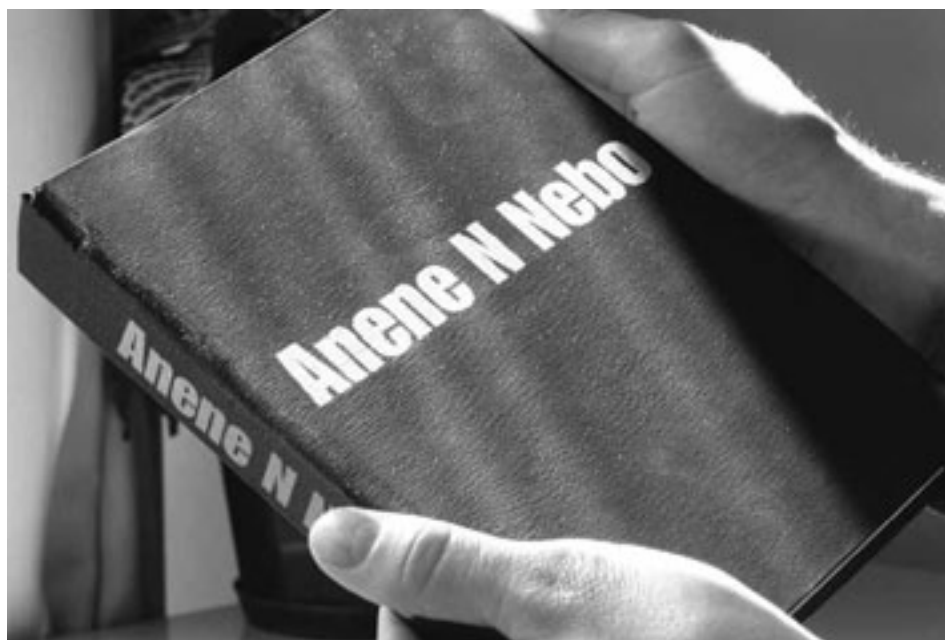


# RECORD



*Anene N Nebo is the name of a new hymnal in the native language of Kiribati.*

## Kiribati hymnal more than 20 years in the making

*Bairiki, Tarawa, Kiribati*

**T**he Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kiribati has published a new hymnal in the country's native language. The hymnal, called *Anene N Nebo*, is the first with music.

A team of 22 translated the 462 hymns in the hymnal. Tekemau Ribabaiti, the principal of Kauma Adventist High School on Abemama in Kiribati, translated most of the hymns. "My favourite is 'Never Part Again.' I've just learned it. It has also become a favourite with the church members in Kiribati. The words of the hymn mean much more with music."

Adventist historian Glynn Litster arranged the hymns in the hymnal. "Ninety come from the hymnal of the Protestant Church in Kiribati, but I've tried to group all the hymns as they are grouped in the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*."

Mr Ribabaiti met Mr Litster in 1998 after reading an article in *RECORD*. The article, "Six-year dream brings songs to Samoa" (July 11, 1998), reported the news about a new Samoan hymnal Mr Litster had produced. "We decided then to publish a new Kiribati hymnal," says Mr Litster. "So, it's taken me five years work, but it's taken Tekemau more than 20."

Mr Ribabaiti began translating hymns in 1980. "I translated one or two hymns per week. It's time consuming because one word in English can translate to one sentence in I-Kiribati."

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*To drink  
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to drink*

# Where are the big-idea people?

**B**ill Bright died on July 19, leaving an incredible legacy. He was founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, which now serves in 191 countries, with a staff of 26,000 full-time employees and more than 225,000 trained volunteers.

Impressive? Even more impressive are his two simple ideas, which may have had more impact for evangelical Christianity in the past 50 years than any other.

In 1956 he wrote a booklet, just a few pages long, entitled *The Four Spiritual Laws*. In it, he describes the sin problem and how a person can come to Christ. A basic primer for Christianity, it is the most widely disseminated religious booklet ever. It has been printed in 200 languages and distributed to more than 2.5 billion people.

Then, in 1979, he commissioned the film *Jesus*, a feature-length documentary on the life of Christ. *New Life* reports it has been viewed by more than 5.1 billion people in 234 countries—the most widely viewed and translated film (into more than 800 languages) in history.

Two simple ideas, but with a big impact for God.

## People with a cause

Recently I interviewed Sister Helen Prejean, a Catholic nun from the United States (the interview will appear in the December issue of *Signs of the Times*). She has a cause. She discovered her cause when asked to visit a man waiting on death row in a Louisiana prison. She has now accompanied five men to their state-sanctioned deaths.

She wrote of her experience in the book *Dead Man Walking*. That was then adapted into an Oscar-winning film. Sister Helen was in Australia for the opening performance of an opera of the same name, staged

by the State Opera of South Australia in Adelaide.

She wants to end the death penalty in the US—one of only a handful of countries to retain this punishment option. Her biggest argument against the death penalty is to draw aside the curtain and allow people to understand the reality of what happens when the convicted person is killed.

Hers is a cause worth fighting for. She's rehearsed the arguments: the black and the poor have little chance of a reprieve, the white and wealthy almost always do; DNA testing has shown many incorrect decisions; it costs more to execute a person in the US (with the court processes and special prison arrangements) than to imprison them for life; and more.

Besides those reasons, she says, "We can't turn over to governments, which you can barely trust to fill a pothole and get the street right, to decide about human life." And, "I think God is on the side of life."

## People making a difference

Today I visited ADRA Corner. This is a successful op-shop that raises funds for community needs. It's ideally placed on a five-ways crossroad, a roundabout along the Warburton Highway a few minutes drive from Melbourne's outermost eastern suburbs. It's well known and patronised by local and not-so-local residents.

But it's the story of Ray and Marion Jull that interests me (a story featured in the June 22 RECORD last year). This couple wanted to make a difference in their retirement years. With an idea in mind, they found this closed-down shop with a house attached and sold their own home to buy the complex—to live in the house and open an op-shop, ADRA Corner—as their service to others.

Both are former teachers, and Ray is a skilled handyman who enjoys tinkering and fixing things. The op-shop keeps him busy. This is their helping gift to the community, supplying clothing and other goods to those who are struggling, but the funds raised also help people who are suffering. They are making a difference.

## Big-idea people

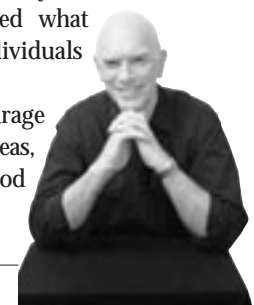
These are big-idea people. And we need more big-idea people: those with ideas that impact for God in a mighty way; those who find a cause worth fighting for; and those who know how to make a difference.

But we of lesser ideas also have a role. We are the encouragers of those who think big, to be supportive, to allow for the occasional failure, but with the encouragement that will let them try again.

I've worked with people who seem to have 10 ideas a minute (not all of them good—the ideas, that is). Sometimes our role is to help them tease out the good ideas, and that only happens if we're supportive of people with ideas.

We shouldn't always expect the church to have ideas for us. We're in a well-organised church, but structure and process don't always encourage big ideas. You'll notice with the ideas I've mentioned that they came not from organisations, but individuals. Thankfully, their organisations backed what they did, but individuals drove the ideas.

So let's encourage people with big ideas, and watch what God can do.



Bruce Manners



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—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● The **Search** and **Who is Jesus?** videos are reaching people in **North New Zealand**. **Papatoetoe** church has placed a billboard on the road outside the church advertising a free viewing of the **Who is Jesus?** video and have received phone calls from interested people, with some just walking in off the street wanting to watch it. **Waipukurau** church has two new regular church attendees as a result of the videos. **Hastings** church has 34 people watching **Search** videos.

● The **South Lakes Women's Refuge**, established under the umbrella of the Adventist Church, recently **hosted a weekend of inspiration and pampering for their volunteer carers** at Raffety's Resort on



the shores of Lake Macquarie, NSW. Some 60 attendees paid for their own expenses and enjoyed five-star accommodation, meals prepared by Adventist chefs, presentations from **Ursula Hedges**, director of Women's Ministries for the North New South Wales Conference, and **Judith Mazz**, chaplain at Sydney Adventist Hospital. **Awards** were also presented to acknowledge the generosity of volunteers. There was also opportunity for carers to have a **massage** and other **pampering sessions**.

## NSW "grey" accommodation growing

The North New South Wales (NNSW) Conference is currently involved in an active building program in both of its Adventist Retirement Villages (ARV).

Alstonville ARV (pictured), in the Northern Rivers District, has completed seven new villas and has purchased a further five-and-a-quarter acres next door to the village for future expansion. The new 50-bed facility at Alstonville is due to be completed in mid November 2003.

Avondale ARV, located at Cooranbong, has been undergoing an expansion program for the past two years. In this two-year period 24 luxury two- and three-bedroom, double-garage units have been completed, with the last 11 being occupied as recently as September this year. Plans for a further 14 of these units are currently with Lake Macquarie Council for approval.

"There is a strong demand for these types of units, with all being sold off the plan well before completion," says Doug Gosling, projects officer for ARV in NNSW. "Avondale Retirement Village is the choice for many people from across Australia and overseas because of the strong Adventist heritage and presence in the community. The rural atmosphere of the community also has an attraction for many people seeking retirement."

Plans are also now well under way for the replacement building for the Charles Harrison Memorial Nursing Home and the Kressville Hostel. This new building will have provision for 122 beds, including 72 nursing-home beds, 35 hostel beds and 15 dementia-specific beds. It is planned to open this facility in mid 2007.

● For three months now **Launceston** church, Tas, has held an **outreach worship service** on the fourth Sabbath of the month that features a distinctive Adventist doctrine. The first was titled "**Adventists and the Sabbath: Legalists or lovers?**" and advertising in the local media attracted several curious community members and ministers from other denominations. "These programs are attracting visitors who are continuing to attend each week," says Pastor **Graham Sutherland**.—*Tasda News*

● **Cedarvale Health and Lifestyle Retreat**, located in Kangaroo Valley, NSW, has for 12 years offered specialised programs for type 2 diabetes, stop smoking, weight control, stress recovery, fatigue and high blood pressure. "Australia, like many other Western countries, is experiencing an epidemic of type 2 diabetes. Improper diet and lack of exercise are recognised as the two most important lifestyle factors in contributing to this disease," says manager **Adrian Dorman**. "Cedarvale has experienced **ongoing success in improving the control of type 2 diabetes** by addressing these and other negative lifestyle influences. I praise God, and am continually amazed at how well and how quickly guests improve on the programs."

● To conclude a study unit on healthy eating, the **Nunawading Adventist Primary School** celebrated with a **Healthy Eating Pyjama Breakfast Party**. Staff (some pictured) and

students dined on food provided by Sanitarium and the school while listening to guest speaker **Leith Stanton** from Sanitarium. Prizes were given for the most wacky pyjama outfit.—*Intraviv*



● Adventist churches in the east end of **Bermuda** were involved in a clean-up and a feeding program in their regions after the devastating arrival of **Hurricane Fabian** recently. Winds exceeding 225 kilometres per hour knocked out powerlines, ripped open roofs and upended trees, while

windows, doors and roads were also damaged. Four people are feared dead after their cars were swept away by the storm, but no Adventists were lost or seriously injured. Five Adventist churches and some members' homes sustained minor damage.—ANN

## SDA performers among best, says festival director

Leading Adventist singers and musicians are set to top the bill at the National Gospel Happening music festival to be held in Canberra, November 21-23. With 15 stages, the event is this year's premier faith-inspired music festival.

Francine Bell, who was born in the USA and studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and now heads up the choir department at the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music, has top billing at the Yamaha Celebrity Concert, which will also see hundreds of Australian and international choir members gathered.

Youth band Serendipity from Lake Macquarie, NSW, are to appear at Canberra's largest outdoor youth concert. Staged in Garema Place Mall in the centre of the city, the venue is billed as "The Big Night Out." The group's debut CD "Radiator" is one of the most played youth CDs on Australian Christian radio.

Gavin Chatelier will showcase his country gospel vocals and musicianship at the festival's Country Heaven venue.

"The Adventist performers are among the best in the nation and a real testament to their communities, says program director Kelvin Fahey. "The festival has had strong support from Adventist musicians over the years, with Frontier among others performing at the first event at Bruce Stadium," he adds.—Wes Jay/Woodlands Media

More information is available at <[www.nationalgospelhappening.org](http://www.nationalgospelhappening.org)>.

● Some **100,000 people** attended "Caravan of power"—the **largest evangelistic event** ever organised by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in **Peru**—held in 17 locations in Puno. Theology students from Peru Union University were involved in the project and Sergio Bernales Hospital in Lima provided free medical and dental care as part of the program. A group of pastors, doctors and nurses travelled to various locations in the region to offer **assistance in the areas of spirituality, health and Christian lifestyle**.—ANN

● Two thousand people attended an **open-air concert at Southern Adventist University** commemorating the **International Day of Peace** on September 19. "In a time of war and conflict, taking time to reflect and celebrate peace is paramount," said university president Dr **Gordon Bietz**. The celebration in Coolidge Park, Chattanooga, was "testimony to the Adventist Church's long history of promoting peace and non-violence," said the church's United Nations liaison director, Dr **Jonathan Gallagher**.—ANN

● The **US Supreme Court** has begun discussion on whether the phrase "**under God**" should continue to be part of the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Almost 2000 appeals have been filed with the high court since a federal appeals court ruled in favour of a petition from a California atheist who **argued those words constitute a state-endorsed religion**.—*Agape Press*

### Days and offerings

**October 25**—Children's Sabbath Day  
**November 1**—Missions Extension Offering

## Off the record

● **Longburn Adventist College (LAC)** Senior A Girls and Senior A Boys teams (pictured) **won the championship** in the Manawatu Secondary Schools **Basketball Tournament** held recently in Palmerston North, New Zealand. The tournament commenced in May and ran for five months, and LAC's Senior A Boys team (coached by **Bob Pearce**) was unbeaten throughout. The Senior A Girls team (coached by **Ngaio Beausoleil**) also performed exceptionally well, losing only two of their games. As well as the two teams in the A section, LAC also fielded a team in the Senior B section (coached by **Rouru Kapao**).



● Six men holding a **Bible study** in Arizona, USA, recently **captured a murder suspect** who interrupted their discussion. Phoenix police said he was nabbed while trying to steal a car from a home where the six were holding their weekly Bible class. "We thought he was just a two-bit crook," said one of the six. The six heard a noise coming from the garage and found a man trying to back out in a sports car belonging to the homeowner. The man tried to flee, but was tackled in the street and held down until the police arrived. "**The good guys won**," a police spokesman said.—CNS

● It appears that members of **Moe church, Vic**, have followed the biblical injunction to **be fruitful and multiply**. They have **so many children**, including four babies, they plan to extend their church facility to include **another Sabbath school room**.



# New face of leadership at Avondale College

Cooranbong, NSW

If you had asked a young John Cox what he wanted to be when he grew up, he would have told you “a minister.” Recently appointed president of Avondale College, Dr Cox said his career path had taken many turns he would never have foreseen as a youngster.

“From the time I was about seven or eight I was influenced by a pastor who lived near us,” he said. “I hardly deviated from my desire to be a minister and I studied ministry and secondary teaching at the same time when I came to Avondale College and graduated from both.”

Despite pursuing a career in teaching, Dr Cox said he would never claim to have abandoned his original ideal.

“Teaching is an important form of ministry and I see my work at Avondale College as a ministry,” he said.

Dr Cox has served as a lecturer in English and as Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Avondale. He was Vice-President (Academic Administration) for two-and-a-half years before accepting the role of president. He brings a wealth of experience and academic achievement to the position.

His credentials include a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and education from Pacific Union College, USA, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Newcastle and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of London. His publications include a book through Cambridge University Press.

Dr Cox said he was looking forward to his new role and considered it an honour

and privilege to serve as president of Avondale.

“I want to sustain Avondale’s long-standing commitment to the mission of the church and to the spiritual development of students and staff,” he said. “I would like to maintain a close interface between Avondale and the wider church constituency. The church needs Avondale, and Avondale needs the church.

“I place high importance on quality of life for our students,” he said. “This includes life in the residence halls, provision of support services, and promotion of a healthy lifestyle guided by ethical principles.

“One of the most exciting challenges for Avondale is the quest for university status—essential at a time

when most people have come to think of a ‘college’ as a secondary school or TAFE. We also need to build on our reputation for excellence in teaching with an enhanced commitment to the advancement of learning through research and publication.

“One thing is non-negotiable—our special character as a Seventh-day Adventist institution. Our Adventist world view, values, faith and lifestyle must continue to permeate all that we do.

“I believe Avondale is on the edge of an expanding future,” Dr Cox continued. “The challenges ahead are also windows to enormous possibilities.”

Dr Cox is currently serving as acting president while Dr Geoffrey Madigan (the president) is on leave. He will officially take over as president in the new year.—

**Heather Potter**



The new president of Avondale College, Dr John Cox.

# Ordination final confirmation of call

Glen Innes, NNZ

Kayle De Waal’s ordination on September 6 was the final confirmation of the sense of call he had from God when he was “about 16 or 17” in the small Newlands East church in Durban, South Africa. At the time he was active in the church, involved in Sabbath school, youth programs and mid-week prayer meetings.

“Confirmation came one Thursday evening when I was asked to preach on the Sabbath,” says Pastor De Waal. “For me that was real confirmation.”

He studied for ministry at Helderberg College, Cape Town, and graduated in 1995. During that time he also spent two years in South Korea as a student missionary.

During an evangelistic program he ran in Durban in 1994 the parents of Charmaine Saker attended. She attended a follow-up series later in the year. They married and have two children: a son Kerryn, aged 5; and a daughter Charé, aged 2.

They moved to New Zealand in January last year and Pastor De Waal serves as pastor of the Glen Innes church in Auckland and as chaplain of the aged-care facility, Bethesda.

He was awarded a master’s degree in missiology from the University of South Africa last year for his study of mission in the book of Acts.

Pastors Jerry Matthews, president of the North New Zealand Conference, and Eddy Johnson, the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference Ministerial Association secretary, led the ordination service.

“The best thing about ministry,” says Pastor De Waal, “is spending time in the Word and time in prayer. What a privilege to grow in my walk with God and to share my walk with others in the wider community.”—**Bruce Manners**



Pastor Kayle and Charmaine De Waal.

# Blood flows at camp-meeting

Dakabin, Queensland

Seventh-day Adventists helped the Red Cross fill 217 bags of blood during the South Queensland Conference's (SQC) annual camp-meeting, September 19-27.

This is an increase of 55 donations—or 34 per cent—over last year. Some 8.5 per cent of camp attendees—compared with less than 3 per cent of Australians—donated blood.

"We were overwhelmed by the support," says Nicola Kennedy, a liaison officer with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service. She worked in the mobile donor unit during two of its four days at the Watson Park Convention Centre in Dakabin.

"Adventists have a great sense of community. They were falling over themselves to help. We will have a good supply of blood in stock if the large number of new donors become regular donors."

Adventists have been donating blood at camp-meeting for the past seven years. But the tradition stems back even further, to September 30, 1981, when Pastor Reg Harris, the church's then director of health, invited the Red Cross to camp-meeting for the first time.

"People were getting confused about what Adventists believe—they thought we didn't give blood or accept blood transfusions," says Pastor Harris. "But we do."

Damon Cavalchini, the acting manager of communication services for the Red Cross in Queensland, describes the support of groups such as the Adventists as essential. "Blood donations aren't just for the emergency victims you see on TV shows such as *ER*. Eight out of 10 Australians—especially those suffering from cancer and from haemophilia—will need blood or a blood product at some point in their lives. And volunteer donors are a hospital's only source of blood."

Pastor Ken Vogel, the president of the SQC, donated blood again this year. "Adventists are as concerned as anybody about the needs of the community," he says. "I donate blood for one simple reason; I've got it and somebody else needs it."—**Brenton Stacey**

## Youth reach out

For three days in September, 500 Adventist youth carried out a different kind of outreach: they concentrated on projects involving social, health and spiritual needs of people in the Romanian capital of Bucharest.

A major portion of the event included an anti-drug campaign. A long wall, previously covered with graffiti, now displays messages encouraging teenagers to take control of their lives by refusing to use illicit drugs. Thousands of pamphlets calling young people to say no to drugs were distributed.

The event concluded with a youth congress in Bucharest with some 6000 attending Sabbath worship services.—**ANN**

## Kiribati hymnal more than 20 years in the making

(Continued from page 1)

Mr Litster, who raised \$A13,000 of the \$A15,000 it cost to produce the Kiribati hymnal, is already working with church members in Fiji and in Tonga on producing new hymnals. His "hobby" and "labour of love" began when he helped produce a hymnal with words only for the church in Samoa in 1965. He helped produce a hymnal in pidgin for the church in Papua New Guinea in 1989 then a hymnal with words and music for the church in Samoa in 1998.

Dr Percy Harrold, associate director of Adventist Health Ministries for the South Pacific Division, recently visited Kiribati for the church's camp-meeting. "I was interested to see groups of people sitting in circles teaching each other the newer hymns," he says. "It was like Christmas, except everyone bought the same present."—**Brenton Stacey**

## Food and beverages key to success of evangelistic series

Christchurch, South New Zealand

Providing food and beverages have proved a key to the success of two evangelistic series in South New Zealand.

Some 500 non-Adventists attended the two series at the Ilam and the St Martins Adventist churches from July 11 to August 2. Forty are now attending prophecy seminars and five are attending worship services.

"Our homemade cookies and hot drinks helped create a relaxing atmosphere and gave church members a chance to talk with those who were visiting," reports Ilam church member Melissa Savage.

The series finished at both churches with a vegetarian dinner.

"We're planning on running a vegetarian cooking demonstration in the next few weeks for those attending the prophecy seminars. We'll follow up with Taking Charge of Your Health and another cooking demonstration next year."

"We're rapt with the results," says Ilam elder John Shearer. But he says Ilam and St Martins minister Rob Granger might not be. "He's running the same prophecy seminar four times—twice at both churches—a week."

Church members paid New Zealand Post to letterbox 116,000 leaflets in Christchurch then volunteered to answer phone calls from 6 am to 12 pm in the 10 days leading up to the two series.

"It was a real team effort," says Mr Shearer. "We used the best people for each job. I was a doorman."—**Brenton Stacey**

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# TRYathlon series seeks volunteers

Berkeley Vale, NSW

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon 2003-04 series starts in Australia during November, and this year includes a series event in Hobart, Tasmania.

"While we are always excited to present the series and cheer kids along in their enjoyment of the event, we also look forward to meeting with mums and dads and working alongside volunteers from community and sporting clubs," says Julie Praestiin, corporate communications manager and event manager. "We especially like working together with volunteers from local Adventist churches."

"The Kids TRYathlon event is an

excellent opportunity for company staff and church members to work side by side in a positive community environment," she says. "Last year, we had conference personnel, youth groups and STORM Co teams join us and we all had fun. We really appreciate their help and support."

Caring, helpful and fun-loving volunteers are vital to the event. It takes some 2000 volunteers to help present the series. Volunteer teams help in areas such as greeting, registration, the event course, finish line and recovery.

"We are particularly keen to ensure we have Sanitarium staff and church members in 'contact' areas to ensure the values and the philosophy of the event are shared with everyone who attends," says Ms Praestiin.



More than 7500 kids participated in the TRYathlon last year with some 28,000 spectators making it Australia's national premier kids event.

"It is a fantastic way to bring down the barriers on people's perception of Sanitarium, and even the Adventist Church.

"We believe the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon connects us in a very real way with our communities and helps achieve our goal of encouraging active, healthy kids," says Ms Praestiin. "Join us!"

If you are over 16 years of age and you

would like to be a TRYathlon volunteer, contact Melissa Bidmead on email at <tryvolunteers@sanitarium.com.au> or phone (02) 4348 7751.

To enter the TRYathlon as a participant go to <www.weetbix.com.au> or phone 1800 989 999.

## TRYathlon: when and where

Central Coast, November 16, 2003

Sydney, November 23, 2003

Canberra, November 30, 2003

Melbourne, February 15, 2004

Hobart, February 29, 2004

Perth, March 14, 2004

Brisbane, April 4, 2004



# Local churches on lookout for young ministers

Wahroonga, NSW

The South Pacific Division (SPD) is asking local church ministers and board members to identify young adults in their congregation whom they consider suitable for ministry.

The church is looking for young adults who:

1. Have a secure, developing relationship with Jesus Christ
2. Show potential for having the appropriate spiritual gifts
3. Have a heart for people, and
4. Relate well to members



Young adults are invited to explore the possibilities of ministry at seminars to be held in November.

of the church and of the community.

"I'm convinced God calls some people to ministry from an early age, but they're often not responding to that call until middle age," says Pastor Anthony Kent, the Ministerial Association secretary for the SPD. "What would have happened to Samuel if it weren't for Eli?"

"We value the range of life skills adults bring to ministry, but we miss the unbridled enthusiasm and vigour young adults bring."

Pastor Kent says the

church also needs ministers with a good understanding of the Australian culture.

"The church in Australia grew by less than 1 per cent last year. We've got to connect more with our communities."

The church is organising two free, one-day seminars for young adults who accept an invitation from their minister. The seminars will be held at the Adventist church in Port Macquarie on November 23, and at the Greater Sydney Conference office on November 30, from 10 am to 3.30 pm.

"We're also happy for young adults to invite themselves," says Pastor Kent.

Phone Pastor Kent on +61 2 9847 3286 for more information about the seminars or for a brochure about entering the ministry.—**Brenton Stacey**

# PNG's missionary factory

by Lee Dunstan

**P**astor Leo Jamby is president of the New Britain New Ireland Mission (NBNIM) off the north coast of mainland Papua New Guinea. Although he comes from Irian Jaya, he's worked his whole life in PNG. This is his third year as president, after more than 30 years in church work.

His wife, Elizabeth, is from the St Matthias Islands group in the New Ireland Province, where the NBNIM headquarters are presently—and temporarily located.

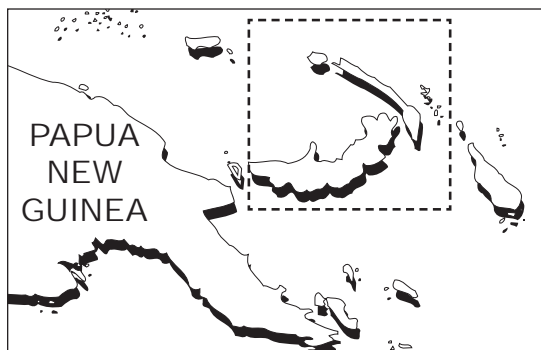
Pastor Jamby admits that the mission has its problems: "They're mainly physical," he says. "We're a physically divided mission—New Britain and New Ireland [see map]—with both using our resources."

The mission has an office in Kavieng, New Ireland, where he is based, and another in Kokopo, near Rabaul, New Britain, operated by the secretary-treasurer. The headquarters moved to Kavieng as a result of the disastrous volcanic eruptions that buried Rabaul in 1994.

The high cost of transport is a major problem. The two offices are separated by some 250 kilometres of water. And many of the church members live on remote islands, some with no public transport.

The heaviest concentration is on the island of Mussau, north-west of Kavieng in the Bismark Sea.

"I have to walk, peddle and paddle," he says. "And I sometimes get stuck in some corner with a breakdown. We have a real



The territory of the New Britain New Ireland Mission.

problem with transport; this is why our mission expenditure is sometimes very high—hiring boats or outboard motors—and the cost of fuel is high. I still try to visit every local district each year. It raises morale and motivates the people.

"We have financial problems, but they're not big. We're growing quickly, with many churches. Baptisms are steady and tithes and offerings are flowing in. But we must control spending."

As in many of PNG's local missions, unpaid school fees is a major problem. And with 19 schools (the largest system in PNG), it's a severe problem. The mission's 16,000 members in 130 or so organised churches and companies are committed to Christian education, says Pastor Jamby.

"They like it. Unfortunately, the people don't have incomes to pay their children's school fees. But they are faithful and honest people; if they had an income, they would pay. They view a Christian education as their heritage; they don't want to let it go, despite funding problems. As president, I try my best to get the income [for schools], but they're already trying their hardest, giving their best.

"This mission is a 'factory' for workers. NBNIM sends workers all over the country—to the Highlands and coastal regions."

The mission employs 21 ministers and 54 teachers. In addition there are a number of volunteers. It's because the mission is producing so many church workers, says Pastor Jamby, that the people are so committed.

Raising living standards and providing income is a priority. This year the mission plans to employ a development officer—a type of stewardship director with a difference—to help people develop long-term reliable incomes. The officer will educate and train people in higher-


income producing pursuits such as fishing, and vanilla and rice production, as well as with traditional coconut, cocoa and rubber growing.

With Pastor Jamby at the mission's helm, with his strong background in evangelism and its tradition as a missionary factory, it is extremely evangelistically minded. It had 19 downlink stations for Mark Finley's NET program in 2001, the largest in the country. "We're proactive regarding evangelism," he says, "and people are coming in. The people are engaged in such things right across the mission."

He laments the lack of pastors, a constraint imposed by the lack of finances. "People need nurturing and leadership; but we don't have the manpower to care for that. My concern is to get a package together to keep our workers, but until then we can't operate as we really want."

On a personal level, he says, he lives by the motto: "My life is my message!"

"In our journey of faith, we're never where we want to be," he says. "But we must make every moment of every day a success for the Lord. We must try to make ourselves 'ever-ready' Christians—ready for His coming at any time.

"For this reason, we should be different to the world—we are the message. That comes from following the message Dwight Nelson gave us in his NET program: 'D-D-D—Daily-Devotional-Dialogue—with Jesus.'" 



Pastor Leo Jamby.

Lee Dunstan is the senior assistant editor of RECORD. This is another in a series of interviews with presidents of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission.



# To drink or not to drink

by Robert H Granger

**H**ow should Seventh-day Adventists respond to the ever-increasing evidence that alcohol consumption is good for one's cardiovascular health? Has the time come for us to permit the moderate consumption of a product that appears to aid coronary health? Is the mounting evidence a cue for us to rethink our stance on strict abstinence?

## Dealing with the evidence

Too many Adventists, including me, have tried to explain away the evidence that alcohol is good for heart health. When it was observed that the purported benefits of alcohol might be restricted to red wine, we quickly picked up on the research showing that phenolic compounds in both fermented and unfermented red grape juice could be responsible. But what can we say now that it appears alcohol itself is the agent behind the cardiovascular benefits?

We have tried to suggest that the true mechanisms behind the so-called French Paradox are elusive. The French Paradox was coined by researchers to explain a paradoxical relationship observed in the French population. The French have higher levels of fat consumption than people in the United States, but enjoy lower levels of heart disease, which is thought to be accounted for by their passion for wine. Or we have doubted the trustworthiness of certain research conclusions by exposing the wine industry as the financial sponsors of some of the highly publicised studies in question.

## Our response

Perhaps the day might come when this scientific evidence is found to be flawed. But in the absence of this reality we must face some challenging questions. Can alcohol provide specific health benefits even though the Bible's authors were



inspired to say that we should eschew "strong drink"? Should the revelations of Ellen White on the subject of temperance generally, and abstinence from consumption of alcoholic beverages specifically, be reinterpreted in the light of "scientific advances"?

We can be proud of our timely and liberating message of total abstinence. But we would do well to lift ourselves out of denial and agree that there are positive cardiovascular benefits that appear to be associated with alcohol consumption. This is hardly a large concession to make, since we have not promoted abstinence because of alcohol's devastating influences on cardiovascular health anyway.

Dr I J Goldberg, writing in an editorial for the *New England Journal of Medicine*, articulates a most encouraging perspective on the subject of the recent alcohol-related hype: "There is, however, insufficient information to encourage patients who do not drink alcohol to start. The data on alcohol and cardiovascular disease are still

correlative, whereas the toxic effects of alcohol are well established.

"Perhaps that is why some studies show a reduction in cardiovascular disease, but not overall mortality, in patients who drink alcoholic beverages. Substitution of one disease for another is not a medical advance. This is especially the case with respect to the prevention of cardiovascular disease, since a number of preventive therapies, such as exercise, smoking cessation, and lowering of cholesterol levels and blood pressure, do not have the undesirable effects of alcohol.

"If alcohol were a newly discovered drug (instead of a drink dating back to the dawn of human history), we can be sure that no pharmaceutical company would develop it to prevent cardiovascular disease. Nor would many physicians use a therapy that might reduce the rate of myocardial infarction by 25 to 50 per cent, but that would result in thousands of additional deaths per year due to cancer, motor vehicle accidents, and liver disease."\*

I used to hear stories about those liberal southern California Adventists and their proclivity to drink alcohol. Having lived in both northern and southern California, I was led by my own observations to the conclusion that this rumor did not live up to its embellished reputation.

Having said that, the Valuegenesis report and other studies performed by competent researchers have uncovered the reality that Adventists are not as abstinent as we may think or desire. The factors behind the initiation and maintenance of drinking among Adventists are many, and certainly beyond the scope of this article to explain. But one thing is sure: we do fail in our ability both to recognise truthfully the positives that alcohol does have to offer, and to suggest healthier alternatives.

### Why I don't drink

This is not a scientific treatise as to why we shouldn't drink alcohol, though there is a place for such articles. Instead, I would like to list seven of many reasons I choose to live an alcohol-free lifestyle. I believe that our friends often wish to hear our story, and not the church's position, as to why we choose to abstain from alcohol.

**1. Abstinence is a great conversation starter.** While we worked around the gross anatomy dissection table during my first year of medical school, the conversation among my classmates turned to the anticipated activities for the weekend. Not surprisingly their plans centred largely on alcohol.

When I asked them what it was like to feel drunk, they were surprised to hear that I had never been drunk. But there was a stunned silence when they learned that not only had I never been drunk; I hadn't even knowingly had a single drink! We then engaged in a friendly and lively discussion about the pros and cons of alcohol consumption. Some of them even admitted that they wished alcohol did not play such a dominant role in their lives.

**2. The thought of addiction scares me.** I know enough theory about how addictions develop to realise that I could be an easy victim to alcohol. Let's be honest. Alcoholic beverages have not had global esteem across the millennia simply because of their physical properties, such as aroma, colour and viscosity. Because humans

naturally attempt to avoid pain and seek pleasure, it's the gratifying sensations derived from altering the functions of the central nervous system that give alcohol its wide popularity.

The mind-modifying triad of alcohol, caffeine and nicotine has almost universal acceptance, and it's not easy to ignore their presence or their influences. Just because alcohol is legal and socially acceptable



doesn't make it any less a dangerous drug of addiction.

Although genes may have a role in predisposing some persons to alcohol, let's be absolutely clear that the human body has no physiological requirement for alcohol. Vitamin A is not an abbreviation for vitamin alcohol. Dependence upon alcohol is formed through a process of exposure followed by tolerance, leading to an artificial physiological requirement for alcohol.

**3. Alcohol is hard on the body.** There's no question that I avoid alcohol because it is toxic to body tissues. I used to demonstrate to schoolchildren how alcohol can denature the structure of protein in the body. I did this by taking some pure ethanol alcohol and mixing it with the white of a chicken egg. Try it for yourself, and see what happens.

The protein of the white actually turns white as its structure undergoes significant and irreversible change. Although people

don't usually drink 100 per cent alcohol, it is reasonable to expect that less potent drinks will still interact with body tissues in a way that isn't always healthy.

**4. I can't afford to drink.** It's an eye-opener to scan the price list of the wine menu in restaurants. Alcohol products don't come cheap. It's not unusual for my friends to go through a few bottles of reasonable-quality wines and at least a dozen cans of beer each week. Their alcohol bill is at least half of my food bill each week! We complain about the price of petrol for our cars, but most don't mind paying 30 or more times that amount per litre for a drink. I'm happy for my money to be spent on other things.

**5. I don't mind being different.** During my youth I tried to conceal my non-drinking status. I'm now happy to talk about my nondrinking lifestyle as much as drinkers are happy to talk about theirs. People respect you for adopting a stance that is so contrary to popular practices.

From newly made acquaintances on a plane flight to work associates and family, I've had tremendous opportunities to share a lifestyle that is liberating. Whenever I hear someone say they don't drink, I usually ask them why they've made such a choice. No matter what the reasons, I will always congratulate them for their choice.

Your alcohol-free lifestyle is probably admired by more people than you may realise. Jesus had a ministry that was so influential because His teachings and personal lifestyle were in perfect harmony. And here lies the secret of personal witness: our friends will be attracted to the positive attributes of our lifestyle when they see that not only is our profession in alignment with our lifestyle, but that it also benefits us. We can't denigrate the negative aspects of their lifestyle and believe that this is what it means to show them a better way.

**6. Alcohol induces destructive behaviours.** I never need to worry about finding a taxi or an alternative driver after my social events. It's nice to know that my choice of beverage doesn't increase the risk of harm to my passengers or others on the roads.

Alcohol is a substantial culprit in domestic violence, road accidents, workplace accidents, vandalism, promiscuity,


poor business decisions and so much more. In a recent social event at our local university, alcohol was blamed for the behaviour of medical students involved in a rampage that led to significant damage and looting in the clinical school and hospital. It appears that alcohol will now be restricted or removed from such events in the future.

**7. God wants my whole (and sober) mind.** If someone asked why you don't drink and you responded by saying you have an allergy to alcohol, that would be considered quite acceptable. Or if you said there was a strong family history of alcoholism and you didn't want to take the risk, that would be fine too. If you indicated that the smell or taste of alcohol was yucky, that would be OK as well.

But if you responded by saying that you don't drink because the Bible speaks against the consumption of alcohol, you can be assured of further interrogation!

I'm prepared to trust what God has revealed in His Word. He made me, and He knows what is best for me. I honestly have no idea whether alcohol would help or hinder my connection with the divine realm since I have never used alcohol. I suspect, though, when looking to Scripture and to the experiences of others as a guide, that alcohol would hinder my relationship with God.

Most of us have witnessed the ruinous effects of alcohol on interpersonal relationships. It therefore seems reasonable that alcohol could have a negative bearing on a divine relationship.

I'm grateful for being raised in a home without alcohol, providing me with a foundation from which to make an informed decision about alcohol use. But when all the uplifting influences of family, church membership, friends and education were considered, I still had to make a choice. And I'm totally satisfied with my choice. 

\* I J Goldberg, "To drink or not to drink?" New England Journal of Medicine 348 (2003), pages 163-4.

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# The ninth hour

by Wendy A Millen

The judgment hall, the temple courts,  
The streets—all strangely still.  
The multitude is watching now  
The centre cross on Calvary's hill.

Forgotten is their recent praise;  
Their king upon a colt.  
"Crown Him!" becomes "Crucify!"  
Past homage, loud revolt.

The eighth hour passes. Insults cease.  
Brief wonder as they hear  
"Father, forgive." But darkened minds  
Again reject, ignore or jeer.

The wind is rising. Clouds appear.  
The day becomes as night.  
The thunder rolls, the hillside quakes  
As nature veils the sight.

Creation pauses, listening . . .  
"Tis done," the Saviour cries.  
And yielding to his Father's will,  
He bows His head and dies.

And I, who gaze in retrospect, and listen to that prayer,  
Can either offer Him my heart or leave Him hanging there.

Wendy A Millen writes from Thornlie, WA.

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**2 Samuel 17:29-34 and  
2 Samuel 19:31-39**



Peta Taylor

## Theological thinking

Scott Charlesworth, NSW

With a heavy reliance on Revelation 9:4, Graeme Loftus's "Spiritual dynamics at the end of time" (Feature, September 13) departs from our church's understanding, without an explanation of the period of Revelation 9:15 or reference to the rise of Adventism in chapter 10 and the investigative judgment of 11:15-19.

Despite a commendable emphasis on the seal of God—the present truth for the last days—there's also an incorrect identification of the covenant seal of promise of Romans 4:11, 2 Corinthians 1:22 and Ephesians 1:13 received at conversion with the seal of protection of Revelation 7:2, 3.

Space, no doubt, mitigated against a detailed exegesis, but ignoring the counter-evidence doesn't indicate a balanced treatment or inspire confidence.

John Morris, NSW

A review of the fifth and sixth trumpets of Revelation 8 and 9 would do well to note the comment contained in *The Bible Commentary*: "Commentators and theologians in general have been greatly divided over the meaning of the 5th and 6th trumpets . . . due principally to problems in three areas: (1) the meaning of the symbolism itself; (2) the meaning of the Greek; (3) the historical events and dates involved" (Vol 7, page 796).

In adopting a futurist approach to the fifth and sixth trumpets, Graeme Loftus has

missed quite a fascinating fulfilment of prophecy calculated by Josiah Litch in 1838. Litch calculated that according to the time frame of Revelation 9 of, first, five months and, second, an hour, a day, a month and a year, that the Ottoman Empire would fall in 1840, in the month of August.

Ellen White, in *The Great Controversy*, writes that "at the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction [of

Jesus and our relationship with Him, not to Himself (see John 16:14).

Loyalty to God is the issue of the last days, and keeping His commandments is evidence of that. Believers' commandment-keeping is linked with Jesus—the "testimony of Jesus Christ" and the "faith of Jesus" (Revelation 12:17, 14:12), identification marks provided by God. Revelation pays little attention to spiritual gifts enjoyed by God's people; rather, it contrasts the counterfeit signs (16:14; 19:20) with loyalty.

God's people need a renewed appreci-

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Revelation 9]" (page 335).

Max Hatton, WA

It isn't the emphasis of Scripture that we have the law written in our hearts and minds after we're filled with the Holy Spirit. We make our decision to obey God when we surrender to Jesus. The Holy Spirit encourages us in making this decision, and then we receive the fullness of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is given to those who already obey God (Acts 5:32).

Neither is it a true scriptural indicator to say that obedience to the commandments is the outward indication of a true inner experience with the Holy Spirit. It is the outward indicator of the true inner experience with Jesus. The Holy Spirit—the Inspirer of Scripture—draws attention to

ation of whom Jesus really is and what He has done and is doing for us. A greater love for Him followed by a sincere dedication to His service will see a greater infilling of the Holy Spirit, which naturally follows.

R F Earle, SA

There's reason to believe Revelation 11:15-19 is not the Second Coming. Following the announcement that the "Lord God Almighty" has "taken [His] great power and reigned" (verses 15 and 17), the elders react by falling on their faces and thanking God that the time of His "wrath has come" (verse 18).

I suggest they're glad because the time had come for the "angels having the seven last plagues" to empty their bowls upon the earth, after which the "wrath of God is complete" (15:1). This being the case, Revelation 11:15 is the close of probation rather than the Second Coming.

As far as I've observed, all Bible commentators fail to identify the third woe of Revelation 8:13. They agree that the first two are the traumas following the fifth and sixth trumpets and that the third woe follows the seventh trumpet, but they fail to reach the natural conclusion, namely, that the third woe is none other than the seven last plagues and hence the time of trouble of Daniel 12:1.

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## Anniversary

**Raymond/Michel.** About 150 guests celebrated a double golden wedding anniversary for Stephen and Lina (nee Wesley) Raymond, and Luc and Nad'ège (nee Raymond) Michel on 10.8.03 at the Wahroonga church, followed by a reception at MGSM Lachlan Restaurant, Ryde. An important part of the celebration included



donations made by families and guests towards the Australian Cancer Research Foundation (\$A1,715) and the Heart Foundation (\$A1,610). Luc and Nad'ège were married on 6.8.53 at the Rose Hill church, Mauritius, while Stephen and Lina were married on 10.8.53 at the Beau Bassin church, Mauritius, by the same pastor, Jean Belloy. The Raymonds and Michels have retired in Sydney, NSW, and attend the Stanmore church.

## Appointments

Avondale College appointments 2004:

- **Jodie Baird**, to teach lower primary, Darling Downs Christian School, South Queensland Conference (SQC), Australian Union Conference (AUC).
- **Michelle Bergmann**, to treasury department, South Pacific Division.
- **Stuart Clark**, to ministerial intern, North New Zealand Conference, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC).
- **Kenton Ghona**, to assistant accountant, Papua New Guinea Union Mission.
- **Juanita Harder**, to teach home ec/design technology, Macquarie College, North New South Wales Conference (NNSW), AUC.
- **Andrew McCrostie**, to ministerial intern, Victorian Conference (VC), AUC.
- **Justin Martin**, to teach middle primary, Gilson College, VC, AUC.
- **Valerian Mohanu**, to ministerial intern, VC, AUC.
- **Daniel Przybylko**, to ministerial intern, Greater Sydney Conference, AUC.
- **Heidi Randall**, to teach infants, Brisbane Adventist College, SQC, AUC.
- **Lea-Anne Smith**, to ministerial intern, NNSW, AUC.
- **Sekope Uhila**, to ministerial intern, NNZC, NZPUC.

## Appreciation

**Stratford**, Jeanie Craig and Bob Stratford, with their families, wish to publicly thank the many friends who expressed their sympathies in many different ways at the passing of a beloved friend, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, the late Pastor Roy Stratford.

## Weddings

**Bazely—Wilson.** Scott James Bazely, son of Michael (Sydney, NSW) and Susan Bazely (Bunbury, WA), and Justyne Margaret Wilson, daughter of Bruce (Brisbane, Qld) and Elaine Wilson (Gladstone), were married on 24.8.03 at Glen Huon, Tas.

Mike Browning

**Hodge—Mattingley.** Brett James Hodge, son of Peter and Kay Hodge (Christchurch, SNZ), and Yvette Mattingley, daughter of Glenn and Antoinette Mattingley (nee Epps, Brisbane, Qld), were married on 29.9.03 in St Andrews church, South Brisbane.

Bob Possingham

**Menkens—Morm.** Daniel John Menkens, son of Errol and Glenda Menkens (Mount Vince, via Mackay, Qld), and Viratha Morm, daughter of Sophang Morm and Sythol Duer (Kratie Province, Cambodia), were married on 20.10.02 in the grounds of the groom's parents' home.

Jeff Poots

**O'Donnell—Masters.** Mark Joshua O'Donnell, son of Anthony and Shayne O'Donnell (Sydney, NSW), and Elissa Jane Masters, daughter of Robert and Eleanor Masters (Martinsville), were married on 21.9.02 at a private residence in Martinsville.

David Erickson

**Russell—Iredale.** Paul Eric Russell, son of Trevor and Barbara Russell (NSW), and Andrea Sue Iredale, daughter of Adrian and Wendy Iredale (Cooranbong), were married on 13.4.03 in St Patrick's of Nulka church, Pokolbin.

David Erickson

**Saunders—Strong.** Nicholas Ryan Saunders, son of Paul and Joy Saunders (Piora, via Casino, NSW), and Erin Renee Strong, daughter of Russel and Debra Strong (Stratheden, via Casino), were married on 14.9.03 in the Casino Adventist church.

Paul von Bratt

**Thomas—Pascoe.** Matthew Slade Thomas, son of Roy and Jill Thomas (Central Coast, NSW), and Jennifer Maree Pascoe, daughter of Allan and Marjorie Pascoe (Central Coast), were married on 28.9.03 in the Wahroonga Adventist church, Sydney.

Geoff Youlden

## Obituaries

**Duffy**, Clare Daphne, born 8.7.1918 in Sydney, NSW; died 29.8.03 at Victoria Point, Qld. On 21.7.40 she married Ron, who predeceased her on 6.4.84. She is sur-

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vived by her children, Beverley Chester (Cooranbong, NSW), Gladys Waters, Helen Kendall (Brisbane, Qld), Norm Duffy and Glenda Duffy; her nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

John Lee

**Eschberger**, Joachim Egon, born 11.9.1928 at Leipzig, Germany; died 3.9.03 in the Eye and Ear Hospital, Melbourne, Vic. Joe survived a violent upbringing, causing him serious deafness early in life, to dodge the Nazis and escape from communist East Germany through a river in 1960. Working in Melbourne as a joiner and glazier, he made contact with Adventists. In the 1980s he moved to Mildura and witnessed and worshipped regularly. Despite his violent upbringing and profound deafness, Joe maintained a peace and joy envied by many.

Tim Kingston

**Fowler**, Thelma, born 7.10.1919 at Ouyen, Vic; died 31.8.03 in Box Hill Hospital. In 1945 she married Tom. She was predeceased by her daughter, Cheryl, on 4.2.01. She is survived by her husband (Nunawading); her children, Marilyn McIntyre (Bendigo) and Gary (Singleton, NSW); her grandchildren, Andrew, Kerrily, Jesse and Lorinda.

Trevor Rowe

**Hill**, May Estelle (nee Pateman), born 22.1.1908 in Perth, WA; died 6.9.03 in Sherwin Lodge, Rossmoyne. On 11.4.31 she married Clem, who predeceased her in 1986. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Milton and Val (Canning Vale); and her grandsons, Greg, Scott and Craig. May by nature was a quiet, caring and fun-loving person. She supported her husband, Clem, in his work for the church in the South New Zealand, South Australian and Victorian Conferences. May showed practical Christian help to others.

Steven Goods, Anthony MacPherson

**Jones**, Reginald Bernard, born 8.4.1931 at Gympie, Qld; died 28.8.03 at home in Kearsley, NSW. On 12.1.52 he married Carmel. He is survived by his wife (Kearsley); his children and their spouses, Rowena and Kevin (Nth Qld), Len and Pam,

Karen and Dale (all of NSW); his sisters and spouse, Eynonne, Caroline and Lorry; his brothers, Harry and Gordon (all of Qld); his eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Reg showed great courage and faith as his health deteriorated over the past six years. He was a faithful church member and will be missed by many.

Peter Theuerkauf

**Keen**, Arthur Vincent, born 21.3.1902 in York, England; died 3.9.03 in Redlands Hospital, Qld. In 1928 he married Vera, who predeceased him on 6.3.78. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Dulcie and Don Clarke (Wamuran); his two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. As a young man in England, Vince worked in a coalmine and was a member of the Colliery Rescue Brigade. In 1926 he migrated to Australia and worked in market gardening near Melbourne. In 1941 he went to the Warburton Health Care Centre to care for the grounds. He spent his last 20 years in active retirement at the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Qld. He was a true man of God.

Laurie Evans, John Lee

**Larsen**, Vivian Roland (Viv), born 28.2.1922 at Frankton, Hamilton, NNZ; died 21.8.03 at Palmerston North. He is survived by his wife, Eva (nee Griffin); his sons, Glenn and Errol (both of Palmerston North); his daughter, Karen Arcus (Auckland); and his five grandchildren. Viv and his family attended a tent mission in Whangarei run by Pastor Vic Novely and Rex Robinson, and was baptised in 1951. He awaits the call of the Lord.

Anton van Wyk

**McClintock**, Clifford, born 24.8.1916 at Timaru, SNZ; died 4.9.03 at Richmond. On 14.4.41 he married Rita, who predeceased him in 1978. He is survived by his children, Max (Malvern, Vic), Barry (Rangiora, SNZ) and Caryl Stanley (Morisset Park, NSW). Cliff had been a faithful member of the Timaru church for many years. His retirement years were spent in the beautiful setting of Ruby Bay.

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**Millar,** Nora May (nee Hopping), born 7.2.1914 at Tamworth, NSW; died 29.8.03 in Hobart, Tas. In 1944 she married Hugh, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her 19-year-old son, Bruce. She is survived by her sons and their spouses, Brian and Helen (Dunalley), Warren and Charmaine (Coffs Harbour, NSW), and Murray and Ruth (Woolongong). Nora was a committed and caring mother, who will be sadly missed by her family. She was also a very committed Christian and faithful to her Lord. She is very fondly remembered by the members of the Margate (Tas) church.  
*Mike Browning*

**Mulvaney,** Wayne John, born 12.9.1968; died 23.4.02 at Manly beach, NSW. He is survived by his partner, Natasha Byrne; and his two-year-old daughter, Haelyn Mulvaney (both of Dora Creek). Wayne lived life to the max and did nothing by halves.  
*David Erickson*

**Phillips,** Howard Edmund, born 27.12.1916; died 9.9.03 in Mount Olivet Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. On 26.3.40 he married Elma Walker. He is survived by his wife; his son and daughter-in-law, Elwyn and Elrene, his daughter, Aldyth; his two grandchildren; and his three great-grandchildren. For many years Howard worked at the Sanitarium Health Food factory in Cooranbong, NSW. He was later sent to Brisbane, Qld, to establish the first SHF company there. He later returned to Cooranbong and helped in the laboratory, trying to develop Marmite in place of the English

Marmite. He will be missed by his family and many friends.  
*Tom Turner*

**Ridout,** Alice Mary, born 27.12.1921 in Kent, England; died 17.8.03 in the Tully Hospital, Qld. She is survived by her daughter, Miriam Pappalardo; and her three grandchildren. Alice lived her earlier years in Tamworth, NSW, and her latter years in Tully, Qld. She will be sadly missed by her family, church family and friends.  
*Roger Ward, Dana Howard*

**Sheedy,** Helen Clarice (nee Longney), born 1.10.1911 at Colac, Vic; died 4.7.03 at Cooranbong, NSW. In 1936 she married Reginald, who predeceased her in 1980. She was also predeceased by her daughter, Janice, in 1996. She is survived by her son, Daryl. Nell lived in the same house for 90 years. She was a woman who supported many charities and lived her faith in God in a very open way.  
*David Erickson*

**Sprengel,** Dr Reuben Albert, born 7.8.1920 at Cooranbong, NSW; died 5.9.03 at Fresno, California, USA. He was predeceased by his parents, Dr Albert and Sybil Sprengel; also his brother, Erwin. He is survived by his wife, Helen (nee Tarasenko); his children and their spouses, Kaye and Dr Frank Whitney (Sonora, California), and Dr Jeanie Sprengel Rogers and Dr Frank Rogers (Redlands); his sister and brother-in-law Fernella and Richard Labins (Tyler, Texas); and his seven grandchildren. Dr Sprengel loved

his profession, caring always for the good health and happiness of his patients. He delivered thousands of babies in Thailand and California. He was also an avid amateur radio operator.  
*Don Roth*

**Stratford,** Ian Roy, born 20.2.1916 at Warburton, Vic; died 28.8.03 at Wahroonga, NSW. On 7.10.40 he married Ivy Butcher, who predeceased him on 4.4.2000. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Doreen, in 1944. He is survived by his son, Bob (Sydney); and his daughter, Jeanie Craig (Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA). From 1937 until 1980 Roy and Ivy faithfully served the church through the Sydney Adventist Hospital, the Sanitarium Health Food Company, the mission field and five homeland conferences. In the words of Pastor Claude Judd, "Roy was a well-organised, well-dressed, happy, courteous, Christian gentleman."  
*John Lee, Bob Possingham*

**Tan,** Lim Hong, born 22.8.1923; died 10.8.03 in Mackay Base Hospital. On 28.3.47 he married Lei Wan Tam, who predeceased him on 29.9.02. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Roslyn and Lok Shim, Albert (Singapore), Paul (Malaysia), Pauline (Honolulu, Hawaii), Kathleen (Munich, Germany); his brother, Lim Hong Hai; his sisters, Lim Swee Jee and Lim Swee Chan; and his 11 grandchildren. In 1978 Lim retired as Chief Inspector of the Malaysian Royal Police Force. He was a very much loved father, grandfather and uncle.  
*Bill Blundell*

**Webb,** Anne Lucy Rosina (nee Hess), born in 1906 at Proserpine, Qld; died 7.9.03 in Forest View Nursing Home, Chatswood, NSW. In 1946 she married Robert, who predeceased her. She is survived by her daughter, Lynette Youlden (Warrabee). Lucy embraced the Adventist message with her family and was one of the first converts to Adventism from Proserpine. The hope of the coming of Jesus burned very brightly in her heart.  
*Ian Howie, Geoff Youlden*

**Wright,** Alice (nee Atkinson), born 8.11.1923 at Yandina, Qld; died 30.8.03 in the Kilcoy Hospital. On 8.1.44 she married Den, who predeceased her in November 2002. She is survived by her daughters and their spouses, May and Rolf (Kilcoy), and Carol and Jim (Maleny); her six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Alice was an active member of the Yandina church, involved in welfare. She did a lot of sewing, especially for young children. She was a gentle lady, who loved Jesus and found great hope in Him.  
*Mark Pearce*

**Wyett,** Ernest Stanley, born 3.4.1911 in Adelaide, SA; died 9.8.03 in St Andrews Hospital, Adelaide. On 7.11.36 he married Gwen, who died 21.6.03. He is survived by his children, Elizabeth Vorbach and Dr John Wyett (both of Adelaide); his seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Stan was a committed church member, respected gentleman and articulate leader; loved and admired by many. He was Adelaide University's accountant for three decades.  
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