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Graham Turner is pictured with his plane, and collapsible bike, on an Outback run with Signs.

Homemade plane takes Signs Outback

Sydney, NSW

A church member has built an aircraft primarily for outreach work in Outback NSW. It took Graham Turner of Waitara church, Sydney, six years to build the two-seat Zodiac aircraft. It is 5.5 metres long with a wingspan of 8.2 metres. A former Qantas ground engineer, Mr Turner is now a TAFE college technical instructor with a love of flying—and missionary work. He uses *Signs of the Times* and Discovery Centre courses as his outreach tools.

“It’s my aim,” says Mr Turner, “to introduce Jesus to all the people of those Outback towns through the *Signs*.” He calls his ministry “*Signs on Wings*” (SOW).

He has seen some 2000 *Signs* distributed in four towns—Condobolin, Trundle, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham. He carries a collapsible bicycle for transport from the remote grass airstrips to the homes.

Alf Manglesdorf of Condobolin has assisted with transport and visitation in several towns. On a recent return trip to Lake Cargelligo they met a woman who really enjoys *Signs*. Like thousands of others, she’s now completed a Discovery Bible correspondence course advertised in *Signs*.

SOW has been accident-free, although, says Mr Turner, “there’ve been anxious moments.” Recently he had a flat tyre while landing in Sydney, caused by the cathead burrs on the Tottenham grass strip. A typical flight takes several hours.

“Sponsoring *Signs* for SOW and Adventist Aviation Association outreach in Queensland, northern New South Wales and WA is something we can all do,” says *Signs* Ministry coordinator, Pastor Des Hills. “It’s also an act of faith—which is something we all need.”—**Lee Dunstan**

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It's all about people

Creating a magazine is more than putting words and pictures onto paper. If you forget the readers, you can end up with something no-one wants to read. One of the most satisfying things about *Signs of the Times* is that we often hear of lives impacted by *Signs* or from people who use it.

Some stories we hear go way back. Edna Grosser from Cooranbong, NSW, tells of "three generations of a family that discovered Bible truths from reading *Signs* who have been used of God to further His truth in fields of ministry, education, medicine and the Sanitarium Health Food service."

The story began with two brothers working on a farm. The farmer's wife wrapped their lunches in discarded *Signs* magazine pages. "One of the brothers began to read from his lunch wrap an article on the Sabbath," recounts Edna. "He was greatly impressed, as was his brother who also read it. They straightaway accepted it as Bible truth."

That's from the past. Joan Pilton of Maida Vale, WA, tells of when her car ran out of petrol a couple of years ago. She was helped by three young women, who also gave her three *Signs*. After reading them she contacted the WA Conference saying, "I want to be a Seventh-day Adventist." She and her husband now distribute *Signs* with the Adventist Aviation Association.

Anna's story is still unfolding (see page 10). She'd been an Adventist until the age of 17. She and her husband were travelling around Australia when she picked up a *Signs* from a rack in Broken Hill, NSW, then the next month's issue from a rack in Esperance, WA. They now attend church.

Many use *Signs* in their witnessing program. Margaret Jackson of Cambridge, NNZ, recently placed several racks in her

town. She's found it impossible to keep up with demand in one placed in a store. When she approached her doctor about placing a small rack in his surgery he said, "That's just what people need today."

There's huge enthusiasm for *Signs* in Lite-boxes in airports, particularly in New Zealand, but also Australia. Those sponsoring them have no idea who will pick up one of their *Signs*, or where they will take them. Every year, thousands of people read *Signs* on aeroplanes and take them nationally or internationally.

Lyndal Booker reports that *Signs* is now on every inhabited island of the Torres Strait Islands, thanks to generous sponsors. You'll find them in council offices and health clinics. The chairman of Murray Island is on record (and now in RECORD) as saying, "This magazine should be in every home."

In Fiji, Romina Lata, one of our ministers, receives 50 magazines a month through sponsors. She has found it very effective in her work with the Indian community. "Because of *Signs* I'm allowed to go to three schools to take early morning devotions at least three times a week. So far, we've baptised five students."

She uses magazines for visitation, she places them in two women's clubs, and uses them during evangelistic campaigns and Bible studies. These outreaches with *Signs* have resulted in more than 40 people being baptised in the past two years.

Pastor Loren Pratt distributes some 300 magazines door to door each month, in the Melbourne's western suburbs. When, earlier this year, he was involved with an evangelistic campaign and didn't have the time to do his *Signs* round one month, a woman came to his door asking for her magazine for that month. When he

explained what was happening, she told him not to worry because she would deliver them for him!

It's such people stories that make the task of putting the words and pictures together for *Signs* magazine an exciting and rewarding task. We never know what the Holy Spirit is going to do with them.

And, of course, you are invited to be a part of the process by subscribing to or sponsoring *Signs*. For a few dollars and minimal effort, you can have *Signs* being a gentle but persistent witness for you. It will speak when you can't.

Signs seriously?

In recognition of the serious times in which we live, *Signs* is now treating the serious issues facing our world and society in greater depth. You'll find comprehensive discussions of such issues as religious liberty, shoplifting and alcoholism in the next few months. We want to look at these issues in a context of hope in Christ and the Christian way.

Our theme for this year is "Get serious; get *Signs*!" That reflects our leaning toward the concerns of many people. But this doesn't mean *Signs* is becoming a sombre magazine with appeal only to doomsayers and zealots. It will still contain the inspiring stories, the biblical/doctrinal themes, the humour—those other elements that help communicate a positive Christian-Adventist message.

Really, that's why we put those words and pictures on paper.



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—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● **Dr John Cox** (pictured) is the **new president** of **Avondale College**. He **replaces Dr Geoffrey Madigan**, who is the new principal project chemist for the Sanitarium



Sid Griffith

Health Food Company. Dr Cox is Avondale's vice-president for academic administration. He has served previously at Avondale as dean of the Faculty of Arts and as head of the Humanities Department. His field of study is in English. Dr Cox will serve as **acting president from September 12** and then as **president from January 1** next year.—*Brenton Stacey*

● St Petersburg, the capital of **Russia** under the czars, is celebrating the 300th anniversary of its foundation by the emperor, Peter the Great. The **Adventist Church** chose to **mark the occasion by establishing a new church** in the centre of the city. **Australian evangelist Pastor Gary Kent** (pictured right) and his team were invited to conduct an evangelistic campaign. Those baptised at the conclusion became the founding members of



Adventists on display

Useful contacts and firm sales were reported by Adventists who exhibited resources during the third Australian Christian Resources Exhibition.

More than 7000 people attended the exhibition, held in The Dome at the Sydney Showground, July 10-12.

Adventist Children's Ministries sold \$A600 worth of resources. Adventist Media reported a 50 per cent increase in sales. Adventist Support distributed literature about preventing sexual abuse on behalf of the Adventist, Anglican, Baptist and Catholic churches.

Adventist Women's Ministries distributed 230 copies of its *Going Places* magazine. Avondale College received 16 inquiries. Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired distributed a catalogue of the books in its library and copies of a form for joining the library.

The Home Health Education Service sold \$A1500 worth of literature. The South Pacific Division's Communication Department conducted 300 health-age assessments. And Sanitarium Health Food Company conducted three cooking demonstrations on both July 10 and 11.

Some 500 *Signs* magazines were individually handed to people, and a request from a Chinese Christian outreach magazine to reprint some articles has been received at Signs Publishing Company as a result.

Janine Max and her maxiPraise Kids performed on each day of the exhibition. The Pinnacle of Terror, a motivational adventure therapy tool created by Elwyn and Helen Scale of Delhunting Park in Gippsland, Victoria, featured on the centre stage every day.—*Brenton Stacey*



Worldwide Photos

the new church. More than 100 people now worship at this church each Sabbath.

● The **Coronella Adventist Retirement Village** (CARV) in Nunawading, Victoria, recently launched their new building program. Federal member for Deakin **Phillip Baressi** officially launched the program, which will allow for **40 new bed licences**—extending the residential beds from 93 to 133. Included in the new development will be a **state-of-the-art**

dementia specific unit. Mr Baressi also presented CARV with a **three-year accreditation** certificate.

● Enrolments at **Lilydale Adventist Academy**, Vic, have continued to climb during the year. This has led to the splitting of the Year 8 class to **create a double stream**, and the employment of an **additional staff member**. **Brian Oemcke**—a maths and information technology specialist—joined the team in June.—*David Jones*

● **Singleton church**, NSW, celebrated their **40th anniversary** in their present church on June 21. Some 200 people attended the celebrations. Past ministers present were Pastors Des Mowday, Gordon Hammond, Jack Lange and Sid Griffith. North New South Wales Conference president **Pas-**



tor John Lang (left) and current Singleton minister **Clive Nash** are pictured unveiling the commemorative plaque.

● The **Association of Business and Professional Members** (ABPM)—an organisation of Seventh-day Adventist professional and business people—has a **new logo and web site**. The site has been developed as the communication hub for ABPM and its members. To find out more visit www.abpm.com.au.

● Seven people, including five Ethiopian Jews, were recently **baptised in the Jordan River**. Israel Field leader **Pastor Richard Elofer** said it was a historic day as he welcomed the 120 people who witnessed the event. In the past couple of months three more Adventist groups have been established in Israel and, so far, 80 have been baptised this year. Plans are in

place to establish an Ethiopian Adventist synagogue.—*Church Planting News*

● An **urgent request** recently arrived at the Adventist Church's Sudan Field office in Khartoum, **Sudan**. It was from the remote area called Nyala, and said, **"Please, send someone immediately to conduct a baptism. The rains have come and we have enough water now.** There are more than 50 who are ready."—*Paul Yithak/Church Planting News*

● Now a Christian, the former plaintiff known as **Jane Roe** in the landmark 1973 US Supreme Court **case that legalised abortion wants the case overturned** in a motion filed recently, asking the courts to consider new evidence that abortion hurts women. Norma McCorvey joined the pro-life movement shortly after accepting Christ in 1995 and **says she regrets her role in Roe v Wade**. She says the Supreme Court's decision is no longer valid because scientific and anecdotal evidence that has come to light in the past 30 years has shown the negative affects of abortion. Her attorney says he cannot remember any other historic case in which the plaintiff had asked to have it overturned. Ms McCorvey, now aged 55, is founder and director of Roe No More Ministry.—*Crosswalk.com*

● Nature religions are the **fastest growing group of religions in Australia**. In 2001, a total of 24,156 people (0.13 per cent of the population) identified with "nature religions." These include **Druidism, Paganism, Pantheism and Wicca** or witchcraft. There has been a rise of 130 per cent between the 1991 and 1996 censuses and a 140 per cent increase between the 1996 and 2001 census. Paganism is the largest category representing 44 per cent of the total. —*Pointers*

Days and offerings

August 30—Pathfinder Day

September 6—Week of Prayer commences

Sabbath-keepers win

When the Australian National Band Championships were about to be held in Newcastle, NSW, the members of Hillview church prayed earnestly for God to bless the witness of three members of Waratah Brass.

Corinne Knopper (pictured left), who has played cornet for 17 years, her daughters, Natasha (pictured centre), a

champion trombone player, and Alysha on second tenor horn, were facing the problem of their

band being rostered to play during Sabbath. They are the only Seventh-day Adventists in Waratah Brass and wanted to honour their Lord as well as support their band.

Mrs Knopper says, "As Seventh-day Adventist Christians we had many people asking why we would not be available to play on Friday night. The photographer came especially on Thursday to take our photos. The Waitakere Brass has a Canadian trombone player who is a Salvationist and he wished me a 'Happy Sabbath,' which was encouraging." The Knoppers were able to close Sabbath before getting to the Saturday-evening competition on time.

"God blessed wonderfully," she says. Waratah Brass was the top scoring Australian band, just a point below the Waitakere Brass from Auckland, New Zealand.—*Ursula Hedges*

Off the record

● A South Canberra church member has been commissioned as chaplain at Tuggeranong College, ACT, for Years 11 and 12 students. **Helen Buckley** provides spiritual support and counselling to Christian and non-Christian students under the banner of the Inter-Christian school fellowship. Mrs Buckley told her



students she had a dream of a **quilt with hearts on it** reflecting Bible verses of God's love. She phoned a friend who makes quilts and asked her to make a quilt to hang in her chaplain's office. Her friend said, "Helen, I have only one quilt right now and it is covered with bright hearts." The quilt now hangs in her office as she ministers to the students.—*Helen Fitchett*

● Not satisfied with raising \$A10,000 for an **orphanage in Sri Lanka** (Flashpoint, May 3), **Sam Arul** has set his sights on raising another \$A40,000 (see Noticeboard). He says he is driven by the need of the orphanage, with the land of the Lakpahana Adventist High School and Seminary, too small for the 49 orphans housed there. He **aims to raise the \$A40,000** to build another dwelling for the orphanage. Plans, permits and the land is ready and waiting, he says. The orphans attend both the school and the church on the property, even though they are from a variety of religious and Christian backgrounds.

● Correction from July 5: **Winsome Abbott** is listed in the *Marquis Who's Who in the World* (not the *Who's Who in Australia*) under Abbott-Johnson. And her award nomination was from the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, not Cambridge University.

Outback Jack leaves Signs in his tracks

Longreach, Qld

A Seventh-day Adventist church member and sometime volunteer pastor has completed a 10,000-kilometre trek from Port Augusta, SA, to the Gulf and Cooktown of northern Queensland (see map) distributing donated tracts and booklets, including *Signs of the Times*.

Jack Goldsmith, whose life story has been featured in *Signs*, travels Outback roads each year to Longreach, in central-west Queensland, for the annual Drivers Hall of Fame Reunion.

Mr Goldsmith—actually, he prefers “Jack”—besides leaving *Signs* in the stations’ roadside letterboxes, places them in local jails and police cells, where people often have the time to read them.

According to *Signs of the Times* volunteer coordinator Pastor Desmond Hills, who helps keep Mr Goldsmith supplied with *Signs*, there’s a degree of irony in that.

“Longreach,” he explains, “is among the



Jack Goldsmith (at right) with *Signs of the Times* volunteer coordinator, Pastor Desmond Hills.

most important and prosperous towns in central-west Queensland, with a history that dates to 1870, when Captain Starlight (an alias for Harry Redford) drove some 1000 stolen cattle 2400 kilometres to South Australia, over the then uncharted inland and sold them.

“For this, he was tried in Roma and, despite ample evidence as to his guilt, was found not guilty by a jury impressed by his daring and achievement.

“And one of the places Jack has left *Signs* is in the Roma cells, and Jack is—or was—himself a cattle duffer in his time!

“These days, the old drover has more than a love for the Outback, he has a passion to reach it with the message of the Sabbath and Christ’s second coming.”

“My trailer is filled with thousands of books and Sabbath tracts of all descriptions,” says Mr Goldsmith. “I place our literature in many places, including parks and rest areas—and the police cells.”

Beside dabbling in cattle duffing, he had worked as a ringer, boundary rider, trapper, buffalo shooter, horse breaker, road-train driver, a fighter in a boxing troupe, wharfie and timber-cutter, and he knows both the joys and hardships of bush life.

His life story features in the Longreach Stockman’s Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre. He recently received a certificate for his contribution to the centre. In return, he gave the centre’s manager copies of *Signs*.

Each year thousands of people visit Longreach, which sits astride the Matilda Highway. Nearby is the Qantas Heritage Centre, for Longreach is also its birthplace. Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services, or Qantas, began operations there in 1920.

“To me, the Outback is special,” he says. “It was my first love; it’s something I can’t keep away from, and it’s part of our heritage. It’s sad that many Australians have never been into the Outback. They’d even be surprised at the size of the mailboxes.



Peter Andrews (right), manager of the Stockman’s Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre, presents a certificate to Jack Goldsmith for his contribution to Outback history, at the 2003 Drivers Reunion.

Some are so big, you can sleep in them.

“At one place, I was putting some material in a letterbox when a fellow came in off the main road to go into the station. I explained what I was doing. He said, ‘That’s good, Mate. That’s what I want; that’s what we need.’ The senior constable of the Roma police station was particularly pleased to receive literature.

“I’m really hoping my speaking out on behalf of the Outback will encourage others, when they travel, to take our literature out there into the isolated areas.

“The first angel’s message of Revelation 14 states that the gospel will be preached through the entire world. We know that this is happening in dark corners of the earth, however, that also includes the back country. We’re fulfilling prophecy as we reach the back-country people, placing our message in their mailboxes.

“It’s my hope and prayer that my story will encourage others to do the same. We’re standing on the banks of the Jordan River—the Promised Land is within sight—we must work while there’s still daylight.”—

Lee Dunstan

Church in Australia growing—just

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia is still growing, but only just. The number of church members increased by 305 to 51,001 in 2002, a growth rate of only 0.60 per cent. This is according to a report presented by Kingsley Wood, the general secretary-treasurer for the Australian Union Conference, to the union's midyear executive committee.

Mr Wood's report shows the South Queensland Conference reporting the highest number of baptisms—at 237—for a net increase of 207 members. The Greater Sydney Conference reported 224 baptisms. However, because of a number of apostasies, missing members and transfers, it reported a net increase of only 24 members.

Ministers of local Adventist churches across Australia baptised an average of 3.9 people last year.

More Adventists (182) transferred their membership to local churches in South Queensland than to any other of the church in Australia's nine conferences. In fact, the Greater Sydney (43), Northern Australian (5), South Australian (6), South New South Wales (29) and Tasmanian (42) conferences all lost members because of transfers.

Tithe giving increased by an average of 4.9 per cent across the conferences. Church members in South Australia gave 10.1 per cent more tithe than in 2001.

Adventist Support received 142 phone



Almost 9000 students enrolled in Adventist schools in Australia last year.

calls about child sexual assaults. This is a 50 per cent increase over 2001. It also received 27 calls about adult sexual assaults and nine about adult sexual harassments. Its Professional Standards Committee investigated 29 cases (down from 46 in 2001).

Some 8810 students enrolled in Adventist schools across Australia last year. Twenty-eight students—including, for the first time, a Torres Strait

Islander—graduated from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries Bible College in Perth, Western Australia.—

FYI

New name for indigenous college

Perth, Western Australia

The Perth-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary institution run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been renamed. The ATSIM Bible College is now Mamarapha College for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Mamarapha means "God makes whole." It derives from the Mardu word *mama*, which means "father" (although many Aborigines use it to refer to God), and the Hebrew word *râphâ'*, which means, literally, "to mend."

"'ATSIM Bible College' has always been an interim name," says its director, Pastor Gordon Stafford.

And it has led to some confusion—"ATSIM" is similar to "ATSIC," the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, a Commonwealth statutory authority established in 1990 to include



Mamarapha College for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders is the new identity for what has been previously known as ATSIM Bible College.

indigenous people in the processes of government.

"We wanted a name that distanced the college from politics," says Pastor Stafford. "Mamarapha' gives us our own identity, and it's more representative of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders."

The church established Mamarapha College in 1997. Forty-five students are studying there this year.—**Brenton Stacey**

SDAs to keep the peace

A United Nations peace-monitoring group has assigned the Seventh-day Adventist Church to the "front-line of the peace process" on the war-torn island of Bougainville, according to Pastor Richard Rikis, president of the Bougainville Mission.

Adventists were asked by the UN group to take the lead once UN peace-monitoring groups left the island in late July. Church members will involve themselves in one-on-one and group meetings, using cultural approaches that can help the peace movement spread, says Pastor Rikis.

One reason the Adventist Church was chosen is because it is the only church that continued organised operation during the 10-year civil war. The church was able to operate due to its impartiality during the civil war and met with both sides during the conflict.

Pastor Rikis is confident the efforts of the Adventist Church will help bring peace to the island.—**ANN**

1000 Kiwis aim to share their faith with new relational outreach model

Auckland, New Zealand

Reaching the postmodern generation through outreach evangelism just got easier in New Zealand, thanks to a new strategy called Kiwi 1000.

The five-year strategy was recently “rolled out” for members of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference’s (NZPUC) executive committee. The Kiwi 1000 is a part of the union-wide strategy called “Project Connect.”

Kiwi 1000 is a bold plan to sign up 1000 New Zealanders for relational outreach. In presenting the strategy, Pastor Allan Walshe, the NZPUC president, said, “Post-Christian generations are increasingly becoming biblically illiterate and are not so interested in a ‘propositional package.’ While our union will still very actively pursue our traditional methods of program evangelism, we want to add another paradigm.

“Postmodern generations, however, see life from a relational point of view,” he adds, “so relationships (which will open the door of trust and confidence) are absolutely vital to reaching them with the gospel. Through Kiwi 1000 we want to see



Pastors Kendell Cobbin (left) and Allan Walshe roll out the Kiwi 1000 project during the NZPUC executive meetings held mid-June in Auckland.

1000 New Zealanders sharing Jesus ‘with their mouth’ through relational evangelism, and community-building small groups that will nurture people into the truth in Jesus and then transition them into the church.

“People love to be part of something big,” he says. “And the focus of this project allows them to partner with others in something bigger than themselves.”

Kiwi 1000’s five-fold strategy aims to nurture and equip members with the skills and confidence required to address these issues. These include:

Connect:

Participants will learn through a large “menu” of activities how to intentionally develop relationships with community people.

Small groups:

Closed small groups will meet for 10 weeks for spiritual nurture, personal growth and to build community. These biblical communities will then become open groups to which group members will invite (when appropriate) the non-Christians they have connected with.

Assimilate:

These new group members will then eventually be assimilated into the life of the church community.

Spiritual gifts:

These new members will be given help to establish what their spiritual gifts are and provided opportunities for them to exercise those gifts.

New leadership:

In this environment of community nurture these people will be developed as new leaders, and the cycle will repeat itself.

Pastor Kendell Cobbin, church



Kiwi 1000 participants receive a kit that provides ready-to-use tools for putting into action the skills learned for relational evangelism.

development director for the NZPUC, says, “The Kiwi 1000 participants will receive exclusive access to our Kiwi 1000 web site. They will also receive a kit containing among other things a resource CD-ROM, seven outreach videos including *Who Is Jesus?* and the *Search* videos, and a personal ministries resource book.”

He adds, “These videos do not belong to the local church, but become personal property of the 1000 for their own personal outreach.”

Every department of the NZPUC is planning to operate under the umbrella of the Kiwi 1000 project.

North New Zealand Conference president Pastor Jerry Matthews reports a buzz of excitement about the Kiwi 1000 project. “This project is helping facilitate an environment for the empowerment of church members.” He says. “People are grabbing hold of this opportunity and taking ownership of connecting with people for Jesus.”

Kiwi 1000 has been launched in Christchurch, Palmerston North and Auckland, and already more than 700 participants have committed to this project.—**Kellie Hancock**

What are your life values?

by Greg Moore

Several years ago my mentor of the time challenged me as to whether my life contained any values.

I confidently and without hesitation answered, yes, as do most Christian people when challenged in this way. I then proceeded to document these values in a written list. What a surprise lay in store for me!

John, in chapter 12, verse 40, quotes Isaiah about people with blinded eyes and deadened hearts who can neither see nor understand, so do not turn to God. Isaiah, writes John, said this because he had seen Jesus' glory.

"Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God" (verses 42, 43, NIV).

An important dimension within this passage says something about the values "many" had in their lives. Human praise was of greater value to them than praise from God.

What a tragedy!

When I had drawn up my list of values, my mentor further challenged me to describe to him what it is that actually constitutes a value. Now I really found myself floundering. With my mentor's further leading, it slowly began to dawn on me that I had equated a belief with a value, and this set me the task of critically examining what I had believed to be the values in my life.

A belief, I discovered, is simply a statement of an intellectual position. For instance, I believe in God. But this is a far cry from constituting a true value.

In their classic book, *Values Clarification*, Sidney Simon, Leland Howe and Howard Kirschenbaum help define values. For a value to qualify as such, it must contain

seven elements. When I examined the values in my life in the light of these criteria, I was shocked and quite depressed. Little of what I professed to believe was in fact a value!

Their seven elements are (the comments with them are mine):

1. The value must be chosen by yourself.

That is, if it's someone else's value, it isn't yours. For so many of us, the values in our lives are those thrust upon us by powerful influences—such as parents, school and church systems—that we've not examined critically, and thus they do not qualify as our own.

2. A value must be chosen from among alternatives.

If there's only one choice, it doesn't qualify.

3. You must know and be prepared to accept the consequences of your choice.

And every true value will have a potentially adverse consequence for us.

4. Once chosen, your value must be prized and cherished.

There must be passion in a value. Values are active, not passive.

5. If called upon to do so, you must be prepared to proclaim it publicly.

It is insufficient to simply quietly live your life according to your values.

6. You must act on this value.

You must walk the walk and not just talk the talk.

7. You must act on it repeatedly and consistently.

An occasional application of a value does not qualify.

When tested against these criteria, many people come to see that they have plenty of beliefs in their life, but few values. That's sobering!



What more classic example can there be in the Bible of a perceived value crumbling when put to the test than Peter's denial of Jesus—three times in one night? Peter wasn't prepared to state his value publicly when called upon to do so because he wasn't prepared to accept the consequences of his choice.

On the other hand, what of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's astonishing example where values were not found wanting when put to the test? They were prepared to be thrown into the furnace for the values they held. These three held to values that stood the scrutiny of all seven elements, and for which they were duly rewarded by God.

My challenge to you for the next week is to answer for yourselves the question, How many values do I truly have in my life? Draw up your own list of what you believe to be values in your life—your own 10 commandments, if you like—and then evaluate them according to the criteria above.

If you list as a value your relationship with Jesus and God, will you be like Peter, or like Daniel's friends? r

Greg Moore is a member of the Launceston church, Tas. He conducts a private psychotherapy practice.

Marvellous grace

by Martin Brown

In England in the 1500s, baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had clean water, the sons and other men followed, then the women and the children—last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, “Don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater.”

We should be thankful for showers. Who wants to bathe in body soup?

We too easily fall into this same problem spiritually. With so many different beliefs, we can end up in a kind of spiritual soup, in danger of losing what’s really important.

Paul says, “I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins . . .” (1 Corinthians 15:3).^{*} Paul knew the pre-eminent value of the grace of God. He’d committed murder and outrage while fighting against Christians and the truth of the gospel. Surely he’d fought against God, but God had shown him mercy through His Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Paul knew what he was talking about when it came to the grace of God.

In the midst of one of Paul’s statements about grace (Ephesians 1:3-14), he says, “To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding” (verses 6-8).

Paul, in prison for his faith as he writes, looks beyond his circumstances to praise God for His glorious grace. He’s confident of God’s goodness toward him in spite of his past and his circumstances. He knows he rests in the favour of God.

So Paul writes, “In [Christ] we have redemption.” “In Christ” is used more than 10 times in Ephesians 1:3-14. God has provided for us so completely in Christ that Paul can only marvel, and praise God and share what God has done for us—in Christ.

Redemption was a word used for deliverance from death, prison or slavery through the payment of a price. When we look at ourselves we see we’re imprisoned, enslaved and sentenced to death by sin. Redemption means the price has been paid, we’re set free, we’re delivered from God’s judgment on our sins.

“The gospel does not demand work or sinless perfection from us, but offers us the gracious gift of [Christ’s] own work and perfect righteousness” (Hans K La Rondelle, *Ministry*, November 2000).

In Christ we have redemption because it has been done for us. We have been set free by what has been done for us by Christ

but inviting us into His family to share all the riches of His grace.

God knows we can’t save ourselves from sin and death; that’s why He has given us so much in Christ. The idea that salvation is accomplished by our efforts in cooperation with God is terribly discouraging. There’s a world of difference between trying to fly by flapping our arms and accepting a ticket on Qantas or Air New Zealand.

The Bible says our salvation has been accomplished by Christ. The Bible says our salvation is a gift of God’s grace received in a faith relationship with Christ.

For those who think we must be saved by our own works or what we can attain to,

There’s a world of difference between trying to fly by flapping our arms and accepting a ticket on Qantas or Air New Zealand.

through His blood. The sacrifice of the Son of God stands as such an amazing work on our behalf that we have nothing to give, nothing to add. We can’t deal with our sins, yet Christ has so dealt with them that we can have every confidence of our acceptance with God.

Paul explains redemption through Christ’s blood as “the forgiveness of sins.” Here is pardon, acceptance and a right standing before God. The cross is the means by which our deliverance from sin has been paid. As surely as Christ’s blood has been shed, just as surely we have been set free.

Paul says we have this redemption now, in Christ. We have this assurance.

Christ’s redeeming sacrifice is “in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us” (Ephesians 1:7, 8). We may think Paul’s language extravagant, but can we doubt God’s favour to us when we look at the cross? With God we’re dealing with a spiritual billionaire who isn’t just flipping 50 cents to us as He goes by,

Paul says God knows what He is doing (Ephesians 1:8). He knows that when His grace touches our lives and we have salvation, we serve Him as a result of being saved. Receiving salvation creates a new person; a new person does not create salvation.

In the media we often see someone holding a trophy—an actor clutching an Oscar or a sportsperson with a cup. Such trophies are earned. No grace is involved. They had to be good enough. “Good enough” should never be transferred into the spiritual arena. God knows there is no other way but to give us salvation from sin and death through Jesus Christ. That is what grace is about.

Don’t lose the baby in the bathwater. ✠

**All Bible quotations are from the New International Version.*

Martin Brown is a retired minister living in Toowoomba, Qld.

Anna's journey back to God

by Lee Dunstan

Anna had left the Adventist Church more than 40 years ago, as a 17-year-old. Earlier this year she sent in a card she tore out of a *Signs of the Times* magazine for Dr Wright's medical books—as a nurse these would be of interest. Aymond Burdett, a literature evangelist, knocked on her door, in the northern suburbs of Perth.

"We seemed to hit it off straightaway," said Aymond. "I showed her the books she'd asked to see, but as I talked I felt convicted I was showing the wrong ones; I felt this woman really needed books of a spiritual nature.

"I excused myself and retrieved a volume of the Bible Reference Library [a special edition of Ellen White's Conflict of the Ages series sold by literature evangelists] from my car, which she purchased."



Quote

"Some months ago we, together with a number of others, were the victims of a not-so-honest accountant, and lost a lot of money. Money gone, what could we do? We sent him *Signs!*"—**BS, Vic**

When Aymond explained he was a literature evangelist working for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Anna told him she'd been raised an Adventist.

She and her husband, Gerry, had not long been home after spending several months tripping around Australia. Pausing in Broken Hill, NSW, on the return leg, she happened upon a rack containing *Signs* magazines.

She picked one up to read in the car.

After crossing the Nullabor, they turned south to Esperance, where she again chanced upon another *Signs* rack, so picked up the next month's issue. The magazines contained offers of free books—*People With Hope* and *Steps to Christ*—which she requested along with the other books advertised and, for good measure, sent away the Dr Wright card.

"And that's when I got to meet her," says Aymond. "She was reading her way back into the church."

Two weeks later, Aymond made a follow-up call. Anna had been reading what she'd bought on the previous visit. He could see that God was calling her back.

"Aymond, I don't know what happened to my life," she confessed. "I guess I've just been too busy."

"I was able to offer her some comfort, telling her I'd done the same thing, having left Him behind for 16 years of my own life. Then we had prayer, praying particularly for Gerry. He hadn't known the church at all, and was a bit bewildered by what was going on.

"It was a divine appointment," says Aymond. "I knew from my own experience that God was calling her back."

Anna and Gerry now attend church each



Sabbath, the direct and collective result of anonymous *Signs* sponsored by church members on opposite sides of Australia. ✚

Lee Dunstan is the senior assistant editor for *Signs of the Times*

Quote

"Unfortunately, I don't belong to a church, although I wish I did because there seems to be a void in my life. I love God, but feel it would be nice to belong to a group with the same feelings.

I often come across *Signs* where I live on Phillip Island [Vic]. Somebody puts out copies for people to take. When I see one, I always take it; I always find interesting subjects in there. I don't know a lot about the Adventists, but through *Signs* and the courses you offer, I can see you are a truly caring and loving church. I have no family, so often feel alone, lonely and depressed, so when I saw this course advertised, I thought I may be able to benefit."

Discovery Course student, Vic

Signs's index

Years *Signs* has been in print: **118**
 Tonnes of paper used to print a year's supply of *Signs*: **40**
 Number of sheets of paper required: **965,866**
 Height in metres, if stacked in sheets on top of each other: **10**
 Number of *Signs* taken from NZ airports during 2002: **26,000**
 Extra number needed for 2004: **13,500**
 Number of subscriptions that means: **1227**
 Number of Discovery Centre correspondence students from coupons in *Signs* over the past year: **235**
 Number of those baptised: **9**
 Verified number of responses for literature evangelists books advertised in *Signs* in 2002: **88**
 Total free copies of *People With Hope* (526), *Steps to Christ* (444) and *Who Are Seventh-day Adventists?* (231) requested in 2002: **1201**
 The number of *Signs* in circulation in July 2003: **43,903**
 Number in July 2002: **43,317**
 Estimated number of people who read each magazine: **3**
 Distance, in kilometres, covered if the magazines printed during 2002 were laid down head to tail: **953**
 The number of subscribers in 2002: **4250**
 The number of free videos showing how to establish a *Signs* round ordered in 2002: **106**
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Signs: Facing the future

Continual updating a part of the future

In an ever-changing world, communication tools need to be relevant to their audience. The commitment we've made with *Signs* is to stay in tune with what is happening about us, to be aware of how the message can be better presented through print media. That's why the magazine of today will look and feel slightly different to one of, say, a year or two years ago. The basic message is the same, but the presentation must be for readers today. This will continue into the future.

New magazine to be launched

A new *Signs* magazine is about to be launched—*Pacific Signs of the Times*. Based on the current *Signs*, it will have a Pacific flavour. Matupit Darius, who has a proven track record as a published communicator, has joined the team as a Pacific editor. He is the pastor of Pacific Adventist University church in PNG. The university is also a partner in producing the magazine. The first issue (a 30,000 print run) will be printed in September and will be available in the Pacific through Adventist Book Centres, and from literature evangelists and students. The *Pacific Signs* needs to be self-funding and the initial aim is to build to the point where four are produced each year.



Web-site construction planned

A *Signs of the Times* web site is planned within the next 12 months, hopefully by the end of the year. This will serve several purposes: Give a presence on the web; a place to advertise *Signs*; a place where people can subscribe; and as a resource for readers.

Quote

“We consistently find *Signs* applicants are self-motivated and have a good continuity rate. Where a third party is involved in introducing someone to a course (market stalls, health-age tests, literature evangelists and



Pastor John Gate.

so on), the continuity through the course isn't as good as for those who take the initiative themselves.

There's self-motivation and commitment in filling out an application, getting a stamp, sticking it on and posting it: and you know they can read and write—which is a big advantage with correspondence courses! And just imagine how many [on Bible Discovery courses] there'd be if all the *Signs* magazines lying around the homes of Adventists were out in the marketplace or a neighbour's letter-box!”—Pastor John Gate, *Discovery Centre director*

My Underground group

by Laura Taylor, as told to Nathan Brown

Im honoured to be an Underground group leader. I wouldn't say that leading a group never has its challenges, but it has been the most rewarding endeavour I have ever undertaken.

For many years I was focused on "programming" for a group of up to 80 youth. When working with a large group, there aren't many opportunities for one-on-one contact and often it's difficult to determine if you're getting results. Through the Underground movement I've had the opportunity to be actively involved in 12 people's lives and really become close to six of those people.

Being the leader of an Underground group works two ways. Not only am I blessed by the support and caring of my group, but I can care for my Underground family in real and authentic ways.

I believe God has brought the most amazing people together for a special purpose. After having two short-lived groups, made up mainly of people from my church, I decided that something

wasn't quite working.

I decided to go to the "highways and byways"—anyone I met who didn't seem to belong anywhere was invited to attend. What has resulted is a close-knit group of people who had either just moved to the area or who didn't attend church regularly.

Interestingly, we all seem to share a passion for social justice and are either studying or working in relevant areas. There's a social worker, law students, government housing workers, an industrial relations inspector, a scientist, a public health student and a couple of doctors and medical students. Together we follow the Underground's wonderful resources and study guides, with each taking a turn in leading out.

I believe passionately in the Underground as I have seen miracles of friendship and spiritual growth come from following the Underground model, which is based on Acts 2:42-47. r



Laura Taylor is an Underground group leader in Brisbane. Nathan Brown is the Underground correspondent.

Rebirth

by Malcolm Ford

I said I was a Christian:
"Born again?" she asked.
Puzzled, I thought,
What a stupid question!
Are all the rest aborted,
Stillborn the second time?

It's the question
Of conception,
Of the immaculate Word:
The length of pregnancy,
The labour pains,
The delicate delivery
From baptismal womb's
Blood-bathed stains.

It's the severed umbilical;
(The Father's heist):
Thrust into the world to
The motherhood of Christ:
Feeding the milk Word
It's all—born-again Christian.

Malcolm Ford writes from Whangarei, NNZ.

Just for children

WHAT IF elephants didn't have trunks?



They couldn't do much at all!
Elephants need their long, sensitive trunks for feeding, drinking and bathing, nurturing young, communicating, fighting and smelling. They would be lost without trunks!

Peta Taylor

Representative and respected

Leigh O'Connor, SNZ

In the early 1990s I travelled to Thailand. I loved the place so much I stayed almost eight years! I married a Thai and became the father of two beautiful children. Although not then a Seventh-day Adventist, I regularly travelled past the Bangkok Adventist Hospital on my way to teaching assignments. I remember it accepted disadvantaged patients when other nearby hospitals rejected them. I also recall the great respect the predominantly Buddhist Thais had for Adventists.

It's wonderful to see our church and educational institutions well established in Thailand ("Blooming in the heart of Thailand," July 12), a country needing the Lord more than ever. Some day I hope to return, but then, God willing, my mission will be to further the Adventist message among my many friends and relatives.

A contrary experience

Ian Adams, Thailand

After reading "Take some ownership" (Letters, May 31), regarding seemingly forgotten volunteer missionaries, I am spurred on to tell our church community of my own experience as a volunteer with International Children's Care (ICC) in Thailand for eight years. During that time I was fully supported by my Taree (NSW) church family. They completely overwhelmed me with their magnanimous support and love. Together we undertook

countless projects, all successfully completed. In more recent years the Tumbulgum, Gloucester and Port Macquarie churches have joined them to further God's work. They send fly'n'build teams, letters, cards and gifts (including an "anti-depression kit").

I'm thankful for the opportunity to acknowledge these churches, and to thank them for their faithfulness.

Correction

P Dickie, WA

The article reporting the history of Karalundi was only a partial history in that it failed to mention my father Stan Jean-Lois who, along with Pastor Vaughan,

really be true that God was so infatuated with humankind that while we were yet in our sin He sent His son to die for us?

For God to be so blatantly demonstrative of such an over-the-top type of love gives the word a clearly positive connotation.

Another Record?

Heather Britton, WA

While I was travelling in the Northern Territory, I picked up a copy of *The Record* with some curiosity. There is only one word difference from our own RECORD, so I am sending this on to you, it makes interesting reading.

The magazine sent in is published by the

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helped build the mission. Dad stayed on as pastor, superintendent and headmaster when Pastor Vaughan moved to Wiluna.

Meaning not to be ignored

Peter Dark, NSW

Like many others, I have always taken the word *infatuation* in its negative context, that is, to affect with extreme folly. However, I notice that it also means to have an unreasonably strong love. Could it

St Vincent de Paul Society. There is also a newspaper, published by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, called *The Record*. And a magazine about the Australian Football League is called *AFL Record*. There may be other varieties, too.

Letter from the editor

Bruce Manners, Vic

The news of my resignation as editor at about the end of the year (Flashpoint, June 21—timing depends on when the new person is available and the length of any change-over period) has generated quite a number of letters and emails. To those who wrote, thank you for the kind comments you made. It's obvious, though, that my mature haircut has given several the impression that I'm retiring. Not so. After a break (which may bring my looks back to my age), I hope there will be some other place found in the vineyard for me.

Note: Views in Letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All letters are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author's original meaning will not be changed. Not all letters received are published. See masthead (page 2) for contact details.



Weddings

Carter—Myers. David Mark Carter, son of Stephen and Sandra Carter (Cooranbong, NSW), and Bjianca Jayne Myers, daughter of Michael and Jenny Myers (Quakers Hill), were married on 6.7.03 in the gardens of Nurraging Reserve, Doonside. *Sid Griffith*

Dwyer—Hussey-Smith. John Dwyer and Lynette Hussey-Smith were married on 13.7.03 in the Katherine Adventist church, NT. *Roger Millist*

Hill—Hehanussa. Robin Hill, son of Barry and Joan Hill (Seaview Downs, SA), and Irma Hehanussa, daughter of Peter (Cibinong, Indonesia) and the late Elizabeth Hehanussa, were married on 1.6.03 in the Woollahra Adventist church, Sydney, NSW. *Gary Kent*

Peach—Just. David Anthony Peach, son of Barrie and Rosalie Peach (Wishart, Qld), and Lorretta Naree Just, daughter of Gary and Gloria Just (Toowoomba), were married on 6.7.03 at Avica Weddings and Resort, Gold Coast. *Trafford Fischer*

Ralph—Turner. David Ralph, son of Kevin and Roslyn Ralph (Bonney Hills, NSW), and Jodi Turner, daughter of Arn and Janelle Turner (Glenn Innes), were married on 13.4.03 in Cessnock. *Lyell Heise*

Webster—Ryan. Pastor Errol Webster, son of the late Tom and Eve Webster (formerly of Moe, Vic), and Carol Ryan, daughter of Dulcie Gray (Tenterfield), were married on 2.3.03 at the home of Gary and Lorraine Harrowfield, Ballarat. *Ray Jackson*

Obituaries

Chambers, Vaughan Stanley, born 23.9.1927 at Millicent, SA; died 18.10.02 at Millicent. He is survived by his wife, Connie; his sons, Rob, Steve, Bruce, Gary and Lance; their wives and families. Vaughan had spent his life as a professional fisherman at Southend. In his latter years he came to believe in Christ as his Saviour, and expressed his hope that he would meet his family on the "other shore" at the return of Jesus. *Bryce Andrews*

Chester, Bertha (nee Forster), born 6.10.1915 at Powell River, Vic; died 28.6.03 in Hollywood Nursing Home, WA. In 1938 she married Hugh, who predeceased her. She is survived by her daughter, June Gallop (Albany); her son, Graeme (Perth); their spouses; her three grandchildren; and her sister, Grace Edwards (Nunawading, Vic). Bertha was a gracious lady and sincere believer since the 1920s. As the Sabbath closed on 28.6.03 Bertha's life closed with her family around her, awaiting the resurrection. *Cyrus Adams*

Colquhoun, Lynne (nee Vette), born

27.2.1941; died suddenly 20.6.03 in Greenlane Hospital, Auckland, NZ. She is survived by her husband, Gary; her children and their spouses, Kim and Clyde, Greg and Ofa, Kerry and Steve, Shelly and Mark, Jodie and Robert; their families; her mother, Ruby; and her brother, Rodney. Greatly loved and sadly missed. *John Bews, Ben Timothy*

Davis, Myrtle Ida (nee Chapman), born 2.3.1922 at Ayr, Qld; died 26.6.03 at Yarra View Retirement Village, Warburton, Vic. On 3.12.61 she married Howard Davis, who predeceased her on 15.9.82. She is survived by her stepdaughters, Eleanor Pringle (Kilsyth), Gwenyth Davis (Warburton) and Heather Stevens (Ferntree Gully); her brother, Ray Chapman (Qld); and her sisters, Daphne Halliday and Dorothy Byrne (both of NSW). Myrtle was an amazing person with a deep commitment to Christ. She served the church as a teacher at Kambubu, PNG, Bickley, WA, and Warburton, Vic. *Eric Kingdon*

Davis, Edward Huia, born 28.8.1936 in the Drummoyne area, NSW; died peacefully 15.5.03 at Longueville Private Hospital, Sydney. He is survived by his brother, Ronald; his sister, Anne Foreman; and their children. He was a faithful member of Waitara church and previously of the Drummoyne church. He will be sadly missed. *Kevin Brown, Nataniel Pereira*

Galyer, Ruth, born 25.6.1922 at Trentham, NNZ; died 23.6.03 at Waihi. She is survived by her husband, Jack; her children, Robin, Lyne, Leslie, Raymond, Heather, Susan, Alison; their partners; her 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Ruth was baptised on 16.11.63 at Marsterton and became an enthusiastic worker for her Lord. She will be sadly missed by her family and also her church family. *Rex Jackson*

Gordon, Ernest Henry, born 3.7.1915 at Fremantle, WA; died 25.6.03 in the Wyong Hospital, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Melba; his son, Robert (both of Toukley); his daughters, Janett Miller (Perth, WA); Marien Dorrington (Wyong, NSW) and Helen Andrews (Gosford); his eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Ernie was a founding member of the Kanwal and Wyong churches. Over a number of years he conducted missions, preached in churches and taught Sabbath school classes. Ernie loved his Lord and will be remembered for his friendly nature, helpful spirit and devotion to the mission of the church. *David Hay, Len Barnard Lyndon Schick, Russel Stanley*

Guthridge, Dulcie Pearl, born 18.12.1917 at Hamilton, Vic; died 15.6.03 in hospital at Hamilton. She was predeceased by her husband, Ron, in 1991. She is survived by her brother, Ellis; her sisters, Pam and Phyllis; her daughters, Faye and Cherille; her four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Dulcie loved her family, her church and her Lord, and was loved and highly respected by all who knew her. *Russell Wareham*

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Mauviel, Alfred William, born 23.5.1941 in Adelaide, SA; died 26.2.03 at Innisfail, Qld. He is survived by his wife, Valerie; his children, Sheryl, Wayne, Joanne and Jesse. He was best known for his radio work, which he broadcast from the Cairns school. Alf was a staunch Seventh-day Adventist and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. *Roger Ward*

Rose, Augustus (Gussie) Emily, born 11.4.1913 at Yass, NSW; died 26.6.03 in Wyong Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband, Albert, in 1959; also her daughter, Alma. She is survived by her daughters, Yvonne and Elizabeth; her adopted son, Alan; her three granddaughters; and her three great-grandchildren. Gussie was always active in community work and was a kind Christian woman who loved her Lord. *Rex Cobbin, Claude Judd*

Tubbe, Klara, born 14.12.1918 at Fürstenau (then Germany); died 28.6.03 in Windsor Park Nursing Home, Carlisle, WA. On 31.7.48 she married Friedrich, who predeceased her on 16.7.61. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Werner and Ursula; her grandchildren, Christian Tubbe and Stefanie van Amerongen (all of Perth); and her brother, Reinhard Bench (Montevideo, Uruguay). Klara was loved as a mother and grandmother and will be sadly missed by her loving family and friends. *Lynn Burton, Daniel Hanbury*

Wilkes, Lance Edward, born 11.3.1922 at Albury, NSW; died 27.6.03 in Perth, WA. In 1950 he married Eileen Parker. He is survived by his former wife; his children, Darryl, Marilyn and Carolyn; his six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Lance was baptised into the SDA Church in 1977. He was a lone traveller, itinerant fruit-picker and labourer; also taught horticulture in one of our SDA schools in NSW. *Keith Godfrey*

Willis, Ruby Isabel ("Cass," nee Castle), born 1.3.1932 at Deception Bay, Qld; died suddenly at home 2.6.03 at Gowrie, ACT. On 29.2.53 she married Cedric (known as Peter). She is survived by her husband; her daughter and son-in-law, Larae and Gary Lane; her son, Leon; and her three grandsons. Cass was the youngest of 13 children and was baptised in 1965 following contact with Pastor Harker, Sr. She truly lived her faith. She was much loved and missed by all. *Graham Wynniatt*

Wyett, Gwen (nee Wildsmith), born 15.1.1915 at Rosslyn Park, Adelaide, SA; died 21.6.03 at Kingswood, Adelaide. On 7.11.36 she married Stan. She is survived by her husband (Kingswood); her daughter, Elizabeth Vorbach; her son, Dr John Wyett; her seven grandchildren; and her five great-grandchildren (all of Adelaide). Gwen lived for her family and served her church and community faithfully for many years. Her quiet, kind manner endeared her to many. *Wolfgang Stefani*

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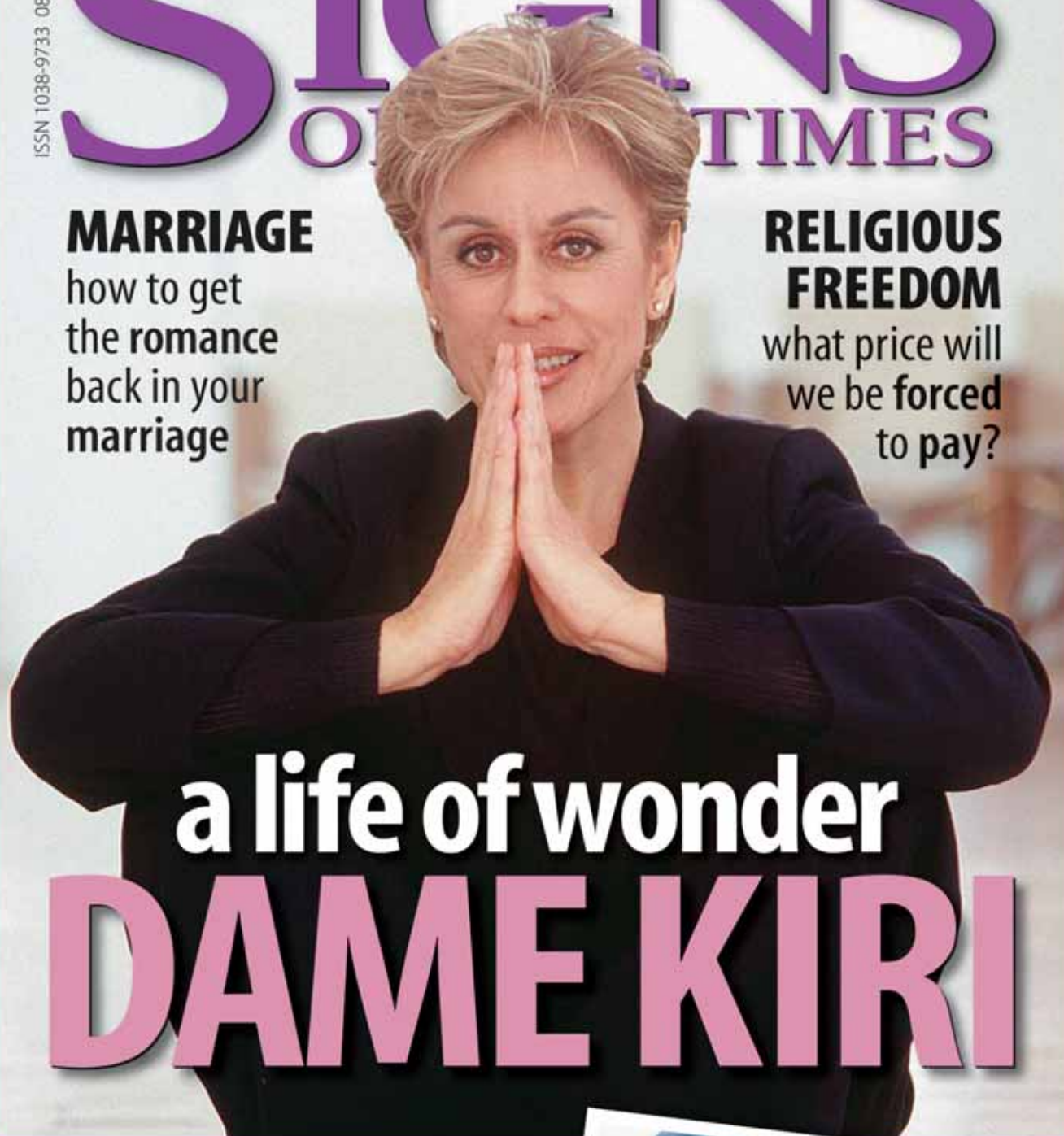
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