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Pictured involved in formalising what Bob Kyte, the president of Pacific Press, called a "handshake agreement" with Signs Publishing Company (SPC) is (from the left): SPC manager, Warren Jones, SPC book editor, Graeme Brown, and Mr Kyte.

Book publishing boost for Signs

Warburton, Victoria

A partnership between Signs Publishing Company (SPC) and Pacific Press Association (PPA), USA, was announced during the annual gathering of Adventist Book Centre managers in Warburton, Vic, on May 28.

When announcing the partnership, SPC editor Bruce Manners said, "This 'handshake agreement' signals that Pacific Press will accept and market in the United States books initiated and produced by Signs. Access to a broader market is important in creating a continuing and viable book publishing program within the South Pacific Division. This is a historic moment."

Pacific Press president, Bob Kyte, is pleased with the working relationship that has developed between PPA and SPC. "This is a unique opportunity," he says. "Pacific Press will benefit by having different products that we don't normally develop, to offer our customers."

Warren Jones, SPC manager, sees this agreement creating a stronger bond between the publishing houses: "This partnership will also support the Warburton community and publishing house staff by creating more work. In the longer term it should create a greater demand for the services of Signs Publishing Company."

He adds, "Hopefully the partnership will also create a more readily accessible market for Australian authors, from whose writing the worldwide church will benefit."—**Kellie Hancock**

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- *LE retires after covering local homes several times* ● *Ski ministries a winner* ● *and more*

● **Brad Kemp**, director of the Leadership and Pacific Resources Department for the South Pacific Division (SPD), has received his **Doctor of Ministry degree** from Fuller Theological Seminary based in Pasadena, California, USA. Dr Kemp's thesis, "**Developing the volunteer minister in the Papua New Guinea church**," concluded that the most appropriate



method for training volunteer ministers in Papua New Guinea is predominately non-formal, group orientated and experiential, while also providing a theoretical foundation.

● **Women's Ministries** is on the move at **Fulton College, Fiji**. A recent highlight was a Saturday Night Live Show (pictured) to raise money for women's scholarships. "It was a night full of fun," says **Elisapesi Latu**, Fulton's communication secretary.



Teens: Bring a friend to attend



Trevor Ward

A new way of witnessing was experienced by some 40 teens at the recent 1+1 Teen Camp at Yarrhapinni, in the North New South Wales Conference (NNSW). The only way teens could attend was to invite a non-church friend to come with them.

Guest speaker Pastor Grenville Kent presented the gospel in 21st century language. During the Friday night program everyone took a rock up to the front and built an altar. This experience symbolised the release of their burdens. In exchange they received a gem stone representing new life in Christ. During the testimony time teens and staff acknowledged how God had wonderfully changed their lives.

Pastor Wayne French, NNSW youth director, says he is proud of the teens: "They stepped out for God and invited their friends to this camp." Pastor French believes this style of witness is an effective outreach tool for teens. He acknowledges the vision of church members, Trevor Ward and Shannon Green, who conceived the concept of the 1+1 camp ministry for teen outreach.

When asked to share some ways they had experienced God this week, campers said: "With everyone, they are all so loving." "Friday night I felt the Holy Spirit in me for the first time." "This was a life-changing camp for me."—*Jane Richardson*

● Several **Turkish Muslims are reading Steps to Christ** after the South Pacific Division Communication Department followed up a telephone call from a Chinese Adventist in Sydney. The Adventist, a member of the local Chinese church, called asking for evangelistic materials in Turkish. The department contacted the church in Turkey and a Bible and a *Steps to Christ* arrived soon after. "My friend is now studying English at TAFE," the member called to say. "**She likes Steps to Christ so much she photocopied it for all her Turkish classmates.**"—*Bruna Tawake*

● **Northpine Christian College** in Brisbane is celebrating its **25th anniversary** on June 21 and 22. Rising from the ashes of a fire that destroyed the Adventist Primary School in Zillmere in 1978, the college is situated on the Watson Park Convention Centre grounds. The celebrations begin with a praise service at the school at 10 am on June 21, with a picnic lunch and reunion program afterwards. The next day is a family fun day. Phone **Katy Bidmead** to register (07) 3204 6511.

● Members from **Penrith church**, NSW, recently hired the Greater Sydney Conference's Ski Ministries equipment and **invited their non-church friends to attend a weekend of camping and water fun**. On Sabbath they played team-building games and held a Bible study in the bush. Sunday was full of waterskiing and other water play. Penrith members found the **ski ministries a great way to reach out to non-Christians**.



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Evangelistic magazine editors meet

Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

Making better use of the printed magazine format to reach people is the challenge facing editors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's evangelistic magazines, which have been tools used by the church for nearly 130 years.

Circulation of Adventist evangelistic magazines in many regions of the world is stagnant. In some areas circulation is decreasing. A meeting among editors of the Adventist Church's English-language outreach magazines was held at the church's world headquarters (the General Conference) in Silver Spring, Maryland, on May 5 and 6, to address this reality.

Of the possible eight editors from around the world, five were able to meet. They were: Eric Webster, *Signs of the Times*, South Africa; Mesapogu Wilson, *Oriental Watchman*, India; Lee Gallaher, *Life.info*, England; Marvin Moore, *Signs of the Times*, USA; and Bruce Manners, *Signs of the Times*, Australia.

The meetings were sponsored by the publishing department of the General Conference and chaired by General Conference vice-president Pastor Ted Wilson.

"The perception among members is that [the magazines are] a publishing house thing," says Pastor Howard Faigao, associate publishing director for the General Conference.

"It should really be a church member outreach tool. I think we were able to put up recommendations that were beneficial for the magazines and the work as a whole."

"We're hoping that by pooling resources, editors and publishers in other countries can tap into it and even start their own magazines," says Pastor Manners.

"As far as we're aware, this is the first time these kinds of meetings have happened on such a global scale. We came away feeling this was a positive thing. If we only come together to network, it's helpful, but we did more than that.



Those involved in English language outreach magazine discussions were at back (from the left): Mesapogu Wilson, India; Bruce Manners, Australia; Marvin Moore, USA; Lee Gallaher, England; Eric Webster, South Africa. In front (from the left): General Conference (GC) Publishing Department director Jose Campos; GC vice-president, Ted Wilson; and GC associate publishing director, Howard Faigao.

"We want magazines that reach all religions, all of society, not just Seventh-day Adventists."

In the 1980s, similar concerns brought editors of outreach magazines in Europe together and resulted in experiments in joint editorial ventures between several countries of Western Europe.—*Ansel Oliver/Mark Kellner/ANN*

KidSpeak—Adventist children speak about their world

Featured this month are children from Lord Howe Island who were interviewed by Bronwyn Tofaeno.



Name: Lissy Thompson
Age: 13 years old

The war in Iraq shows us one of the signs of Jesus' second coming. We need to prepare to be ready to meet Him.



Name: Ruby Charlton Shick
Age: 8 years old

I like going to Sabbath school because it's a special time to learn about Jesus. We learn about the animals Jesus made.



Name: Kayla Hiscox
Age: 7 years old

I want to go to heaven because all the animals won't hurt you. It will be fun to ride on the elephants.



Name: Matthew Wilson
Age: 7 years old

I want to eat mangoes when I get to heaven. I also want to ride on a lion's back with Kayla.

South NZ camp moves to Easter time

Christchurch, South NZ

Some 1100 people attended the South New Zealand Conference's (SNZ) annual camp-meeting at Easter this year instead of their usual January timeslot.

South Pacific Division president, Pastor Laurie Evans, presented the programs in the senior tent and emphasised the need for lay empowerment and visionary thinking to accomplish kingdom advancement.

Highlights of the camp included music from the Kingscliff Singers, who travelled from northern NSW to minister at the camp; the ordination of Pastor David Kosmeier (see below); and a concert finale heralded by some as "the best concert our camp has ever had."

The youth hall was a constant buzz



Pastor Eddie Tupai, associate youth director for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, speaking to youth at South NZ "big camp," held at Easter time this year.

throughout camp, according to Pastor Lindsay Sleight, SNZ president. "The youth ran a radio program that was broadcast externally to the local Christchurch area." The broadcast was done from a tent on the

campground where a number of people were interviewed and gave their testimony.

According to Pastor Sleight, the final Sabbath of camp saw a move of God over the youth program. Youth director Daniel Herrera said he had never seen anything like this in his 10 years as a Seventh-day Adventist. Some 60 youth responded to calls that were made throughout the week.

"The Holy Spirit visited South NZ big camp 'heavy duty' this year," says Pastor Eddie Tupai, associate youth director for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. "Much prayer and hard work by many people saw this year's camp serve as a turning point for many youth to the good news of Jesus Christ."

Son follows in pastor father's footsteps

Christchurch, South NZ

David Kosmeier was ordained to the Gospel ministry at the South New Zealand Conference's camp, on April 19. His father, Pastor John Kosmeier, a retired minister; Pastor Laurie Evans, South Pacific Division president; Pastor Allan Walshe, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference president; and Pastor Lindsay Sleight, SNZ



Pastor David Kosmeier and his wife, Marsha.

Conference president, took part in the ordination. During his ordination Pastor Kosmeier spoke about his conversion and subsequent call to ministry. He discovered later that this speech

was the clincher for his friend, Chris, who was present at the ordination, in accepting Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.

Currently ministering at Invercargill church, SNZ, Pastor Kosmeier is also school

chaplain at Southland Adventist Christian School. After graduating from Avondale College in 1997, the Kosmeiers spent one year in Christchurch ministering to two churches, Aranui and Saint Albans.

Pastor Kosmeier met his wife, Marsha, while involved in an evangelistic campaign in Russia. "I asked Marsha to be my translator because she spoke English (and was good looking). The rest is history." They have three children, Sharna, 6, Nicholas, 3, and Jonathan, 9 months.

"I came to know Jesus at the end of 1987. I realised my problem was that I knew all about Jesus but I didn't know Him personally. He turned my life upside down.

"I immediately began to feel a call to be a minister. I resisted this call for about seven months, but I took the biggest leap of faith in my life and accepted the call."

Pastor Kosmeier says his favourite work as a minister is "being in the homes studying the Bible with people who are searching for truth." He is also interested in public evangelism and encouraging church members to share Jesus with their friends.—**Kellie Hancock**

New health series begins to take shape

Production is in full swing for a new community service project called *Taking Charge of Your Health*. Each episode is being coordinated by Dr Jonathan Duffy, director of Adventist Health Ministries for the South Pacific Division, and features interviews and segments from top health practitioners all over the world.

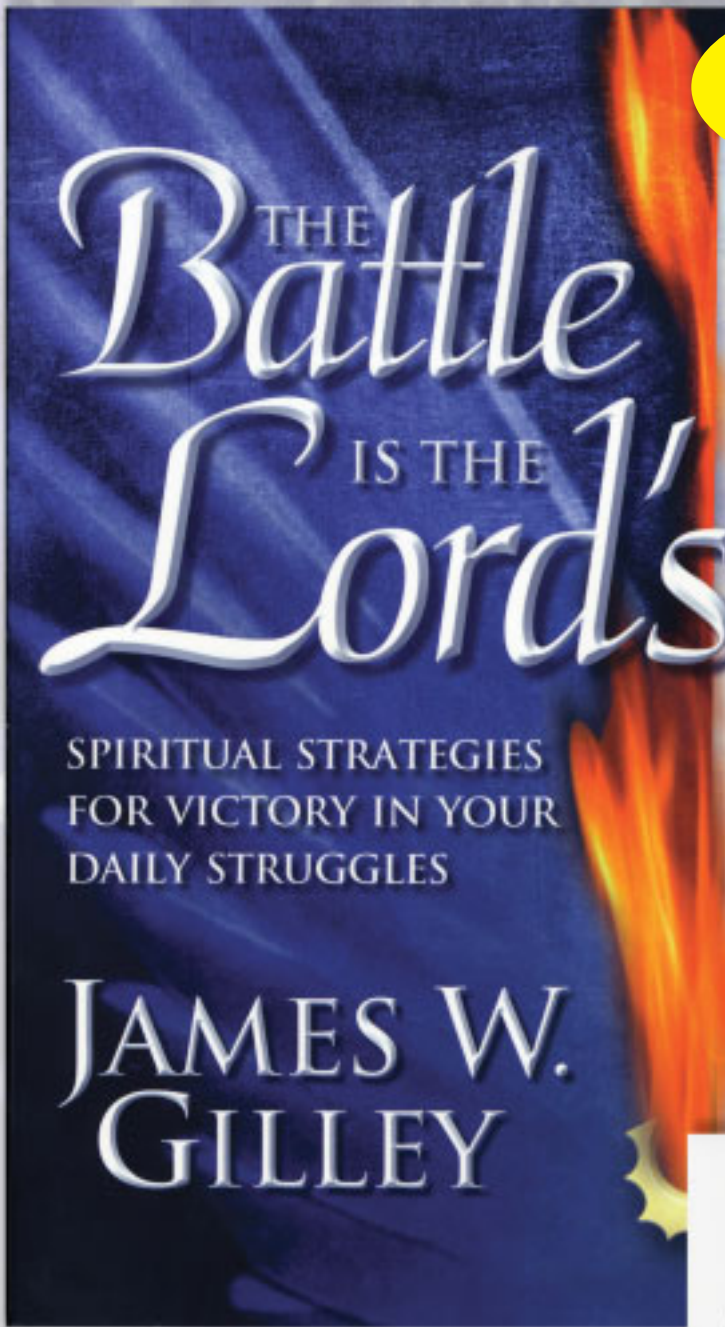
To date, 73 churches have registered to run with this series that will be made available on DVD as well as satellite. To get all the benefits, churches should register immediately and can do so at <http://www.takingcharge.com.au/registration/>.

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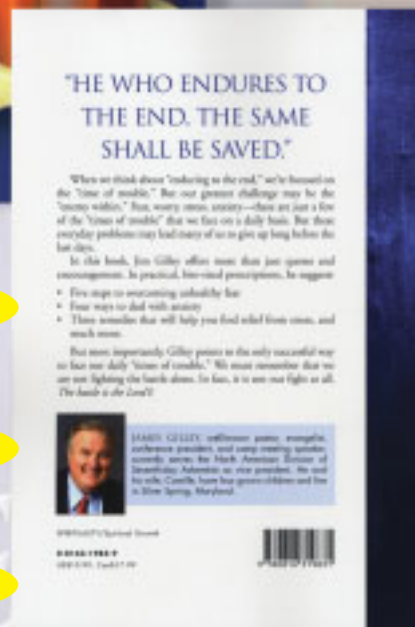
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Heart surgery

Jan T Knopper, NSW

Peter Raymer's "Death of marriage" (May 17) should sound an alarm. We read in *The Adventist Home* that "The heart of the church . . . is the household. . . . The success of the church . . . depends upon home influences" (page 15). If that's true, and if the facts are correct, then our "heart" is in desperate need of surgery.

And what can be done on the operating table? First, let sin be called by its right name (Romans 14:23). Second, let the biblical concept of marriage be rediscovered, reproclaimed and reapplied, avoiding contemporary cultural compromises or adaptation. Third, make a close study of Spirit of Prophecy counsel on the issue. Fourth, restore the family altar, beginning with morning and evening worships and Sabbath vespers. Finally, proclaim the Elijah message of Malachi 4:5, 6 in order to claim the blessing of family restoration.

Quiet comfort

Name supplied

"The misunderstood chapter" (Editorial, April 19) reminded me of an event of some years ago. A neighbour had died during the night, and his daughter came over to inform me. I went over, and sat with the new widow, placing my hand on hers, which were clasped in her lap. We sat without saying a word for some time until finally I said, "I haven't said much." She responded, "You've said everything!"

The last not "the first"

John Watts, Vic

What a fantastic story of hard work from Atoifi, with the arrival of triplets ("Birth of triplets a first for Atoifi hospital," May 24). Congratulations to Mary, Ronnie and staff in the success of caring for these children under difficult circumstances. But note, as a former serving doctor at Atoifi, on August 15, 1991, it was my privilege to assist one Ruth Soe in the delivery of her triplets. Not only that, it was likewise reported in Flashpoint of October 12. At that time, those triplets

person theology," since we should use current knowledge about climate to prepare for drier periods. While this may be sound technical advice, it fails to answer other questions about biblical faith.

For example, why did Joshua not "get real" and consult sunrise and sunset times before commanding the sun and moon to stand still (Joshua 12:10-14)?

While planning and foresight are important in farming, it would be sad if people on the land were discouraged from praying for such needs, particularly given God's track record in providing, however odd the circumstances.

I suggest news writers and editors resist the temptation to use descriptions such as "the first" or "only," particularly in mission stories.

Owen Thomson, Kazakhstan

This article is a pitiful attempt at saying God is not interested in this world. The writer implies that God, having created our world, has left it to do its own thing. The Spirit of Prophecy reveals this isn't the case. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth and, with that, Satan has more control not only over the minds of the ungodly, but of the nature elements as well.

Growing up in Queensland, I saw the rains come every year and the monsoonal trough that came to Townsville. Now we see few such weather patterns. Something I do see, however, is the rise of the same thinking as in the people experiencing drought in Elijah's time.

Local weather patterns are affected by global oscillations, but why is this phenomenon now a problem? We should pray for rain, but our great need is for an argument that speaks eloquently on our behalf. God isn't ignorant concerning our plight, but is waiting for us to intercede—to get together and pray—that He might be glorified and His name magnified. Let us show the power of prayer to an unbelieving world.

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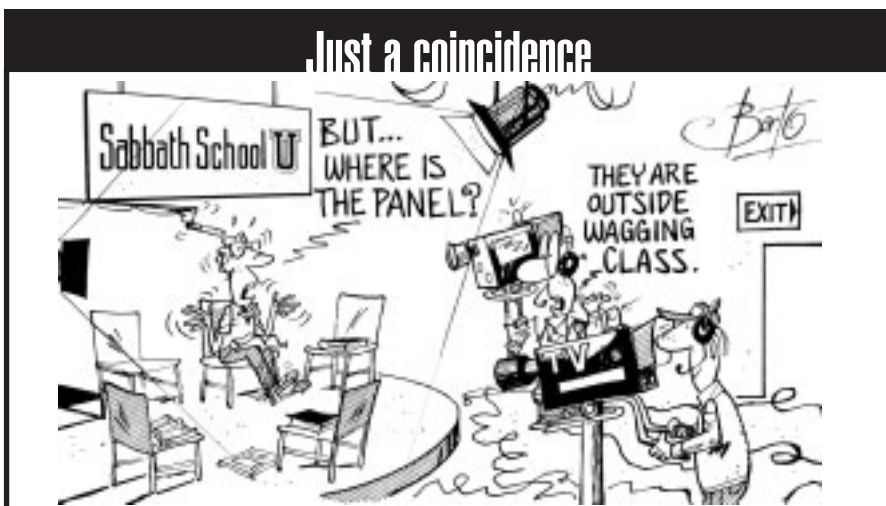
were thought to be the second set born at the hospital. I still recall the look on their father's face at the birth of three more girls to add to the six already at home!

I suggest news writers and editors resist the temptation to use descriptions such as "the first" or "only," particularly in mission stories when they stand without need of such frequently incorrect descriptions.

Faith or philosophy?

Ernst Kemmerer, ACT

Professor Timms ("Thoughts on the drought and prayer," May 3) suggests that praying for rain in a drought is "cave-



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Weddings

Gallacher—Beveridge. Lachlan Ronald Gallacher, son of Barry Dunne and Susan Gallacher (both of Melbourne, Vic), and Carolyn Anne Beveridge, daughter of Ross and Bronwyn Beveridge (Yannathan), were married on 27.4.03 in the Yannathan Union church, Yannathan.

Paul Kotanko, Tony Campbell

Hawkins—Searle. Nathan Grant Hawkins, son of Jeffrey and Suzanne Hawkins (Murwillumbah, NSW), and Lanelle Yvonne Searle, daughter of Graham and Marlene Darby (Wallsend), were married on 18.5.03 in the Wesley Uniting church, Hamilton.

Casey Wolverton

Lines—Masters. Brian George Lines and Elizabeth Joy Masters were married on 15.3.03 in the Para Visa Adventist church, Adelaide, SA.

Jim Zyderveld

Obituaries

Cobacoglo, Valentin, born 18.6.1972 in Romania; died 5.4.03 at Rochedale, Qld. He is survived by his mother, Kathy Cobacoglo; his brothers, Marios and Vladimir; and his sisters, Tamara, Ludmila and Lidia. He was laid to rest at Mount Gravatt Cemetery. Val's friendly nature and helpful spirit will live on in our memories.

Bob Possingham, Gabriel Ontanu

Davis, Harold Hereward, born 1.7.1910 at Te Aroha, NNZ; died 5.4.03 in Whangarei Hospital. In 1949 he married Kate, who predeceased him in 1986. He is survived by his son, Jack (Dargaville). Harold was like a brother-in-law to the church and a greatly respected farmer in Northland.

Ken Curtis

Ferris, Oliver Collin, born 16.5.1920 at Warburton, Vic; died 15.4.03 in Central Park, Windsor, Melbourne. On 30.12.45

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he married Merele Johanson. He is survived by his wife (Nunawading); his children, Roderick (Benalla), Carole Platt (Mullumbimby, NSW) and Christine Small (Wantirna, Vic); and his eight grandchildren. Oliver was a wonderful family man and a brilliant and dedicated educator. His life was characterised by his great love for children and young people.

Walton Pitt

Tony Campbell, Barry Crabtree

Hawkins, Eric Ronald, born 10.9.1921 in Sydney, NSW; died 5.4.03 in Vanuatu. He is survived by his wife, Mavis (Warburton, Vic); his sister, Florence Carlaw (USA); his daughters, Noeleen (Vic), Norelle (WA), Lois and Justine (both of USA); his eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Ron had spent most of his life as a plantation and sawmill operator in PNG, and later in Vanuatu where he was developing an oil-producing business. From 1963 to 1973 he worked at farming in north NSW. As opportunity presented itself, he was always very supportive of Adventist Missions in the area in which he operated.

Lester Hawkes

Luke, Mildred Amelia May (Milly), born 6.3.1901 at Mercer, NNZ; died 9.3.03 at Dargaville. In 1927 she married David, who predeceased her in 1964. She was also predeceased by her sons, John, Bill and Ken. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Merv and Doreen; and her son, David.

Ken Curtis

Stewart-Jacks, Grace Ellen (Patsy), born 8.9.1907 at Cawnpore, India; died 6.4.03

at Coronella, Nunawading, Vic. She was predeceased by her husband, Vincent, on 15.10.99. She is survived by her daughters, Jill Rendell (Melbourne) and Jeryl Watson (Albury, NSW).

Brian Lavty

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Stephen Whitson, Secretary-Treasurer

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