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The Governor of New South Wales, Professor Marie Bashir, took children on a tour of Government House after the launch of the Year of the Child.

Adventists help launch Year of the Child

Sydney, Australia

Seventh-day Adventists helped launch the Year of the Child at Government House in New South Wales on April 30. The Adventists joined up to 100 supporters, church representatives and children as guests of the state governor, Marie Bashir.

Emma Thompson of the Adventist Memorial church in Cooranbong, NSW, joined Jessica Bird as representatives of the children of Australia. The Adventist singing group, maxiPraise Kids, presented two items.

"It made me so proud to be an Adventist," says Julie Weslake, the Children's Ministries director for the Greater Sydney Conference.

Earl Roberts, the national convenor of Year of the Child (Janet Rieger, Children's Ministries director for the South Pacific Division, sits on the organising committee), opened his speech, addressing the children, with the words: "This is all about your future."

He continued: "While children occupy only 25 per cent of our population, they represent 100 per cent of our future."

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The bookcase

It was sitting in my garage beneath a pile of odds and ends that I could never quite get around to throwing out “just in case I might need them one day.”

Layers of dust had obscured the fine-grained teak from which it had been crafted. Here and there the varnish was peeling and the low top was stained from the occasional cup of steaming Milo that had been placed on it over the years. Somehow the bookcase had ceased to be a thing of beauty and usefulness, but I couldn't throw it out!

You see, this bookcase was lovingly and thoughtfully designed and crafted by my

mother's house in Cooranbong, NSW, for many years, until she went into an aged-care facility.

Since then it has taken up space in my garage gathering dust. Until New Year's Day, that is! Elizabeth, my much treasured wife, was in clean-up mode.

“Darling, let's each find 10 things we haven't used in the past six months or no longer need and give them away,” she said. Hence my presence in the garage.

I didn't reach my target of 10 things to throw away that day, but one old, scarred and stained teak bookcase was found and restored to beauty and usefulness again.

Christian life—mine in particular.

The divine Carpenter has designed and fashioned me as a thing of beauty (in His own image) and usefulness (called to serve). But there are moments in my life and experience when I have been empty and dust laden, stained by my own selfishness, pride and independence from God.

I strongly affirm Elizabeth's clean-up philosophy as a protection against the consumerist behaviours that so subtly entwine us. But I'm so infinitely glad that my Father in heaven does not say when He looks down upon me, “He really hasn't been any use to us in the past six months and I can't see Our image in him anymore. Let's give him away!”

God forbid!

No, He looks below the dust and dents to envision what we may again become. The heavenly Carpenter woos us and works on us as He cleans us up through His grace and, through the Holy Spirit, He applies His oil for the weak until we shine with His goodness and we take up the tasks for which He originally created us.

That, too, is a debt I can never repay!

Paul had it right when he wrote, “For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works . . .” (Ephesians 2:10, NIV).



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father when I was a lad growing up in the UK. Before the era of power, planers, saws and sanders, he'd not only built it, but every piece had been cut and joined and dowelled by his own hands.

I can see him now making it after work because we couldn't afford to buy a bookcase. My mind goes back to where it sat in our lounge room, fully stocked with books. The small red volumes of Ellen White's writings sat on the top shelf, and the *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* and the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* volumes were on the bottom.

The bookcase migrated with us as a family to Australia. Yes, I'm a migrant and ever thankful and proud of the Aussie spirit that took me in and made me one of its own.

After my father's tragic and untimely death in New Zealand, it graced my

As I sanded down to the natural wood, I was deeply moved by the thought that this wood was last touched by my father's hands.

Here and there was the trace of a pencil line or a scratch from his chisel. There were blemishes that no sanding could repair, but the wood grain reappeared as I finished it by rubbing teak oil into the smoothed surfaces.

As I type this editorial, the bookcase sits before me in our family room as a constant reminder of my father and all that I owe to him and my mother for my upbringing. This is a debt I can never repay.

Somewhere in that finely finished piece of furniture, beneath the layers of teak oil and beeswax, are some tears. Mine! As I worked on this bookcase I came to realise that it was also a powerful symbol of the



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- Six baptised at youth camp in PNG • WA Conference third to vote for incorporation
- The Underground reaches Tonga • Aussie music ministry results in US baptism • and more

—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● Six young adults were baptised and 14 others made decisions for **baptism** at a **youth camp** held on the Duke of York islands, off the coast of Rabaul in **PNG**, reports one of the organisers, **Esau Maman**. Almost 500 youth attended the Easter



camp, although numbers doubled for the evening meetings. The young adults paraded through several villages as part of the camp's opening ceremony.

● The **Western Australian Conference** has **voted overwhelmingly to incorporate**, with 224 of the 227 delegates attending approving the measure, which is designed to safeguard the church's individual assets and to meet government legislative requirements. The special session was held during the conference's annual camp-meeting at Advent Park, April 19. The change gives the conference's executive committee the power to create companies to operate its schools and aged-care facilities. The session took just two hours to approve the constitutional changes. "It means we can keep our schools and aged-care facilities open," says president **Pastor Murray House**. "It also **maximises the safety of money given to the church.**" The Western Australian Conference joins South Queensland and North New South Wales in voting the constitutional change.—*Brenton Stacey*

Students undeterred by SARS

The most recent group of overseas students to participate in Avondale College's intensive English language course braved the threat of war and SARS to travel to the college's Cooranbong, NSW, campus from homes in Thailand. In the past Avondale has hosted up to 50 students on their English Language study tours, this recent group however, had only nine participants.



"They enjoyed stimulating classes, which are conducted by Jean Mack," says Lyn Medhurst, Avondale's study tours director.

The group also experienced Australian culture and climes with visits to the Opera House and Sydney Harbour, the Central Coast, Newcastle and the Blue Mountains.

"All the students on this tour were Buddhist," says Ms Medhurst, "and for some, this was their first exposure to Christianity." She says Avondale strives to provide an education in a Christian context that can be inspiring to Seventh-day Adventists, Christians of other denominations, as well as those of other faiths.

In July this year, a large study group is expected from Sahmyook University, South Korea. Sahmyook is the church's largest university in the world, with more than 6000 students.

"It's exciting for Avondale to develop relationships with its sister institutions," says Ms Medhurst. "The interaction between the campuses enriches the educational experience of students from both places."—*Connections*

● **The Underground has reached Tonga**, with a group carrying the name Underground Crossfire for Jesus initiating meetings. Its leader, **Silia Tupou**, says The Underground has met weekly since its May 1 inauguration. "We'll always remember that first visit to a home," he says. "We were reluctant to go, but on our arrival we found the Spirit had been there first. So our witnessing was not just to that family, but their friends and neighbours also." He said it confirmed the Scripture of Deuteronomy 31:8, which says: "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

● **Adventist women** from the Alstonville, Ballina, Casino, Kyogle, Woodendong, Mullumbimby, Ocean Shores and Byron Bay **churches of northern NSW** combined for the year's first Summerland regional. Guest speaker for the event, held in the Lismore church, was **Joy Butler**, director of Women's Ministries for the South Pacific Division. She was supported by a chalk artist, **Charline Bainbridge**, and the local women's ministries team.—*Lloyd Coe*

● Adventists on the Pacific island of **Guam** are taking the lead in reviving interest in a **Chamorro language Bible**, something that has been "lost" by the locals for almost a century. "The local people didn't actually know a Bible existed in their own language," reports **Bethany Martin**, a church member on Guam. "They're joyful at receiving the Word of God in their own language, such

that many were moved to tears." The Guam church plans to raise \$US40,000 to have **6000 of the Bibles reprinted and placed in the hands of Chamorro-speaking people**, who occupy the islands of Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota.—*ANN*

● **Dr Uranchimeg**, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) project manager for the Tobacco Free Youth program in Mongolia, recently **addressed members of the Mongolian Parliament on the issue of smoking**. His presentation was preliminary to a parliamentary vote on new legislation to control tobacco.—*ANN*

● Some **50,000 Protestant churches** and meeting points have been **officially registered with the Chinese government**. However, opposition, corruption and bureaucratic regulations are hurdles that Christians must overcome if they desire to open a legally recognised place

Aussie music ministry results in US baptism

The Chatelier Family Singers, based in Victoria, Australia, started their recent US tour by participating in a baptismal service at Oceanside, California, on April 5, that resulted from their music ministry.

Sheryl Garcia (pictured third from right) came across the Chateliers' music while on a visit to Australia where she

bought one of their CDs from an Adventist Book Centre. Feeling down, she found their music lifted her spirits and she hoped that

one day she'd meet the performers.

On her return to the US she saw a poster advertising a gospel concert by the Chateliers. She attended the concert and on meeting Gavin Chatelier (pictured centre with guitar) said, "I had to go all the way to Australia to buy your CD!"

She had stopped attending an Adventist church, but said she went back to church from that point on and experienced a revival in her walk with Jesus.

Her husband, Angel, was also baptised and they now attend the Vista Adventist church in California.

"It's been an amazing experience to know that God used our music ministry in this way," says Mr Chatelier. "It has strengthened our commitment to serving Christ and inspired us to keep running our music ministry programs with even more purpose and enthusiasm."



of worship. In a recent letter from Hebei province, a young church worker recounted his difficulty in acquiring official permission. "To date, I have approached the government more than 20 times, but they have still not agreed to issue a registration certificate. I now have more than 50 believers ready to form a church. We want to reopen an old church that was formerly open here, but the government does not respond. So I have given 10 rooms and the courtyard of my own home to be the venue for our church meetings."—*Compass*

● Authorities in the southern region of **Laos** have **evicted three Christian families from their homes for refusing to renounce their religious beliefs**.

According to Radio Free Asia, the families are now in the care of a church after being forced out of their homes last month. US State Department officials have cited reports that Christians elsewhere in Laos were facing pressure from authorities to renounce their faith or face eviction or detention. Christians have been ordered to close their churches and to stop their worship practices.—*VOM*

● It isn't often that a **pastor's book tops a New York Times best-seller list**, but that's where **Rick Warren's *The Purpose-Driven Life*** landed on April 27, moving to first place on the hardcover advice list. Pastor Warren is the minister for Saddleback Valley Community Church in Lake Forest, California. He's also the originator of the Purpose-Driven Church paradigm, a model for church health, embraced by thousands of churches nationally and internationally. Released by Zondervan in October 2002, *The Purpose-Driven Life* debuted on *The Times* best-seller list at number 14 in early January. Sales for the book now total more than 2.7 million copies.—*Baptist Press*

Days and offerings

June 7—Women's Ministries Emphasis Day
—ADRA Offering

June 14—Pacific Adventist University Offering

Off the record

● **Young adults** from the **South New South Wales Conference** received **positive press** in the *Goulburn Post* of April 25. While attending the annual conference camp, the youth were involved in **community activities**

as part of the STORM Co philosophy (service to others really matters). The group (including those pictured: **Karlos Brasted, Richelle Garlinge, Lisa**



Biddiscombe, Katherine Service and Clinton Grohs) visited local elderly people and performed household tasks for them. They also assisted the council by cleaning up Rocky Hill, in preparation for the Anzac Day activities.

● More than **120 young adults** from the **Polish churches** of Dandenong, Wantirna and Oakleigh in Victoria met at Camp Howqua to discover why the history of David occupies more space in the Bible than that of any other person, except Jesus. **Pastor Larry Lichtenwaller** from the US presented the series. The focus of his ministry was to draw people to Christ as they moved through different stages of questioning and instability.—*Margaret Kelly*

● Two students from Sydney Adventist College—**Adam Taia** and **James Howard**—recently returned from two months in **France as exchange students**. Experiences included a white Christmas, visiting Paris, and improving **t h e i r F r e n c h** while learning about their culture first **h a n d**. —*Intrasyd*



New way of soul winning modelled

Waitara, New South Wales

A local Seventh-day Adventist church in Sydney is modelling a new way of soul winning.

Waitara church ran training seminars during the day and an evangelistic series during the evening from April 18 to May 3. Louis Torres, a former bass player with the band, Bill Haley and the Comets, who is now the evangelism coordinator for Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries, presented both.

Pastor Geoff Youlden, the minister at Waitara, says the aim is for delegates to learn the theory of soul winning—including how to gain decisions for baptism and how to open up a home for Bible studies—during the day, then put it into practice during the evening.

Apparently, it works. Eleven people had made decisions for baptism at the time of writing.

The church also invited the ministers of



Louis Torres—a former bass player with the band, Bill Haley and the Comets—presented an evangelistic series at Waitara church that models a new way of soul winning.

five other local Adventist churches to attend the seminar and to help with the series.

“We’d like to see other Adventist churches emulate this type of approach to soul winning,” says Pastor Youlden. He describes Waitara as acting like a coach to other churches. “Our plan is to visit each of the ministers at their churches.”

Pastor Youlden encouraged the ministers to bring other members with them. “It takes more than one person to change the culture of a church,” he said.

Forty delegates, including the five ministers, attended the seminar and series. Six of those delegates were from two churches in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney. “They’re so enthusiastic because they see the benefits of their training almost immediately,” says Pastor Sam Braga their minister.

Another attendee, Daniel Przybylko, a theology student at Avondale College, says the approach Waitara is modelling is “way overdue. It’s like someone taking the blinds off your eyes.”

Dell Topel from Wynnum in Queensland attended with two others including the minister from her church. “We will return to our church as a team with the same vision,” she says.—*Brenton Stacey*

Adventists in South Pacific condemn beating of minister

Seventh-day Adventists in the South Pacific are supporting members in Serbia after the beating of an Adventist minister and attacks on 10 Adventist churches (Newsfront, May 17).



Pastor Josip Tikvicki recovers in the St John's Clinic in Zrenjanin, Serbia.

The physical condition of Pastor Josip Tikvicki worsened on April 27 when, according to church sources in Belgrade, he “collapsed from pain and stress.”

Adventist leaders in Serbia describe the attacks on the churches as an “orchestrated campaign against a religious minority.”

“Our church is not a cult or sect, but a respected member of the Protestant Christian faith around the world,” said Pastor Ray Coombe, the South Pacific Division’s public affairs and religious liberty director, in a letter to Milivoje Glisic, the Canberra-based ambassador for Serbia and Montenegro. “I appeal to you to encourage your government and the local authorities to control the situation and extend religious freedom and protection to our church members.”

Pastor Coombe also wrote to Pastor Radisa Antic, the president of the church in Serbia offering encouragement, prayers and support on behalf of all members in this division.

“It’s scary using the word ‘persecution’ and ‘Adventist Church’ in the same



Stress of the family: Brankica and Ivan Tikvicki, wife and son of the minister attacked in Serbia.

sentence, but that’s what Adventists in Serbia are suffering,” says Linzi Aitken, who coordinates staff worship at the South Pacific Division office. Staff members there prayed for Adventists in Serbia as part of their worship during the first week in May. “The South Pacific’s a long way from Serbia, so the best thing we can do is pray,” she says.—*Brenton Stacey*

Legal drugs no solution says ADRA expert

As a former senior manager with the Sydney-based Mission Australia, which deals extensively with homelessness and drug-related addictions, Adventist Development and Relief Agency's National Program director, Gary Christian, has unique insights into potential problems arising from proposals by the Labor Party nationally and Young Liberals to follow the drug lobby's proposals to decriminalise and legalise presently illicit drugs.

According to Mr Christian, however, the arguments are spurious and without foundation in either theory or practise, but he acknowledges that they are persuasive.

"The most influential argument of the hard-drug legalisation lobby, previously used occasionally by NORML but mass-marketed since 1992, is that prohibition is responsible for recent increases in organised crime and drug abuse," he says.

"The 1912 Hague Convention created an international prohibition against opiates and cocaine, which was extended to cannabis in the 1925 Geneva Convention. Other than by bohemian minorities, there was no demand for these drugs for 40 to 50 years under prohibition, so prohibition

most definitely doesn't create demand."

According to Mr Christian, it was the emergence of an aggressively promoted drug culture in the mid-1960s that was responsible for the growth in demand. Criminal elements then moved in to meet growing demand.

"It is drug users who promote drug use," he says. "The pro-drug legalisation lobby is, to a large extent, the drug culture's PR wing. They're entirely responsible for the growth of drug-related crime and abuse.

"We're all shocked by the 19,000 deaths from tobacco and 3500 from alcohol in Australia each year. This is what happens when drugs of addiction are allowed to become entrenched; this is what happens when we go the path of mere education and regulation. And the illicit, if they also become entrenched, will outdo this toll."

He says prohibition worked "spectacularly well" after 1912, adding that the drug culture "annexed the territory of growing international indifference in the 1960s, an apathy caused by the very success of prohibition to that date."

Quoting a Quantum Research poll of 2001, he says more than 90 per cent of



Gary Christian, former social worker with the Wesley Central Mission, brings unique insights to his role as ADRA's National Program director.

Australians are against hard-drug use, warning that unless ADRA becomes part of the new and growing leadership that turns society's concerns about drugs into broader action—in the face of previous

general inaction—"the drug culture will keep on merrily adding to its numbers. Criminals will multiply to meet the rising demand they have created and the hearses will keep rolling to the cemeteries in ever-increasing numbers."

A recent survey of 18-29 year-olds, conducted by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research,* revealed that 56 per cent of males and 49 per cent of females had tried cannabis, and the numbers are increasing.

Of those presently using cannabis, more than 90 per cent said they would use more if it were legal. This contrasts with 29 per cent who've *never used*, citing its illegality as what deterred them. A further 41 per cent gave health concerns as their principal reason. And of those who've given it up, 19 per cent listed its illegality as their reason, almost as many (25 per cent) as those who stopped for health reasons.

According to the bureau's director, Don Weatherburn, says Mr Christian, the drug's illegal status is far more effective in limiting its use than many researchers realise. He concluded that making cannabis legal would make its use more widespread. If cannabis were legalised, more would use it and existing users would use more, all to the detriment of their health.

* Detailed information is available on the NSW Government's website at <www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/bocscarl.nsf/pages/cjb58link>.

This report was commissioned in response to a reader's letter, "Drugs truth" (see page 12).

Alaska, a case study in legal drugs

Alaska is the only place to have fully legalised cannabis, rather than to have merely decriminalised it. This followed a 1975 Supreme Court decision, which resulted in adults being allowed to possess marijuana for personal use in their own homes.

By 1983, soon after this landmark legislative decision was taken, surveys revealed some amazing and terrible trends among school students: 56 per cent of students in Grades 7-12 had tried drugs, a survey found, a proportion which by 1988 had risen to 60 per cent.

This group was of an age for which marijuana was still illegal, because the legislation only affected adults. In the 1988 survey, it was also revealed that 22 per cent of the group had used drugs in the past year, and 7 per cent in the past month alone. Among 7th graders, the number who had ever used drugs was 40 per cent, while in the 12th grade it grew to 72 per cent. Why the growth in cannabis use among juveniles?

According to Mr Christian, because the legalisation of cannabis only applied for adults, exploitative criminals simply switched their marketing to young people under the age of 18, for whom it was illegal, creating the problem with legalisation.

"You have to legalise *all* drugs for *all* age groups in order to be rid of criminal involvement," an option, he says, no society is ever going to take. "Alaska has since changed its legislation, turning back the clock, because of this debacle."

Festival to cap off church's celebrations for Year of the Child

Brenton Stacey

A festival for Children's Ministries leaders is the focal point of the Adventist

Church's Year of the Child celebrations. The festival, at the Watson Park Convention Centre north of Brisbane, November 14-16, will feature Adventist singing groups Houlico, maxiPraise and Rocfish, and the Junior Pinnacle of Terror.

The Adventist Church has developed a "Now's the time . . ." campaign for the Year of the Child. The campaign encourages local churches to:

1. Appoint a Children's Ministries coordinator.
2. Pray for the children of the church at least once a day.
3. Plan programs for the children of the church on the fifth Sabbath in May, August and November.
4. Raise awareness of children to minister to others in the church, in the community and in developing countries.
5. Celebrate Children's Day on October 25, 2003.
6. Attend the Year of the Child Festival.
7. Make the church child-friendly by implementing child-protection policies, and,
8. Reach out to the children in the community by launching an evangelistic kid's club.

Julie Weslake, the Children's Ministries director for the Greater Sydney Conference, challenges local churches to implement at least one of these things this year. "The Year of the Child is about empowering children to do what God wants them to do now," she says.

For more information about the Year of the Child, contact Janet Rieger, the Children's Ministries director for the South Pacific Division. Her phone number is +61 2 9847 3362.



Adventist pastor preaches in German mosque

Hamburg, Germany

Following strenuous public relations efforts to open a friendly dialogue between Muslims and Christians, Pastor Sylvain Romain, a Seventh-day Adventist minister, preached in a Turkish mosque in Hamburg, Germany, on April 25.

The local imam insisted that the sermon should take place during the main prayer time at noon on Friday, and should be preached from the Bible.

In front of some 250 Muslim believers, Pastor Romain presented the subject of suffering and why God lets it happen.

After the sermon, he was interviewed

by *Zaman*, the largest religious Turkish newspaper, and by other reporters. Representatives of the Turkish Consulate were also present. Several requests were made for other meetings.

More than 10 per cent of Hamburg's 1.7 million inhabitants are Muslim.

Pastor Romain, a French citizen, is currently senior pastor of three German churches as well as a Yugoslav and a Ghanaian church. He has 26 years of experience working with Muslims and is fluent in several languages.

He preached the sermon in Turkish and prayed in Arabic.—ANN

Adventists help launch Year of the Child

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Mr Roberts explained that in 1937, one million children out of Australia's population of seven million, attended the equivalent of Sabbath school. However, in 2000, out of Australia's population of 20 million, only 200,000 children attended. "It's estimated that less than 5 per cent of Australian children are connected with a local church," he said.

Mr Roberts stated that the Year of the Child aims to place a showbag in every home to help strengthen families in raising their children and to encourage churches to be more active in their outreach to them.

Professor Bashir, named Mother of the Year in 1971, commented that children deserve basic human rights and admired those concerned for



A crew from Adventist Media interview Earl Roberts, national convenor of the Year of the Child, for a story that featured in the May 23 episode of "Adventist News."



Worldwide Pictures

Professor Marie Bashir, the governor of New South Wales, launched the Year of the Child and is pictured with Emma Thompson of the Avondale Memorial church.

a better society in which to care for "our most valuable natural resources, our children."

"The governor chatted with the children for about half-an-hour, then took them on a personal tour of Government House," says Mrs Weslake. "The children were buzzing."—Brenton Stacey with the Religious Media Agency

"Give us a break!"

by Malcolm Ford

Assembly-line production might be the essential characteristic of modern industrial technology, but the basic concept isn't so new. Henry Ford's introduction of the conveyor-belt system for the assembly of the Model T components was fairly recent (early 1900s).

But well before that the principle was used by block-makers in England (for sailing-ship rigging) where three principal parts were separately formed and then assembled. Just one 18th century warship required 922 blocks in all.

The first examples of a specialised machine tool designed for the line production of a single component in quantity were Marc Brunel's and Henry Maudslay's block-making machines.

According to Marshall McLuhan in an article, "The electronic revolution in North America," "Print may have been the first mechanisation of a great handcraft. The use of movable type was probably the earliest form of assemble-line production."¹

Whatever form of assembly-line production is considered, all, until full automation, involved humans as tools providing a time and motion content that had to synchronise with the machine. And synchronisation with the machine involved a degree of dehumanisation.

Prior to the Exodus, the Hebrews, as slaves of Pharaoh, worked an assembly line making bricks for some of his projects. God called Moses to deliver His people from their oppression, and he was directed to approach Pharaoh for some relief of their miserable working conditions.

Pharaoh refused: "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working" (Exodus 5:5, NIV).

The crux of the issue was the Egyptians' work ethic of continuous labour for slaves, with no recognition of any cycle of rest except for eating and sleeping periods.



Moses' approach to Pharaoh exacerbated their plight and made their task even more rigorous. The Hebrews had to find their own straw to reinforce the bricks and still maintain the production quota.

The increasing pressure of work meant that Hebrew foremen were not able to fulfil their required quota and were beaten by Pharaoh's slavedrivers. The new restructuring of the production system reached a crisis point in which the whole organisation could collapse because the human machinery was under mounting stress.

How often do we hear the term *restructuring* with the ominous implications of reduced staff and a heavier workload for those "privileged" to remain!

The final outcome was the well-known cry of anguish: "Let my people go!" Moses then led the Israelites out of Egypt through the Red Sea and to the Promised Land.

At Mount Sinai God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, and the fourth specifically provided for a regular rest from work—the Sabbath. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God" (Exodus 20:8, NIV).

In David Ehrenfeld's excellent book *The Arrogance of Humanism*, he questions the

domineering influence of science and technology on the natural world. He refers to the growing disenchantment with the human attempt to control everything.

"The human spirit is capable of abjuring power without feeling or being enslaved, and in so doing gains a sort of peace and fulfilment that is utterly foreign to humanism. There are many illustrations of this voluntary renunciation of the myth of control; as a fusion of concept and practice, however, it reaches what may be its highest and most formal development in the orthodox Jewish celebration of the Sabbath. On this day, once a week, the orthodox Jew does no work, manual or intellectual, cooks no food, lights no fires, kills nothing, and creates nothing."²

The Sabbath, as a day of rest, is certainly becoming a more obvious need. In the electro-mechanisation of our postmodern age, humans are becoming more a mere tool in a global economic paradigm with no recognition of any regular pattern of rest. And the rest available seems to have no spiritual connotations, but is merely leisure time to become more involved in a frenetic indulgence in consumerism and the so-called "pursuit of happiness."

Modern society is calling out, "Give us a break!" while the whole technological system is accelerating with no braking mechanism to control it. In the great liberating law of God, He designed us to have a regular seventh-day break from work. A day designed for spiritual, mental and physical re-creation. **R**

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The search for security

by Keith Grolimund

Security is the latest buzz word. Security is the top priority of every government, every business, every shopping mall, every military base, all communication systems, computer hook-ups and Internet businesses around the world.

Then, added to that is the panic as home owners surround their homes with alarms, deadlocks, video cameras and guard dogs—or, even, armed guards. You find security guards at banks, retail businesses, rallies—spiritual or secular—sports events and around politicians.

Security-system companies are breaking all previous sales records. And the media gives prominent TV coverage and attention to minority groups and rebel activities.

Many national leaders grapple with character assassinations found in magazines, newspapers and other media. Every leader's own security is continually at risk. And their decision making and authority are questioned and challenged.

Added to this, the British Prime Minister Tony Blair recently said, "The security of the whole world is in question if the UN cannot agree to work together."

Here's what we have

Mass and private security is at risk. Two planes crashed during the week I wrote this—one in Iran, the other in Pakistan, killing more than 300. A terrorist connected to the death of more than 3000 in the September 11 attack was jailed in Berlin for 15 years. Two trains caught fire in an underground train tunnel in Korea, killing hundreds. Four soldiers were killed in a tank attack in Israel. A Palestinian rebel leader perished in a retaliatory attack from Israel.

I wrote this as the war with Iraq edged closer, but then it became reality. A few million people around the world marched, denouncing war in Iraq. Millions more



looked on at these protestors and their placards, which promoted particular positions. The UN seems to be helplessly split on almost every decision to help create peace and security for humanity.

So the 21st century security nightmare continued unabated, and people bought duct tape and plastic to cover their homes for fear of chemical warfare. Zimbabwe's President Mugabe visited France to the sound of riots in the city streets. The AIDS epidemic killed 2.5 million in Africa last year. An estimated 30 million Africans have it today. One in three African children will die of it. And then there's SARS.

Every possible precaution is being taken by world leaders to lessen security fears. Yet the fear continues in the religious, political, economic and social spheres.

What can be done that isn't being done? Who can change the winds of war? Who can bring peace to our troubled world? It doesn't look like the UN can. It doesn't look like our politicians can. Who, then, can halt the tide of fear and evil that permeates our world?

Here's who we need

What the world needs is Jesus! What the world needs is an injection of the saving power of the precious blood of Jesus. What the world needs is a vision of the Man of Calvary. What the world needs is knowledge of a risen Lord and Saviour. What the

world needs is the hope of a soon-coming Saviour, the Redeemer of the world.

Never has the world's population faced such fears of insecurity. Never have we seen such a mass of differing opinions. Never has the view down life's pathway showed such hopelessness. Never has terror struck civilisation with more force than today.

We Christians must walk in peace, live in peace and share the peace that passes all human understanding with a perishing world population.

Let's commit ourselves to opening God's Word and reading the precious promises of our Saviour every day. Then we, you and I, will be a light set on a hill that cannot be hidden. Then, when the world looks at us it will see a reflection of Jesus. In Him the light of the glorious gospel will encircle humankind, and the glory of the Lord will be found in all the earth.

From the Word

First, a warning: "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Romans 13:11, 12, KJV).

Then a promise: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar [special] people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9, KJV).

So let's be bold in reflecting light—in reflecting the character of Jesus fully, for we are each a precious child of the King. **R**

Keith Grolimund, an Australian, is working with the General Conference as a chaplain and is currently based in Frankfurt, Germany, as chaplain to American servicemen and women.

When corporations rule

by David R Syme

As the director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in this division, I, and my staff as well, must live very much in the here and now. We meet the needs of people where they are, helping in practical and lifesaving ways—a demonstration of the love and compassion of God that lives in us. But in those moments, when no disaster presses, we have time to reflect on the future.

The future of our earth is dismal, even hopeless. But we also know that one day its Creator will intervene to fully establish His kingdom of justice. However, until then we must be “faithful and just stewards,” living out the principles and values of that kingdom, here and now.

People ask me: “Is ADRA really making a difference—‘changing the world one life at a time,’ as your slogan says?” If they’re referring to the hundreds and thousands

of individuals, families and communities we work with daily, my answer is an emphatic yes! But a glance at the larger picture reveals insidious trends toward world government. I can see that we’re living in the prophesied last days.

Let me explain. Of the world’s 100 largest economic entities, 51 are corporations; only 49 are actually nations. The sales of General Motors and Ford are greater than the GDP of the whole of sub-Saharan Africa, and the US-based Wal-Mart corporation has a turnover higher than the revenues of most any east-European state.

With the demise of communism, the western, capitalist economic system reigns. Don’t misunderstand me, I believe that capitalism practised within a framework of ethical and just values is the best system available in our imperfect world. It’s made, and is making, a

difference in reducing poverty and improving the quality of life for many.

However, there is a new brand of valueless and selfish corporate capitalism that seeks to rule. Its philosophy is “profit at any cost” and in the developing world, this is characterised by interventionist strategies, prompted by greed and self-interest. Under the guise of disinterested philanthropy, profits for shareholders are reaped at the expense and misery of the poor. In ADRA’s world, this is sometimes touted as “trade, not aid!”

Australia isn’t immune. Its government unabashedly says its foreign aid is about self, not other interests. Its neighbour PNG, the recipient of more Australian aid than any other country, while verging on economic and social collapse, uses aid to pay managing contractors six-figure salaries (tax free) to pass them advice with very little altruistic commitment to the

What’s ADRA doing now?

by Gail Ormsby

Disasters can strike any person, any time, any place. In the past year ADRA—Australia, along with the world-wide ADRA network, has responded to major disasters that included floods in Bangladesh and Peru, hurricanes in Mexico and Cuba, drought and famine in Ethiopia, war in Iraq, civil strife in the Solomon Islands, and drought and bushfires in Australia.

At home in New Zealand and Australia, ADRA is also making a difference, building a positive public image and higher recognition for its ADRAcare program.

For example, during the bushfire crisis in south-east Australia, ADRA was there to lend a hand. ADRAcare played a key role in the ACT and NSW in providing emergency accommodation for more than 1000 displaced persons. ADRA has since committed funds to fire victims who lost work-related belongings not covered by insurance or government support.



ADRA brings relief supplies to Suministro, Peru.

Because of the consistent work of its volunteers and coordinators, ADRA built a better profile with government emergency coordinating groups. ADRA was praised for its support, and along with other agencies, was given special thanks by Prime Minister John Howard.

Its efforts to assist drought-affected families haven’t gone unnoticed either. The financial support provided by ADRA was distributed by rural financial counsellors in six Victorian and western NSW towns. The funds have been distributed to families or individuals in need as determined by the financial counsellors. Many church volunteers helped in this. The Waitara, NSW, church, for example, sent

broader population they are there to help.

In this world, where does real influence and power lie? Do governments really have more influence over our lives than profit-hungry corporations and the media? To what degree do politicians have to compromise because of the corporate dollars that helped put them in power?

And, is what we see and hear in the media of today truth, or is it merely a story to attract better ratings and revenues? Journalists know they no longer control their own story as they once did. Truth is often sacrificed at the ratings altar, driving content and spin. ADRA has learned this reality the hard way.

There is also persistent and troubling talk in our western society about a new economic world order that will bring to our polluted and resource-strapped earth prosperity through the creation of wealth! But given that 20 per cent of the world is already consuming 80 per cent of its resources, you have to ask, *Wealth for who?* and, *How that is possible?*

The altruistic world of charities in Australia, including ADRA, isn't immune from the forces and powers seeking control of the world. Faith-based



charitable and aid organisations are now being labelled as “do-gooders” with “hidden agendas.”

I'm aware that in Australia there are powerful organisations, some bankrolled by large corporations, who use every opportunity to discredit non-government organisations (NGOs), such as ADRA, using key journalists who give space and credibility to their ideas. Under a semblance of transparency and a cloak of truth-seeking, they defame NGOs. One can only suspect their motive is more about protecting corporate self-interest. An unsuspecting public believes them, and for small organisations, it's virtually useless and too costly to fight back.

Truth is under attack in our increasingly complex world. But that shouldn't surprise us, for we know that in the last days, “people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money . . . abusive . . . without love . . . slanderous . . . treacherous [and] lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:2-4, NIV).

We also know that a day is coming when “the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn” because of their loss of trade, and that their “riches and splendour” will “have vanished, never to be recovered,” and that in a very short time, their great wealth will be “brought to ruin” (Revelation 18:11, 14, 17, NIV).

As the appointed leader of your church's humanitarian agency, I ask for your prayers and moral and financial support. Our task is huge and sometimes dangerous, but our courage is strong; our hope for the future indestructible. By God's grace, we will not falter in our service for others until Jesus comes, as come He must. ☪

David Syme is the executive director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in the South Pacific, based in Sydney.

some 200 food parcels to drought-affected farmers around Bourke, Narrabri and Brewarrina prior to Christmas, 2002. ADRA also distributed hay for animal feed in Nyngan.

And the recipients were grateful, and happy to express their thanks: “We're writing to thank you for the generous donation of food we received from [you],” wrote one despairing family. “It was certainly appreciated, and it lifted our hearts during a very hard time.”

Said another: “The family really enjoyed all the products you sent. They are great Weet-Bix fans, so they disappeared quickly. Thank you very much—words can't really describe how grateful we are.”

“Thank you so much for your support in these hard times. The cattle are enjoying their hay! It has been very much appreciated.”

“Please pass on our ‘thank you’ to your congregation for their prayers and generosity, which is in no way a small thing, and extremely thoughtful and kind,” wrote another. “We appreciate your timely gifts, especially of courage and encouragement. The love and care that's rained on us has been overwhelming—a very humbling experience. God's grace is truly amazing!”

ADRA performs a comprehensive and wide range of services in diverse places around the globe. Much of what it does depends on the continuing generosity of the people sitting comfortably in our church pews. ☪

Through giving generously in next week's ADRA offering, we can, together, bring real relief and hope to our troubled world.

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Hope for farmers: ADRA delivers hay to a drought-stricken farmer, near Nyngan, NSW.

Dead certainties

Lydia Robinson, Qld

Re “ADRA’s call to oppose drugs” (Cover, March 22), I’m concerned about a bias in the information available to church members and the general public on the issue of drug legislation. I’m uncertain where to cast my vote. The issue is of concern to me, but I’ve heard few convincing arguments either for or against the legalisation of some currently illicit drugs. I would like more factual information.

As a businesswoman, I know how business works: it’s about supply and demand. And illicit drugs are big business, which thrives on their illegal status. It’s certain that as long as drugs are illegal, they’ll be pushed on street corners. It’s also certain that the billions of dollars generated will buy anything, corrupting police and those in political circles, even if only subtly.

The first reaction to illicit drugs is prohibition. I don’t advocate that drugs be freely available, but I wonder if a regulated legalisation of certain illicit drugs, with stringent conditions attached to their dispensing plus educational back-up would be more productive?

I would love to support my church with a clear conscience. Is it possible for the church to make an unbiased report on the matter of illicit drugs, including information from both sides, so that we can make an informed decision on this matter?

To these vexed questions, “There are no short answers,” says Gary Christian, National Program director for ADRA–Australia. Readers should turn to page six for a comprehensive response.

Take some ownership

Owen Thomson, Kazakhstan

As a volunteer in Kazakhstan, reading your report on debriefing long-term volunteers (Newsfront, May 3), the observation that “long term overseas service is not all roses” stood out. True, and one reason is that homeland churches appear to forget us once we’ve departed.

“If Christians were awake to duty there would be a far greater work done in foreign lands than there is done now,” writes Ellen

White, adding, “and if we could not personally go, then we would support it with our prayer, sympathy and means.”

There’s a challenge to every church and member. We volunteers need our home churches to follow this counsel. It’s not enough to offer us a “God bless . . .” when we’re leaving, and thereafter ignore us.

Mrs Eunice Hancock, NSW

While many churches of other faiths have very meaningful programs for men, including prayer breakfasts and fellowships, ours doesn’t have a specific supportive ministry, either for our men or to share with others.

However, it is worth considering that

Illicit drugs are big business, which thrives on their illegal status.

A ministry to and for all

Marie Butler, NSW

With respect to “Give the blokes a go!” (April 19), I say, What a great God we serve: He values the coin of a poor woman above that of a hundred other rich offerings and tithes.

What a great God we serve: God—like a mother and a father (He’s genderless)—covering us with feathers as well as providing us with armour for battle.

What a great God we serve: God knows about the billion who live in poverty—80 per cent are female—yet He doesn’t care about numbers. Rather, He looks on the heart yet forgives me seventy-times-seven, and forgives me for mentioning numbers.

What a great God we serve: God looks on our hearts—not outward appearance of male and female—but on the same hearts that pump the same blood.

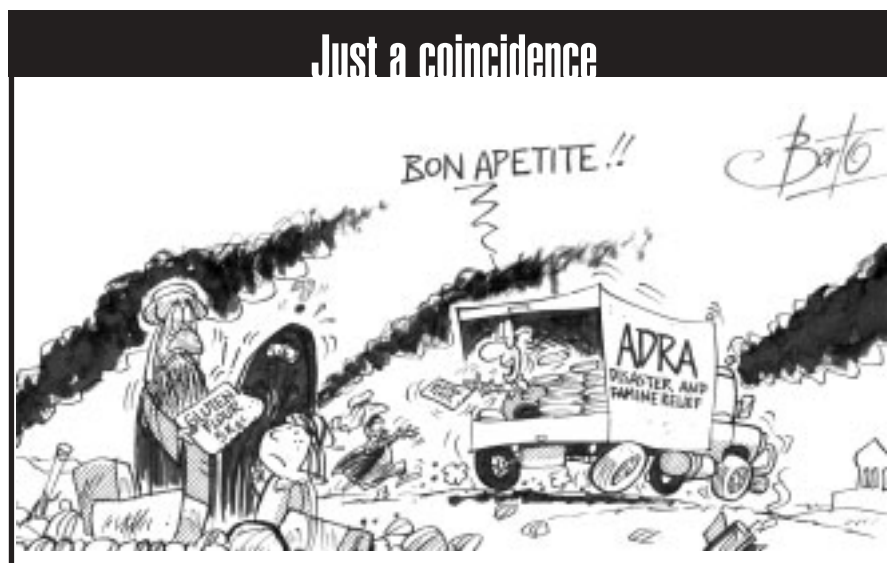
And God spilled blood and died for me.

Women’s Ministries (to my knowledge) didn’t begin as a church-organised initiative but grew into that as the Spirit led women to pray and fellowship together, and encourage one another.

I’ve noticed that the most successful programs are those developed from small beginnings, as someone saw a need and prayerfully sought God’s guidance in filling it. So perhaps men who see this need in their church family could establish small men’s prayer fellowships and let them grow as God directs. The missionary Hudson Taylor said, “God’s work, done in God’s way, will bring God’s supply.”

I’m going to put this need on my prayer list; how about you?

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Weddings

Allen—Adderton. Lloyd Anthony Allen, son of Eunice (Nambour, Qld) and the late Ted Allen, and Mirjam Ellen Adderton, daughter of Frans and Joke Gevers (Holland), were married on 20.4.03 in the Waitara Adventist church, Sydney, NSW. *Bruce Price, Geoff Youlden*

Bidmead—Minns. Vernon Ray Bidmead, son of Keith Bidmead (Auckland, NNZ) and Carole Currie (Richmond, Nelson, SNZ), and Melissa Maree Minns, daughter of Ray and Pam Minns (Caboolture, Qld), were married on 20.4.03 in St Mary's Anglican church, Redcliffe, Qld. *Ian Howie*

Gallop—Johnson. Danny Gallop, son of Peter and June Gallop (Albany, WA), and Dana Johnson, daughter of Danny and Anne Johnson (Perth), were married on 21.4.03 in the North Beach Adventist church, Perth. *Brett Townend*

Leeke—Fuller. Hayden Ralph Leeke, son of Des and Val Leeke (Box Hill, NSW), and Rebekah Dorothy Fuller, daughter of Richard and Dorothy Fuller (Kellyville), were married on 30.3.03 in the Uniting church, Leura. *Roger Vince*

Madigan—Myron. Carl Andrew Madigan, son of Dr Geoff and Donna Madigan (Cooranbong, NSW), and Sarah Louise Myron, daughter of Graham and Jan Myron (Perth, WA), were married on 4.5.03 in the Beecroft Presbyterian church, NSW. *Grenville Kent*

McGregor—Gates. Craig Scott McGregor, son of James and Deanna McGregor (Brisbane, Qld), and April Sharon Gates, daughter of Leslie Gates (Mildura, Vic) and Carol Flett (Loxton, SA), were married on 3.5.03 at Riverside Reserve, Darlington. *Lee Bowditch-Walsh*

Young—Fehlberg. Ben Young, son of Garry and Coralie Young (SA), and Shelley Fehlberg, daughter of Phillip Fehlberg and Raewyn Fehlberg (Wantirna, Vic), were married on 20.4.03 in a beautiful garden setting at Bundaloug. *Ross Miller*

Obituaries

Burnside, Sheila, born 18.4.1908 at Eltham, NNZ; died 20.3.03 at Wahroonga, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Pastor George Burnside, nine years before on the same date and hour. She is survived by her daughter, Loretley Malletin; and her grandchildren, Burnie and Chanel (Sydney). Sheila is remembered as being "just lovely," quiet, peaceful and never uttering a harsh word to anyone. *Lloyd Grolimund*

Chaplin, Irene (nee Aiken), born 4.10.1906 at Brighton, Tas; died 17.4.03 in Freeman Nursing Home, Rossmoyne, WA. On 24.4.24 she married Roy McFarlane, who predeceased her. On 11.10.62 she married Les Chaplin, who predeceased her in 1995. She is survived by her son, Roy McFarlane (Adelaide, SA); her daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Alan Mann, who have cared devotedly for her over recent years; her seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren (all of Perth, WA); her stepdaughters, Joan Yensch and Audrey Bullas (Adelaide, SA). Rene was a sincere, faithful Christian who accepted the Adventist message under the ministry of Pastor Magnusson, in Hobart, Tas, and was an earnest member for many years in Adelaide and Perth. She was greatly loved by all her family. *Cyrus Adams*

Connolly, Shirley Annette, born 17.12.1934 in Adelaide, SA; died 14.4.03 in the Gold Coast Hospital, Qld. She was predeceased by her adopted brother, Allan. On 27.5.87 she married George. She is survived by her husband; her sister, Greta Markowsky (Canada); her brother, Alwyn (South Coast, NSW). Shirley worked at the SHF factory, Lewisham, for two to three years; then 34 years with the Sydney Adventist Hospital. She was a lovely Christian lady who loved her Lord. Her beautiful voice would lift many listening hearts to God. *Lloyd Robinson Clive Butcher, Leon Powrie*

Dawes, Austen Norman (Aussie), born 14.12.1924 at Auburn, NSW; died 23.4.03

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Database Developer—Adventist Aviation Services (AAS), PNG. Help needed to develop several database applications to facilitate the work and record keeping of AAS. May work from home and/or after hours. Must be experienced with Microsoft Access or Filemaker Pro. AAS will work with volunteer to develop database applications, including aircraft parts inventory system and flight scheduling and dispatch system.

ESL Teacher—Czech Republic—to teach ESL, hold Bible studies and help with organisational/secretarial duties at school. Must have 3–4 years of college experience. Living allowance and accommodation provided. Term: 10 months, commencing August 21, 2003.

Youth Volunteer—Gateway Church, NSW—looking for a youth who has previously worked with teenagers and youth. Aged 20–26. Living allowance, lodging with church family and food provided. Term: 12 months, commencing August/September 2003.

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at Dulguigan, Murwillumbah. He was predeceased by his son, Brian. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his sons, David (Melbourne, Vic) and Rodney; their spouses; and six grandchildren. Aussie was loved and respected by all who knew him and passed away peacefully in the sure and certain hope of the Second Coming. *Warren Price, Adrian Raethel*

Evans, Gary William, born 31.8.1956 at Griffith, NSW; died peacefully at his home 24.4.03 at Grantham, Qld, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Glenda (nee Knott); his daughter, Amy; and his mother and sisters. Gary loved to scuba dive, to fish and to fly. Had his own house removal and relocation business. He loved his Lord deeply and trusted Him completely. He was respected and loved by all who knew him. *John Rabbas Mark Gale, Barry Forbes*

Filcich, Shaun, born 13.6.1980 at Wahroonga, NSW; died 6.4.03 at Carathool, as the result of a motor vehicle accident. He is survived by his mother, Judith; his sister, Sharna; his new dad and sisters, Dave, Alicia and Erin; and his grandmother, Daphne Doble. Shaun was a much loved National church youth social leader, son and very special brother. See you in the morning! *Andre van Rensburg, Dale Arthur*

French, Ernest, born 20.8.1921 at Sydney, NSW; died 5.4.03 at the Gold Coast, Qld. He is survived by his wife, Verlie; his children, Dianne, Brian, Alan and Wayne; his 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was deeply loved by his family and friends. Ernie was a very outgoing, friendly person and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. *Wayne French*

Graham, Caroline (Madge), born 2.11.1917; died 21.3.03 in Wyong Hospital, NSW. In 1941 she married Lewis, who predeceased her in 1959. She is survived by her sons, Colin and Max; her daughters-in-law, Lorrelle and Cindy; her seven grandchildren; and her six great-grandchildren. She loved her Lord, her family, friends and her church family. *Joe Webb*

Hill, John Garth, born 10.1.1934 at Bingara, NSW; died 8.4.03 at Bingara. He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Bingara); his son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Carol (Dubbo); and his five grandchildren. Garth and Shirley worked for many years at the Bingara State School and gave a positive witness for their Lord. *Frank Cantrill, Kevin Hansen*

Hiscox, Gordon William George, born 23.5.1915 at Bridgetown, WA; died 17.4.03 at Sherwin Lodge, Rossmoyne, after a brief illness. On 11.2.48 he married Patricia. He is survived by his wife (Sherwin Lodge Nursing Home); and his children, David, Ron, Lyndsay, Philip, Carolyn Bower and Naomi Plane. Gordon attended school at Karagullen, near Perth; worked as a farmer at Gabbin. He was a foundation member of the Ben-cubbin church and head elder for several years. He was a true Christian gentleman of integrity, practicality and faith. Waiting for Jesus' return. *Keith Godfrey, Wayne Stanley*

Howell, Nanette, born 30.10.1932 at Collinsvale, Tas; died 9.4.03 in Melbourne, Vic. On 1.9.54 she married Bryan, who predeceased her on 20.11.92. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Graeme Matthews, and Kathi and David Ewing. *Trevor Rowe*

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Kane, Gordon, born 27.4.1922 at Guyra, NSW; died 6.3.03 in Tamworth Hospital. He was predeceased by his daughter, Barbara. He is survived by his wife, Meg; his children and their spouses, Geoff and Grace, Marlene and Frank Cantrill, Julie and Keith Jackson, Rhonda and Ewan Ward, Sandra and James Salmond; his 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Gordon was a man of substance, faith, vision, action, courage and loyalty. He was greatly loved and respected. He is sadly missed by his family and friends.

*Frank Cantrill
Keith Jackson, Barry Satchell*

Mentor, Barry Allingham, born 31.12.1948 at Mount Eden, Auckland, NNZ; died 29.3.03 at Toowoomba, Qld. On 27.9.90 he married Leslie Mosekien. He is survived by his wife (Oakley); and his daughter, Alexandria Mentor (Toowoomba). Barry was a member of the Dalby church for a short while before he died.

Billy van Heerden, David Stojcik

Merton, Roy William George, born 12.10.1927 at Rainbow, Vic; died 9.4.03 at Mannum, SA. On 10.10.57 he married Betty. He is survived by his wife; his children, Wendy Merton and Gavin Merton. Roy was a dignified gentleman; a big man with a big heart; concerned more for others than himself.

Robert Porter

Olive, Denver Stuart, born 23.3.1930 in London, UK; died 18.4.03 in Brisbane, Qld. He is survived by his wife, Sue; his children, Lindsay Grace (formerly Glendenning—Stanmore, Qld), Lewis

(Aroona) and Sarah Spyve (Jimboomba); their spouses, Wes, Gay and Phil; his seven grandchildren; his brother, Leon (Buderim); and former wife, Millie Bukojemski (Jimboomba). As a professional bass player in the group "The Cat's Whiskers," Denny will be greatly missed by not only his family, but his many friends in the jazz scene throughout Australia.

Mike Brownhill

Schoenfish, Gladys Beatrice (nee Drager), born 6.4.1908 at Coleyville, Qld; died 26.4.03 at Boonah. On 7.8.29 she married Carl (Charlie), who predeceased her in 1997. She is survived by her children, Lily Muir McCarey (Kallangur), Kevin (Mutdapilly), Stanley (Raceview), Cecil (Warrill View), Ivor (Ipswich), Arnold (Darwin, NT), Joyce Draper (Mutdapilly, Qld) and Gloria Bryant (Stanthorpe). Gladys was a farming woman of pioneer stock, who was deeply committed to her faith and family. In her quiet but determined way Gladys was an effective witness for Christ to all whose lives she touched.

*Gordon Oaklands
Mladen Krklec, Sandor Gazsik*

Schyschow, Katarina (nee Roskorych), born 24.7.1919 in Poland; died 19.4.03 at Yarra View Retirement Village, Warburton, Vic. On 2.1.49 she married Andrej, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Joseph (Perth, WA), Steven (Langwarrin, Vic), Sam (Warburton), Vera Collins (USA) and Sophia Schyschow (Mount Eliza, Vic). Katarina had a strong conviction that God had guided her life. She endured the occupa-

tion of her homeland and life in a concentration camp, before migrating to Australia.

Eric Kingdon

Smart, Gwendolene, born 20.5.1912; died peacefully 30.4.03 at the Homestead Retirement Home, Ilam, Christchurch, SNZ. In 1935 she married Laurie, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her son, Graeme. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Barrie and Carmen; her five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Gwen's devotion and joy in life was her family; her Sabbath school and her church. Her keen mental acumen and thoughtful contributions to family and friends continued to the end of her life. While sadly missed we wait for the joyful reunion of the resurrection.

Robert Granger

Stoker, Audrey May (nee Brown), born 6.11.1934 at North Ormsby, England; died 18.4.03 in Bendigo Hospice. On 8.5.54 she married John, who predeceased her on 1.7.99. She is survived by her children, Tony (Caboolture, Qld), Martin (Warrnambool, Vic), Paul (Fremantle, WA) and Amanda Gamble (Bendigo, Vic). Audrey loved everyone she came in contact with, asking for nothing in return. She loved and was loved by all—God's love in action.

Kenn Duke

Swanborough, Kelyvn Frank, born 19.8.1930 at Warrnambool, Vic; died 4.4.03 in Geelong Hospital. He was prede-

ceased by his son, Russell, in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; and his daughters, Vanessa Cherry, Yasmin Green and Leonie. Kelyvn was a man on whom God bestowed the gift of encouragement. He was a highly respected teacher and principal, known always to have genuine words of praise and encouragement for each person. He will be sorely missed by his family and also those whose lives he has blessed. Roll on resurrection morning!

Desmond Potts

Taylor, Ena (Josephine), born in 1924 in Durham, England; died 16.3.03 at Albany, WA. She is survived by her children, Janet, Julie, Dot and Norrie; and their families. They will miss a loving mother and grandmother. Ena was a fine Christian, courageous and creative. She was a cherished member of Albany church and loved by all.

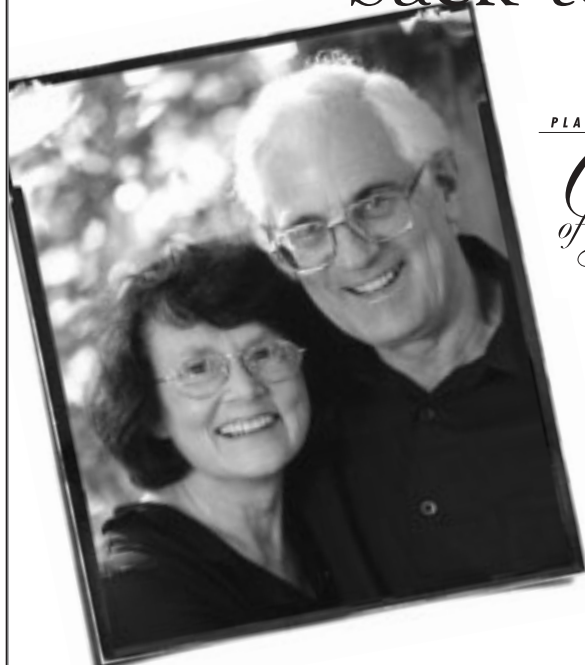
Brett Townend, James Greensill

Taylor, Reginald Vernon, born 22.10.1917 at Nanyong, Qld; died 26.4.03 at Feros Village Nursing Home, Bangalow, NSW. Reg is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Julene (Mullumbimby); his daughter and son-in-law, Neroli and Greg Ford (Myocum); his six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Reg is remembered as a nurseryman and for his commitment to spreading the gospel.

Warren Price

Way, Edward John Way (Ted), born 22.3.1910 at Box Hill, Vic; died 18.4.03

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in Box Hill Hospital. In 1944 he married Ila White. He is survived by his wife (Coronella Retirement Village, Nunawading); his children and their spouses, Brian and Carolyn (Warburton), Bruce and Katrina (Sydney, NSW); his grandchildren and their spouses, Nathan and Rochelle (NZ), Danielle and Michael Engelbrecht (Philippines) and Annelis (Melbourne, Vic).

Ken Mead, Tony Campbell

Willis, Ruby Violet, born 28.8.1922; died 22.10.02 in Westmead Hospital, NSW. She is survived by her brothers, Allan (Warrimoo), Peter (Canberra) and Oscar (Gosford). Ruby’s life was a quiet, but consistent, witness to her Lord; first in the Salvation Army and later as a faithful Adventist.

Roger Vince

Zerk, Walter Jeffery Dean, born 29.11.1938 at Roma, Qld; died unexpectedly 8.1.03 at Dalby. He is survived by his children, Rhonda Evans and Davida Eiser (both of Calliope). Walter was a faithful member of the Dalby church and served as deacon.

Billy van Heerden

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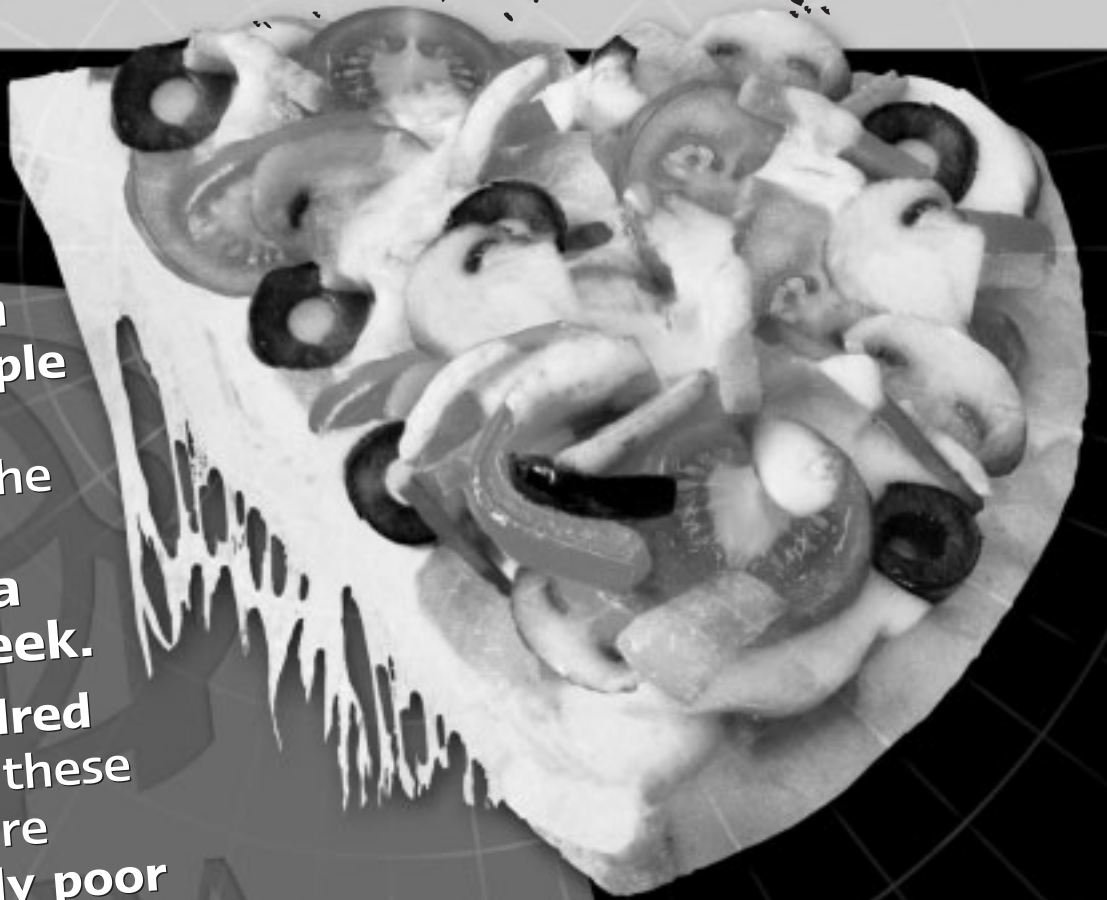
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