

# RECORD



*Students at Pacific Adventist University are forced to take classes outdoors to escape overcrowded classrooms—OK when its fine, but not during the wet season in this hot, tropical savanna climate.*

## PAU chief calls on church to relieve overcrowding

*Ross Cole and Shirley Tarburton*

In respect to the PNG cultural and educational landscape, our church's Pacific Adventist University (PAU), located in a valley a few kilometres from the PNG government, business and transport hub of Port Moresby, is a proverbial garden of Eden, a place to which both locals and visitors are drawn week by week. They seek its security, its pleasant international atmosphere, its produce and product.

In a small way, its presence and influence in the city and, indeed, the country as a whole, is a fulfilment of that which God promised Israel, far exceeding its size. Israel was the smallest of nations, yet God had great plans for her, saying He would set the nation "high above all the nations" (Deuteronomy 28:1). He said of Israel, "Many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths'" (Isaiah 2:3, NIV).

When Pacific Adventist College was established in 1984, its founders had great dreams of the role it might play in the Pacific. But now their dreams are being realised in ways that they couldn't have imagined.

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# The lightness of grace

I was on my way to work when I saw her. I'd stopped at the lights near Roma Street train station. She staggered up the stairs to the youth hostel. A traveller in transit, her unsteady gait came not from drinking (at least not that I could tell), but was related to the huge backpack on her back.

I don't know where she'd come from or where she was going, but she seemed well prepared for any eventuality. Sturdy walking boots dangled by their laces on one side of her backpack and an all-weather jacket from the other. Various pockets were bulging and the zippers seemed strained. She staggered under the weight of a load that seemed much too heavy for her.

## ***Grace gives us permission to admit to our humanity and to fall at the feet of divinity.***

Tending to be an over-prepared traveller myself, I felt for her. I know how hard it is to pack lightly when planning a trip, and I know how it feels when the baggage you're carrying seems to outweigh you. I, too, have struggled through airports, train stations and on buses with too much luggage.

But clumsy and heavy suitcases are nothing in comparison to some of the baggage we often carry. Regret for past mistakes or words spoken in the heat of the moment often haunt us and give us no peace. Hurt and pain from past encounters with our family of origin or our church family can weigh us down.

Resentment for times when people have taken us for granted or failed to take into account our good intentions can become cumbersome. Grief for relationships lost or opportunities missed can make our

steps heavy and slow. Worry about the past and the future can steal our joy and drag at our heels.

But there is Someone to help us carry our burdens. There is a Heavenly Porter ready to relieve us of our heavy load. He doesn't reprimand us for packing so unwisely or quiz us as to the content of our bags. He knows what's in them, He knows how we acquired the baggage and why we think it necessary to carry it with us wherever we go. He simply says: "Let me take that for you."

"Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore he waits on high to have compassion on you" (Isaiah 30:18, NASB).

We need grace. We need compassion. The Lord knows we need these gifts, but this is where we often get stuck. For some of us it's hard to accept that we need help. We're schooled in independence. We want to do things on our own and, indeed, we're encouraged, as we grow up, to look after ourselves and our own needs. But when it comes to salvation and to living life well here on earth we do need help.

The gift of grace is available to each of us, and when we embrace it we find that it does indeed lighten our load and lift our spirits. It frees us from the "belief that we must perform in order to win acceptance from God and others" (Cynthia Heald, *Becoming a Woman of Grace*). And that indeed is a relief.

When we embrace the grace of God we are saying: "I admit my imperfection. I

admit that I will never get it all right. I admit that I need you, Lord, for I cannot live life as you intended, on my own."

Coming to terms with our own imperfections and our own woundedness allows us to breathe easy. It allows us to put down our burdens and look around and see that we're all fellow travellers. We're all in need of grace, and when we realise that we all stand forgiven in the sight of God, it's much easier to extend forgiveness to others.

Grace gives us permission to admit to our humanity and to fall at the feet of divinity. Grace gives us freedom, not only from condemnation, but also from struggling to make the grade on our own, and trying to live up to the expectations of others. By living out God's grace daily we demonstrate that we, too, are in debt to it.

Perhaps that is what Jesus meant when He said: "Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30, NASB).

If you want to travel lightly, unburden your soul at the feet of Jesus and exchange your heaviness of spirit for the lightness of grace.

"They travel lightly whom God's grace carries" (Thomas à Kempis).

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- SPD has safety expert on board • Winner of Dick Smith Foods competition announced
- Sonoma teens raise funds for ADRA • New minister and nurse for Pitcairn Island • and more

—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● The South Pacific Division (SPD) has a **qualified occupational health and safety officer** as part of its team. **Ken Marsh** (pictured), an employee of Risk Management Services (RMS) for the SPD, recently graduated from the University of Newcastle with an award of Master of Occupational Health and Safety. The award was



made by the university's Faculty of Health.

● Students attending Adventist schools, and all **Adventist students** enrolled at other schools are reminded that the RMS's **safety poster competition** (Flashpoint, March 1)



**closes on June 30.** For more information see the principal of your local Adventist school, or contact RMS by phone on (02) 9847 3375, or email <ltaskis@adventist.org.au>.

● **Rural South Queensland** will be the next area targeted with the **Search video television campaign.** A free viewing of *Search 6—A search for a new world*, will be offered to TV audiences between June 14 and 22. Church members will have an opportunity for bridging to members of

## Asian Aid operates on 850

**A**sian Aid has completed 850 prolapse operations in Nepal. "It was the kind support of people across Australia and New Zealand that enabled Asian Aid to sponsor these operations," says Brad Watson, marketing manager for Asian Aid.

The 850th operation was performed on 46-year-old Chandrawati Lamichane, at Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital, in Banepa, Nepal, on April 30.

Based on estimates that 25 per cent of Nepalese women suffered from various degrees of prolapse, Asian Aid initiated the program of operations in 1999. A prolapse is caused by repeated childbirths and carrying heavy weights, and occurs when the uterus is expelled outside the body, leading to medical complications and infections. Women with the condition are also often divorced by their husbands.

To date, the oldest recipient is an 89-year-old woman who had carried the condition for 71 years. The youngest was 21. Both women received fully-funded operations in local hospitals, performed by qualified specialists. The current cost of a full hysterectomy is approximately \$A350 dollars, including a small contribution toward Asian Aid's operational expenses in Nepal.

Asian Aid is currently working towards a training program for recipients of the operation so that on return to their communities they can become agents of long-term change.

their local communities as they deliver the videos and return to collect them.

● **Lindsay Ralph**, a schoolteacher from Mooroolbark, Victoria, is the lucky **winner of Dick Smith Foods' RECORD holiday competition**, featured in RECORD on March 8 and 29. He and his family—who have attended Lilydale Adventist church for 21 years—will be enjoying a **five-night holiday** in July at Rydges Oasis Resort, Caloundra, **on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.** Their prize includes airfares, breakfast and entry to Under-

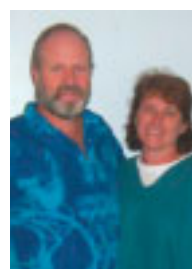


water World and Australia Zoo. "The staff at Dick Smith Foods were very impressed with Lindsay's winning entry," says Pierre van Heerden, managing director of Dick Smith Foods. "We hope he and his family have a fantastic holiday!"

● ADRA-PNG recently received a **donation of K520 from the teen Sabbath school at Sonoma Adventist College**, near Rabaul, PNG. The Sabbath school group baked cakes and auctioned them to raise the money. These funds will be used by ADRA-PNG's HIV/AIDS education team **to print T-shirts for use in programs about HIV/AIDS which they present to young people.**—ADRA-PNG Tok

● **Lyle and Jenny Burgoyne** are the Seventh-day Adventist Church's **new minister and nurse on**

**Pitcairn Island.** They—and their two teenage daughters—arrived on the island on March 1 as replacements for John and Susan O'Malley, who returned to Australia at the end of 2002. "The islanders are glad to see an Adventist minister again," says



Mr Burgoyne. "We're welcome in any home on the island." This call to Pitcairn is the second the Burgoynes have received from the church. They served on the island in 1995–1996.

● Some **380 tornadoes** touched down and devastated portions of the **Midwestern and Southern United States** in the **first 11 days of May, killing at least 44 people**. Seventh-day Adventists are both affected by the storms and responding to their effects. According to the National Weather Service the **Maranatha Adventist**

## Men of Praise say thank you Australia

If you had been listening to Macca on ABC radio's "Australia All Over" program on Sunday May 11, you would have heard the following live broadcast.

*"Hi. This is Macca on Australia All Over."*

*"Good morning, Macca. It's Harley Stanton at the check-in counter of Melbourne airport. I'm here with the Philippine Men's Chorale at the end of a 12-day Australian tour. I wanted to tell you about our trip and let you hear us sing before we leave."*



Then followed a rendition of "Advance Australia Fair" down the mobile phone. The check-in clerk switched on their PA microphone to allow the singing to be heard over the entire airport announcement system.

Before closing the on-air conversation Macca asked them to sing another song, so they closed with "The Irish Blessing."

Men of Praise gave 10 concerts over 12 nights, from Brisbane to Hobart.

To all who helped make their tour an outstanding experience, Men of Praise sends a big "Thank you, Australia." Dr Stanton says, "We give thanks to all who assisted us in making music that was 'harmony and joy with heart and soul' and hope to continue our praise to God."

**church in Jackson, Tennessee, was destroyed** when a category F4 tornado hit the southern city in the early hours of May 5. The church and several buildings on the property, including the Maranatha educational complex, were hit with sustained winds of 320 kilometres-per-hour, which caused extensive damage. **Dozens of Adventist volunteers are working** in warehouses and distribution centres that the Adventist Community Service's Disaster response team has established in the hardest hit American states of Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Oklahoma.—ANN

● Two **pediatric wards** in the Sariwon Pediatric Hospital, located in the North Hwanghae Province of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (**North Korea**) are to be **rehabilitated** by a \$US27,000 project, funded by ADRA-International. The project will provide warmer recovery rooms for patients, running water, reduce the amount of coal burned, and create dry, moisture-free wards. The **Sariwon Pediatric Hospital is one of two hospitals in the region, serving 1.6 million people**. ADRA is also in the process of constructing a new surgical building at the Sariwon Pediatric Hospital, which will be completed in July this year.—ANN

● **Dr Jan Paulsen**, General Conference president, paid a short courtesy **visit to Kjell Magne Bondevik, Prime Minister of his home country, Norway**, on May 13. The visit was initiated by the Norwegian ambassador to the United States. Dr Paulsen informed the Prime Minister about our international church. **Special emphasis was given to the health and educational work of the church** in making the world a better place to live.—*Adventist News Review*

### Days and offerings

**June 14**—Pacific Adventist University Offering

**July 12**—World Mission Budget Offering

## Off the record

● Five **young adults** from the **Esperance church, WA**, recently joined 30 community youth on a **five-day cruise** aboard the replica sailing ship *The Leeuwin*. **Janneane Tonkin, Caleb Kleinig, Dale Tonkin, Andrew Beck and Tara Reynolds** (pictured, L-R) sailed some 200 km east of Esperance to



the Recherche Archipelago region. They completed coast-care work on arrival as part of the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation's motto to "challenge and inspire the education and development of our youth . . . in leadership, team skills, community spirit and environmental awareness."—*Rhonda Morcombe*

● Wyong church recently held a reunion in Cooranbong, NSW. Foundation members attending included event organiser **Alan Wright; Pastor Len Barnard** and his wife, **Mavis; Mrs Masie Williams**, wife of the late **Pastor Athol Sedgeman** and



**Ms Madge Geddes**, who wrote a *History of Wyong Church*, and read it to those attending the reunion. The Wyong church started as a company in the 1930s and, according to organisers, the recent church reunion was worth the effort.

# Missionary murdered in the Solomons

**Brenton Stacey**

Seventh-day Adventist missionary Lance Gersbach, business manager of Atoifi Adventist Hospital on Malaita in the Solomon Islands when he was murdered on May 18, was buried at Palmdale Memorial Park, Ourimbah, NSW, following a funeral service in the Avondale College church, on Monday, May 26.

An estimated 700 people attended, including representatives of the church at all levels. Pastor Laurie Evans, South Pacific Division (SPD) president, shared in delivering the homily.

Pastor Evans said the tragedy had deeply affected the church community: "Losing a member of the family is never easy, but to lose a trusted colleague and friend in such terrible circumstances has left the church in a state of shock and disbelief.

"We feel for Jean, Louise and Anita. . . . Their loss is far greater than that of the church. . . . But we will be there for them, not only now but in the future to support them in any way we can."

Mrs Gersbach, in a prepared statement, expressed her thanks for the support the family had received, specifically nominating the Australian High Commission in Honiara, Qantas and Solomon Airlines, and church leadership for their help.

"I would like to thank our friends and members of the community for your love, compassion and prayers," she said. "Lance was a man who always put his best into everything he did. He had a depth of character that isn't often found, and was committed to making a positive contri-



**Pictured (from left to right): Anita, Louise, Jean and Lance Gersbach.**

but ion to the hospital at Atoifi. I believed he achieved his goal."

Mr Gersbach is the second expatriate missionary to be murdered at Atoifi. Australian Brian Dunn died on December 19, 1965, after being speared. The local church and School of Nursing bear his name.

Mr Gersbach, an accountant, left Australia for Malaita with his family on February 11 this year. He had previously served as business manager at the church's Sopas Adventist Hospital in Papua New Guinea between 1991 and 1993, then as director of Administrative Services at the former Auckland Adventist Hospital until 1994. He and his family had agreed to serve at Atoifi for 12 months.

Alfred Sasako, MP for East Kwaio on Malaita, described Mr Gersbach's death as an "evil killing" and as an "attack on the

very heart of the people of East Kwaio.

"I wish to convey our sympathies and condolences to Lance's wife and children. Their loss is our loss; their pain, our pain," he said.

Dr Brian Senewiratne, a professor of medicine at the University of Queensland who was lecturing at Atoifi at the time, said it would be a "disaster" if the church were to close the hospital as a result of the tragedy. He accompanied Mrs Gersbach and her daughters from Atoifi to Honiara.

In response to speculation that the murder may force the closure of Atoifi, Dr Barry Oliver, SPD secretary, gave an emphatic assurance that this was not planned: "We are not going to close," he said, but conceded there would be a temporary scaling back of services with some traumatised staff flown out of the area.

Pastor Evans said that while the church did not want to close Atoifi, he was "keen" that a review of security be undertaken once a motive for the attack became clear.

Dr Percy Harrold, SPD associate health director, who has worked at the hospital on three occasions during his many visits over the past 12 years, says violence is not common in the area around Atoifi. "It's been safe. The police don't even have a presence. The local community resolves all problems in a nonviolent and negotiated manner."



**The service was attended by expatriate church leaders in addition to sorrowing local representatives and many church members.**

**Lance Gersbach was laid to rest on Monday, May 26, following a service held in the Avondale College church. The service was presided over by Charlestown church minister Pastor Graeme Loftus. Charlestown church, NSW, was the Gersbach family's home church. Pastor Loftus, who had known Mr Gersbach since childhood and attended Avondale College as a student with him, said he knew Mr Gersbach as "a quiet, almost shy person," but "behind the scenes was incredibly helpful. . . . He had a thorough work ethic," he said. The sacrifice of Mr Gersbach and his family was also remembered in a memorial service held in the Kukum, Solomon Islands, church (pictured) prior to the family's repatriation.**

# Copenhagen's CafeChurch becomes a new home for many

*Copenhagen, Denmark*

**T**hey sit around small tables, enjoy a hot drink, and worship God. It's called CafeChurch—a place where people come to praise God in a relaxed atmosphere.

They come from mixed backgrounds—most are not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; others are not members of any denomination. Some have never experienced a church service.

The CafeChurch, in Copenhagen, Denmark, begun in 1998, grew out of a youth church-planting movement in the country. Bettina Wiik and Pastor Frank Rechter, ministers of the church, know that cafes are a popular meeting place for young people and came up with the idea of combining a cozy environment with a worship atmosphere.

People are introduced to the CafeChurch during “Cafe nights,” a time for talking together and listening to various bands. “They ask questions and say, ‘Is this your church? I want to try it,’” Ms Wiik explains.

Various topics are covered in the

sermons. Church pastors focus on people's needs and finding what the Bible says about those needs. They also focus on lifestyle and health, and they talk about the state of the world. The music, however, is what seems to touch people the most.

“Music plays a big role,” Ms Wiik says. “People in the street come into the worship service and listen. They really get stirred deep in their hearts. The Holy Spirit is speaking to them through the music.”

“We're connecting with people,” she adds. “Even though the music isn't what you hear on the radio, it's not as different as an organ would be for them.”

CafeChurch prefers to hold their services in the afternoon. Pastor Rechter says that for the Danes, the afternoon is a better time to go out. “That's the Danish way of life,” he argues. Those who come to CafeChurch in the Sabbath afternoon hours bear a testimony that worship hours can be different for different congregations.

As with anything new, change means challenge—both for church leadership and church members. Pastor Carl David Andersen, president of the Adventist Church



**A church leader in Europe says that CafeChurch has helped them see, in a broader sense, what Adventism is in 2003. This method of reaching out is attracting people who would normally never set foot inside a church.**

in Denmark, says church leadership received questions about the CafeChurch's worship style, which they discussed with CafeChurch's leadership.

“I believe we have profited, both the church leadership and the CafeChurch, from our talks together,” says Pastor Andreason. “We're very encouraged by the work of the CafeChurch.”

“One of the things we've learned through this process is that the identity of Adventism is not just found in ways of worshipping—in styles of worship. Not only in styles of music, but in finding our identity as Christians relating to the Adventist message. This has helped us to see in a broader sense what Adventism is today in 2003.”

“I can feel Jesus here,” says one CafeChurch member. “I can feel the Holy Spirit in my heart. I found Him here, so I'm staying here.”

“I've had no experience with churches,” says a young woman, excited about her newly found faith community. “This is the first church I've known. I like it. It feels like somewhere I belong.”

“For me, it's so important to preach the gospel,” Ms Wiik says. “To say to people, ‘Hey, get Jesus in your life before He comes.’”—ANN

## Cafe church leads girl to Jesus

“A couple of weeks ago a girl for whom we have prayed for a long time, came to church,” reports church planter Bettina Wiik. “This girl had turned right away from Christianity and became involved in the New Age—including New Age healing, hand reading and clairvoyancy. During our CafeChurch worship time—when we sang about the cross and our sin—she cried and cried. After the service she asked to be prayed for and wanted forgiveness from God for having sought fulfillment in other places than God Himself. She has really turned around. She used to love to go to discos, but now that seems totally empty for her.”—*Adventist News Review*



# Love of language bridges cultural divide

Osaka, Japan

**L**eonard Ope is the first Seventh-day Adventist from Papua New Guinea to work as a volunteer in Japan. He has committed to serve for 12 months because he says he loves the English language.

Mr Ope, 48, is teaching English as a second language, at an Adventist school in Osaka. "English is now the world's language," says Mr Ope. "Teaching it is an opportunity for me to put into practise the skills I've learned and the experience I've gained, opportunities of which I have little in PNG."

Mr Ope began his teaching career at the Paglum Adventist Primary School in



**Leonard Ope has stepped outside his comfort zone to become a long-term volunteer in Japan.**

1974. He served as principal at Paglum and as assistant dean and lecturer at Sonoma Adventist College before graduating with an education degree from the University of Papua New Guinea in 1988. Post-graduate study in teaching English to speakers of other languages preceded stints at two schools in Malaysia before Mr Ope returned home to teach at Mount Diamond Adventist High School in 2002.

"I've always wanted to travel," says Mr Ope, who had originally applied to teach in Korea or in China. "I don't want to become ignorant of other cultures." He says his experience in Malaysia prepared

him for his volunteer service. "I've conquered the fear of the unknown."

Mr Ope says the Adventist English School in Osaka is likely to ask him to extend his 12-month commitment by two years. "The staff members like what I'm doing." So do his students. One is showing interest in Bible studies.

"We're proud of Leonard," says Kylie Stacey of the South Pacific Division's Adventist Volunteer Service. She and the other members of the Adventist Volunteer Service committee prayed with Mr Ope during their most recent meeting. "He is adapting well to a new culture."

Mr Ope's advice for prospective long-term volunteers? "Leave your comfort zone and experience the world outside of your own. You will never forget it." — *Brenton Stacey*

## Baptism of 22 ends an era

Auckland, New Zealand

**T**wo Seventh-day Adventist ministers serving in Auckland, New Zealand, have baptised 22 people following an evangelistic campaign they first presented 40 years ago and may not present again.

Pastors Peni Moto Inoke and Hufanga Fui began their ministry in Tonga in 1963. The then president of the church's local mission, D E G Mitchell, had a job for

them to do: Present an evangelistic program in the capital, Nuku'alofa.

"We told Pastor Mitchell, 'We can't do this. We're fresh out of college,'" says Pastor Inoke. "But he said, 'Then, I'll follow you to the sea and you can swim for your life.' He believed in us."

The two baptised 50 people following the program. They baptised 75 the next year. Pastor Inoke and Pastor Fui have each presented a couple of evangelistic programs a year since these first two programs.

Pastor Fui, who established the first Tongan church in Auckland, now ministers at the city's Tongan Mizaph and the Fijian Adventist churches. Pastor Inoke ministers at the Tongan Penrose Adventist church, which, at 550 members, is the second



**Twenty two people have been baptised following an evangelistic program first presented by Peni Moto Inoke and Hufanga Fui 40 years ago.**

Jerry Matthews



**Peni Moto Inoke (left) and Hufanga Fui have each presented a couple of evangelistic programs a year for the past 40 years.**

Jerry Matthews

largest Adventist church in Auckland. The two are planning to retire at the end of the year.

So Pastor Inoke invited Pastor Fui to present the evangelistic program with him, "To mark the end of an era," he says.

The nephew of the King of Tonga attended the ministers' program at the Tongan Penrose church. He is now studying the Bible with Pastor Inoke.

"We're expecting 40 more baptisms between now and the end of year," he says. — *Brenton Stacey*

# Finding our true value

by Rosemary Ansell

**U**nderstanding our true value is so important. If parents don't have good self-esteem, self-worth, significance and security in God, then it's likely their children will suffer in this area also.

This affects every area of our lives, holding us back from who we are meant to be and who we can be. It's crucial that we find our true value!

Think of a circle. Inside this circle are self-worth, self-esteem, security and our significance as a person—as a human being. The ring around the edge is our boundary-fence, to keep the good in and the bad out. Damaged people have damaged boundaries and aren't able to protect those four areas from harm. When these areas are trampled on, these individuals are more likely to do the same to others.

Hurt people, hurt people.

So, just as water finds its own level, hurt people will be attracted to other damaged persons. We do attract the kind of person we are.

But where do we get this high self-worth and security if we didn't get it from our parents? We may try to get it from our work, our looks, dollars in the bank and the value others put on us, but these are all transient. They can be lost or taken away. What then?

Finding our true value in God is the key.

Self-esteem is the value we put on ourselves, the good feelings we have about ourselves. For the Christian, every human is a person made in love—in the image of God—by a loving God. I am His child. God values me highly, and wants the best for me, which is one of the reasons He sets boundaries on what I can and cannot do, should and shouldn't do.

God's precious Son, Jesus, came to earth as His ambassador. But more than that, as God's role model, He taught us how to live in this earth in the best way possible. Then,

because we get it wrong, He paid a price—His death—to give us a precious gift, life.

Appreciate the gift! We've been so highly valued that the God of the universe died in our stead. We can have peace with God, and through Him is love and acceptance, and the promise of restoration.

With self-worth based on the price that was paid to redeem us, we have peace, power, purpose and authority right now. We are children of the living God.

Significance, as a human being, is hard to come by. There are more than six billion of us on this planet. The questions raised are valid: Am I just a little fish in a big pond? Is the universe neutral or hostile? Is it really survival of the fittest? Does anyone really care for me? Is life meaningless? Did I come from a monkey or an amoeba in a primeval puddle? These questions indicate a search for significance.

For the person spiritually in tune with God, born again out of darkness into His family of light, it is different. We're known and loved as if we were the only person on this planet. God knows us and still loves us. Think of how much a parent loves their child. Magnify that many times to begin to understand how much your heavenly Parent loves you.


Security. It seems the world has undergone a greater sense of insecurity since the attack on the twin towers. Earthly security can be shattered in a moment, financial security may disappear, but true security can never be taken away.

We can be secure in God's love. And even when things go wrong, we have the promise that things work together according to His purpose (Romans 8.28). We can be secure as we seek first His kingdom, for our heavenly Father provides for us out of His riches.

The human identity crisis is real. So many look in the wrong places for answers, for nothing can really satisfy the search

except knowing the deep love God has for each of us individually. When we know that, we can then be whole, healed, happy and harmonised, and become an agent for healing in a lost and hurting world.

Living in the certainty of God's love answers the Why am I here? question. We are to be channels of love and light. To be God's hands for healing, God's feet for visiting the hurting, and God's mouth for speaking words of life and love.

This comes from knowing our true value as a human being. Knowing our true value helps us fulfil our destiny. 

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# Honour the Pacific vets

by Matupit Darius

The rain ran cold down the collar of my shirt as I stood on a Sydney street jammed with clapping and cheering Australians and expatriate New Zealanders. It was Anzac Day—April 25. Australia was celebrating the bravery of men and women who fought for their country.

Coming from tropical Papua New Guinea, I shivered, but I didn't duck for cover.

Watching the long columns of veterans march, led by brass bands, pipes and drums was a new experience for me. And I sensed a

quicken of their step whenever old "Waltzing Matilda" was struck up. The crowds, too, cheered louder from both sides of the street. Every now and then the marchers would turn to acknowledge their applause. They had fought bravely for their country, now their fellow citizens were honouring them.

For the first few minutes, my attention was fixed on the veterans themselves, but as the parade progressed, my attention was drawn to the many unit banners, which at first bore names such as Tobruk, Egypt and Greece. Then there followed names like Torokina, Kokoda, Oro Bay, Nadzab, Salamaua and Aitape.

As the crowd about me clapped and cheered, I wanted to shout, too, for I knew those places personally. My eyes brimmed with tears. These were familiar names in my country. These men marching the streets of Sydney had fought difficult battles under terrible conditions in PNG.

They endured not only separation from loved ones, but malaria, constant rain and



the fury of Japan's imperial war machine. So I cheered as they marched past. I, too, honoured their sacrifice and bravery.

Later the same week I had the privilege of speaking to a small group of veterans at a retirement village outside of Sydney. Many were bent over with the infirmity of age and would have found it too difficult to march in a parade, their youth and vigour spent in service in foreign lands. But not for a temporal cause, rather for the greater benefit, for a heavenly kingdom to come. Now they sit, wearied by those years.

These veterans didn't fire guns in their Pacific campaign. Instead, armed with the gospel, they stormed strongholds of heathenism, even cannibalism. We don't call them ex-servicemen; they're retired missionaries. And you'll find them scattered throughout Australia and New Zealand.

We rarely honour or celebrate their sacrifices and daring deeds. They don't parade in front of crowds, nor do they carry banners to remind us of the places

they served or casualties suffered.

They may have retired to their homeland, but it was obvious that their hearts and spirit still roamed the coconut groves, steep mountain ridges, kunai-filled valleys and mosquito-infested swamps of the mission fields. Others of their number, like so many soldiers of the many battles and wars long gone, did not return to home and loved ones waiting. Instead they were buried where scarcely a marker acknowledges their resting-place.

Some may have forgotten these warriors of yesterday, but our Master hasn't. Why

should we allow them to be forgotten, who now rest in a retirement home or in a lonely grave?

We at Pacific Adventist University ask you to remember them on June 14 by making a special contribution to this division's premier mission institution, where the work of the vets is now being picked up by the sons and daughters of those for whom they laboured a generation and more ago.

Your offering will provide much-needed classroom space.

We cannot all be missionaries in distant lands, but we can work to support those who go. One day, soon, the veteran missionaries and those for whom they laboured will march together in a parade more grand and dazzling than any Anzac parade. And on that day, they'll march with the vigour of youth. ☪

Matupit Darius is pastor of Pacific Adventist University church, Port Moresby.

Bob Walker

# PAU chief calls on church to



**Modifications and refurbishment to PAU's principal classroom block—"Barnett Haus"—will allow large student classes to be more appropriately and flexibly accommodated.**

(Continued from page 1)

## PAU, an island of peace

While up to the early-to-mid-1990s there was consistent growth in student numbers, growth has accelerated since the institution became Pacific Adventist University in 1997.

This year began with a record enrolment of 415 full-time students. However, there were approximately 1300 new applicants of whom 850 met the university's entrance requirements, but there was space for just 143.

There are many reasons for PAU's popularity. In a sometimes troubled country, it is a haven, with excellent security and few significant problems. As a declared wildlife sanctuary, it contains a wide range of wildlife, protected from predatory animals, including domestic cats and dogs. People from the capital, including international officials and dignitaries, often visit just to enjoy the native birds and the quiet calm. Its huge gardens supply fresh fruit and vegetables at a large and bustling Sunday market, augmented by stalls selling other foodstuffs and wares, much of which is produced by

student families seeking ready cash.

But PAU's finest product isn't its vegetables, rather it's the ministers, teachers, nurses and business persons it graduates each year. The demand for them is high.

## Rapid growth

In 2000, because of problems at Sopa's Adventist Hospital in the Highlands, the PNG church's nurse-education program moved to the PAU campus.

The latest drawcard is the Bachelor of Science course. Not only is the course in demand by teachers and others who plan a career in areas of science, those who have completed the first year are given preference for admission into PNG Medical School at the University of PNG.

Across the Pacific, PAU graduates are having an enormous impact for good, and not only in the church but also in secular employment and in the wider community.

PAU is unique. An emphasis on Adventist Christian meaning and values fills the gap in values and meaning that often afflicts traditional societies undergoing rapid change. Its student work program teaches students how to work as

Christians, just as its academic program teaches them how to think as Christians, and the spiritual program teaches them to love the Lord Jesus Christ. PAU has a reputation as the country's premier university, and is a viable candidate for the title for the whole Pacific islands region.

But with growth comes growing pains.

## Where will we fit?

Every blessing and opportunity brings a commensurate challenge. The prophets spoke of a time when Israel would "throng with people," like sheep in a sheep pen (Micah 2:12), and that's another prophecy concerning Israel that PAU seems to be fulfilling. It is overcrowded, with its dormitories and classrooms filled beyond capacity.

Classrooms that were adequate five years ago are no longer large enough. For example, "Barnett Haus" was once home to two schools; now it's four plus offices, resource rooms, as well as classrooms; three hour-long chemistry and physics laboratories have to be run in one classroom; there is sometimes insufficient space in the biology laboratory for all the students in a class; the smaller classes must

# help relieve overcrowding

of necessity crowd into the dean's office.

The office of the Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities doubles as a geography laboratory preparation room, so she has to work around sinks and fume cupboards. On some days lecturers must interface with students under the trees—not as a social occasion but a scheduled class—for there aren't enough classrooms.

"Barnett Haus" is the university's Education Department block. It received its name from Graham Barnett, a lecturer and Education Department head at PAU from 1997 until his tragic death in 1998. Mr Barnett suffered severe burns to 80 per cent of his body while refuelling a generator in the block. His expressed desire was to see as many young Pacific islanders as possible trained to spread the gospel through the teaching profession. The Education Block was renamed "Barnett Haus" in memory of him.

## Plan for the future

Next week's PAU offering will be used to alleviate the pressure on "Barnett Haus."

Following is our four-point plan that will enable this:

1. Build a classroom able to accommodate 70 students or be divided into two, each accommodating up to 30 students;
2. Build an adjoining office for the Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities;
3. Build a combined work room and storage room for the School of Arts and Humanities; and,
4. Outfit a current classroom with the equipment and supplies to function as a chemistry laboratory.

The Lord's promise to ancient Israel was that if they were faithful, people would bring them "the wealth of the nations—their kings led in triumphal procession" (Isaiah 60:11). Already the Lord has fulfilled His desire for PAU to be the head and not the tail, and He has filled it with people until it is about to burst.



**Staff at PAU are forced to use their offices as classrooms, due to overcrowding, the result of the rapid growth in student numbers since it received university status.**

Now it's your turn. By giving a generous offering next week (June 14), you can help to complete the triangle of promise, by giving PAU the resources to accommodate the blessing of its growth. **R**

*Dr Ross Cole is deputy vice-chancellor of Pacific Adventist University. Shirley Tarburton is senior lecturer in PAU's Humanities Department.*

## We're builders together

*by Dr Nemani Tausele, Vice-chancellor, Pacific Adventist University*

**P**acific Adventist University (PAU) plays an important role in the work of building God's kingdom in the Pacific region. Since its establishment in 1984 as a senior tertiary institution of the church in the region, it has continued to grow as it attempts to meet the increasing educational demands of our church community.

There are several academic programs approved by PAU Council that are presently "on hold" due to the lack of student accommodation and classroom space. This year alone, much to their disappointment, more than 650 qualified applicants were turned away. Most of those are vibrant and energetic youth from our Adventist church family, wanting to prepare for service in Papua New Guinea and the broader Pacific.

The university's theme and slogan [pictured] for the 2003 is "We're builders together." In practice, it draws the PAU family in unity toward our institution's mission, and challenges both staff and students in the task of building lives for eternity.

PAU is grateful to all of its loyal supporters throughout the South Pacific Division, and we wish to sincerely thank you, both for your help and prayers in the past and, in anticipation, for your generous financial support in our PAU offering next week, June 14.



# Working on love

by Janice Traynor

The following is a response to the editorial “The misunderstood chapter” (April 19). It is printed here because it demonstrates, in a practical way, an area where 1 Corinthians 13 could be applied to life.

**W**e tragically lost a son almost two years ago and have found people, especially our church family, do not know how to handle those in grief. I sense the church is really lacking in training in this area—even among our ministers.

I guess that, until our own experience, we would have acted the same way. I'd like to outline a few principles I wish we and others had known.

- Don't be afraid to contact us or visit because you don't know what to say. Just put your arms around us. A hug says more than words ever will.

- Don't be afraid of us shedding tears or of letting yourself shed them with us. We're told a chemical that is very healing is released with our tears.

- Don't expect us to be over our grief in a matter of weeks (or even years) and “getting on with it.” The loss of our son is still very raw. Professionals tell us the grieving process can take anything from two to five years—or longer.

- Don't just sit back and pray for us. Your prayers are appreciated, but also contact us and tell us you are praying for us, or come and visit.

- Don't try to change the subject when and if we want to talk and cry about our loved one.

- Offer to go shopping with us or to do it for us. Facing the public, especially in the




stresses. Some people want to be kept busy and want to carry on with church and other duties. Others have trouble finding the energy to get through each day, and spend much of the time numb in grief.

- Don't suggest we find other interests. Once again, getting through each day is hard enough without trying to find energy for hobbies and other activities.

- Don't tell us you know how we feel because you lost your elderly parents or Auntie or Uncle and so on. Each loss is different and, from experience, nothing is like that of, especially a mother, losing a child.

- Please show true compassion and don't put any added stresses on us.

I would recommend we all go back and read and apply the editorial “The misunderstood chapter” in the April 19 RECORD. 

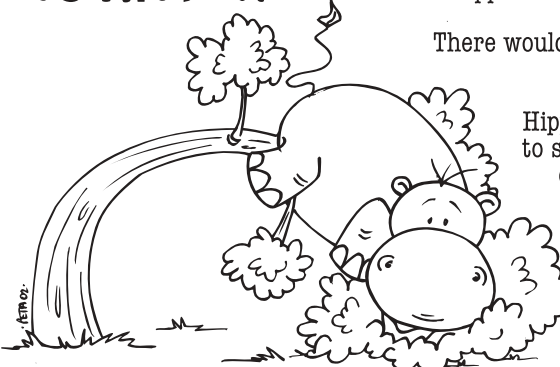
early days, is particularly hard. That's when, as you see everyone else who seems so happy, you just want to shout out and let everyone know how much you are grieving.

- Relieve us of any extra pressures or

Janice Traynor is a pseudonym.

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John Silver

Peta Taylor

## Graphic illustration

David Caldwell, NSW

If it's true that a picture is worth a thousand words, then perhaps it is time to create one of salvation (ongoing).

I can think of none better than the imagery of *Pilgrims Progress*. When was Christian, the pilgrim, saved? When he came through the Wicket Gate? When his burden rolled into the cave at the foot of the Cross? Or, when he was plucked from the waters as he crossed over to the City?

It is easier to locate *where* he was "being saved." Was it not while he was to be found in the Way, pressing forward with his scrip and robe?

What Jesus said in Matthew 10:22—"he that endureth to the end shall be saved"—that simplifies the issue for me.

## An oversimplification

Dr Franco Giarraputo, psychiatry registrar,  
Royal Brisbane Hospital, Qld

I applaud the work and vision of the producers of *Taking Charge of Your Health*. However, the body-image program piece (Cover, May 10), while excellent in parts, warrants comment.

"Body image distortion" is of multifactorial origin, involving both biological and psychosocial factors, as well as a complex group of disorders. We aren't just dealing with body shape, media, the fashion industry and a "psychological reaction."

From risk-of-disease and risk-of-death perspectives, the most serious and notorious of these disorders are probably the

eating disorders (ED). EDs have one of the highest mortality rates of any medical and psychiatric disorder in adolescence.

The multifactorial origins of EDs are believed to be: personal vulnerability, including genetic, biological and personality factors such as perfectionism and low self-esteem; abnormal family functioning, such as high parental expectations regarding performance and weight, impaired conflict resolution, excessive criticism; peer and social context variables, including teasing about weight and shape, changing/conflicting roles for women and men; cultural factors; and, tragically and

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not rarely, traumatic events, such as physical and sexual abuse.

As an organisation with an enviable history in health education and promotion, and which seeks to foster the total well-being of itself and others, it's imperative that we develop innovative, informed approaches to our health outreach programs. We should focus on clearly targeted and achievable goals consistent with our understanding of what we wish to attain as a church through the health message.

Body-image problems are important, whose prevention and healing should be of interest to Adventist Christians, because we follow a Lord who wants to restore His truly holistic image in our lives, and in those of our fellow human beings.

## Free advice

Bruce Price

Having spent 16 happy years as the pastor of a church, my heart went out to the Bonsai family (Letters, March 10). Church members, these days, appear to be less tolerant than when I started out in the ministry some 50 years ago.

However, through my experience, I've discovered some principles of ministry that might help a pastor in a similar situation to not only survive but to actually be loved by his congregation:

1. Don't try to change a church or

challenge its "power brokers" as soon as you are appointed to it.

2. Accept counsel of the church's senior elder. He usually knows the foibles of the church and also has the confidence of the majority of its members.

3. Believe, live and preach the entire Adventist Message with enthusiasm and conviction.

4. Act and dress like a minister. Society still holds clergy among those professions from which they expect a code of dress and deportment.

5. Promote music that will attract the angels of heaven.

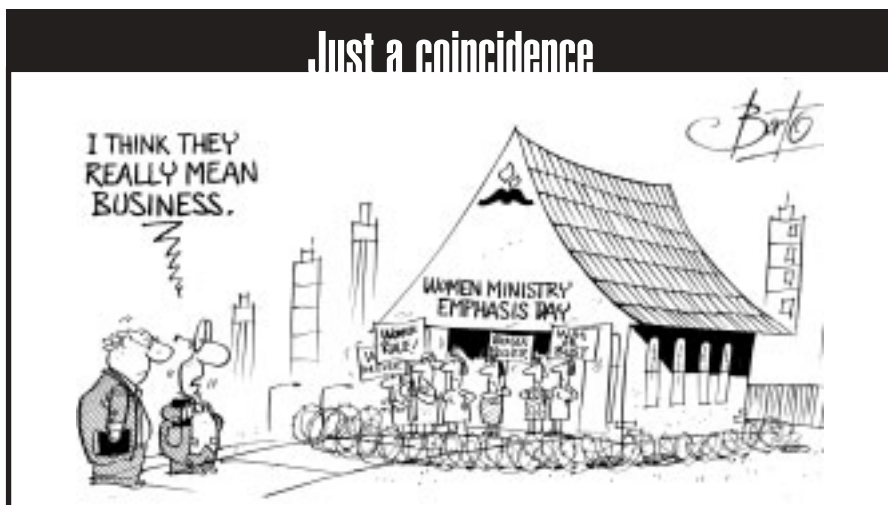
6. Befriend, care for and challenge the young people, involving them in the activities of the church. The world may entertain them better, but it can't warm their hearts and give them purpose and hope like a relationship with Jesus can.

7. Lead the church in soul winning. It will shift the focus from internal problems and give the church a positive direction.

8. Develop a spiritual church through prayer and Bible study. Don't shrink from challenging young and old to accept Christ or recommit themselves to Him.

I hope this helps.

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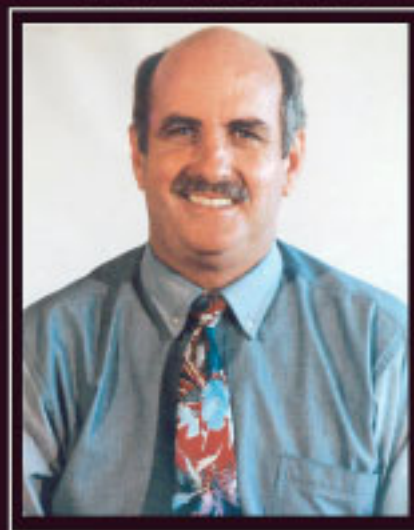
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Ken Curtis

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