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French Polynesian young people recently met on the island of Tahiti for a youth camp during which they explored the issues of life and spirituality together

Youth impacted in Tahiti

Tahiti, French Polynesia

About 160 youth and leaders met recently in Tahiti for a one-week impact series focusing on youth issues. The series was led by Pastor Clive Tefaatau, director of youth ministries for the French Polynesia Mission (FPM), and Manolita Ly, director of Family Ministries for FPM.

The week began with testimonies and a baptism of youth from the previous year's campaign. A four-day camp in the Papara Valley followed with guest speakers Jack Ryan, principal of the Auckland SDA High School, and Pastor Eddie Tupai, director of Youth Ministries for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.

"The call for commitment midway through the camp saw virtually all the youth come to the altar," reports Pastor Tefaatau. "A time of prayer, singing, confessing, testifying and Bible study over the next two days helped prepare youth for life after the high of camp."

During the day, discussion groups were conducted under family ministries supervision. Topics included: films and video games; music; sex; and sports. "The big question," adds Pastor Tefaatau, "was where to place our limits or boundaries in these areas."

There were activities in the afternoon and, in the evenings, Pastor Tupai and Mr Ryan discussed the issues from biblical and practical perspectives.

"The power of the Holy Spirit moved our youth to commit or recommit their lives to Jesus, and on our youth leaders to minister to these young people," says Pastor Tefaatau.—**Bruce Manners**

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*Cultures
celebrated
at Avondale*

A matter of allegiance

When I decided for Christ and baptism, I chose to give Christ my allegiance. That decision means I've chosen to actively accept His gracious provision of salvation and live to bring honour and glory to Him. I've intentionally chosen not to act subversively or in any way that would bring dishonour to Him and His kingdom.

Even so, I fail Him. But I know I can come to Him seeking and finding forgiveness. I know He's always there for me. I have assurance of His salvation. I've given and continue to give Him my allegiance.

When I was baptised in December 1964 there was another decision that went along with my decision for Christ. I chose to give my allegiance to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. That choice was based on my conviction that there's a New Testament imperative that the people of God should enjoy the benefits of the community of faith—the church—and there should be no “forsaking the assembling of ourselves together” (Hebrews 10:25, KJV).

This was based on my belief that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a divine commission to herald to the world the message of the three angels of Revelation 14, and to announce the soon return of Jesus Christ. My choice was one of loyalty to this church.

I continue to have this sense of loyalty to my God. As the years pass, I find it growing stronger. As I become more aware of the consistency of God and His gracious initiative in offering salvation, my decision is more certain and my allegiance sure.

I also continue to have a strong sense of loyalty to my church. But with church, my experience of loyalty is a little different. The church is a spiritual organisation. Its constituent parts are vitally linked together as the body of Christ. But at the same time

it's a human organisation. It's comprised of people just like me. That means it will be subject to the foibles of human nature.

The church will not always act with the consistency with which God acts. Indeed, looking down to our day, John described the church—my church—as “neither hot nor cold,” “wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.” But Christ still loves the church. He says to it, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:15-20, NIV).

If Christ still loves the church can I do less? Despite its humanness, my decision to be a member of this church means I will work for it, pray for it, support it and even accept its authority. However, accepting the church's authority isn't something easy for us—especially at this time when there's almost universal antipathy toward accepting authority of any kind.

But the church must be granted a degree of authority if it is to exist as the community of God's people. To take away appropriate authority invites anarchy and the demise of the church itself. Christ clearly intended His church should have authority to act in the world. To give my allegiance to Christ and become a member of the church is to accept that authority.

But this authority isn't exercised in an absolute sense in the Adventist Church. We Adventists recognise a pattern of authority with Christ as the head of the church and accept His authority in the church through His revealed Word.

In church governance, Seventh-day Adventists understand that authority arises from a legitimising process of representation and that the key to success is broad-based participation. Through consensus we

grant authority to our leaders and accept the voice of the church when that voice arises from the representative process—at every level of church organisation.

My allegiance grows when I understand that the church endeavours to apply principles illustrated in passages such as Acts 15 and Ephesians 4 to complex organisational and administrative demands of coordinating its worldwide mission.

Allegiance means that when I disagree with the church I have the freedom to make my point of view known. It means that when I make my point of view known I will do it in a way that reflects my fundamental allegiance to my church and will not bring harm to my church or its members. It means that if the church doesn't agree with my point of view then my allegiance demands that I do not maintain my point of view and bring discredit to the church.

This means I may have to put my point of view aside. If in my conscience I cannot do that, and if my church doesn't agree with my point of view, I do not have the ethical right to remain in the church and disseminate my point of view, causing disharmony and dissension. To cause disharmony and dissension while insisting on my point of view when the church through its representative process has decided differently is an act that calls into serious question my allegiance to the church.

As human as it is, the church still needs my allegiance and my loyalty.

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and share
our hope in Jesus Christ!

Foundation helps secure Avondale's future

by Gavin Currie

Twenty-five years ago the inaugural members of Avondale Foundation dreamed their initiatives would make a significant difference to Avondale College, its staff and students. Their vision has helped provide millions of dollars to this tertiary institution by way of gifts, grants and sponsorships.

Those visionary pioneers would be delighted to see the results of their initiatives. But over the years, the foundation has evolved because the needs of the college, its staff and students, and the foundation have changed.

An essential ingredient in successful organisations is change. But change always presents challenges to organisations and its people. This update is to keep you informed on the new directions Avondale Foundation has forged in recent years.

The Administrative Committee of the foundation has redefined its mission, vision and goals as:

"Our mission is to provide as much independent funding to Avondale College as we can generate."

Its vision is to donate a minimum of \$A200,000 (increased by CPI yearly) to Avondale each year, and to expand its donation base beyond buildings to create a strong scholarship system that will attract high-calibre students to Avondale.

Traditionally, Avondale Foundation has raised money through fundraising programs and by establishing businesses that contributed their profits to

Avondale. One of the disadvantages of fundraising through Avondale Foundation for the college was that tax-deductible donations received could be used only for building-related projects.

Over time, the college has discussed with the foundation the idea of the college undertaking the fundraising

because donations could be given tax

deductibility on a much wider range of projects. During the past two years, the foundation worked with Avondale to effect such a change so that all fundraising initiatives are now being led directly from Avondale. The foundation is encouraged that donations have continued to flow strongly under this new direction.

What this change means for the Avondale Foundation

The business interests of the foundation have increased significantly during the past 25 years. All governance activities are accomplished by a group of dedicated church members, volunteers who operate through boards or committees. With the many changes to business that have occurred over the past few years, we're most grateful for the thousands of hours these volunteers have donated.

The foundation's treasurer, Todd Saunders, has particularly worn the brunt of the business issues of Y2K, the introduction of GST and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the foundation's businesses have experienced smooth transitions. The foundation now consists of several separate businesses, with each operating under their own Board of Directors. These businesses are:

ACF Investments Ltd—a \$A34 million fund that provides first-class and personal service to its clients along with security of investment and attractive interest rates for term deposits. Our loyal customer base has grown significantly, increasing the deposit base by 109 per cent in the past five years. We can also report that our profits have increased by a staggering 166 per cent in the same period.

Avondale Nurseries Ltd—had sales of more than \$A2.3 million dollars last financial year, owns two properties of more than two hectares each at Glenorie (a north-west suburb of Sydney) and employs 32 people. This business has been greatly blessed with an increase in sales of 74 per cent, and profits increasing by 209 per cent in the past five years.

We were most fortunate during last summer's bushfires when the premises were evacuated, but the fires came no further than within a few metres of the property. God certainly cared for our interests that day!

Avondale Properties Ltd—has experienced mixed results during the years and has found it hard to make consistent profits in the competitive Sydney market. Developing properties in the future will be



limited to “cherry picking” only the best development opportunities.

Avondale Business Services Ltd—these businesses manufactured coffins in NSW and Qld, but were closed due to competitive pressures in this industry. This business now owns and operates Macadamia Oils of Australia.

Macadamia Oils of Australia—in September 2003, the foundation purchased a small business in Alstonville NSW, that manufactures both food-grade and cosmetic-grade macadamia oil. Sanitarium is the largest customer of this business, purchasing food-grade oil to sell under the Sanitarium label in Australia and also export the product to the USA.

The cosmetic-grade oil is the most compatible vegetable oil with the human skin and is currently exported overseas and used in some of Europe’s best-known cosmetic brands. For more information on either the food-grade oil or the cosmetics range, see the advertisement insert in this RECORD for more details.

The secret of Avondale Foundation’s success

Business is successful when it’s blessed by God and has support from loyal and faithful customers. We’re most grateful to those who have invested and continue to invest in our investment company. This is the foundation’s most successful business, and it will continue to grow and make profits available to Avondale with your continued support.

If you’re interested in the healthiest cooking oil available, buy Sanitarium branded macadamia oil from Woolworths,



or if you buy cosmetic products, particularly anti-ageing creams, try our range of Macadamia Naturals cosmetic oil, skin nourishment cream or soap and you’ll be investing in Avondale’s future. Become our stockholder or investor today by purchasing macadamia products or depositing funds in ACF Investments. See the special Christmas offer in our separate insert advertisement in this RECORD.

With your continued support the

foundation will provide funds to Avondale greater than those we’ve been able to donate in the past. While we aren’t directly asking for donations anymore, we value your continue support through using our investment company or trying our Macadamia Oils of Australia products. **R**

Gavin Currie is president of the Avondale Foundation.

A rare prayer

by W A Townend

About 90 men and women attend the weekly prayer meeting on Tuesday mornings at Alton Villas, Cooranbong, NSW. Hearty singing, informative and inspiring Bible study, many short, earnest prayers and competent leadership at the meeting make it one of those events that has you say, “It’s good to be an Adventist.”

But rarely have I heard the prayer, “Thank you, Lord, for making me ready now for your second coming.” I imagine most of the 90 believe it, they just don’t pray it in our prayer meeting.

Two basic factors stand out in the Bible’s teaching of the Second Coming: a Person and an event. Might it be that emphasis on the *event* has overshadowed the *Person*, the Lord Jesus Christ? And might that imbalance constitute a subtle danger? Our salvation is not in an *event*, but a *Person*.

Readiness for the second coming of Christ is a present-tense experience rather than something that happens just before Jesus appears in person.

You’ll recall that Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation is come to this house . . .” (Luke 19:9, NIV). I have supplied the emphasis, but Joseph Bryant Rotherham in his monumental Emphasised Bible also puts emphasis on *today*.

The same “readiness now” can be found in the words of Jesus at the close of His earthly ministry as He assures the suffering criminal on the cross next to His, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43, NIV). To make the best sense, translators should have put the comma after “today.” George M Lansa’s

translation from Aramaic sources does this and it’s widely understood that Jesus spoke Aramaic.

Both Zacchaeus and the criminal were given the salvation *now* message from Jesus. The message told them that they were saved *now*. Praise God!

An inkling of what that truth meant to Paul is found when he wrote, “For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last” (Romans 1:17, NIV).

We can’t make ourselves ready for the Lord’s second coming. Paul knew that: “I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature” (Romans 7:18, NIV). How could “nothing good” produce a life suitable for in Heaven?

We quite often sing it on Tuesday morning in those prayer meetings: “My hope is built on nothing less/ Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.” Thus we should pray, “Thank you, Lord, for making us ready *now* for your second coming,” for now we are clad, as the hymn says, “in His righteousness alone.”

To quote another piece of verse:

Upon a life I did not live,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another’s life,
Another’s death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Be ready now? Why not? Then why not pray the prayer of faith? **R**

W A Townend is a retired church administrator who writes from Cooranbong, NSW.

An island of hospitality

by Kellie Hancock

South New Zealand's spectacular natural beauty makes it a haven for those seeking peace, rejuvenation and relaxation; and it's a playground for thrill-seekers and adventurers. These very qualities attract many tourists each year, and that, says Pastor Lindsay Sleight, president of the South New Zealand Conference (SNZ), is a positive opportunity for his conference.

Pastor Sleight mentions that the church's Mount Hutt Retreat, situated 100 kilometres from Christchurch and 15 kilometres out of Methven, has recently been renovated and provides a good facility. Combine that with the hospitality of church members in SNZ—"They have time to spend talking with you," he says, "and they invite you into their homes"—and you begin to understand how Adventists in SNZ might impact the world as they extend hospitality to international tourists.

A declining membership in SNZ, however, means fewer Adventists to extend hospitality to visitors.

"A decrease of 300 members over the past 13 years, is not a good trend," concedes Pastor Sleight. "We've struggled to find exact reasons for the decline. A couple of reasons that give some indication include a push for church clerks to clean up church rolls, and a drift of people from SNZ to Australia and North New Zealand. But that doesn't answer the whole question."

He also suggests that the focus of mission was less at the forefront.

Despite a declining membership, tithe has increased by 9 per cent at the end of 2002 with a further 14 per cent increase at the end of July 2003. So the members who remain in SNZ are very committed. This is also being shown in their desire to become more involved.

SNZ's mission statement is "From maintenance to mission," and that in



itself is a challenge, according to Pastor Sleight. "Our churches are very pastor dependent, and that's not healthy. We're attempting to lead our churches into becoming more independent and healthy and not so dependent on pastors.

"Part of the problem here is that we haven't equipped members for ministry roles like we need to, hence the pastor dependency. We need church leadership to have a high priority on equipping people for ministry—especially young people."

He hopes to see churches that are more purpose-driven, other than just meeting together for an hour or so each week. "There's a bigger reason for us being here. The church needs a greater sense of urgency about its mission."

The mission statement came as a result of Dr Russell Burrill's programs about church planting held at Methven in 2002, and again in May this year. According to Pastor Sleight, that program, sponsored by the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC), has had a huge impact on the direction of SNZ.

"It's renewed for us the mission focus of our church's early pioneers," says Pastor Sleight.

As a result of the Burrill programs, SNZ

aims to create one church plant per year for the next five years. While acknowledging that this is a big aim for a small conference, Pastor Sleight believes it is achievable.

Under the leadership of Paul Rankin, the first new church plant, Riverlands, started in February this year. It has a strong mission focus, and some 60 people meet weekly in a primary school hall.

Another church plant is currently being established in Queenstown, led by Soon Cheng, a church member who shifted to Queenstown some four months ago.

Another area of growth that Pastor Sleight is enthusiastic about is the NZPUC's EDU-connect concept, in which local church entities focus on connecting with parents and communities of non-Adventist children attending Adventist schools.

On Grants Road in Papanui, a suburb of Christchurch, there's an Adventist church, preschool, and primary and high school facility. These three entities are working together on their mission focus. The school is becoming more involved in church programs, and church members are providing support for the school in areas such as helping out in reading classes, providing transport and assisting with maintenance of grounds and buildings. Christchurch Adventist School is up to 176 enrolments this year (from 130 last year).

School growth has also been good at Southland Adventist Christian School in Invercargill, with a dramatic increase of student numbers from 26 last year to 40 this year.

When looking to the future, Pastor Sleight remembers the past, when revivals in the church were led by young people. The fallout of youth in SNZ has been high, but those remaining are expressing a desire to reconnect their

Thunderstorms

by Glenda Morris

friends and school mates with Jesus. With this in mind, SNZ is planning for a youth crusade in Christchurch during the Year of Evangelism next year.

“Our youth ministry is going off the charts this year,” he reports.

A recent junior-teen camp at Methven had 74 campers, more than double the numbers last year (many were non-Adventists from the Adventist school). The STORM Co trip in July had double the number of last year’s trip. Nine young people were baptised in Christchurch over the past month, with more planning to be baptised this year.

“Daniel Herrera, our youth director, has placed a fire in the hearts of our youth,” says Pastor Sleight.

When asked what makes people from SNZ special, Pastor Sleight says, “South New Zealanders are a very determined and patriotic group. They’re open to God’s leading through the Holy Spirit, and they are growing in their spirituality.”

He adds, “More and more I’m seeing a reliance on God’s presence, and a greater focus on prayer.

“My vision is for our church communities to become places where people can walk into and suddenly feel, ‘Wow, I want to be part of whatever is going on here.’”

Kellie Hancock is the assistant editor of RECORD. This is one of a series of reports featuring presidents of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.

Our weather is often pleasant here in the North where the tropical rainforest reaches down to the seashore. But it was November, the beginning of the stormy season. Each day the heat compelled most families to remain in their airconditioned homes. The less fortunate found solace in backyard pools. Others sought shade beneath park trees or under palms on the beaches.

Uppermost in most minds was rain. Even a shower to cool the air and break the heat would be welcome. Every afternoon clouds loomed, and then disappeared. No rain. They returned the following day to vanish again—as if to tease.

It wasn’t as though water was a problem; there was ample. It was the heat.

At three years of age, my son, Jai, had yet to understand the nature of our Creator’s forces. On that afternoon—the afternoon when the first rumble of thunder was heard followed by blinding flashes of lightning—Jai was terrified.

He ran screaming to anywhere in the house he thought he would be safe. Every time there was thunder or lightning, Jai’s body trembled with fright.

No amount of comforting could pacify him. We tried to explain thunderstorms. We played with him.



For several days the first sound of thunder’s rumble sent him screaming for cover, yelling, “It’s coming! It’s coming! It’s getting closer!”

On the fifth evening, I put Jai to bed early. I put cotton wool in his ears and pulled the dark curtains. He slept peacefully.

The following evening another storm blew up. This time Jai played happily on the kitchen floor. There was no reaction.

“Jai,” said his Nan softly, “I’ll take you into my room where the lightning won’t hurt your eyes.”

Jai didn’t move.

“Don’t you want to come with me?” Nan coaxed.

“It’s OK, Nan, I’m not frightened of storms anymore.” This said when the storm was at its peak.

“How come?”

“Last night when I woke up I could see through the window, and lightning lit up the clouds. I saw Jesus on top of a cloud. He told me, ‘Don’t be afraid, Jai, because I’m watching over you.’ He told me the storm and lightning make rain so cows and horses have water to drink. Water makes the grass grow for them to eat. I’m not scared anymore.”

We were astonished at his simple explanation, because we hadn’t told him these things. I’m just thankful to our Lord who, it seems, took the time to give a little boy comfort.

Glenda Morris writes from Ayr, Qld.

Just for children

**Do you know...
Naboth?**

Naboth owned a vineyard. His vineyard was on good land close to the palace. King **Ahab** wanted it for himself. **Naboth** did not want to sell his vineyard, so King Ahab’s evil wife **Jezebel** took over.

Read what happened in 1 Kings 21:1-19



Peta Taylor

- All invited to share in prayer • SA health booth a hit • Teens raise money for Mongolians
- Church and school celebrate milestones • Electronic Bible outreach in Poland • and more

—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● **Joy Butler** (pictured), Women's Ministries director and Prayer Ministries coordinator for the South Pacific Division, invites fellow church members to participate in a week-by-week "**15-minute prayer connect**" time held in the



division's worship room each **Tuesday morning**. The prayer time is to

"focus on the needs of the church corporately, but is also for personal requests," she says. "Our focus is on others who know that we, as a division office staff and family, support them in their ministries and in their personal lives." She **invites requests from "absolutely anyone and everyone."** Send your requests to: Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga, NSW 2076, Australia; phone: +61 2 9847 3307; or email <jbutler@adventist.org.au>.

● **Several thousand visitors** attended the South Australian Conference's **Health Ministries booth at this year's 2003 Royal Adelaide Show** in SA. The booth, which featured a health-age assessment, also promoted the very successful **Taking Charge of Your Health** correspondence course, for which more than 1000 people signed, and the seminars. "More than half those who dropped in were young people," says **Marek Jantos**, Health Ministries director for the conference. "Many were genuine seekers for good health information and lifestyle ideas, and included showgrounds-duty police officers checking their health age, overseas guests keen to do the correspondence course, and two senior

Ministry wives retreat

On the weekend of October 3-5, a diverse group of women with at least one bond in common—a husband in ministry—met in the Warburton valley, Vic.

Jeremiah 17:7, 8 formed the basis for prayer, worship and discussion over the weekend. "Verse eight uses a tree simile to give us all confidence that no problem will overwhelm us if we trust in the Lord," says Mrs Bev Hankinson, Partners in Ministry coordinator, who says that above all, pastors' wives want to be blessed by God—their lives, homes and ministry.

Small-group discussions covered such topics as: "How do you make your home a haven for the family?" and "Effective ways of dealing with stress," while creative pursuits included scrapbooking, pastel drawing and vegetarian cooking.

"I was encouraged as I talked with others about issues and found we shared similar experiences in our homes and ministry," said one participant. And another: "After one short weekend, we're no longer mere names on a staffing list, but friends."

Pictured are some Partners in Ministry around a worship feature based on the theme texts.



parliamentarians who commended the Adventist Church for its promotion of healthful lifestyles.

● A **teen Sabbath school in WA** raised some **\$A1100 for an outreach in Mongolia**. **Sandy Sidney** (pictured, centre) joined a team from the Wantirna, Vic, church, the first such group to go to Mongolia, to help run health seminars.



Fundraising activities included a 20-kilometre bikathon. "We aimed to raise \$A1100—

\$100 per teen," says **Karyn Humble** of the Midland, Perth, church. We wanted to give Sandy something to take to spend on the children of Mongolia. It was exciting when Sandy got back to find out **how much she'd accomplished with the money**. It bought warm clothes for two girls who had none, a juicer for the health centre, a bed for the interpreter, a shunt for a boy's surgery, food parcels and packs for children."

● The **Capalaba church**, Qld, celebrated its **25th birthday** on October 11, in the company of 200 friends, previous members and ministers—and regulars. Special guests included MP **Michael Choi**, who reminded the congregation of "the real challenge of being Christians." He later presented the Pathfinder club with the Queensland

state flag. The original church began with some 40 members, and was built on land donated by the Connelly family.

● The **Rotorua church school**, NNZ, celebrated its **golden anniversary** at a homecoming on September 20. Activities included a video presentation by **Vid Will** (nee Vid Lillioja), the school's first teacher, who was unable to be present. Former staff and students are invited to email <Rotorua.sda@clear.net.nz>.



● **Jerry Dykstra**, a spokesperson for Open Doors International, describes the **present situation in Iraq** as “a time of **strategic importance for Christians.**” He says Western Christians should take the opportunity to reach out to Iraqi believers. “During the Saddam era, there was a degree of stability, even though it was a torturous time; but now there is much uncertainty,” he says, noting that many Iraqi Christians are wondering whether they will be able to worship in freedom in the postwar situation.—*Agape Press*

● In Poland, a **self-supporting Adventist organisation** nadzieja.pl (tr. <hope.pl>) is using an **electronic Bible in outreach.** Initially limited to a small number of users, its popularity has grown to where a **CD offer was made in a computing**

magazine and 115,000 copies were sold. The magazine described the software as among the 10 best applications in the area of “education, hobby and home.” A total of 230,000 have since been sold. “What makes this especially interesting is the fact that besides there being a few Bible versions on the CD, people can also find E G White books,” says **Roman Chalupka**, communication director of the Polish Union.—*ANR*

● Adventists in **Africa** are soon to have a **ministry-related, graduate study program.** “This is so obvious to me; we have to do it,” commented **Pastor Jan Paulsen**, General Conference president, on the initiative.—*ANN*

● **Dr Mike Ryan**, Global Mission director, has been elected a **general vice-president of the General Conference** with responsibility for strategic planning. His appointment fills a position left open when Pastor **Leo Ranzolin** retired. Dr Ryan will continue to oversee Global Mission activities.—*ANN*

● **Christians in Sulawesi**, a province of Indonesia, had to flee when their **villages were attacked** by masked raiders armed with automatic weapons, on October 11. **Nine people were killed**—shot and stabbed—11 hospitalised, and homes were torched. “People are too scared to remain in their isolated villages,” comments **Mona Saroinsong**, coordinator of the Crisis Center of the Protestant Church in Sulawesi.—*Compass Direct*

● A statement on “**a Seventh-day Adventist philosophy of music**” was distributed for study and comment by executive committee members at the recent General Conference business meeting. The five-page document will be discussed preparatory to the formation of a statement at the 2004 session.—*ANN*

Days and offerings
December 6—Stewardship Day

Off the record

● **Avondale College** is to **produce a CD** of a recent student-produced cantata presented at the college in September (Flashpoint, October 4). **The musical *First love*** has created huge interest, both in and outside the college, with one person selling some 30 copies. “People were blown away by the music and would love to have it on CD,” says **Heather Potter**, public relations coordinator at Avondale, who is seeking advance sales to make the production feasible. Interested purchasers can contact Ms Potter on (02) 4980 2251 or <heather.potter@avondale.edu.au>.

● Just six months into its existence and the **Northpoint church**, Vic, has had its **first baptism.** Northpoint is a “church plant” in a virtual Adventist-free zone around Melbourne International Airport, and worships in the Airport Lodge



Motel. Annette Ciallo and her son, Frank (pictured), were baptised by Pastor **Greg Evans** as a result of follow-up from a *Search* video series offer and attending a prophecy seminar.

● Some **25 million people worldwide** “**Shout to the Lord**” in church each weekend. Sydney-based **Darlene Zszech's** contemporary psalm is the **most performed song in Australian churches over the past seven years**, according to Christian Copyright Licensing International. Mrs Zszech says she wrote the song during a difficult time in her life—“It’s my personal anthem of praise to a very patient and loving God,” she says.—*TRAA*

Publishing in Asia

South Pacific Division expatriate John Brereton, Publishing Department director of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, recently spent time in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, overseeing the final stages of the translation into Cambodian



of Ellen White’s *Colporteur Ministry*, for distribution to local literature evangelists. The translated book

was keyed by a 16-year-old Cambodian girl, who says her life has been “completely changed” by what she read, Mr Brereton reports. He says the task was to have been done by mission translator Pastor Pen Chendra (pictured), but was passed on to another due to a lack of time. Some 400 copies of the book will be printed. Other projects include *Steps to Christ* and *The Desire of Ages* in Lao. “These are momentous steps,” says Mr Brereton. “Recently a man was jailed for five years simply because he admitted he was an Adventist when asked by an official.

Take care

Name withheld

Adventists have recently been targeted by the lure of executive travel, high salary and expensive car/s. It sounds too good to be true—and it is. Don't be gullible and accept any offer at face value. Think again and do thorough research into the people and business before taking on the position recently advertised in RECORD.

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Poor-taste Bible?

Bevan A Craig, NSW

Sure *The Aussie Bible* is colloquial ("No colloquial Bible, please," Letters, October 25), but wasn't Jesus? In Matthew 7:23 Jesus said, "Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you.'" He uses the vernacular of His day in using "knew," a word that alludes to how a man "knows" a woman in intimate relations. (A poor choice of expression in my culture, and in bad taste!)

The language found in Deuteronomy 23:2 in the KJV ("A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord") and intent of expressions in the early chapters of Song of Solomon leave *The Aussie Bible* in the children's bedtime story category.

The issue is not what shouldn't be in a translation; rather, are we willing to see that the Holy Spirit may be drawing us to an image or understanding of God outside the box we have placed Him in?

Culture changes

Doug Oemcke, NNZ

One of the letter writers in "Underground questions" (October 4) asks, "Why change the culture of the church? What's wrong with current church culture?" If we believe the culture of today's church is a perfect reflection of the life and character of Jesus, there is no need for change.

We need to distinguish between *culture* and *truth*. Truth doesn't change, although

our understanding of it does. On the other hand, culture is continually changing. However, changes need to be deliberate, planned, biblically based and relevant to the community it serves. Paul didn't surrender principles when he became all things to all people (1 Corinthians 9:22).

S I Hayakawa said, "If you can see in a given situation only what everyone else [of your culture] can see, you can be said to be so much a representative of your culture that you are a victim of it." It's easy to become victims of our church culture yet be unaware of the fact. That was true of the Pharisees. If in the process of trying to communicate with the culture of our time we sacrifice principles, we've lost the plot. Cultural change is a challenge, one that we ignore at the peril of becoming irrelevant.

current situation. Not left. Not right. Up. The view is much clearer from there.

Truth and practice

Randall Ibbott, NSW

Perhaps the problem with the church Gary Christian mentions ("When Truth is in disrepute," Editorial, October 4) has less to do with the relationship of the world to truth than the church to truth. Practical godliness is a manifestation of the One who is Truth working through willing agents. However, when we doubt the very truth we're asked to reveal through our lives, is it any wonder we see such results?

The message God has given to us is a practical, holistic message—a revelation of

"What's wrong with current church culture?" How about poor, blind and naked for starters?

Kent Kingston, Qld

We believe we're living in the prophetic period of Laodicea, but some still ask with apparently genuine puzzlement: "What's wrong with current church culture?" How about poor, blind and naked for starters? The solution is not to re-create the church in the image of contemporary society; but neither is it to freeze the culture of the church in the 1890s or 1950s. The answer is to reflect Jesus in all we do and to apply the principles of His teaching to our

Jesus! It's grace balanced by law, mercy bound to justice, and divine love expressed by divine wrath against that which separates God from the object of His affection. When we see this, the universe will be amazed, and not so much by profession as by action!

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Communicators thank long-serving editor

Cooranbong, NSW

Seventh-day Adventist communicators have met to recognise the contribution to communication of one of their longest-serving members.

Pastor Bruce Manners has served for almost 15 years as an editor—11 as editor-in-chief—at the church's Signs Publishing Company in Warburton, Vic. He has accepted a call to return to local church ministry next year.



Pastor Bruce Manners and his wife, Margaret.

The communicators—representing the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, three of the church's institutions and two of its Communication Depar-

tments—presented a gift to Pastor Manners during a breakfast at Avondale College on October 23.

Brenton Stacey, a former assistant editor under Pastor Manners, read from Pastor Manners's first editorial—it appeared in the May 14, 1988, edition of the church's weekly news magazine, *RECORD*—as part of his speech. "That which is profound needs to be understood before it can be profound." That's not a bad summary of the legacy Bruce leaves as a communicator."

Warren Jones, the general manager at Signs, spoke of his almost 20-year association with Pastor Manners. "Bruce grew up as a fisherman. The sea was his sphere of endeavour, the line, and hooks and the net the tools of his trade.

"But, like the disciples, God called him to change his course. And now I have had the privilege of working with a fisherman whose skills are in spreading the berley, throwing out good bait in a sensitive environment."—*ANN*

GC awards local educator

Wahroonga, NSW

The General Conference (GC) has awarded a New Zealand educator for more than 40 years of service in two divisions.

Dr Lester Devine, a former South Pacific Division director of education, who also served the church in North America, received a Medallion of Distinction during a surprise party at the South Pacific Division office, Wahroonga, NSW, on October 23.

"Lester was driven by a spiritual vision and sought ways to tap the evangelical potential of Adventist schools," reads the citation—signed by Dr Garland Dulan, the director of education for the GC—accompanying the medallion.

The citation notes Dr Devine's achievements as, among others: developing curriculum workshops for primary and secondary teachers; developing the Master of Arts degree program at the church's La Sierra University; organising the first Preach-Teach Conference; developing in-service programs funded by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency for teachers in the Pacific islands; and introducing performance appraisals

for education directors.

"[Lester] acts with integrity, follows his convictions and is fearless of the consequences of tough decisions," reads the citation.



Dr Lester Devine receives his Medallion of Distinction from Andrea Luxton.

Those celebrating with Dr Devine included: his wife, Noreen, and daughter, Nerolie; education leaders from the Australian Union Conference, North New South Wales Conference, South Pacific Division and Greater Sydney Conference; the president-elect of Avondale College; and administrators from the South Pacific Division.

Also attending were retired education leaders Drs Gerald Clifford—a former recipient—and Bob Spoor, former education curriculum assistant Inge-Lise Butler, and Dr Devine's former secretary Ngaire Colquhoun.

"It's good to see the whole team," quipped Dr Devine as he took his seat.

Dr Andrea Luxton, an associate director of education for the General Conference, presented the award to Dr Devine. "He has earned an enormous amount of loyalty from those he has worked with," she says.—*Brenton Stacey*

Adventists' "preach, teach and heal" mission commended

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, who represents New York, expressed her strong support of workplace religious freedom in a videotaped message for the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department.

"One of the things I admire most about Seventh-day Adventists, in addition to your faith, is your commitment to preach, teach and heal," she says. "Your emphasis on educating and nurturing your fellow man is a model for all people of faith to follow. And your network of schools and health-care facilities put into action the tenets of those beliefs. For that is the calling to all of us, not just to believe but to act."

Senator Clinton made her remarks in a Senate conference room with a crew from the Adventist Television Network. United States President George W Bush taped a similar message lauding Adventist commitment to human rights and religious freedom in 2002.

Senator Clinton commended Adventists for their particular emphasis on the family. "I know the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a strong commitment to family—a commitment that is represented in how you observe the Sabbath together. With faith, and strong families, and the freedom to allow faith to prosper, our people and our nation will be ready to embrace the future."—*ANN*

Language no barrier to call

Glenorchy and Burnie, Tasmania

Two men who began to study for ministry at Avondale College, Cooranbong, NSW, with little or no understanding of English, were recently ordained in Tasmania.

On October 11, Pastor Alfredo Campos was ordained in the Glenorchy church. He and his wife, Maritza (nee Flamenco), had fled the political turmoil in their home country of El Salvador and arrived in Sydney in 1987.

When he became an Adventist in 1978, Pastor Campos lost his job: "I was introduced to colporteur work and while doing that felt the call to ministry. I couldn't do it at the time. When we came to Australia I didn't make the decision to go to Avondale until I had a dream. In the dream, a voice said, 'Now is the time for you to go; now go.'"

He prayed that God would help him, particularly with his language, to be accepted and succeed in his study. He commenced five years after arriving in Australia and graduated in 1997.

Alfredo and Maritza met at church when she returned to El Salvador from working as a nurse in Nicaragua. They have two children, a girl, Keziah, aged 11, and a boy, Kayden, aged 14 months.

He has served in the Western Australian Conference as pastor of the Spanish, Victoria Park and Cannington churches, and as chaplain for the Riverside Community School. In 2002

the family transferred to Tasmania, where he ministers in the Glenorchy and Collinsvale churches, and as chaplain for the Hilliard Primary School.

"I enjoy ministry," says Pastor Campos. "I enjoy working with people and I really enjoy my ministry at the school as chaplain. To help people, to lead them to Jesus, to

open the Bible and share its teachings with them; these all give me great satisfaction."

On October 25, Pastor Darius Jankiewicz was ordained for ministry at Burnie. He arrived in Australia from Poland at the age

of 21, thanks to a generous gift of an elderly Seventh-day Adventist woman in Norway that enabled him to migrate. He commenced studies at Avondale College a week later, not understanding any English. His first year was a struggle to adjust to the culture and to understand his lecturers.

"I felt the call to ministry in high school," says Pastor Jankiewicz. "I was becoming increasingly dissatisfied and remember asking God what He wanted me to do. I just felt this was what God wanted me to do."

During his third year of studies, he met Edyta (nee Przybylko), a physiotherapist, at a Polish youth congress at Howqua, SA. They married after his graduation in 1989 and have two daughters: Caitlin, aged almost 5; and Ashley, aged 2.

They commenced ministry in the Greater Sydney Conference at the Blacktown and later the Castle Hill churches. In 1993 they moved to Andrews University, Michigan, USA, where he completed a Master of Divinity degree and a PhD in theology.

They were called to Tasmania in August 2001, and he ministers in the Burnie, Wynyard and Smithton churches, as well

as serving as chaplain at the North West Christian School.

"I love personal evangelism," he says, "and meeting people one on one and introducing them to Christ."

The family recently accepted a call to Fulton College, Fiji, where he will serve as a theology lecturer beginning next year.



Maritza Campos, Pastor Campos, and their daughter, Keziah, holding Kayden, her brother.



Pastor Jan Jankiewicz welcoming his son, Darius, and daughter-in-law, Edyta, into the ministry.

Adventist Church in Sydney votes to incorporate

The Greater Sydney Conference (GSC) amended its constitution so it can create companies to manage its operations, schools and aged-care facilities.

The decision came during the GSC's triennial session, held at Sydney Adventist College in Strathfield, October 25, 26.

The 518 delegates registered to attend the session voted "overwhelmingly" to amend the constitution, reports Pastor Bob Manners, the conference's general secretary.

Pastor Manners says the church will incorporate its operations and schools on January 1 next year, and its aged-care facilities on July 1.

Delegates returned most officers to their positions. Peter Kilgour, the principal at Longburn Adventist College, NZ, is the GSC's new director of education. He replaces Paul Devine who is retiring. Dr Alex Currie, formerly the acting director, becomes the director of Family Ministries. The church is yet to find a replacement for John Allum, who is retiring as manager of Sydney's Adventist Book Centres.

Delegates also voted to ensure each Adventist church in Sydney identify itself as a "Seventh-day Adventist" church and to clearly have the name on, or associated with, the church building.—**IntraSyd/Brenton Stacey**

"When at Andrews I developed a passion for teaching," he says. "In Tasmania I rediscovered my passion for ministry. When I teach I don't want to just impart knowledge, but minister on a personal basis."

Pastor Jankiewicz was welcomed into gospel ministry by his father, Pastor Jan Jankiewicz, minister of the Boolaroo and Polish churches in Newcastle, NSW.—**Kevin Amos**

Multiculturalism celebrated

Cooranbong, NSW

Multiculturalism was celebrated at Avondale College, Cooranbong, NSW, on October 25. A worship service was led by Harry Chen, the sport and recreation coordinator. He spoke of his experience as a Cook Islander attending a boarding college for boys in New Zealand.

Among other highlights of the service was a musical item from student Michelle Chen, who sang a song in Chinese.

A feast of multicultural dances and songs were performed at an evening concert. Some 600 people attended the event to see performances from across the globe including India, USA, Australian Aboriginal culture, Cook Islands, Fiji, Afghanistan, New Zealand, South America and Tonga.

Avondale theology student Devron Strickland was MC of the event. He has a mixed cultural background, including Maori and Cook Island heritage, and represented each country in various traditional dances in addition to his MC duties.

Audience member Barbara Duncan said the event had been a fantastic display of various cultures represented in the Avondale student body. "I loved the haka. It was very enthusiastically performed," she said. "But I didn't realise that it was part of the Japanese culture! One of the Japanese students, Kazuhiro Ishibashi, performed



Bashanti O'Malley demonstrates a cultural dance from her homeland of Bangladesh.

with the New Zealand group and he was a natural."

In addition to the cultural dancing, the Samoan group presented a fashion show of "Samoan fashions past and present."

The event wrapped up with a performance by a group of Australian Aborigines, including Avondale College students Johnny Muirson and Inyika Buthmann.

The group paid homage to the local Awabakal tribe before performing traditional corroboree dances. Johnny Muirson played the didgeridoo, mimicking native Australian animal sounds as well as telling the story of a hitchhiker on the freeway through sound.—**Heather Potter**

Worldwide church marks 140 Years

Silver Spring, Maryland, USA

Gathered from remnants of the 19th-century Millerite movement, the General Conference (GC) Seventh-day Adventists celebrated 140 years of operating during its annual business meeting last month.

"We believe that the Lord's Spirit has led Seventh-day Adventists to a form of organisation that carefully balances the need for local church authority with the need to effectively advance the gospel throughout the world," said Pastor Matthew Bediako, secretary for the GC.

In 1863 James White and other pioneer

Adventist leaders agreed on a church structure. The Adventist Church was a different organisation in those days.

In 1863 there were a total of 125 churches with a membership of 3500. There were 22 ordained ministers and eight licensed ministers. The total tithe was \$US8000.

Today, there are more than 60,000 Adventist congregations, with worldwide baptised membership at well over 13.3 million. Tithe last year was nearly \$US1.8 billion, an average of more than \$US4.8 million per day in contributions.—**Mark Kellner/ANN**

Attendees run into evangelistic series

Bairiki, Kiribati

Some 250 runners participated in the recent Kiribati fun run sponsored by the Kiribati Mission and Sanitarium Health Food Company.

"This is most likely the first time that an island-wide run has been organised in Kiribati," says mission president Pastor John Horvath. "We were thrilled with the turnout."

Gift vouchers were presented to the winners of the fun run by the Kiribati president's wife, first lady Mrs Tong, that evening at the beginning of the evangelistic program, held at the National Stadium.

Almost 1000 people attended and continued to come for the next 14 nights despite threatening rain and some groups trying to stop the program.

During the evangelistic series, led by Pastor Sam Braga from Katoomba church, NSW, some 240 people made decisions for Christ, and 37 were baptised.

Local Adventist youth provided music each night and the new mission preschool also participated with several items.

"Their teacher, Laurel Jackson, will be returning to New Zealand soon," says Pastor Horvath. "We urgently need a preschool teacher.

"Our preschool is an ongoing evangelistic program," he says. "Every day the staff have opportunities to share Jesus with the children and parents."

He invites any interested teachers, or those gifted in children's ministries, to contact him on email <sdachurch@tskl.net.ki> or phone +686 21 621.—**Kellie Hancock**



Pastor Sam Braga and translator preaching in Kiribati's National Stadium.



Kiribati children such as these are looking for a new teacher/carer.

Percy Harrold

Appreciation

Sikking, Maria and her extended families would like to express appreciation to all their friends for the prayers and support, cards, phone messages and donations received during Leo's illness and since his passing.

Appointments

Avondale College appointments 2004:
●Lorinda Bruce, to secondary teacher, Longburn Adventist College.
●Malcolm Eastwick, to ministerial intern, Northern Australian Conference, Australian Union Conference (AUC).
●Renee Fullwood, to teach K-3, Esperance Christian Primary School, Western Australian Conference, AUC.
●Jeanelle Isaacs, to communication assistant, South Pacific Division.
●Dianna Martinez, to teach junior primary, Castle Hill Adventist Primary School, Greater Sydney Conference, AUC.
●Donald Moore, to ministerial intern, South Queensland Conference, AUC.
●Lindsay Morton, to teach middle primary, Gilson College, Victorian Conference, AUC.
●Richard Olivares, to ministerial intern, South Queensland Conference (SQC), AUC.
●Melinda Ridley, to teach junior primary, Wahroonga Adventist Primary School, Greater Sydney Conference, AUC.
●Delwyn Scale, to teach primary Grade 3, Northpine Christian College, SQC, AUC.
●Sharee Ward, to teach lower primary, Canberra Christian School, South New South Wales Conference, AUC.
●Bryce Wastney, to teach technology, Auckland SDA High School, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.

Transfers

●Loretta Beard, from Esther Somerville Nursing Home, Greater Sydney Conference, Australian Union Conference (AUC), to grounds department, Sydney Adventist Hospital.
●Jean Carter, from associate director, curriculum, education system, AUC, to lecturer, faculty of education, Avondale College.
●Graham Chester, from senior lecturer, faculty of business and information technology, Avondale College, to deputy vice-chancellor, Pacific Adventist University (PAC).
●Veronika Chester, from teacher, North New South Wales Conference, AUC, to lecturer, school of education, PAC.
●Gavin Gosling, on permanent return from information technology manager, Trans-Pacific Union Mission, to Risk Management Service, South Pacific Division (SPD).
●Rachel Jerrard, from private employment, to secretary, Communication and Public Relations Department, SPD.
●Clifton Maberly, on permanent return from lecturer, graduate school of theology, Korean Sahmyook University, Thailand, to pastor, Toowoomba Central church, South Queensland Conference, AUC.

Volunteers!

Do you have a group interested in doing a fly'n'build to Vanuatu? The two projects available are: (1) Port Vila: to complete the first stage of the two-storey classroom block of the new school. This requires a builder and preferably a block layer. The project can accommodate unskilled workers—not afraid of hard work. (2) Santo: to build a new district office at Sarakata, Santo.

Accountant—ADRA Afghanistan International—for administration and project accounting, small errands for daily administration of the ADRA office. Accounting and Microsoft Office experience necessary. Bachelor's degree a prerequisite. Airfare, lodging and living allowance provided.

Romania needs you! There are current positions in Romania for ESL teachers, an ESL school director, and an English/Music teacher.

Program Facilitator, Pinnacle Challenge, New Zealand. Two facilitators needed to head up the Pinnacle Challenge for 2004. Must be aged 20-28. Group facilitation, public speaking, program development and evaluation, general administration tasks and outdoor recreation instructing (training provided). From January 19-December 13, 2004.

For more positions, check the web on <www.adventistvolunteers.org>
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Weddings

Edwards—Phillips. Daniel Craig Edwards, son of Wayne and Margaret Edwards (Kangaroo Island, SA), and Allysa Karine Phillips, daughter of John and Merryl Phillips (Esperance, WA), were married on 27.9.03 in the Esperance Adventist church. *Eric Kingdon*

Latu—Teulilo. Theodore King Latu, son of Taniela and Nanise Toutai (Tonga), and Ana Jennifer Teulilo, daughter of Amanaki and Toatepi Teulilo (Sydney, NSW), were married on 19.10.03 in the Concord Adventist church.

Bruce Shield, Sitiveni Teapua

Smith—Ashton. Daniel Warren Smith, son of Laurence and Merle Smith (Caboolture, Qld), and Toni Lynelle Ashton, daughter of Maurice and Carmel Ashton (Cooranbong, NSW), were married on 7.9.03 at "The Treehouse," Brunkerville. *Alvin Schick*

Vaessen—Bishop. Cliff Vaessen, son of Rolf and May Vaessen (Kilcoy, Qld) and Julie Bishop, daughter of Darrel and Doreen Bishop (Lansdowne, NSW), were married on 21.9.03 in a marquee on the bride's parents' property. *Phillip Bishop*

Positions vacant

▲ Primary Teachers—Cairns Adventist Primary School (Manunda, Qld) is seeking two full-time primary teachers for 2004, to be responsible for preschool and lower grades. Reward yourself! Escape the city and relocate to a relaxed, tropical lifestyle. **For further information** phone Ruth Jackson on 0411 321 441. **Applications in writing** should be forwarded by fax or mail to: Education secretary, PO Box 51, Aitkenvale Qld 4814; phone (07) 4779 8891, by November 21, 2003.

▲ Teachers—Sydney Adventist College (Strathfield, NSW) is seeking two qualified TESOL teachers for 2004 to teach in the Intensive English area of the school. The Adventist College of English operates as an annex to the mainstream program and offers a number of high school preparation levels to overseas students. The successful applicants will have prior experience and qualifications will include a TESOL certificate as a minimum requirement. **For further information** contact: Principal, Sydney Adventist College, Strathfield NSW 2135; phone (02) 9764 3200; fax (02) 9746 2433; email <barry.wright@sac.nsw.edu.au>.

▲ Sales Representative—Sanitarium Health Food Company (Central Coast, NSW) is seeking a highly motivated person to join their NSW sales team. The successful applicant will have sound negotiation and interpersonal skills, a high level of self-motivation and dedication, the ability to work at a fast pace while maintaining attention to detail, computer literacy and a current driver's licence. Previous sales experience would be an advantage. **Applications in writing** should be forwarded to: State Operations Manager, Sanitarium Health Food Company, PO Box 390, Castle Hill NSW 1765, no later than November 28, 2003.

▲ Librarian—Avondale College (Cooranbong, NSW) is seeking a full-time qualified Librarian to commence 2004. **For further information** see <www.avondale.edu.au> or contact Sonya Muhl; phone +61 2 4980 2284; fax +61 2 4980 2269; email <sonya.muhl@avondale.edu.au>. **For detailed information** contact Mrs Jo Lloyd on (02) 4980 2129 or <jo.lloyd@avondale.edu.au>. **Applications in writing** should be forwarded to Human Resources, Avondale College, PO Box 19, Cooranbong NSW 2265, to arrive no later than 5 pm, Tuesday, November 25, 2003.

▲ Nurses—Sydney Adventist Hospital (Wahroonga, NSW) is planning a new general surgical and orthopaedics ward that is due to open January 19, 2004. The hospital has undergone a major refurbishment program of its general medical/surgical units. There will be additional opportunities for CNs, RNs and ENs with flexible shifts, including mornings, afternoons, nights and weekends. Full-time, part-time and casual positions are available. We also offer: salary packaging to enhance your take-home pay; supportive clinical environment to assist your career development; social club and staff facilities on site; and a child-care centre. **For further information** phone Trevor Crabbe on (02) 9487 9233 today; or email your application to <trevor@sah.org.au>.

For church-related employment opportunities visit the Employment section on the SPD web site <www.adventist.org.au>.

Obituaries

Bonham, Cedric David, born 4.5.1922 at Port Pirie, SA; died peacefully in his sleep 28.9.03 at Morphettville. On 21.12.43 he married Daisy Commons, who predeceased him on 23.6.73. On 21.12.74 he married Gladys Kennedy, who predeceased him in 1995. He was also predeceased by his sons, Ian and Trevor. He is survived by his third wife, Lilly (Philippines); his daughters and sons-in-law, Raelene and Graham Rundle (Woodville Gardens, SA); his son, Malcolm (Woodcroft); his son and daughter-in-law, Ian and Fay (Parafield Gardens); his daughters-in-law, Dianne Oaklands (Napperby) and Heather (Greenwith); his 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. One of Cedric's favourite sayings was, "God loves you, and so do I." *Angus McPhee*

Bottrell, Mareta Olga, born 13.8.1919 at Charters Towers, Qld; died 8.10.03 in John Flynn Hospital, Gold Coast. She is survived by her husband, James (Reg, Kingscliff, NSW); her daughters and sons-in-law, Prudence (Lynne) and Bill

Blundall (Bowen, Qld), Dorothy and Daryll (Bankok, Thailand), Helen (Uralla, NSW), and Alison and Larry (Carrara, Qld). Mareta was a career woman ahead of her time, who taught in primary schools for 33 years. She was a dedicated and committed mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who loved music and art.

Adrian Raethel

Buckley-Hiscox, Judd Dalton, born 2.8.03; died 24.9.03 in the Mater Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. He is survived by his parents, Phil Hiscox and Sonya Buckley-Hiscox (Robina); and his twin brother, Boston. Judd (nicknamed Braveheart) spent his entire life of 53 days in the intensive-care section of the neonatal unit at the Mater Hospital. He never said a word or even cried, but his courage and fight touched so many people. Judd died peacefully in his mother's arms.

Adrian Raethel

McDougall, Loren Geoffrey, born 25.4.1959 at Nambour, Qld; died 13.9.03 at Imbil. He was predeceased by his brother, Brian. He is survived by his mother, Elsie (Nambour); his father, Geoff

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(Imbil); his brother and sister-in-law, Kevin and Thelma; his brother, Barry; his sister and brother-in-law, Olivene and Terry Eastwell (all of Nambour). Loren had a full, but at times difficult life. He is sadly missed by his family.

Mark Pearce

Muirhead, Glen David, born 8.12.1983 at Bourke, NSW; died 25.9.03 at Dubbo. He is survived by his parents, Charlie and Ilse; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Karen, Martin and Melissa (all of Dubbo), Grant and Trudy (Emerald, Qld), and John and Caroline (Dubbo, NSW). Glen was very severely injured in a car accident at the age of two months. Everything was done to help him recover and lead a normal life, but he remained profoundly disabled. His charismatic smile and his happy disposition are so deeply missed by the family that loved him.

Frank Cantrill, Lawrence Landers

Ratray, Mary Victoria (nee Pages), born 14.2.1919 in Perth, WA; died 27.9.03 in Charles Harrison Memorial Home, Cooranbong, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, James, on 6.2.99; also her sister, Fermina House. She is survived by her daughter, Robyn; her son and daughter-in-law, Geoff and Cheryl-lyn; her sisters, Dorothy Boyle, Madeline, Cedec and June; her grandchildren; and her great-grandson. Prior to her marriage Mary worked in the retail branch of the Sanitarium Health Food Company, in both Melbourne and Sydney. Together, Mary and James faithfully served the

church in the Sanitarium Health Food Company, both in Australia and New Zealand. Mary was a devoted mother and grandmother; cheerful, generous and had a selfless nature. So many precious memories of love live on to bless them.

Peter Colquhoun

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Missionary fellowship lunch. Past and present missionaries are invited to the annual missionary fellowship lunch at Avondale College, on Sabbath, December 6, 2003. Please bring savoury and sweet. Lunch starts 1.30 pm. Further details Sid and Cathy Griffith (02) 4980 2237.

Avondale College

2003

Graduation

Join the Celebration

December 5 (Friday): Consecration Service, Faculty of Nursing & Health students, Wahroonga Church, 7.30 pm
 Consecration Service for all other prospective graduates, Cooranbong Campus, College Church, 7.45 pm.

December 6 (Sabbath): all programs on Cooranbong Campus held in the College Church:
8.45 am & 11.30 am Church Valedictory Services
10.00 am Sabbath School
4.00 pm Musical Program
5.30 pm President's Reception (Invitation Only)

December 10 (Sunday): Cooranbong Campus, Chan Shun Auditorium
10.00 am Graduation Service (Ticket entry only)

Enquiries: Rosalie Rickards
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Big day out—Adventist Singles Network Day Convention—November 22, 2003—George Street, Epping (NSW) SDA church. A sensational Sabbath of worship, fellowship, music featuring Korean Male Quartette. Sabbath school 9.30 am; 11.15 am Pastor Bruce Grosse "God the Master Designer." Lunch provided. Afternoon program, Pastor Rein Muhlberg, walk, plus an evening of **fun** and **food**. A great day out for every single one of us! Phone Desiree (02) 9674 2739.

Pacific Yacht Ministries—a self-funded charity supporting the work of missions in the South Pacific requires SA30,000 by December 31, 2003, to be able to provide medical and dental care to island people in 2004. Costs are around SA50 per person. Mail your donation to: Operation Medic, PO Box 2157, Keperra Qld 4054.

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