on Sabbath, December 10, 1892.

NSW country church

The first country church, and the fifth in New South Wales, was established at Eugowra in the Lachlan Valley, near Forbes. Fred Reekie, a literature evangelist of renown, was pedalling his penny-farthing bicycle along the gravelly Gooloogong Road when he met a farmer who was ploughing his paddock. Reekie showed him the book, *The Great Controversy*. Herbert Kent bought it and, after spending hours reading it, became convicted of the Bible Sabbath.

Kent loaned the book to his farmer neighbours. Soon five families accepted the same truth and became Seventh-day Adventists. These families formed the nucleus of the Eugowra church. They built the fascinating mud-brick church that is used today as a hayshed. After 24 years, the church was closed in 1927.

A church school was established on one of the properties in 1904 with nine pupils. One of the students, Ruby Chatman (later, wife of missionary Norman Ferris), in speaking of her school days said, "All that I learned about the Scriptures I learned from those godly teachers in the church school."

Some 40 members and children of the Eugowra church became workers in the denomination as evangelists, ministers (five in the one family), missionaries, teachers, doctors, dentists and nurses. Pastor James W Kent became a leading evangelist and is credited with baptising 2500 persons and establishing 14 churches. Raymond H Kent was a successful evangelist in Australia, South Africa and Russia. Many of the original Eugowra people have crossed the continents of the world taking with them the gospel message they learned in that old



Descendants of the original five families of Adventists at Eugowra outside the former church in 1985.

mud-brick church on the Gooloogong road.

New South Wales is now divided into three conferences. The combined membership of these conferences is 20,722. (Greater Sydney Conference, 8145; North New South Wales Conference, 10,019; and South New South Wales Conference, 2486). The total number of churches and companies is 183 (GSyd 66; NNSW 78; and SNSW 39).

Queensland

The church began in a novel way in Rockhampton in 1891. A Jewish grocer loaned the book *Daniel and the Revelation* to his customers, John and Hannah Guthrie. After diligent study the Guthries began to keep the Sabbath. Two others from the Kawana area, Mr Wantzliek, a blacksmith, and Adolph Zeibig, accepted the Sabbath too. With the Guthries, they founded the Rockhampton church.

In 1893 the General Conference designated Queensland as a mission field and sent in two experienced evangelists, Pastors G B Starr and A S Hickox. On arrival in Rockhampton they set to work and pitched their tent on the corner of Denison and William Streets. The meetings opened on July 26, 1894. Many people responded, including a number of German migrants. A former German Baptist minister, Michael Bernoth, was called in to assist with the language.

At Maryborough, on his way to

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Rockhampton, Pastor Starr met John Adderton, who had been keeping the Sabbath for 18 months. His brother in Sydney had sent him the *Bible Echo*, which spoke about the Sabbath. His faith was confirmed through the reading of *Daniel and the Revelation*. Dr David Pennington of Sydney (who was involved with Safari's operations last year) is a great-grandson.

At the close of the meetings in Rockhampton, 23 people were baptised in Four Mile Creek, Kawana. On Sabbath, October 22, 1894, they were organised into the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Queensland. Adolph Zeibig was appointed elder and treasurer. The church building in Denison Street was started in 1905 and completed in 1911, the delay being due to a seven-year drought.

The Rockhampton church has given 54 of its members to church work as pastors, missionaries, teachers and nurses. Some were wives of church employees. Among them were seven ordained ministers, and three became conference presidents.

Following their evangelistic success in Rockhampton, Pastors Starr and Hickox moved south to Toowoomba to hold a tent mission. Two brothers, Charles and Harold Head, were out walking and noticed the "circus tent." They went in to see the animals. To their amazement the animals were from the book of Daniel. They soon became Sabbath-keepers and needed to make changes in their cabinet-making business. They placed a sign in the window that read: "This shop is closed from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday. Saturday is the Sabbath." The Toowoomba church, with 22 members, commenced on July 27, 1895.

The first camp-meeting in Queensland was held from October 14 to 24, 1898, at

Woolloongabba on Logan Road. More than 100 were in residence and several thousand attended the public meetings. Keynote speakers included Ellen G White. Following the camp-meeting she visited Rockhampton and spoke on four occasions.

Queensland was organised into a conference at the Toowoomba camp-meeting in October 1899, with four churches and a total membership of 211. The members were among five groups: Rockhampton (48), South Brisbane (48), North Brisbane (49), Toowoomba (36) and isolated (30). The first president was Pastor George C Tenney, formerly president of the Australian Conference in Melbourne. The secretary-treasurer, John H Mills, served for 23 years.

The South Queensland and Northern Australian Conferences now have 109 churches and companies (SQld, 77; and NA, 32). The combined membership is 11,821 (SQld 9600; and NA 2221)

Western Australia

In 1890, Melbourne literature evangelist J H Stockton (the first Adventist in Australia) arrived in Perth and began selling books. It was tough going with Australia in the midst of a long drought. He sought permission to sell to government office staff who had a regular income, and this offset the effects of the drought.

Stockton returned to Melbourne to encourage members to migrate to Western Australia to help build up the church. In 1893, Fred and Marion Reekie seized the opportunity and sold books throughout the state for seven years. The first church meetings were held in his home in 1895.

Romance surrounds the first convert in Western Australia. James Hindson a 38-year-old bachelor, had read Adventist literature and, after contact with Reekie, accepted the Sabbath. Hindson also became a literature evangelist and his interest in the Tract Society led him to Victoria where he met Anna Ingels. (She had sent the *Signs of the Times* randomly from California to Melbourne. She later became the longest-serving editor of RECORD, and the RECORD's annual Hindson Awards are named in her honour.) They were married on May 22, 1898, at a prayer meeting in the North Fitzroy church.

In 1896, evangelist John Corliss arrived

from Melbourne to hold public meetings in Perth. He pitched a marquee on a site in Beaufort Street. On Sunday evening, February 9, 1896, Pastor Corliss began preaching. Attendances were poor, so he moved to Charles Street, West Perth, and the attendance improved. The Perth church was organised on April 11, 1896.

Bookera


Bookera is a small farming district 320 kilometres north of Perth on the Geraldton road. It was here the first West Australian church was built. A group of literature



Bookera church, WA.

evangelists headed by Fred Reekie had been selling books in the area and soon a Sabbath school was started.

In 1902, Margaret Hollingsworth gave a portion of her property for a church. Her eldest son, Richard, Jr, provided sandstone quarried from his farm. The church was dedicated in March 1905 (Perth church was built in 1910). Starting with a baptised membership of nine, it grew mainly from the Hollingsworth siblings. Some of these young people attended Adventist colleges in Perth and Cooranbong. Two, Harold and Forest Hollingsworth, became ministers and presidents.

The Western Australian Conference is now composed of 53 churches and companies, with a membership of 5322. 

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Adolf Zeibig is pictured at right, with his beehives. His house, at left, was used for worship services in Rockhampton, Qld. Ellen White stayed in his home.

Remembering how good it is

by Paul Rubessa



I remember it as a very cold and windy winter's afternoon in Melbourne. The phone rings and it's Bill on the line from Torquay.

"Hey, Rabbitt, do you want to come down for a surf this arvo?" he says in his uniquely slow voice.

My afternoon wasn't crowded. Next year's conference budget was only just beginning to tickle at the back of my mind. And fatherhood hadn't yet brought enough little boy joy into my life to take up all of my free time.

I ummed and ahed. It was cold—real

cold. It was also a long drive and—did I see some rain?

To be honest, going to Torquay wasn't my preferred activity for the afternoon. But Bill has subtle persuasive powers, and before I knew it I was somewhat reluctantly driving over the Westgate Bridge heading for Geelong and Torquay.

When we arrived at the beach the wind was offshore and the waves looked good. We put on our thickest wetsuits and went out into the freezing water. We surfed some great waves for a little over an hour and then retreated to the shore before hypothermia threatened.

Later, as I looked out at the ocean from the comparative warmth of the car park, I found myself thinking that I would have driven 1000 kilometres to surf those waves if I'd had to. Then my grey matter reminded me that only a few hours before I wasn't keen to make the much shorter drive from Melbourne.

What had changed?


Simply put, I had re-experienced the

joys I've long found in surfing. Earlier lethargy made it sound too hard and too cold to bother. But as soon as I tasted the waves again, I was as enthusiastic as ever.

It frightens me that it's so easy to become lethargic even about the things we enjoy and cherish.

And that reminds me of how important it is to keep in contact with our God and our church. It takes only a few days of missed communication with God or a couple of missed Sabbaths before our faith can lose its vibrancy. And our faith is way too important for that.

So how do we keep it in good condition? Simple. Exercise it often and experience the joy daily. The effects will not only bless you, but all those around you, too.

Try it! 

Paul Rubessa was the treasurer of the Victorian Conference when he wrote this. He is now the administrative accountant for the ACAST Superannuation Fund, and is based at the South Pacific Division office in Wahroonga, NSW.

In remembrance

by Jean Gillham

The Passover meal was ended.
The Master sat at table
With His men. He, who on that day
Would be the Passover Lamb
For all Israel,
For all the world.
No more would there be need
To celebrate the coming of the
Deliverer;
His hour was soon to be.
But in His love
The Master wished His people
For whom He would die
To still have celebration.
So He took the bread
And the cup
And uplifted them in blessing, saying,
"Take eat and drink.
This do in remembrance of Me."

Jean Gillham writes from Bull Creek in WA.

Just for children

WHAT IF ...

... God gave kangaroos
cow's tails?

They would look funny, but they
would probably tend to fall over
as well!
Kangaroos need their big, strong,
heavy tail to balance them as they
bounce along.



Peta Taylor

All-round ministry

Tania Calais, Vic

I read “Give the blokes a go” (April 19) with mixed feelings. I empathise with the viewpoint and fear we may be in danger of neglecting the needs of the men in our church or neglecting their outreach potential. I should start Men’s Ministries.

Alas, I am a woman. So I now lead Women’s Ministries at my own church. I did receive a caution from a concerned female that, maybe, we shouldn’t have a Women’s Ministries, as men may feel left out. However, I believe we are each accountable individually for our spiritual journey. If women are ready, willing and able to pursue ways of growing and nurturing their relationships with God and each other, they shouldn’t hold back, wait, or stop just because men might feel excluded or uncomfortable. Surely God wants us to step up, not step back.

Why don’t men look at developing methods appropriate for themselves to minister to men, both inside the church, and for outreach? It’s not about statistics, numbers, tithe, who’s “more important” or exclusivity. Different ministries can be developed to meet specific and unique needs. I sincerely hope the letter writer will look for a proactive solution to the problem. Meanwhile, I’m planning to work on Family Ministries next.

(I’d like to say thanks to the one male in attendance at all of our women’s events—our audiovisual technician. We couldn’t do it without him!)

Sabbath conundrum

Russ Pringle, Vic

Which came first: Chicken or egg? Which was first: the Sabbath of the Lord or the Lord of the Sabbath? Which is primary: Resting in Jesus or keeping the day of rest holy? If I believe I am saved, it is because I am in Jesus. The Jews murdered the Lord of the Sabbath, then went off with great piety to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. They were honouring the day of the Lord; I want to honour the Lord of the day. I can do it on His appointed day as set aside by He Himself.

thought of us every month when they came. Later, my wife visited again, and the woman said she’d been taking her son to church. While it wasn’t an Adventist church, they’ve come a long way.

In another instance, I tried to help a member in New Zealand who’d drifted away, but nothing worked. When we left, he was still on my mind. *What can I do?* I thought. So I sponsored him a *Signs*. He now receives a gentle reminder each month of the joy he once had. We haven’t heard from him, but I hope that this link will bear fruit. He knows he hasn’t been forgotten.

I . . . fear we may be in danger of neglecting the needs of the men in our church . . .

Keeping in touch

David Bird, NSW

There are many ways *Signs* magazines work in personal evangelism. I became friendly with a young couple, our neighbours. We tried various ways to introduce them to Jesus and His truth, but made little progress. They eventually moved about an hour’s drive away and I thought that would be the end. We managed to get their address and sponsored a *Signs* subscription for them.

Sometime later we called on them just to catch up. The young woman mentioned the magazines we’d sent her, saying they were really good and that they

Words

Jennifer Philippiadis, Vic

Many times I’ve heard people say, “God must have some important work planned for me,” generally when their life has been spared or following an accident. I’ve agreed with them and even suggested that, yes, He probably does. He may spare them to give them time to make that one vital decision that lies between birth and death for each of us—whether we choose to honour our Creator or not. Or He may have a work to do in converting souls.

I’ve also heard zealous Christians claim: “I want to do something really important for God!” While I’m not saying our goals shouldn’t be high or talents under-used, this “something great” may not always be as measured by us humans. For some it may merely be a quiet life—that of living as a loving and lovable Christian—allowing Christ to live His life in them as an example to all humankind.

In others, or ourselves, we should not undervalue this, nor fail to use our talents in the effectiveness of a quiet life as just one brick in the wall that holds up and composes our social structure.

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Anniversary

McCullum, George and June (nee Robinson) were married on 31.3.53 in the Papatoetoe church, NNZ. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Mokena Restaurant in Te Aroha, NNZ, with family from New Zealand and Australia. George and June have four children, Dennis (England), Glenda (Brisbane, Qld) and Peter and Alvin (Te Aroha, NNZ).

Appreciation

Engelbrecht, Les, Maretta, Judy, Lorraine and Bernard thank all for keeping in touch with Lola and Les over recent years and with the passing of Lola. Your letters, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, prayers and acts of kindness have been much appreciated. Heartfelt appreciation also to the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Qld, with special thanks to Pastor Selwyn Bartlett, Pastor Ron Taylor, Judy Fua, Carolyn Hale and staff.

Weddings

Egmond—Amos. Ari James van Egmond, son of Harry and Lyn van Egmond (Ballarat, Vic), and Sheralyn Derise Amos, daughter of Pastor Kevin and Glenda Amos (Hobart, Tas), were married on 21.4.03 in Carngham Uniting Church, Vic. *Kevin Amos, Rodney Woods*

Harriman—Brown. James Ashley Harriman, son of Roger and Jane Harriman (Leicester, England), and Trisha Joy Brown, daughter of Hamish and Denise Brown (Carmel, WA), were married on 27.4.03 in Bickley Adventist church, Bickley.
Brett Townend, Robert Kingdon

Jones—Bowman. Caleb Southey Jones, son of Gill Jones and Rosalind Maxfield (both of Perth, WA), and Catherine Lois Bowman, daughter of Graham and Barbara Bowman (Perth), were married on 27.4.03 in Christ Church Grammar School Chapel, Claremont, Perth. *Terry Butler, Cyrus Adams*

Keegan—Meredith. Matthew Robert Keegan, son of Les and Jenna Keegan (Kelmescott, WA), and Annika May Meredith, daughter of Malcolm and Liljan Meredith (Wellesley), were married on 27.4.03 in Harvey Adventist church, Harvey. *Gordon Smith*

Pitt—Godsman. Rodney Pitt, son of Eric and Maureen Pitt (Jeparit, Vic), and Karen Godsman, daughter of John and Jennifer Godsman (Goulburn, NSW), were married on 11.3.03 in Baldwin Swamp Chapel, Bundaberg, Qld.
Alwin Hilton

Ratabua—Turagakula. Pita Sadrugu Ratabua, son of Jojame and Maca Ratabua (Lautoka, Fiji), and Aliti Iris Adisuka Turagakula, daughter of Inosi Turagakula and Mekelita Sugu (both of Sydney, NSW), were married on 20.4.03 in Ashfield Por-

tuguese Adventist church, Sydney.
Etonia Temo

Smith-Goode—Hainsworth. Allan Smith-Goode and Val Hainsworth were married on 6.4.03 in the gardens of Keilor Retirement Village, Keilor.
Trevor Rowe, Marilyn Hinton

Wakelin—Mikkelsen. Darryl Douglas Wakelin, son of Doug and Marlene Wakelin (Monduran, via Gin Gin, Qld), and Sally-Anne Joy Mikkelsen, daughter of Cyril and Kathleen Mikkelsen (Avondale, NSW), were married on 20.4.03 at Monduran.
Phil Downing, Ernie Wojnar

Obituaries

Baker, Muriel Alison (nee Timmins), born 14.3.1918 at Eketahuna, NNZ; died 11.10.02 at Auckland. On 17.1.55 she married Albert. She is survived by her husband; her daughters and sons-in-law, Rosemary and Kevin Rundel, and Noella and Robert Davidson (all of Auckland). Muriel served in many offices in the Dannevirke and Hastings churches. She was a wonderful wife, mother and loved nanna.
Kayle De Waal

Giddy, Charlotte Isabel Gertrude (Lottie), born 16.4.1913; died 26.2.03 in Brooklands Rest Home, New Plymouth, NNZ. She is survived by her son, Ross; her daughter, Velma; her grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was baptised on 2.10.65 with many others, including

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the Gredig family, after attending Pastor Cherry's mission. *Heinrich Rusterholz*

House, Victor John, born 7.9.1921 at Capel, WA; died 13.3.03 at Bunbury. He was predeceased by his wife, Ruby, in 1994. He is survived by his son, John (Bunbury); his daughter, Penny (Perth). Victor was a man who lived out his Christianity; loved his family and farm life; and fought the good fight. *Barry Anderson*

Howarth, Ivan Leo, born 28.3.1918 at Lower Lewis Ponds (near Orange, NSW); died 9.1.03 at Orange. On 26.10.65 he married Gwen. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Melinda Green; his three



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grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Ivan was a general farm hand before he enlisted in the Citizen's Military Forces, where he served full time from 1942 to 1946. He was an active member of the Orange church until he and Gwen moved to Narromine in 1998.

Errol Webster, Steve McGuire

James, Amy Alice, born 23.10.1918 at Wickham, Newcastle, NSW; died 25.1.03 in Mater Hospital, Mackay, Qld. She was predeceased by her husband, Victor; also her son, Phillip. She is survived by her daughter, Lynette; her son, Malcolm; and three grandchildren (all of Mackay). Amy served with the WAAFS during World War II and was highly respected and loved in the Coff's Harbour church and community.

Eric Greenwell, John Lang

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