

# RECORD



*Pastor Richard Elofer from the Israel Field led a seminar on Jewish outreach in Melbourne, October 2-5. With him is Heather Andersen, coordinator for the Israelite Heritage Institute of Australia, WA.*

## Jewish outreach on agenda

*Nunawading, Vic*

**F**ourteen people met in Victoria for training in Jewish outreach under the guidance of the president of the Israel Field from October 2 to 5. Most attending came from Victoria, with one from Western Australia and another from Queensland.

Pastor Richard Elofer has overseen dramatic growth to the Adventist Church in Israel in the past few years to 1500 church members in 30 congregations—some 500 of them Jews. Last year 148 were baptized; this year, to August, more than 100 have been baptized.

“There are 100,000 Jews in Australia; how many know the Adventist Church?” asks Pastor Elofer. “They don’t know us. We have to go to Jewish people; we need to speak with them.”

He reports that there has also been gradual growth in certain parts of the world, and outside Israel are seven Adventist Jewish temples where Jews can worship in an environment familiar to them. Four of them are found in the United States and three in Brazil.

“This was a very good training seminar in how to relate to Jewish people,” reports Roger Dawkins, head of the Israelite Heritage Institute of Australia, which sponsored the seminar. “It outlined the successful approach in Israel and the reliance needed on God, on prayer and the Holy Spirit.”

Pastor Elofer has adopted a simple approach that the Adventist Church’s “mission is to announce Jesus to Jews.”—**Bruce Manners**

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# Spot the mistake

In the wake of the hype over Matthew Hayden's record 380-run innings in Perth, there's room for some reflection. According to my 1996 *New Guinness Book of Records*, the previous best test score was by West Indian Brian Lara's unbeaten 375 against England, at St John's, in 1994. (He continues to hold the highest first-class innings—a score of 501 in 1969, in an English county match.)

The *New Guinness* contains a plethora of cricketing records, including some less heroic, like the lowest score for an innings and match. For Zimbabwe, there's some consolation, for theirs wasn't the worst defeat in history by far.

I'm not sure that Stephen Pile has the same authority as Mr Guinness or Mr Wisden, but in his book *The Return of Heroic Failures* (Penguin, 1989) he describes "The Heaviest Cricket Defeat" (first-class match) as one played in December 1964, at Lahore, Pakistan. Playing for the Ayub Trophy, the Dera Khan XI were up against "a run-crazed Railways XI, who batted until lunchtime on the third day," Pile says. "It was one dreary, predictable six after another for hours on end till they were all out for 851.

"Out came Dera Ismail Khan in fine fettle. In no time the game was alive with thrills and excitement. Their first innings was a model of economy (they were all out for 32) and in the second innings they were all out for an even more thrilling 27."

Then there's Rugby Union, which at present has half of Australia hooked (all of it, in Kiwiland), as the game they (allegedly) play in heaven plays nightly on television. There have already been some embarrassing defeats there too, like England's decimation of Georgia 84-6.

Embarrassing? What about Mombasa

Football Club, who, in 1974, flew to Uganda to play the Nairobi Harlequins, only to discover that they'd passed them on the way, the Harlequins having driven to Mombasa in a fleet of cars!

But the all-time honour must go to the Abingdon and Didcot teams, who, according to Pile, in January 1983 "went straight into the record book when referee, Police Sergeant Peter Richmond, sent both teams off with five minutes left to play." Sick of their poor on-pitch behaviour, he blew the whistle. (According to the players, "There'd been a bit of a scuffle.")

So one doesn't have to make a classy score like Hayden to be remembered. Stupidity, a dismal performance and pathetic behaviour can still engender immortality, at least in the books of record.

And that brings me back to Stephen Pile's description of the Ayub Trophy match between Dera Ismail and Railways XI. In fact, according to my *New Guinness*, Railways were not all out at all, but declared with four wickets still in hand.

Alas, even the greatest among us make mistakes, but the cliché is correct—ours, er, mine, in *RECORD* and *Signs*, are there in black and white! And I know some readers are out there are keeping track, because they write telling us. I received one recently. But I don't need a note to point out my error, for the moment a freshly minted *RECORD* or *Signs* lands on my desk having completed its journey from desk to press, any mistake it contains immediately leaps off the page and grasps me by the throat! Like stating that Dietrich Bonhoeffer spent time in Dachau (Editorial, September 27). Wrong! He was in the Buchanwald and Flossenbürg concentration camps. (What is in Dachau is a *memorial* to the theologian, which I've

visited and photographed.)

And, unfortunately, there are more.

In my funny file, I have an executive's flow chart for dealing with mistakes, which uses the binary computer-style system of decision-making—a yes/no response to a series of questions, with directions to the next solution, depending on your answer.

Question 1: "Does anyone else know about this?" (Yes/No) Yes! OK . . .

Question 2: "Can you blame it on anyone else? (Yes/No) No! . . .

Question 3 . . .

Well, make a mistake in *RECORD*, and everyone knows about it; there's also no blaming anyone else, and it's permanent. That's why, rather than wasting time and energy looking for a scapegoat or a mat to sweep it under, I prefer to follow the sage advice of an elder who said, "The best way to deal with your mistakes is to admit them." (Thanks, Bruce.) And if your mistake is serious, that's not easy. But it is always necessary.

Editorial mistakes are not sins, although we'd prefer to commit neither, but I'm glad it's God who deals with the latter and not some of our readers.

In life God allows us to make embarrassing "typos," errors of judgment, to choose poorly and participate in bad behaviour, but He also says that once confessed, He'll consign the same to the ocean's depths. And, "though your sins are like scarlet," He promises, "they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18, NKJV).



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- Adventist tertiary lecturers gain further qualifications
- SHF burger production increases
- Two churches into one in Adelaide
- Adventist authors in new Christian book
- and more

—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● A lecturer in music at Avondale College has beaten 15 contenders to win one of two prizes for the **best post-graduate research paper in music education** in Australia this year. **Sharon**



**Tolhurst's** (pictured) paper—a report on a seven-week study conducted at a New York

university assessing the value of short-term professional development experience in musical conducting—forms part of her Deakin University Doctor of Education research and was presented at the 25th Annual Conference of the Australian Association for Research in Music Education in Brisbane in September.

● **Pacific Adventist University** (PAU) has **another doctor on staff** with the recent graduation of **Jillian Thiele** (pictured), with a



Doctor of Education from La Sierra University on the topic, “Papua New Guinea English: The evolution of a new

English.” Her dissertation and presentation earned her the Dean’s Award in recognition of the outstanding quality and contribution of her dissertation. For the past three years, Dr Thiele undertook her doctoral studies while working full time as a lecturer in the School of Arts and Humanities at PAU in Papua New Guinea.

## Educators glean gold in NNZ



September 19–21 saw the culmination of a vision born in the hearts of a number of early childhood (EC) specialists in New Zealand, with the inaugural Early Childhood Convention at Tui Ridge.

Organised by the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference’s (NZPUC) Education Department, more than 50 early childhood teachers from seven Adventist EC centres attended, along with staff from private centres and Children’s Ministries coordinators.

“The weekend was an inspiration to all present as time was spent exploring the ‘Moments of gold’ that are so much a part of work with little ones,” reports Lanelle Cobbin, education curriculum specialist and coordinator of Children’s Ministries for the NZPUC. “Participants gleaned gold from exploring issues such as visioning, teamwork and positive discipline. Creative demonstrations of Bible stories and new insights into the power of object lessons from nature helped to cement new ways of thinking in the minds of the leaders.”

One participant says, “It was wonderful to spend time with people who have children’s learning and welfare at heart and are passionate about preparing them for Jesus’ return. We really look forward to the next convention.”

“We’re really excited by the continued expansion into this new arena of Adventist education and for the new opportunities it provides for evangelism,” says Owen Ellis, director of the NZPUC Education Department. “An early childhood board has been established by the NZPUC to govern our special character, develop policies and assist with curriculum for the centres, to ensure we are true to our mission.”

● Sanitarium Health Food Company has sold more than **1.8 million vegetarian patties** to McDonald’s Australia. The Australian restaurant group launched a new “Salads Plus” menu in August that included the vegetarian burger option (Newsfront, August 9). The new menu appears to be one of McDonald’s most successful new initiatives of 2003, already accounting for 10 per cent of the company’s total sales. **Sanitarium has**

**increased production of the burger patty** for McDonald’s as a result of higher demand.—ANN

● The **Prospect church and Spanish company** in Adelaide, SA, recently **amalgamated** and became the Prospect International SDA church. Both groups shared a minister, Pastor **Miguel Flamenco**, and it became “obvious” to merge the two groups, reports **Joan Moreau**, communication secretary. “Among other things, the merger enables us to combine our talents in outreach programs in both English and Spanish using a loop system with 20 headphones and a team of interpreters.” Pastor **Garry Hodgkin**, president, and **Garry McIver**, secretary-treasurer of the South Australian Conference, officiated at the official merger service.

● Three **Adventist authors** have been included in the latest inspirational Christian book *Australian Stories for the*

*Spirit*. Articles by Pastor **Grenville Kent**, from Sydney, NSW, and **Nathan Brown**, from Townsville, Qld, were adapted from features that appeared in *Signs of the Times*. The chapter by Dr **John Ashton**, from Newcastle, NSW, was an original for the book. He has a feature coming out in the December issue of *Signs*. The book aims to bring spiritual refreshment and will be available through Adventist Book Centres.

● The **Signs Publishing Company building** in Warburton, Vic, was featured in the Winter edition of *Spirit of Progress*—**journal of the Art Deco Society**—in an

article by Alan Holman, Signs's print marketing manager. Signs was designed by Edward Billson, a pupil of Walter Burley Griffin, the architect who designed Canberra. The **building is**

**heritage listed** and has been visited and photographed by people from the Monash faculty of architecture in the past.



## Students go green

**M**other Nature would have been proud of the students at Newbold College in Binfield, UK, recently. Newbold's first ever Environmental Awareness Week, organised by the Newbold College Green Team, challenged students and staff to be more environmentally friendly.



Students were reminded of different aspects of environmentalism, ranging from power conservation to recycling.

Posters were put up around campus and chalk drawings on footpaths directed people to the nearest bin for their rubbish.

The Environmental Awareness Week took on a much larger scale when international environmental watchdog Greenpeace sent a representative to speak at the weekly Tuesday morning assembly.

"Newbold is a place where change can be made that could possibly affect a larger community," says Angela Matthews, leader of the Green Team. "With our international community, any change started here will be spread around the world with the people who eventually leave Newbold. Getting students to be more environmentally aware may be on a small scale here, but it will lead to large-scale changes elsewhere."—*Melody Tan/BUC News*

● The Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in the **Philippines** now has **14 students enrolled** in its **first online program**, which will lead to a **Master of Public Health degree**. The school's online courses have been planned since 2001, and it is the first Adventist church institution outside of North America to offer an Internet-based distance-learning program, officials say.—ANN

● **Tithe is up, but world mission giving is down**, according to a recent General Conference treasury report. While **world mission offerings decreased**, the total amount of money given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 2002 was more than in 2001, despite a decreasing market economy. Tithes and offerings showed a 3.2 per cent increase, from 2001 to 2002. World mission offerings decreased 3.3 per cent.—ANN

● An Internet site that will lead people to **online, self-grading Bible studies in their language** was launched during Annual Council in the USA. Those who visit <[www.hopetalk.org](http://www.hopetalk.org)> from the South Pacific region will find links to Adventist Media Centre, Wairoonga, NSW, Voice of Prophecy, PNG, Voice of Hope, New Caledonia, and the Bible Correspondence School in the Solomon Islands.

● Pope John Paul II has strongly **defended priestly celibacy as an "esteemed gift,"** "an integral part of a priest's life." He appeared to brush aside suggestions that the Catholic Church might reconsider its ban on married priests. "Today's clergy must be careful not to adopt the secular view of priesthood as a profession, a career and a means of earning a living. Rather, the clergy must see the priesthood as a vocation to selfless, loving service, embracing wholeheartedly the esteemed gift of celibacy and all that this involves."—*Crosswalk.com*

## Days and offerings

**November 2**—Adventist Book Centre Open Day (NSW/ACT is on Nov 9).

**November 8**—World Mission Budget Offering (Go One Million).

## Off the record

Recent retirees from the Papua New Guinea Union Mission are:

●Abo, Nelson ●Amaiua, Pastor Billy ●Baulelua, Lorna ●Bisa, Pastor Joshua ●Foforo, Pastor Amos ●Galo, Moses ●Gilo, Andrew ●Hakut, Mellie ●Haihavu, Elizabeth ●Hawatu, Pastor Hayoge ●Iamu, Seth ●Karena, Micah ●Kemo'o, Maua ●Loe, Pastor Jeffrey ●Mase, Pastor Walter ●Namura, Pastor Samuel ●Nathaniel, Pastor Francis ●Poloat, Kove ●Seine, Pastor Newton ●Siupea, Zaccheus ●Vai, Alfred ●Wai, Pastor Matthew ●Warioka, Pastor Paul ●Yudah, Pastor Sanny.

A recent retiree from the New Zealand Pacific Union Mission is:

●Teuru, Tetuahau.

● Retired minister Pastor **Bryan Wood** (pictured, right) recently received a **Making a Difference Award** from Hon Sheila McHale (pictured), Minister for Disability Services, WA. The citation reads: "Bryan has **dedicated many years to the disability sector**. The father of a daughter with disability, he was invited 10 years ago to take over and assist the agency, Kira, which was struggling at the time. . . .

Bryan is possibly more active now than he was before he retired in 1992, working with the organisations **Adventist Special Families** and **Valued Independent People** to ensure he does all he can to make a difference to the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and their families."—*Larry Laredo*



● The Dorcas and Community Services committees from the **Dandenong Polish** church, Vic, exceeded their own expectations when they **raised \$A5000 to help Asian Aid support orphans** by holding an evening concert that included a cake and flower sale.

## First official church statement on employer—employee relationships

For the first time in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church a statement of guidelines for employer and employee relationships was voted for the worldwide church.

The document was presented on October 14 during Annual Council, a meeting of delegates from each of the church's 13 world divisions, and unanimously agreed upon by the church's executive committee.

"This document has been crafted with very broad parameters that addresses issues in relationships between employers and employees," Dr Jan Paulsen, General Conference (GC) president, told attendees. "This comes to us as a recommendation. It is a guideline."

Previous actions by church leadership have generally been in response to specific issues raised in North America. The statement voted at the annual business meeting is intended to address global issues.

"This statement is not addressing specifically the issue of trade unions, but [it is] allowing that question to be placed in the larger context of employer and employee relationships," said Pastor Lowell Cooper, a general vice-president of the GC.

While the Adventist Church does not condone joining labour unions, it cannot set a global standard.

The statement identifies nine key "principles and values" that Adventists should consider when addressing the issue of employee—employer relationships.

The statement, entitled "Seventh-day Adventist Guidelines for Employer and Employee Relationships," will be available online at <[www.adventist.org](http://www.adventist.org)>.

—Wendi Rogers/ANN

## New magazine for the Pacific

Warburton, Australia

A new outreach magazine for Adventists in the Pacific has been launched. The *Pacific Signs of the Times* will soon be available in Adventist Book Centres (ABC) and from literature evangelists.

The *Pacific Signs* is designed for the Pacific islands, and has input from a Pacific editor, Pastor Matupit Darius, the minister of the Pacific Adventist University church in Papua New Guinea.

"Some people have been dreaming and working for several years to produce a Christian magazine that would address and meet the spiritual needs of Pacific islanders," says Pastor Darius. "They wanted to produce a magazine

that would serve as a distinct signpost on the road of life and a lighthouse in the treacherous seas of our time. This is it."

"This is an exciting new venture," says Pastor Terry Goltz, director of the Publishing Department for the South Pacific Division. "It gives church members the opportunity to witness in a new way in the Pacific."

*Pacific Signs* is produced in a partnership between Signs Publishing Company in Australia and Pacific Adventist University. The look and design is based on the Australian and New Zealand *Signs of the Times*, with some articles taken from there,

but with a strong Pacific island flavour.

Some 30,000 of the first issue have been printed and shipped to Adventist Book Centres and literature evangelist warehouses throughout the Pacific. The next issue is already being planned, but will not be available until sales of the first issue become known.

"This project must fund itself so it is not

a drain on church finances," says Pastor Bruce Manners, *Pacific Signs of the Times* editor. "But we hope, and are planning, that we will soon be producing four issues a year. That's our first goal."

"There are so many ways this new witnessing tool can be used," adds Pastor Goltz. "Our literature evangelists will go door to door with them. I'm expecting a good response. But

individuals can buy them—from the literature evangelists or the ABCs—and read them. I hope they will then share them with someone.

"I can see people becoming *Signs* sellers for God because we can supply people with magazines at a reduced price to sell at the full price. Or churches may organise for members to sell *Signs* to raise funds for church projects."

Among the first of these "Signs sellers for God" will be students from senior church education institutions such as Pacific Adventist University and Fulton College.—Kellie Hancock



Kathy Chee, designer of the new *Pacific Signs*.

Hedley Anderson

## New visitors centre at world church headquarters

A new visitors centre was opened at the General Conference (GC) by the GC president Dr Jan Paulsen on Sunday, October 12.

The displays at the centre—which is also used as a production stage for the weekly *Adventist NewsLine* program—will show members they are part of a worldwide church, a world family. The centre will also be a reception area for protocol visits by dignitaries, leading to dining facilities for such events.

Annually, some 7000 people visit the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters, which is situated near Washington, DC, USA.—ANN

# Noncombatancy: SDA theologian reaffirms Adventist Church's position

Silver Spring, Maryland, USA

The noncombatancy position held by Seventh-day Adventists has been given attention by the church's Biblical Research Institute (BRI). In the October issue of its newsletter, *Reflections*, Dr Ekkehardt Mueller, associate director of BRI, addresses the issue of noncombatancy in the wake of the recent war in Iraq.

The article restates the church's long-held view on the issue—it advocates noncombatancy. "In different parts of the world church the Iraqi war and other events have triggered a lively discussion on the question of where the Seventh-day Adventist Church stands today and how we should relate to war," Dr Mueller writes.

"Some claim 'There are no indications that our Adventist Church today disapproves of serving in the army in whatever capacity.' They say that 'the present state is one of uncertainty on the Adventist position regarding serving in the military.' This is not quite true. While the church ministers to noncombatant members in the military, as well as to pacifists and

combatants, it recognises that individuals make free choices and have to follow their informed conscience."

Dr Mueller adds that the church's position on noncombatancy has never been revoked. From the first statement adopted during the American Civil War, the church has recommended noncombatancy.



Dr Ekkehardt Mueller.

"Around the world we really appreciate freedoms of religious exercise," says Pastor Dick Stenbakken, director for Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries at the General Conference. "But you don't get freedom to worship for free. The freedom of worship that we so much claim and desire is paid for with blood of people who fight to be sure that there is freedom. So it's a difficult decision. Do I pay you to fight for me so that I can be free? I think the position the church has taken . . . is a wise choice because it does give guidance but it does not prescribe. I think in a global community, that's the best you can do."

Pastor Stenbakken refers to some countries where people are not given a choice: they must serve with a weapon or

go to jail. "Some say, 'Well, you go to jail.' It's got to be an individual choice. . . . It's not a cookie-cutter question."

He continues, "I think that sometimes in the struggle, while it's not fun and it's not easy, that's where we grow. And then the decision becomes something that's part of me, rather than me coat-tailing on someone else's decision."

The long-standing official position of the church is expressed in its 1972 statement. "Genuine Christianity manifests itself in good citizenship and loyalty to civil government. The breaking out of war among men in no way alters the Christian's supreme allegiance and responsibility to God or modifies their obligation to practise their beliefs and put God first. This partnership with God through Jesus Christ who came into this world not to destroy men's lives but to save them causes Seventh-day Adventists to advocate a noncombatant position, following their divine Master in not taking human life, but rendering all possible service to save it."—

Wendi Rogers/ANN

Find the Adventist Church's statement on noncombatancy at [www.adventist.org/beliefs/main\\_stat52.html](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/main_stat52.html). Find Ekkehardt Mueller's article on noncombatancy at <http://biblicalresearch.gc.adventist.org/documents/noncombatancy.htm>.

## Iraqi children's choir to sing of peace

Baghdad, Iraq

Messages of peace in are on the minds of Seventh-day Adventists in Baghdad. A children's choir called "Peace Song" is being formed by the church, according to Homer Trecartin, secretary-treasurer of the church's Middle East Union Mission with headquarters in Cyprus.

"They have been collecting poems on peace written by Iraqis, and are in the process of turning them into songs that will be sung by a group of children from many ethnic and religious groups in the country," he reports.

Mr Trecartin says they have the people needed to get this initiative going, "but without jobs for many months now, there is not enough money to purchase uniforms, equipment, produce a CD, and pay for travel.

"Their first goal is to help present a message of peace to the people of Iraq," he adds. He believes that the initiative will have an impact on many areas of the world "with a message that comes out of the terrors they have been through."—ANN



Children at the Baghdad Seventh-day Adventist church, Iraq, performing earlier this year.

# Fijian hearts set pounding

Suva, Fiji

A team of top medical and health professionals, on a mission to save lives from the devastating effects of heart disease, have set Fijian hearts pounding after completing life-saving cardiac surgery in Suva, during the last two weeks of September as part of the twelfth Operation Open Heart.

Coordinated by Sydney Adventist Hospital in conjunction with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), in association with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Operation Open Heart (OOH) provides urgently needed open-heart and cardiac surgery to Fijian Islanders and assists local doctors with diagnosis and treatment of heart disease patients.

This year's 48-strong team was made up of specialised medical and health personnel including surgeons, anaesthetists, physiotherapists, intensive care and operating theatre nurses and technicians from across Australia and New Zealand who donated both their time, skills, expertise and money to offer life-saving surgery to Fijians in desperate need of cardiac surgery.

In just two weeks, the team performed 32 cardiac operations (including 17 on children), converting an ordinary operating theatre into a cardiac theatre at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva.

"We're on a mission to improve the prevention and treatment of heart disease in developing countries," says Melanie Windus, Sydney Adventist Hospital's health care outreach coordinator. "Heart disease is one of the most common birth defects globally, affecting millions of children around the world. It is estimated that one third of these children will die before their first birthday because of lack of appropriate care. Through Operation Open Heart, we can make a difference."

And this is no mean feat. Thanks to Air Pacific, the team flew in more than two tonnes of medical equipment and supplies needed to carry out the operations, including syringes, dressings, painkillers and the essential state-of-the-art heart and lung machine.



**Cardiothoracic surgeon Dr Alan Gale of Sydney Adventist Hospital performs surgery as part of the San's Operation Open Heart in Fiji. Assisting is Dr Son Hanh Dang from Vietnam, who is an attachee at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney.**

"This was a mammoth logistical effort," says Mrs Windus.

Annette Baldwin, Sydney Adventist Hospital's nursing executive officer and former OOH coordinator is one of only two OOH volunteers who has been Awarded the Order of Fiji for her efforts to help the Fijian people.

Dr Alan Gale, a Sydney Adventist Hospital cardiac surgeon, is the other Order of Fiji recipient. Both Dr Gale and Mrs Baldwin also feature on Fijian stamps to commemorate their efforts over the years to save local lives.

"We're proud to say we literally have thousands of walking, running, laughing, playing, success stories all over the world," says Mrs Baldwin.

"In addition to sending top flight medical teams to undertake complicated cardiac surgery, we take a long-term view to cardiac care, with a team conducting valuable on-site training which helps lay the foundation for long-term, locally based, self sustaining care. There is no better feeling than making such a difference to someone's life."

*Donations to Operation Open Heart can be made by contacting ADRA on (02) 9489 5488.*

## Adventist membership more than 13 million worldwide

Silver Spring, Maryland, USA

There are 13,325,270 baptised members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide as of June 30, 2003, according to Bert Haloviak, director of the General Conference's office of Archives and Statistics. This represents a net increase of 573,097 members, or a little more than 1569 members per day.

In 2002, "there was one Adventist for every 494 people living; there is now one for every 480," Mr Haloviak says. "If our past 10-year progress continues, there should be one Adventist for every 341 people on our planet at the end of 2010."

More than 13 congregations were birthed daily during the calendar year of 2002. In that period, Adventist members contributed more than \$US4,853,000 each day to help proclaim the gospel message around the world.

At the same time, 2 per cent of the church's membership, or 246,128 people, left the church in 2002. Decreases among recently baptised members are also concerning: for the four quarters ending June 30, 2003, 35 of every 100 new members have left membership, on average.

This mix of statistics gives a picture of a dynamic church, which, on the whole is growing rapidly—on average just over one person joins the Adventist Church every minute either through baptism or profession of faith.

"Our current numerical growth encompasses numbers undreamed of by the pioneers of almost 160 years ago, yet it is possible because of the solid theological and growth base they established," concluded Mr Haloviak during his report to delegates at the General Conference's Annual Council held October 10-15 at the church headquarters.—**Mark Kellner/ANN**

# Finding grace at Polly's Place

by Jennifer Bristol

The first man I married was a graduate of Christian schooling, his mother a long-time educator in Christian schools. From the outside his home appeared normal.

But in the home there was abuse. Of the wife by the husband. Of the son by the father. Of the son by the mother. Of the younger daughter by the son. It ranged from verbal and emotional to physical and, yes, sexual. Physical and sexual abuse—a legacy that made the man I married an emotional wreck.

I wasn't a Christian, but soon learned the ins and outs of Christianity: tithe, vespers, potlucks and "fitting in at all costs."

My husband and I were an "ideal" couple. He was a church deacon and enjoyed the part he played. And me—I took off my jewellery and make-up. I cooked what was expected. I was baptised. I "fitted in at all costs."

## Keeping secrets secret

But our marriage was troubled from the start. My husband's father was extremely domineering. He wanted us to live with him and, looking back, I'm convinced it was an attempt to keep their secrets secret. If he lost the control of his son and his new wife, perhaps the story would come out. And so for five-and-a-half years the secrets remained secret.

Did I have questions?

Yes.

Did I suspect anything?

Yes, I did.

It seemed obvious to me that the little sister was deeply troubled. Her acting out in a very sexual way didn't seem normal. When I broached this subject with family members I was told that her behaviour was normal for a five-year-old and that I was paranoid.

I believed them. My mother-in-law—the child's mother—was, after all, a much-respected teacher and church member.

My husband was abusive, too, but as I

came from a dysfunctional childhood some of that seemed normal. Yet I suspected something wasn't right. Once, in desperation and despair, he and I went to our pastor, whom we trusted very much. He was a much older and wiser man, and we expected biblical counsel and referral. What he gave us was an admonition to "honour our parents," not "stir the pot," and to "love each other."

He let me know that if I allowed myself to continue to be self-centred and unconverted, any problems in my marriage were on my shoulders, as the family I married into was far from reproach. I left the office in dismay and tears. Even my husband knew that the pastor's treatment of me was not appropriate. We both felt perplexed, and didn't know where to turn for help or direction.

We never again sought outside help. Instead, we prayed, read the Bible and prayed some more. At times the problems lessened and we did experience some relief of the abuse. But the problems always returned.

During the last 18 months of our almost seven-year marriage my husband took up smoking, drinking and illegal drug use. He found other women outside of the marriage and was three times committed to a mental hospital.

## Doesn't the church care?

Where was the church during all this? It was where we thought it belonged: outside of our lives, outside of the real world.

We kept our secrets well. No-one ever questioned our sudden loss of interest in church functions and fellowship. For almost two years we didn't attend regularly, and not once did any pastor, elder or other church member give us a call. Keep in mind that my husband was a deacon and had worked with various community service projects. I taught children's classes, and we'd attended weekly prayer meetings.

It wasn't as if we were not miss-able, but somehow we weren't missed at all.

The marriage ended and I spent about one year in a sort of emotional and spiritual limbo. Then the Lord began to woo me to Himself. I knew that I needed answers to ease the pain in my heart, so I turned to the Bible and gradually began to form a relationship with God. It was a slow, steady journey that had setbacks, but the Lord was faithful through it all and sought me as a lamb lost from His fold.

I'd never had a real, personal relationship with God before. He had to take me back to the beginning of my life to show me His presence and tender care for me despite the abusive childhood and marriage.

As I healed and grew closer to God, I found the courage to identify myself with the Christian church once again. I made friends and enjoyed the fellowship. My confidence flourished as my relationship to God grew deeper and more personal.

## Another controlling husband

That's when I met my next husband: an eager evangelist who latched onto me and, in my naive and unknowledgeable state, I let him. He began giving me Bible studies and, as often happens, I fell in love with the messenger as well as the message.

We didn't rush into anything, waiting almost three years before getting married. But the abuse began shortly after the wedding. My new husband had a huge need to control me, and when I became pregnant his insecurities, anger and need to control reached a peak. It was then that the abuse became physical.

Three months after our child's birth I left him and went to live with family. For the next two years we communicated via e-mail and phone, and he visited on several occasions. After two years we again set up a home together, but immediately things deteriorated. He hadn't attended church for more than two years and his heart was



hardened to anything spiritual. Despite my desire, despite my pleading, he refused to read the Bible, to pray, to seek any kind of help or even to listen to spiritual music.

In December 2001 I again left him and moved into Polly's Place, the women's and family shelter just outside of Niles, Michigan.

### I'm not alone

At Polly's Place I attended group counseling for approximately eight hours a week and individual counselling for about three hours a week. I read books addressing issues such as codependency and abuse in childhood and marriage. I was able to learn how my childhood experiences had contributed to my adult perceptions, choices and reactions. For the first time I identified with others who were survivors of events that I thought only I had experienced.

Some people have voiced concern that to seek "outside" assistance is to deny our dependence on Christ for our healing and support. I was even accused of leaving Christianity and told that I had no faith. I've been told that I'm selfish to think that I should be able to live in a peaceful and loving home.

I disagree.

It's a very difficult thing to seek assistance outside ourselves. We Christians don't easily admit to problems, and so most of us have learned to "fit in at all costs." We've been taught and learned it well: don't stir up any trouble.

Sadly, of the women with whom I associate in the church, more than 50 per cent—in the past and even now—are in

some sort of abusive relationship. They all say the same thing: "I don't want to be judged by others." And so they "don't want to say anything."

I understand their concerns. In the long, sad, stressful years of my first marriage I had that attitude too. But now I realise that

problem of domestic violence—even in Christian congregations. Silence does not make this go away.

My prayer is that:

- as a unified body we will embrace healing for all those in our midst

- the solution will include informed referral to outside agencies for counselling and assistance

- local churches and church leaders will make known the names and locations of our several church-supported shelters

- every congregation will make members aware that every state has shelters for abused women and their children

- our pastors will be instructed on how to offer crisis intervention and referrals at the local level

- a no-tolerance policy for family abuse will be stressed in our congregations.

And to all reading this who are experiencing abuse or know someone who is, speak up and seek help. Get informed; realise you are not alone. Find a supportive person to talk to. Break this code of silence that abuse breeds upon. It's hard. It's painful. There will be far-reaching consequences, but let me encourage you that you do have it in you to

make this step to healing—if you will choose to do so.

God is with you in this, and so are the prayers of others who have gone before you. **R**

silence only strengthens the problem of abuse in our families. Only in acknowledging that domestic violence exists can there be any sort of healing.

### What you can do

I don't share my story to play up abuse or seek sympathy. I share it in an attempt to enlighten others about the very real



Photo Alto

*Jennifer Bristol shares her story with a prayer that it will bless others who, as she was, are in need. She writes from the United States.*

# The challenge of Sow 1 Billion

by Brenton Stacey



Local church members are the key to the success of a worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church initiative to distribute, by the end of 2004, one billion Bible-study invitations.

Sow 1 Billion has the potential to reach two-thirds of the world's population. Even a 0.5 per cent response rate will mean five million people have asked for Bible studies.

"We stand at the door of great opportunity," says Pastor Harold Baptiste, a general vice-president of the General Conference, who is chair of the Sow 1 Billion task force. "Something big is about to take place."

According to Bettina Krause, special assistant to the General Conference president for global initiatives, Sow 1 Billion is not about statistics or about numbers. "It's about putting Bible studies in the hands of people who desperately need to connect with God's Word, and

encouraging church members to see evangelism as their responsibility, not just the work of 'experts.'"

Dr Erika Puni, the director of Personal Ministries for the South Pacific Division, describes the possible impact of Sow 1 Billion as "phenomenal." "And all it takes is a commitment to pass out an invitation to your friends."

The South Pacific Division has been preparing for Sow 1 Billion by training its members—as part of a project called Go One Million—to share their faith. It will also print four million copies of the invitation—a brochure featuring the theme, "Finding hope in an uncertain world"—for distribution in Australia, one million in New Zealand and 500,000 in both Papua New Guinea and the Trans-Pacific Union. They will be available in March next year.

Members of the community who respond to the invitation will be offered a viewing of the video, *Who is Jesus?* and an invitation to complete the new Bible correspondence course, "Try Jesus."

"Sow 1 Billion is an exciting windfall for us," says Pastor John Gate, the director of the Adventist Discovery Centre, which will receive the invitations for follow-up. "I only wish we had more time to encourage local churches and church members."

Pastor Laurie Evans, the president of the South Pacific Division, says Sow 1 Billion will encourage the 70 per cent of members who are not sharing their faith to be direct with their neighbours. "It isn't confrontational. It's easy to do."

"Sow 1 Billion was always meant to be a simple, uncomplicated initiative," said General Conference (GC) president Dr Jan Paulsen during the GC's Annual Council in October. He reminded delegates at last year's Annual Council that the church is growing by one million people each year, but that the world's population is growing

faster, by 130 million.

This disparity, he said, prompts the questions: "How is the church going to reach them all?" and "Aren't we drifting further and further behind?"

"Everyone can be involved in Sow 1 Billion, and it gives the opportunity for the Holy Spirit through these invitations to touch the hearts of billions. It can happen."

## The church needs prayer

The Seventh-day Adventist Church needs your prayers to ensure the success of Sow 1 Billion.

"We need the outpouring of the Holy

## The resources available

Members of the community will receive the following when they respond to a Sow 1 Billion Bible-study invitation:

- A free home viewing of the *Who is Jesus?* video

*Who is Jesus?* is a multimedia evangelistic tool. It's a 22-minute presentation taken from the four-hour movie, *Matthew*. The script is word-for-word from the New International Version of the Bible. A five-minute presentation of the gospel by Bruce Marchiano, the actor who plays Jesus, follows the presentation.



- Free Bible correspondence course

The "Try Jesus" correspondence-based Bible study, written by Pastor Errol Webster and offered by the Adventist Discovery Centre, will be sent to respondents who write in or phone the Discovery Centre on its toll-free number.

## Just the facts

- Sow 1 Billion theme: "Finding hope in an uncertain world"
- Sow 1 Billion goal: To distribute, by the end of 2004, one billion Bible-study invitations worldwide
- How many exactly? The American billion, which equals one thousand million
- Six million: Number of invitations church members will distribute throughout the South Pacific
- Sow 1 Billion has the potential to reach two-thirds of the world's population
- Even a 0.5 per cent response rate will mean five million people have asked for Bible studies

# Answers to your questions



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Spirit before meeting the challenge of Sow 1 Billion,” says Joy Butler, the coordinator of Prayer Ministries for the South Pacific Division.

Mrs Butler speaks of an email she received from one of her personal prayer supporters. “She challenged me that we should set aside a Sabbath for prayer and fasting to allow God to take charge of the project and lead us to humbly seek His face and to repent of our half-heartedness.”

Church members are asked to make Sow 1 Billion a prayer focus on every Sabbath in February next year.

“Sow 1 Billion is big, but prayer is powerful, will you be a pray-er?” she asks.

## Piecing the puzzle together

You have only just heard of Go One Million and now there is Sow 1 Billion. And 2004 is the Year of Evangelism. Confused?

Although Go One Million and Sow 1 Billion have similar names, they’re different projects designed to complement each other.

### Go One Million

●Go One Million is a worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church initiative to train, before mid-2005, one million Adventists to share their faith.

●Go One Million is an expression of each of the church’s three strategic values—unity, growth and quality of life.

●Speak to your church minister or Personal Ministries leader or to your conference Personal Ministries director to register for any of their Go One Million training programs.

### What is Sow 1 Billion?

Sow 1 Billion is a worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church initiative to distribute, by the end of 2004, one billion Bible-study invitations.

### How is Sow 1 Billion different to past outreach projects?

The World Health Organisation estimates an average of four people live in each house in the world, which means there is a potential to reach two-thirds of the world’s population. Even a 0.5 per cent response rate will mean five million people have asked for Bible studies.

### Who can be involved in Sow 1 Billion?

Everyone. You don’t need any special skills or any training, just a commitment to pass out invitations to friends, neighbours and people you meet during the course of your everyday life.

### When can I start to hand out Sow 1 Billion invitations?

March 2004. Printing is scheduled for completion by the end of February 2004 and ready for church members to distribute in early March.

### Who is going to follow up the requests for Bible study?

#### Sow 1 Billion

●Sow 1 Billion is a worldwide church initiative to distribute, by the end of 2004, one billion Bible-study invitations.

●Sow 1 Billion is an opportunity for those who have joined Go One Million to put their training into practice.

●Sow 1 Billion is an expression of each the church’s three strategic values—unity, growth and quality of life.

●Speak to your church minister or Personal Ministries leader or to your conference Personal Ministries director for more information.

#### Year of Evangelism

●The Year of Evangelism 2004 is a worldwide church initiative that will be, in part, a reaping from Go One Million and Sow 1 Billion.

Bible correspondence schools, supporting organisations and local churches will respond to the requests for Bible study. In Australia and in New Zealand, the Adventist Discovery Centre will respond to the requests for Bible study.

### How do people respond to the invitation? What will they get?

The invitation lists ways people can request Bible studies, either by calling the Discovery Centre on a toll-free number, writing to them or logging on to their web site. Respondents can choose to receive a free home viewing of a video, complete free Bible studies online or complete Bible studies by correspondence.

### How many invitations will be going out in the South Pacific?

In the South Pacific six million invitations will be printed for distribution throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific islands.

### Will the invitation be the same throughout the world?

The invitations present the theme of “finding hope in an uncertain world”; however, many countries will use different versions of the invitation to suit various cultures and languages. ☎

●The church in Australia is challenging church members to present 1000 prophecy seminars across the country as part of Light Up Australia.

●The church in Papua New Guinea is challenging its members to present thousands of evangelistic programs during a month of evangelism in July 2004.

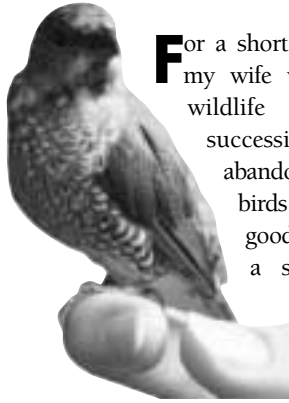
●The church in the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference is challenging 1000 of its members to sign up for relational outreach as part of Kiwi 1000.

●The church in the Trans-Pacific Union is challenging local missions to present evangelistic programs starting in July 2004 involving each of their local churches. ☎

*Brenton Stacey is the news correspondent for the South Pacific Division.*

# The finch

by Nathan Brown



**F**or a short period of time, my wife was listed as a wildlife carer and a succession of young, abandoned and injured birds were nursed to good health—or met a sadder end—in our care. But one little bird stayed much longer.

The small finch had fallen out of his nest and did not have proper feathers when he arrived at our house. In the following days as I tried to feed him, I became frustrated with trying to place food in his mouth, so I sat him on my finger. Thus began the process through which he took over our house.

For the next six months, “Finchie”—he never really received a proper name—had free run of our house. He slept in a corner on a high shelf, but also liked the warmth and noise atop the computer monitor. He would fly to greet us on our return home, would respond to our whistling and ride on our heads and shoulders as we went around the house. Mealtimes were his particular adventures as he vigorously attacked whatever was on our plates or forks, and he seemed to have a sometimes-dangerous fascination with mouths and teeth.

It was almost impossible to believe so much personality could be packed into such a tiny bird. And he soon found a significant place in our everyday lives.

But one day I stepped out our front door to the letterbox. To my horror, I felt a tiny push-off from the back of my shoulder and turned to see the tiny bird disappear into some nearby trees. The finch was gone.

We were distressed. We called and whistled, but received no response. We prayed. We even called the local radio station—but they tried to conceal their

amusement at the prospect of listing a missing finch among their usual round of lost dogs and cats. It was a sad day. It’s possible we even asked God why it had to happen that way. Why was it so difficult for this tiny source of joy to remain?

But somehow it reminded me of the story at the end of the book of Jonah. God caused a plant to grow, giving Jonah shade. “This eased some of Jonah’s discomfort, and Jonah was very grateful for the plant” (Jonah 4:6, NLT). But then the plant died and Jonah was mad at God. God answered him: “You feel sorry about the plant, though you did nothing to put it there” (Jonah 4:10, NLT).

Something echoed with our experience. While an ending brings sadness, perhaps a better attitude would be to celebrate what has been. Rather than yielding to the misery of an ending, gratitude for the absolute grace the finch brought to us would have been more appropriate. The life and personality of that little bird had come to us unearned, even unexpected. Perhaps it was a glimpse of how the world should be—but even that glimpse came as a gift.

Charles Dickens suggested life is ever a

series of partings. And there’s poignancy to that observation. But to leave this description without more ignores the fact that for every parting, there is a meeting; and for every ending, there is a beginning.

The beginnings are often unheralded—even unsought—but they’re no less real. These beginnings are usually only invested with significance in retrospect and so can be easily missed. And the best endings are those that rejoice in everything before the ending—even in the midst of sorrow.

While it may be difficult to apply the lesson of the finch next time we’re at the funeral of a loved one or suffer some other tragedy or disappointment, perhaps by faith we can begin to appreciate something of this attitude. After all, the Bible assures us that at the end there will be at least one more beginning than there have been endings—and that many of the endings will be found to have been only a milestone in an eternal beginning (see Revelation 21:1-5). With God, only the beginnings last forever. **R**

*Nathan Brown writes from Townsville, Qld where he is completing a doctoral degree in literature.*

Just for children

**Do you know...  
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**Abishai** was an important army officer in King David's army. He was a hero, a brave fighter and was very loyal to King David.

Read about **Abishai** and King David in **1 Samuel 26:1-13.**



Peita Taylor

## Policeman politics

Milton Wainwright, NZ

While I wholeheartedly agree with Lee Dunstan's "Baseline Christianity" (Editorial, September 27) from a devotional point of view, I'm troubled with his dabbling in international politics. The world is poised on a stupendous crisis; civilisation based on Christianity is under attack.

It's good to admonish we Christians to be forgiving—we aren't to hold grudges and we aren't to avenge, we're to forgive. But we're not to attempt to squeeze Caesar down to our mould. God has given Caesar a sword to use on evildoers, from community criminals to international terrorists.

The world desperately needs a "policeman" right now, and President George W Bush and Prime Ministers Tony Blair and John Howard realise this and are courageously facing the terrorist element. Right now the US is in danger of exhausting her resources in the defence of the Christian world and our freedoms.

She has not yet attacked our freedom to keep the Sabbath; she's still the friend of Christianity, not the enemy. While I know this is soon to change, it will not help if we jump the gun and criticise her before she passes the national Sunday law.

Given today's technology, it is possible that she monitors RECORD and is well aware of "anti" sentiment. It could be disastrous if she concluded we're against her and are to be numbered with her enemies.

## A matter of taste—and reflection

Robert Wolfram, Vic

Concerning the recent McDonald's Vege Burger debate in RECORD, Jesus called His followers "the salt of the earth." In our over-salted, high-fat, super-serve times, I wonder if He wouldn't have designated Christians the "low-salt of the earth." Or, "ye are the modest, low-fat Vege Burger in a McDonald's-ised world."

Whatever, congratulations to Sanitarium for putting something good into the fast-food industry, for being in the world but not of it, and for providing a healthier choice when I visit Maccas.

Len Knott, SA

Sanitarium is marketing vegetarian fare

### *The tone of recent letters . . . leaves me shocked at ungraceful and discourteous attitudes.*

at McDonald's, giving people a healthy eating choice. Let's support, not condemn.

Leopold Hamulczyk, Vic

Vege Burger bashers, after reading your comments about McDonald's new Vege Burger, I decided to try one. I was positively surprised. Please, don't let your view or prejudices about McDonald's get in the way of objectivity. While it still has the junk or fast-food feel about it, it does come with fresh salad, and the chilli sauce is a matter of personal taste. Note, this is a fast food,

not a gourmet eating experience. And chances are, if you're in a hurry, you can't get a salad roll as quickly as a Vege Burger.

Dr Franco Giarraputo, Qld

Congratulations to the writer of "Selling our McSouls to Maccas" (Letters, September 13) regarding Sanitarium. I was disappointed with the response, which appeared to ignore the philosophical and ethical issues raised by the company's engagement in what might be seen as a mutually opportunistic relationship.

Our company should not only respond to commercial pressures and drive for profit, but also to its support base and continue to measure its decisions by acknowledged Christian, Adventist and ethical principles. Does the Sanitarium

respondent really believe that McDonald's fundamental philosophy and cultural baggage can be influenced and changed by Sanitarium's association with it?

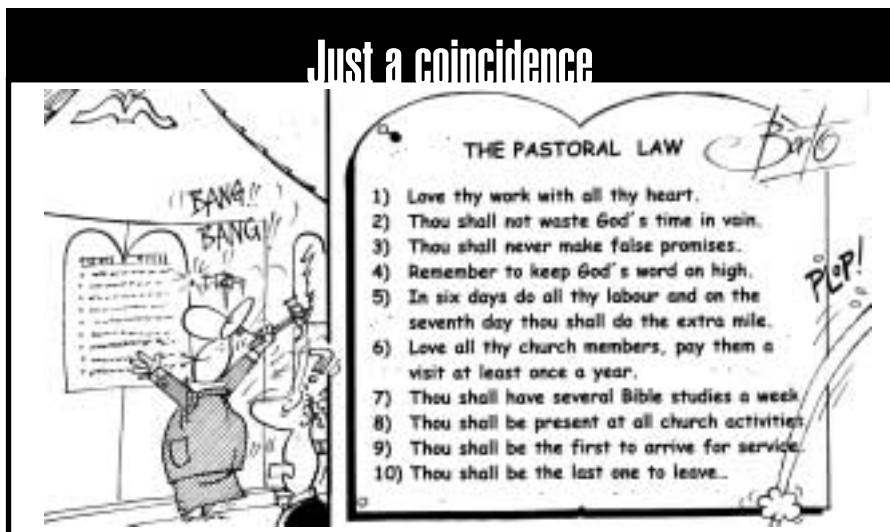
Clive Wilson, Lord Howe Island

The tone of recent letters regarding Sanitarium's association with Dick Smith Foods and McDonald's leaves me shocked at ungraceful and discourteous attitudes.

Dick Smith and his wife, Pip, are distinguished Australians and among the country's most generous individuals. And their support for Christian groups, including the Adventist Church's humanitarian mission through ADRA, goes back many years. While attending a special service at our Lord Howe Island church recently, the Smiths saw some of those letters. Their guarded smiles showed little amusement.

I have to wonder if the negative letter writers attended any of the recent Week of Prayer meetings or took time to peruse the readings on God's grace in RECORD.

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## Weddings

**Borgas—Kingston.** Timothy Borgas, son of Lindsay and Lorelle Borgas (Vermont South, Vic), and Elizabeth Kingston, daughter of Pastor Andrew and Janette Kingston (Springfield, NSW), were married on 28.9.03 in Erina Adventist church.  
*Andrew Kingston*

**Dixon—Green.** Dean Alexander Dixon, son of Frank and Dianne Dixon (Tansey, Qld), and Samantha Joy Green, daughter of Randall and Charmaine Green (Doolandella), were married on 5.10.03 in Rosewood Adventist church.  
*Sandor Gazsik*

**Liaros—Bowyer.** Christopher James Liaros, son of Stan and Janice Liaros (Bunbury, WA), and Amy Rosalind Bowyer, daughter of Leslie and Kaye Bowyer (Bunbury), were married on 28.9.03 at Koombana Bay Sailing Club, Bunbury.  
*Peter Ellsen*

**Wade—Docking.** Dr Denton Rodger Wade, son of Rodger and Leonie Wade, and Belinda Janeane Docking, daughter of Terrence and Sandra Docking, were married on 5.10.03 in Springwood Adventist church, Brisbane, Qld.  
*Ken Martin*

**West—Calais.** Deion West, son of Piet and Jakkie Van der Westhuizen (South Africa), and Merrylyn Anne Calais, daughter of Ronald and Valerie Calais (Bunbury, WA), were married on 21.9.03 in Bunbury Adventist church.  
*Robert Kingdon*

## Obituaries

**Dorey,** Leonie (nee Thompson), born 30.5.1913 in the house at Chatswood (NSW) where she later died on 20.7.03. She is survived by her brother, Reg Thompson (Chatswood); and her sister, Hazel Marshall (Manly). Leonie was a founding member of Chatswood Adventist church. She was loved by all for her happy attitude during sickness; her strong faith in Jesus, and her kindness to children and adults.  
*Grenville Kent*

**Ferguson,** Alie Rosella, born 13.9.1919 at Otahuhu, NNZ; died 22.6.03 in Whangarei Hospital. In 1939 she married Robert, who predeceased her. She is survived by her son, Garry; her daughter and son-in-law, Lurleen and Lewis Ringrose; and her seven grandchildren. Alie was a foundation member of the Whangarei church, attending for over 60 years. She gave generously of her time to church activities, especially to welfare work.  
*Ken Curtis*

**Roll,** Christian Maurice, born 30.6.1913 at Bundaberg, Qld; died 13.7.03 at Bucca. On 1.6.36 he married Margaret Gough, who predeceased him. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Marjorie and Pastor Maurice Woods (Gympie), Maurice and Judy (Cooranbong, NSW), and Shirley and Russell Morgan (Bundaberg, Qld); his 11 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Chris loved his family; and served as an elder at Bundaberg church for

many years. His faith in Jesus Christ and his love for others were a witness to all. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.  
*Maurice Woods, Ernie Wojnar*

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