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Betikama College's principal, Dedily Masaea, hands a plaque to Colonel Frewen, head of the Australian Army in the Solomon Islands, thanking the army for their gift of bagpipes and drums, which has enabled Betikama to set up the first pipe band in the Solomon Islands.

Bagpipes for Betikama

Honiara, Solomon Islands

A cultural concert performed by expatriate employees at Betikama Adventist College in Honiara, Solomon Islands, has led to the formation of the first pipe band in the Solomons.

Of Scottish descent, business manager Bruce Potter played the bagpipes for the students at the cultural concert. He also invited the Royal Australian Regimental Pipe Band, who were in the Solomons, to come and perform at the college.

"The students were so enthusiastic about their performance that the army pipers offered to teach them how to play the bagpipes," says Mr Potter.

After some 40 Betikama students and staff received four weeks of intensive training on the bagpipes and drums, Colonel Frewen, head of the Australian Army in the Solomon Islands, handed over five sets of bagpipes, two side-drums, and a bass-drum, as a gift from the army to Betikama in Honiara, on November 7.

The Betikama Pipe Band performed for Colonel Frewen at the handover ceremony and members of the Army pipe band said they were amazed at how quickly the group had learned the rudiments of playing one of the most difficult musical instruments in the world to play.—**Kellie Hancock**

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All I want for Christmas

In his book *The Pressure's Off: There's a New Way to Live*, Larry Crabb invites us to stop trying to earn or seek God's blessing and instead put our intimate friendship with Him above everything else we might want from God.

"The central obstacle to His life flowing in us and pouring from us is this: We want something more. And that's evil," he writes. "We want the blessings of a better life more than we desire to draw near to Jesus. We approach him the way a child approaches a weary Santa Claus in the mall, who for the hundredth time asks, 'What do you want for Christmas?'"

The art of giving gifts has been mostly relegated to the obligatory dates we circle in red on the calendar . . .

"I wager no child has ever pressed close to Santa's chest, looked into his eyes, and said, 'You! I want only you!' No child believes having Santa join him for dinner could bring more joy than watching Santa stack presents beneath the tree."

Recently my mother, my sister and I had a three-way phone call to plan what the Christmas present strategy for this year would be. Some years we give one gift for each family. Other years we give to only one person whose name comes out of the hat. The majority vote for this year was that every person gives a gift to every person.

Personally, the focus and attention on buying or making 10, 20 or 30 Christmas presents (depending on which family we're spending the holidays with) doesn't sit well with me.

Before you label me a Scrooge, I do love finding or making gifts for special people in my life. But to me, it just makes more sense to lavish love in the form of gifts to people

on their birthday, not what has become known as Jesus' birthday.

And even better than giving or receiving birthday presents, are those "just because" gifts. Recently I received one. Someone thought of me when they saw it, wrapped it up beautifully, and had it delivered to me, "just because." A gift like that makes a person feel special, because it isn't an obligatory gift given because of what date the calendar says it is.

That sort of gift says, "I was thinking of you because I like you, and this gift is a tangible way of me letting you know how important you are in my life."

Everyone is busy. Perhaps that's why the art of giving gifts has been mostly relegated to the obligatory dates we circle in red on the calendar—birthdays, wedding anniversaries and Christmas.

And perhaps this same busyness is what causes us to schedule any time we spend with God. It's as if we seek to earn God's blessing by having Him in our day planner.

If we stopped trying to earn or seek God's blessing and instead put our intimate friendship with Him above everything else we might want from Him, "just because," imagine how that would make God feel.

●Imagine His joy as He hears one of us sing praise songs to Him on a Tuesday. "Hey, that sounds like Jim. He's singing to me. And it isn't 11.10 am on a Saturday!"

●Imagine His shock when He hears one of us talking to Him out loud in the car as we drive home from work. "That sounds like Jane. She's telling me what a great day she had and thanking me for blessing her.

What a nice change. She usually talks to me only in panic-button prayers that ask me to get her out of a tight spot."

●Imagine His surprise to see one of us reading the Bible to get to know Him better. "Is that Jack? How interesting. He's seeking me; not simply searching for texts to support his latest theological hobby-horse!"

●Imagine the tears in His eyes when He sees one of us actually sitting still for more than two minutes and listening for His voice. "I can't believe it. Jill has decided not to watch TV every night of the week. Instead she's waiting for me to come and speak to her."

In the hurry and hustle of the holidays, it's so easy for us to get caught up with the trappings and trimmings of Christmas. It's easy, while rushing around department stores with a shrinking budget and an expanding gift list, to forget that Jesus is the reason for the season.

With family from Queensland, NSW and Victoria travelling to a central point for the Christmas holidays, another planning point has been the menu—who will be providing what and where can we pick up local supplies, especially for that dinner on December 25?

While making memories and menus with family and friends is a valid part of Christmas, I believe that having Jesus join us for Christmas dinner would bring us more joy than any present we might find under the tree.

That's all I want for Christmas.

Kellie Hancock



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—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● The **general manager** of **Signs Publishing Company** has had a change of face—in the name of a good cause.

Warren Jones (pictured)



shaved his beard after sponsorship of more than \$A3500 was given to help youth at his church, Wantirna (Vic), go to the General Conference youth congress in Thailand. Only rarely has Mr Jones been without a beard in almost 40 years.



● The **Israelite Heritage Institute of Australia** has appointed **Charmaine Muir** as the coordinator of a **new chapter** in Cooroy, Qld. The new chapter consists of five official members, including Pastor Ross Parker (retired), who convened archaeology studies for Jewish Outreach

Ministry in the early 1990s in Melbourne, Vic. Others in the area **interested in studying outreach to Jewish people** can contact Mrs Muir on (07) 5482 8826.

● The **man of La Mancha is moving on**. After 17 years as proprietor of the La Mancha Health Retreat (Lismore, NSW), **Matthew Steele** has sold his business and retired. The new owner, a doctor, has temporarily closed the retreat, but plans to re-open after completing an overseas assignment. Mr Steele, a dietitian, says he is now available to help churches that would like assistance with nutrition and stop-smoking

Women in ministry meet

The Faculty of Theology at Avondale College recently hosted a Women in Ministry conference at the Dooralong Conference Centre, NSW, to discuss the challenges facing women who enter pastoral ministry.

Attendees included Avondale College lecturers, female ministerial students and representatives from the North New South Wales (NNSW) Conference and the South Pacific Division (SPD).

The Dean of Theology, Dr Ray Roennfeldt, said in his opening address: "We needed this conference in order to encourage the women who are studying theology, and to open up issues relating to personal life and church policy. Almost 15 per cent of theology students at Avondale are female so it is important to address the issues these women will face."

Organiser Drene Somasundram, who lectures in theology at the college, said the event had been very positive. "Our guests really made the event worthwhile," she says. Pastor Anthony Kent, SPD Ministerial Association secretary, and Pastor John Skrzypaszek from the NNSW Conference spoke to the students and were sensitive about the issues women would face. Dr Bev Davis, from the Faculty of Theology, Dr Robyn Priestly, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and Carole Ferch-Johnson had also contributed to the discussions.

Out of the discussions came recommendations on mentoring programs and church policy. The students said they had appreciated the support and advice they received at the event and found it very beneficial.—*Heather Potter*

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● Fifteen **outdoor leaders** in training from Mount Druitt, Castle Hill, Fox Valley, Jacob's Well, Cook Islands and Mile End churches attended an outdoor **assessment**



weekend at Crosslands, NSW, October 18, 19. Trainees had to show their expertise in the bush-walking, weather and environmental units. Dr **John Ashton** took them down the river by barge to the base of Mount Orient where night navigation, backpacking and survival skills were assessed by **Chris Nilsson, Robin Tapping** and **Brian Head**.

● Students from Grades 3 to 6 at Nunawading Adventist Primary School, Vic, demonstrated **outstanding English skills** when they participated in the recent **Australian Schools English Competition**. Thirteen high distinctions (top 1 per cent of Australian students), 13 distinctions (top 10 per cent) and 11 credits (top 20 per cent) were awarded.

Students **Amy Pitt** and **Christopher**



Morgan (pictured with principal Lyn Denne) were **awarded medals** from the ETC (English Testing Centre of the University of NSW) for scoring the highest marks in their year levels in the state.

● The **Southport** church, Qld, has attracted **30 community** members to its **art and craft** group. Friendships are being formed over card-making classes, folk and flower art, teddy-bear making and cooking demonstrations.—*Focus*

● The **latest exhibition** at the Jewish Museum of Australia (26 Alma Road, St Kilda, Vic), from **November 2 to March 7, 2004**, is a **photographic exploration of Jewish cultures around the world**. "Observances" studies mainly orthodox Judaism in a variety of places including South America among descendants (in



Brazil's Amazon) of those who fled the Spanish Inquisition and Jewish gauchos in Argentina, whose forebears escaped from Russian pogroms of the 1800s. The photographs are by Filipino-Australian photographer Emmanuel Santos.

Kiwis paint school

Six Year 12 students and two teachers from the Christchurch Adventist School recently went to Vanuatu to participate in a fly'n'paint mission at Aore Adventist Academy, on a small island near Santo (called Aore).

Pictured rear (L-R) are Adrian Bell, Bridget Chambers, David Schoolderman and front Vicky Bell, Amanda Tooley, Kaylene Fish, Bradley Clarke and Chris Sinclair.



The volunteers painted the dining hall, kitchen and primary school.

"Being in another culture helped us appreciate our lives back home and realise how much we really have and how much we should be appreciative and thankful for. Service to others is an awesome experience because it felt good to help others who have less than we do," says Kaylene.—*Vicky Bell*

● The **St Helena Hospital** in California recently **celebrated 125 years of health service**. The 181-bed Adventist hospital began as the Rural Health Retreat in 1878 and is known for its cardiac care, according to Lisa Hayden, hospital spokeswoman. St Helena Hospital is **part of Adventist Health**, a nonprofit health-care system with 20 hospitals in the western United States.—*ANN*

● **Young Adventists** recently said **"No" to drugs and "Yes" to Jesus** in an organised street march to Paul Kruger Square in Pretoria, **South Africa**. Carrying banners, they called on the public to take a stand against drugs and to accept Jesus into their lives. At the conclusion of their march,



abuse of women. A medical tent provided cholesterol and blood-pressure tests and medical advice. Bible correspondence school applications were also made available.—*ANN*

● A **new Adventist World Radio** (AWR) studio began in **north-east India** on October 26, with broadcasting in the Assamese and Mizo languages. AWR now broadcasts in 55 languages around the world.—*ANN*

● A **Turkish convert to Christianity** who was **severely beaten for distributing New Testaments** recently in his home town of Orhangazi in north-western Turkey has slipped into a coma in critical condition. Yakup Cindilli was hospitalised after a savage attack by three individuals who inflicted heavy blows on his head and face.—*Compass Direct*

Days and offerings

December 6—Stewardship Day
December 13—Pacific Islands Advancement Offering

Off the record

● This is **Faye Saville**, the bursar at **Avondale School**, an Adventist primary and high school in Cooranbong, NSW. She served in the kitchen during the North New South Wales annual **camp-meeting at Stuarts Point**, October 3-11. Avondale School has operated the kitchen for the past three years after tendering for the contract. It is using the money—\$A17,000 this year—it has raised to **help build a new multipurpose centre**. Mrs Saville says the apron "is a gift from my boys," sons Clayton, 19, and Joshua, 17.—*Brenton Stacey*



● Women from the **Quirindi church**, NSW, recently hosted a **morning tea** for a group of **handicapped people** along with their carers from the local community.



● **Scott Farqharon**, a Year 3 student at Avondale School, recently won a **gold medal** in the 100 metres running event at the Athletes with Disabilities event held on November 7 at the **Sydney Olympic Stadium**. He also won a bronze medal in the shot-put.



Church president meets Australian Governor-General

Canberra, ACT

The president of the South Pacific Division met the Governor-General of Australia.

Pastor Laurie Evans had a 30-minute private meeting with Major General Michael Jeffery at Government House in Canberra on November 3.

"General Jeffery is a down-to-earth person who makes you feel at ease as soon as you meet him," says Pastor Evans.

The two spoke during their meeting about the challenge of placing chaplains in every high school in Australia. They also spoke about the importance of faith and about how General Jeffery's had matured while serving as an infantry company commander with the Royal Australian Regiment in Vietnam.

Pastor Evans (Wagin) and General Jeffery (Wiluna) were both born in Western Australia and worked for a time in Papua New Guinea. "General Jeffery spoke of the role of the Christian church to provide support for the socially disadvantaged," says Pastor Evans. "So, I spoke about our church's work with Aborigines, highlighting the differences between Wiluna and Karalundi, where we operate an Aboriginal education centre."

Pastor Evans closed the meeting with a prayer for the Governor-General. "I thanked God for placing people, such as General Jeffery, in important positions. Their commitment to core values makes for

a strong and a responsible community. I asked God to give General Jeffery wisdom to deal with the many issues he must face, and I asked for a blessing on his wife and four children.

"I also prayed for the nation of Australia and those whose responsibility it is to govern, and I expressed appreciation for the religious freedom we enjoy."



Pastor Laurie Evans.

Pastor Evans had written to General Jeffery before the meeting to tell him the Adventist Church would pray for him and to assure him of the church's support. "General Jeffery asked me to thank church members for the prayers and for the support."

General Jeffery had addressed 500 people attending the 18th National Prayer Breakfast in the Great Hall of Parliament House the morning of his meeting with Pastor Evans.

Senator Brian Harradine of Tasmania presented the reflection during the breakfast. Prime Minister John Howard, the Prime Minister of Vanuatu, Edward Natapei, and Opposition leader Simon Crean presented the three readings.



His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The prayer breakfast is an initiative of the Parliamentary Prayer Fellowship, and those attending this year included Parliamentarians, dignitaries from Asian and Pacific countries, members of the Diplomatic Corp and representatives of Christian churches across Australia.

"Members of the fellowship appreciate the support and prayers

of fellow Christians as they face the challenge of public life and political leadership as Christians," says Pastor Ray Coombe, the assistant to Pastor Evans, who has attended the breakfast for the past 11 years. "I've always cherished the opportunity to pray for the issues of our nation."

Pastor Evans says the breakfast "is an opportunity to demonstrate Adventists are not 'isolationists.'" "We do not have a monopoly on the power of God. Yes, I firmly believe God has entrusted to us an end-time message He wants us to share with the world, but it is obvious He is blessing other Christians who are committed to prayer and who have a burden to spread the gospel.

"I received a blessing from meeting with so many of these Christians. We share many things we can pray about together."—**Brenton Stacey**

Plans for hearing impaired to "hear" the gospel

Seventh-day Adventists from across the Euro-Asia Division recently met at the Adventist school in Tula, some 200 kilometres south of Moscow, Russia, to discuss how to better share the gospel with the estimated 9.5 million hearing-impaired people in the region.

Using sign language, some of the 120 delegates told about their needs, the opportunities and planned for serious evangelistic work among the hearing-impaired. There are three churches, 20 small groups and a total of 500 deaf Adventists in the region.—**ANN**



Youth leaders move with the power



A group from South Australia, led by Pastor Mau Tuaoi (pictured centre), director of Youth Ministries for the South Australian Conference, travelled to Melbourne for their dose of the Australia-wide youth leadership training program.

Local church youth leaders from regional areas of Australia benefited recently from a mobile training event.

Moving With The Power (MWTP)—an initiative of the Australian Union Conference (AUC) Youth Department—hit 10 locations from Townsville to Perth and delivered youth-ministry training to almost 400 youth leaders from local churches.

Discussions last year with conference youth directors indicated that a mobile training event offered in a number of regional locations would be preferable and of more benefit than a larger one-off event in a capital city.

“So often as leaders involved with training and resourcing others in ministry, we opt for the simple or convenient solution and host major events in central

locations,” says Pastor Tony Knight, director of Youth Ministries for the AUC. “We expect the people to come to us.

“While there is undoubtedly a place for the large-scale memory event, not everyone can travel the distance in order to receive the training offered.

“In this regard,” he says, “MWTP is different.”

Specifically designed to reach youth leaders in their local setting, MWTP



Dr Barry Gane.



Dr Steve Case.

allowed guest speakers Drs Barry Gane and Steve Case, and youth leaders from the South Pacific Division and AUC to spend quality time with local leaders trying to understand local issues, with a view to meeting local needs.

The case studies, information and resources offered were then tailored to meet the specific needs of that locality.

Block one of MWTP was presented by Dr Gane and covered Brisbane, Qld, Narromine and Albury, NSW, Canberra, ACT, and Melbourne, Vic.

Although he currently resides in Michigan, USA, where he heads up the Youth Ministry MA program at Andrews University, Dr Gane is a “true-blue Aussie.”

He received his doctoral degree in Youth Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary and wrote the book *Building Youth Ministry* and describes himself as one who is “passionate about young people, and almost single-minded so far as their well-being and salvation is concerned.”

“Barry understands the Aussie scene,” says Pastor Knight, “and he is keen to see local youth leaders reach their very best.”

Block two of MWTP was presented by Dr Case and covered the areas of Perth, WA, Newcastle, Gosford, and Sydney, NSW, and Townsville, Qld.

Dr Case has served as a youth pastor, seminary youth ministry professor, and youth resource centre director. He is director of *Insights* (the USA Adventist youth magazine) Ultimate Workout, a service-based program designed to involve youth who pay their own way to developing countries to build churches and hold

Vacation Bible Schools.

“Steve is a regular visitor to Australian shores and also understands the Aussie scene well,” says Pastor Knight.

As leader of the teen Sabbath school at Lakeside church, Brightwaters, NSW, Brenton Stacey attended the MWTP training program in Gosford. “Steve showed us the importance of having a purpose behind the programs we run for young adults. But he did it in a practical way, showing us creative but non-confrontational ways to start a discussion, to get young adults into groups, even how to get young adults to return pens you’ve lent them for an activity.

“And, just a warning for those who may visit teen Sabbath school at my home church, Lakeside. Be prepared to play some wacky games.”



Local church youth leaders in northern Australia learn some new team-building activities in Townsville, Qld.

Brian Boyland, the assistant youth minister for Atikenvale church, Qld, attended the Townsville program. “MWTP helped me realise if I were to achieve anything great for God, I needed to set ministry goals.

“It was great having someone like Steve come to our local area and train us. Many of our local leaders, and potential leaders, were able to attend and benefit from the program without the usual financial constraints of travelling elsewhere.”

A CD-ROM containing photos, videos and training materials was supplied to all Youth Departments for duplication and distribution to all MWTP attendees.—**Kellie Hancock**

100 prisoners go for health

Wahroonga, NSW

More than 100 inmates in several Queensland prisons are studying Discovery Centre correspondence courses after contact made by a prisoner waiting on remand for sentencing 12 months ago.

"He enrolled in the Discovery Centre Health course," reports Candice Jaques, senior instructor for the Adventist Discovery Centre. He was grateful and wanted to share the courses with others.

"He has become like a Discovery Centre agent in the prison. He also happens to be the Bail Clerk, the editor for the in-house prison newsletter, and there he advertises the Discovery Centre courses."

He received so many requests for the *Taking Charge of Your Life* course that he secured supplies of booklet one from the Discovery Centre to help prisoners start on the course. When these students are transferred to other institutions they often continue with their courses.

"These students, like hundreds of other Discovery Centre students, often write letters of appreciation and make prayer requests," says Ms Jaques. Here are samples:

"I turned to drugs for two reasons, low self-esteem and a feeling of comfort. Well, how wrong was I. I had a nice family, a loving girlfriend and a young baby boy. I have my family and am trying so hard to keep my girlfriend and baby, all who dislike drugs. I don't blame her if she leaves me but I love her and my baby so much that I want no part in any drugs with a pure passion. But they didn't use me; I used them. Now I'm on over 30 counts of trafficking and supply. . . . I had so much support and yet still turned to drugs for comfort and support."

"I thank you so very much for taking time to instil in me a positive outlook into my life. I really mean that. You know: I am

empowered; I am lovable; I am friendly; I am honest; I am tenacious; I am loyal; I am trustworthy; and one more, I am a child of the most high God."

"I believe that everything happens for a reason. I believe that this is God's way of drawing me back to Him. I have a place to move into [when I am released soon] and a job to go to. I know that God has put these

in place for me. If I didn't live with faith I know they wouldn't be available to me. This indicates to me that shortly I will not only be free in the spirit, but also in the flesh. The Lord has been with me all of my life, even when I haven't realised it."

Most letters are from prisoners who are there because of drug-related offences.

"How appreciative we can be that as an Adventist Church we have a health

message," says Ms Jaques. "The *Taking Charge of Your Health* seminar is a powerful opportunity for the church to reach out into the community for those who are turning to drugs in an endeavour to cope with the stresses of modern living.

"These prisoners' letters reveal they are articulate, educated and hungry for a better life. *Taking Charge of Your Life and Health* scratch where it itches. Just as Jesus sympathised with and ministered to people at their point of need and won their confidence, so these courses are doing just that."

"The Discovery Centre appreciates [church member] support to reach out to the community and, as illustrated here, to prisoners particularly," says Pastor John Gate, Discovery Centre director. "Please continue to give us prayer support. Our services are available to reach out to others in your community as well."

Courses are available from Adventist Discovery Centre, PO Box 1115, Wahroonga NSW 2076 and Adventist Discovery Centre PO Box 76 281, Manukau City 1701, New Zealand.—**Bruce Manners**



Candice Jaques.

ADRA seeks stories and photos

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is collecting stories from people who have worked on ADRA projects both domestically and internationally.

Gail Ormsby, manager of ADRA's marketing and public relations, says ADRA is contemplating a book of "ADRA success stories" or "maybe a historical pictorial," and is seeking names, stories, photos, perspectives and ideas for the initiative.

The primary focus would be from 1983 onwards, when ADRA changed its name. "The agency was known then as the Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS), and did more clothes distribution and direct relief," says Mrs Ormsby.

"Today we focus much more on development—teaching people to utilise their own skills by providing training in maternal and child health; water and sanitation; agriculture and so on."



ADRA is seeking to collate photos and stories of ADRA projects and people who have helped make a difference in the lives of others.

If you have stories or photos that share examples of success or change that made a difference in the lives of people and communities as a result of ADRA, send your information to:

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or telephone: (02) 9489 5488, or email: <gormsby@adra.org.au>.—**Kellie Hancock**

Back to the beginnings: 3

by Reg Brown

This article continues a series on the history of the Adventist Church in the South Pacific.

During the mid-nineteenth century the Seventh-day Adventist Church became aware of the need for a change in lifestyle, in the church and the community. In 1865 Ellen White gave church leaders special instruction on healthy living. That's when they began publishing health literature and conducting lectures on lifestyle and diet. Eventually a health institution was established at Battle Creek, Michigan, USA.

The early Adventists in Australia became interested in health foods and sought an alternative to the unhealthy diet of flesh meats, and tea and coffee that was the customary fare. No health-food alternatives were then available in Australia or New Zealand.

In 1897 the food company in Battle Creek presented Australia with its first consignment of health foods—about 20 cases consisting mainly of biscuits, granola, gluten and caramel cereal. These were consigned to the Echo Publishing Company at North Fitzroy, Melbourne, for distribution.

In 1897 Edward Halsey, one of Dr John Kellogg's bakers at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, was invited to emigrate to Australia. On his arrival the Sanitarium Health Food Agency rented premises in

Clarke Street, Northcote, Melbourne, for \$A1.60 per week. Halsey began by manufacturing Granola (a muesli-type breakfast food), caramel cereal (a coffee substitute) and peanut butter. The Sanitarium Health Food Company was registered as a business on April 27, 1898.

About this time Ellen White counselled, "Take this operation to the newly established school at Avondale and connect with the educational work. The students will benefit from the employment, and the business will prosper."

This idea met with opposition, but her idea prevailed and the health-food work was duly moved to Cooranbong, NSW.

The site chosen was an old renovated sawmill on the banks of Dora Creek. It was convenient for transporting goods to the Dora Creek railway station (on the main line between Newcastle and Sydney). The product range was increased by adding Granose biscuits, Nuttose (a meat analog made from nuts), antiseptic (charcoal) tablets, gluten biscuits and gluten meal.

In 1901, Halsey was transferred to New Zealand to begin manufacturing health foods there. The first factory was a small shed behind the old Christchurch Health Home. Today, Sanitarium's large modern factory stands on the site of that first tiny venture, with Sanitarium now holding the largest share of the breakfast-food market in New Zealand.

The restaurant story

Meanwhile, back in Australia, church leaders remembered that Ellen White had advised them to begin restaurant work. In 1902 a small room was opened in the Royal Arcade, Sydney. This was an immediate success, serving up to 80 meals a day. A small counter was also set up to provide health foods to take home. This venture led to a chain of retail shops throughout Australia and New Zealand.

In 1988 Sanitarium decided to close the chain of retail shops due to a change in societal behaviour. The trend toward shopping centres in the post-World War II era put Sanitarium at a disadvantage—in shopping centres specialty shops were expected to remain open on Saturdays.

In 1904 George Fisher was seconded from the Echo Publishing House to Sanitarium. The health-food work at this time was not in good shape. The factory at Cooranbong was in debt to the Sydney Sanitarium and Benevolent Society to the tune of \$A10,000. Other debts were mounting. Crisis meetings and prayer sessions were held. Some thought the

factory should be closed, but fortunately others believed that an operation given by inspiration ought to be given another chance.

Leaders agreed that a better position was needed for the Sydney restaurant and health-food outlet. An old site on the corner of Castlereagh and Hunter Streets, once used as a Cobb & Co stable, was more suitable, but it was in a dilapidated condition. Renovations were made and the site served acceptably for 14 years, a restaurant being opened in 1904.

Patronage grew, but times weren't easy. Money was scarce and management was forced to use coconut matting to cover bare floorboards

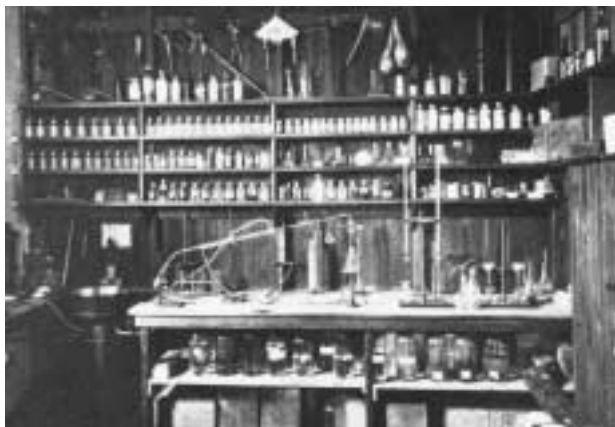
These were days of austerity to make the venture profitable. Other economies included buying a hand cart or "bun truck" to bring fruit and vegetables from the markets to the shop. Managers such as A W Cormack, E B Rudge (later a union



George Fisher (1872-1947).



The first factory, Northcote, Vic.



The early food laboratory.

conference president), L J Imrie and George Fisher were often seen trudging along Pitt Street in the early hours of the morning, hauling produce. In the afternoon they delivered bread to save money. Workers also took voluntary wage cuts.

By 1906 business was looking up; health foods were becoming better known and profits were being made. On Sunday, August 19, 1906, a special thanksgiving dinner took place and about 100 Adventist church members attended. During the celebration Fisher handed to Pastor Edward Gates, superintendent of Adventist missions in the Pacific, a miniature boat with pearl-shell sails. The hull cradled 25 gold sovereigns (about \$A100) to be used for mission work. This was the first donation made by Sanitarium to the work of the church.

Product diversification

In 1919 Sanitarium obtained the agency for Marmite from the makers in England. Marmite was first used for food flavouring in the cafes. Marmite is now manufactured in New Zealand and supplied to Australia

Sanitarium bought the Sydney-based company Grain Products Ltd in 1928 from Arthur Shannon, a Seventh-day Adventist businessman who attended the Stanmore church. This purchase included the brand name, Weet-Bix.

Sanitarium's flagship, Weet-Bix, has been the top-selling breakfast cereal in Australia and New Zealand for more than 35 years. As well as a major player in breakfast cereals, Sanitarium is number one in the soy milk market in Australia. Its So Good product enjoys almost a 50 per cent share

and is also the leading brand in New Zealand, the UK and in Canada.

In 2002 Sanitarium purchased a Canadian company, Soyaworld, which gives it 60 per cent of the Canadian market. Its current sales turnover is around \$A46 million (\$NZ53 million), with expectations for this to grow a further 20 per cent in 2003.

One of the factors in the success of Sanitarium is the quality of its products. Early in its history the decision was made to base these products on well-researched scientific data. During the Depression years Sanitarium established its own research and development laboratories and imported a scientist from the United States, William D Leech, to take charge of quality control of new products.

The laboratory at Cooranbong developed the award-winning soy drink So Good, highly valued by persons allergic to dairy products. So Good has also captured the taste of the general public as an alternative to cow's milk on breakfast cereals.

The public clamour today is for sweet-tasting products, with many wheat and corn breakfast cereals coated with sugar frosting. Sanitarium faces the challenge of making real health-giving foods. Their slogan, "Sanitarium, the people who believe that food should not only taste good, but be good for you," highlights the fact that they not only have a product to sell, but a health message to present.

Sanitarium profits

The Sanitarium Health Food Company is a unique operation. A private company with a turnover from its combined Australian and New Zealand operations in excess of \$A300 million a year, it pays no company tax because it hands all profits over to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. These profits are used by the church for charitable purposes in Australia and New Zealand, with Sanitarium management having no say in how they are used. The profits, in fact, are used to benefit the medical, educational and humanitarian

work of the Adventist Church.

The Sanitarium story cannot close without tribute being paid to the self-sacrificing work of George Fisher. With God's blessing he was able to turn around the fortunes of the Sanitarium Health Food Company. He was a man of vision and dedication. When he left the scene, there were others to take over. Men such as George Chapman, George Adair, Carl Ulrich, Andrew Dawson, Bertram Johanson, Wilfred Kilroy, Frank Craig, Cameron Myers, Eugene Grosser, Bob Smith and, currently, Kevin Jackson have held the position of general manager—or, now, chief executive officer.

Today Sanitarium in Australia and New Zealand produces approximately 150 products and employs about 1700 people. Sanitarium has built a reputation as one of the most trusted names in the Australian and New Zealand business world. Its integrity and honesty have won the respect of consumers and competitors alike. The principles upon which it was established more than 105 years ago are still adhered to



Deliveries in Adelaide.

by management and staff.

The financial support given by Sanitarium to the work of the church is in harmony with the original instruction given by Ellen White that the health food work "is God's gift to His people, and the profits are to be used for the good of suffering humanity everywhere." Nowhere else has this gift so prospered as in the South Pacific Division. **R**

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Reg Brown, a retired pastor and communication department head, writes from Burleigh Cove, Qld.

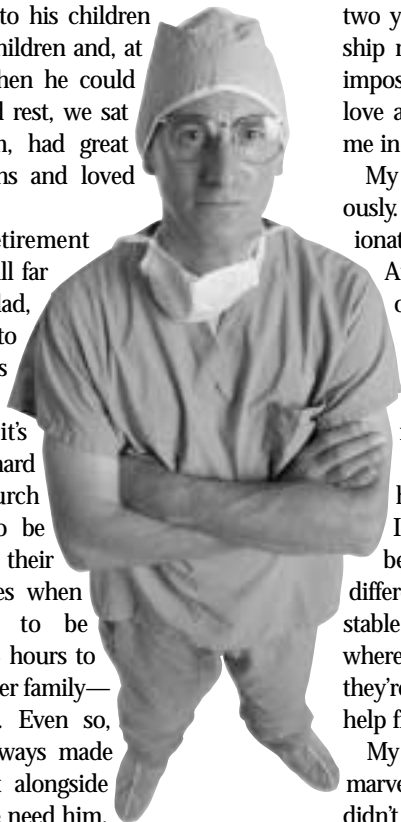
Marvellous men in my life

compiled by Joy Butler

◆Three men in my family are very significant because of the influence of their lives on mine. From each generation—Poppa (Gordon Kane), Dad (Keith Jackson) and my brother, Kieren Jackson. Our Poppa passed away this year, in March. It was sad and hard to let him go, but knowing that he had led a wonderful life, and feeling so proud of who he was and what he had accomplished, made it easier.

Poppa was a skilled farmer with a good business head. But I remember him for another sort of accomplishment. There's an imbalance in our society where people are valued and rewarded for their professional achievements. Careers seem to be more important than family. I don't think Poppa fell into this trap. When he was no longer physically able to do the things on the farm he once did, he found joy in his family. Throughout his life he'd invested love and kindness into his children and grandchildren and, at the end, when he could only sit and rest, we sat around him, had great conversations and loved him back.

The retirement years are still far off for my dad, who loves to work his socks off. I think it's especially hard for church ministers to be present for their own families when they have to be available 24 hours to an even larger family—the church. Even so, Dad has always made time to get alongside us when we need him.



He listens with his head and his heart.

Kieren is my only brother. He has two outstanding qualities that I appreciate. The first is that he always looks out for people, wanting them to know their value. As a result, he's managed to befriend a wide variety of people. Second, he's the best keeper of secrets I know. Nothing will persuade him to let out something that he knows is confidential.

These are the men in my life for whom I am most grateful, and thank God for.—*Kristie Jackson, 20+, theology and drama student*

◆The most marvellous man in my life is my husband. He's an interesting, intelligent person and very different to me, which means I get to do a lot of things that I'd otherwise never try. He also enables me to follow my own interests, because having two young children means taking leadership roles at church would otherwise be impossible. I'm blessed to have his support, love and confidence. Best of all, he loves me in spite of my faults.

My dad has shaped who I am enormously. He has a sensitive and compassionate heart, which I have inherited.

And he believes strongly in the value of the simple, important things in life, like enjoying nature, the value of the individual and taking the complexity out of Christianity.

I'm also blessed to have many male friends. I'm fascinated by them, because they think so differently to women. They're stable friends; you always know where you stand with them and they're usually very willing to help fix your car!

My littlest man, aged two, is marvellous as well. I really didn't know what I would do

with a boy because I didn't grow up with brothers, but he's so affectionate and easy to love. His interests are simple (dogs and anything with wheels), and he already has a fantastic sense of humour. I'm learning to enjoy other people's boys now because I'm beginning to understand my own.

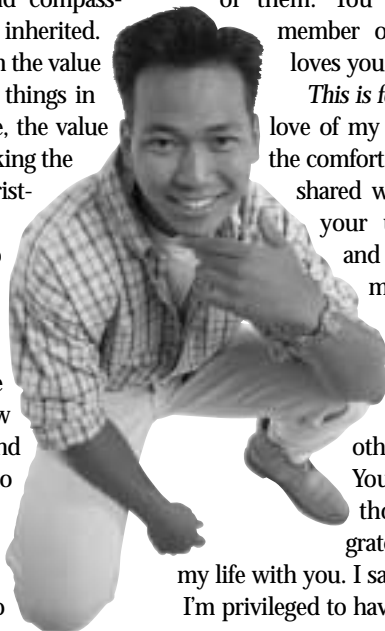
These are the marvellous men in my life. And in spite of all this, men still drive me crazy!—*Trish Williams, 30+, office manager, homemaker and church leader*

◆*This is for you, Dad . . .* the man who features in my earliest memories. You modelled for me the importance of honesty and integrity, reliability and respect. You taught me the value of kindness, thoughtfulness and the importance of family. You demonstrate real Christianity. I'm proud of who you are. I see Jesus in you.

This is for you, Kent . . . my brother. You have taught me that a sense of humour, enjoyment of music and harmony, appreciation for things both natural and mechanical, and love of family need not be restricted by intellectual limitations—indeed, they may be more special because of them. You are an important member of my family. Jesus loves you.

This is for you, Allan . . . the love of my life. You taught me the comfort and blessings of life shared with my best friend; your unconditional love and support encouraged my personal growth; your honesty and integrity made you a real person and a friend on whom others and I could rely. You were kind and thoughtful. I'm grateful to have shared my life with you. I saw Jesus in you.

I'm privileged to have had these marvel-

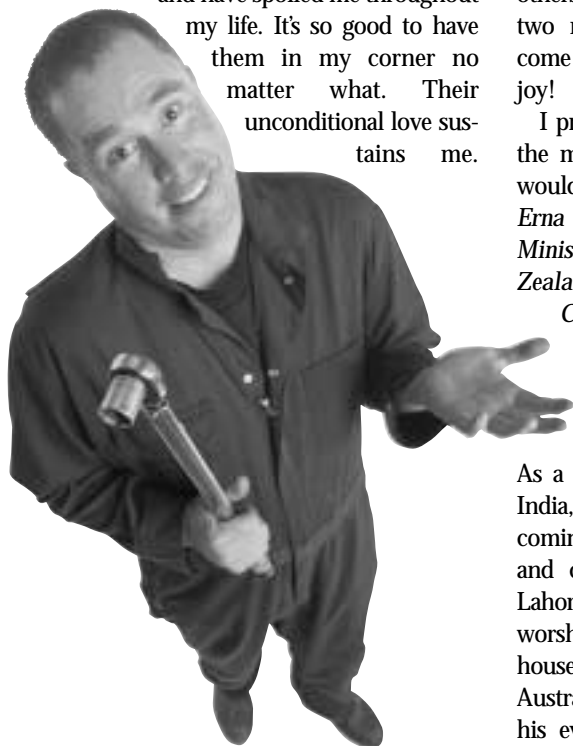


lous men in my life and “thank my God every time I remember you” (Philippians 1:3, NIV)—*Karen Butler, 40+, CEO assistant, Sydney Adventist Hospital*

◆My father was the first man to make a positive impression on me and to help me accept one and all. He was a humble man who hadn’t had much opportunity to study, but my dad could do anything! Dad became an Adventist at the age of 16 at one of the first evangelistic series held in Iceland. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Master, and followed him until his death in 1995. He impressed on all his children (nine) the importance of study, something he hadn’t had a chance to do himself. He helped each of us to reach our goals.

Dad had huge hands. I can still see them. His hands would hold mine so delicately and I felt secure no matter where I was. I remember sitting beside Dad in church on Friday nights, falling asleep in his arms and being woken so gently when the service was over. Dad was my “main” man during most of my life. He taught me to stand up for what I believe in. He was never afraid to stand up for his beliefs and his rights and was respected by those who knew him.

What can one say about brothers? I have three. Aren’t they just a wonder of God’s creation? My brothers are all older than I and have spoiled me throughout my life. It’s so good to have them in my corner no matter what. Their unconditional love sustains me.



Wherever I am they’re there for me. For most of my life I’ve lived far away from them, but they’re never far away from my heart, nor I from theirs.

Eddy, my husband, has had the most single influence on my adult life. He’s so different from me. I’m a fiery little thing and he’s so calm. His love for me and his protection of me is immeasurable. We’ve been married 35 years and each day gets better! I sometimes wonder how two such different cultures and characters (Icelandic and Mauritian) could have melted into one. The constant in our relationship has been our love of Jesus and the desire to serve Him. Knowing that Eddy is in my corner gives me courage to face the future no matter what. His strength of character and his non-judgmental attitude has been a positive influence in my life.

When I held my son in my arms for the first time and saw his beautiful face I hoped and prayed that God would help me form him into a man after God’s own heart. Using the experience I’d had with my father, my brothers and my husband helped me try to impress on my son that being a man didn’t mean being tough. That it didn’t mean not being able to express his feelings and emotions. I tried to teach him how important it was to express himself in the right way and being respectful of others. My son is a constant blessing. In two months another little man will come into our lives—my son’s son. What joy!

I praise God for the love of the men in my life! Where would I be without them?—*Erna Johnson, 50+, Women’s Ministries director, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference*

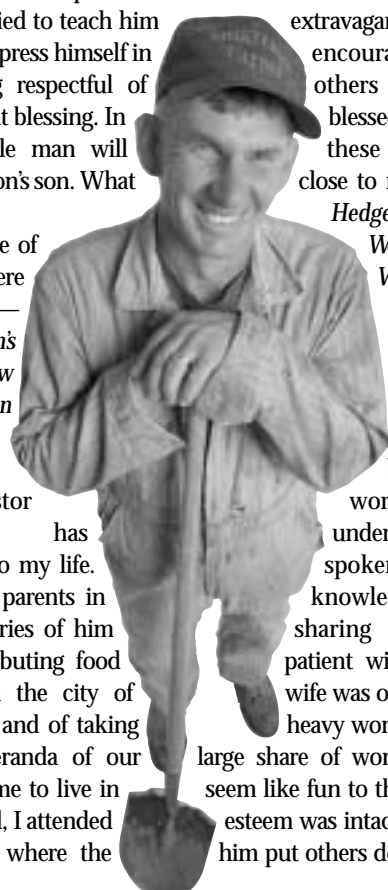
◆My dad, Pastor Wood-Stotesbury, has contributed much to my life. As a child of missionary parents in India, I have vivid memories of him coming home from distributing food and clothes to lepers in the city of Lahore, of him preaching and of taking worship on the wide veranda of our house. Later, when we came to live in Australia and New Zealand, I attended his evangelistic meetings where the

love of God touched me so that I felt like standing up and crying out, “Yes! I want to be ready for Jesus to come!” The God my dad preached about was one of mercy and infinitely attractive to a young girl, so that it was a wonderful day for me when my dad baptised me.

My dad knew how to have fun. On Sunday mornings he set aside time to play games with us children, and he loved to give us little surprises even though we didn’t have much money. While we were at school, he designated a special time devoted to going shopping with Mum when they would buy lunch to enjoy together.

I’ve also been blessed by marrying Allan, a man with strong beliefs in God, a good mind, an appreciation for beauty and a loving heart. His devotion to God, me and our family has enriched my life as we journeyed together in the mission field and the homeland. Since we both have strong ideas, it has been great to recognise that a difference in opinion is not a threat to our relationship. That takes mutual respect, which I value.

Allan’s generosity of spirit has led him to adopt a hobbyhorse from *The Message Bible* in 1 Corinthians which says, “Love extravagantly,” which he does in encouraging and helping others continually. I’m a blessed woman to have had these two special men so close to me in my life.—*Ursula Hedges, 60+, former Bible Worker, teacher, writer and Women’s Ministries leader*



◆One of my bosses would say in his slow drawl, “The worst first” and then get busy with us on that worst job. Some underestimated this quietly spoken man, but he was knowledgeable, humble in sharing his knowledge and patient with our ignorance. His wife was often ill, and in spite of a heavy workload he would carry a large share of work at home, making it seem like fun to the kids. I guess his self-esteem was intact because I never heard him put others down.

I was an earliten when I first met this minister. He was bald and seemed so very old in my eyes, but he took us hiking, ran our social evenings and treated us as individuals. He never seemed to run out of energy. Without a car, he regularly travelled across town to care for our church and the young people he loved. When he visited in our homes, he was one of the family. A little girl summed him up after he left the house one day: "Mummy, was that Jesus?"

Joe is slow of speech and these days he's also hard of hearing, which gives us some laughs at times. He takes it all with a grin. Mr Fixit for the family, his patience is legendary and very rarely does a job beat him. With a big family there are plenty of opportunities for him to "lose it," but he "gets on with it" instead. He certainly won't ever set the world on fire, but if someone has a smouldering problem he'll be the first volunteer to put it out.

Lew is a carpenter who cares about people. He doesn't seem able to keep business in a separate compartment from friendship. One day he called in to see a client—an old woman—and found her shivering because she had no wood for a fire. He was on his way to another job, but first he went home, chopped some wood and came back to light the fire for her. He often does little extra jobs that aren't included in the quote, but don't get charged. I guess he'll never be rich, but he has a lot of friends who would do anything for him. So with that kind of support who needs money?

Jim married young and he and Joy had five children. There was never any money to spare, but they managed. He was honest and what he said you could believe, and he trusted others to live by the same rules. When they didn't he was disappointed, but philosophical. He used things and loved people—not the other way round.—*Lorna McCallum, 70+, former secretary and friend to many*

◆I learned so many things from my dad that I presumed he was perfect and knew everything. Because of this belief, I tended

to judge all other men by the standard he set—especially as a preacher.

I was very young when I first saw Pastor Tom Bradley. He was a preacher and a musician, and true to my early concepts I checked him out against my father's achievements. Apart from being a far better musician than my dad, he emerged from my judgment with honour. We met again at the Avondale Retirement Village, where he responded willingly to my plea for worship speakers at the lodge where I was the chaplain. I was always blessed by his words and his singing. Though not all the residents were awake enough to enjoy his messages, he preached as though everyone was eagerly listening. That's how my dad used to preach. And when Pastor Tom died, I felt as if a giant oak had fallen and left a "lonesome place against the sky."

There's another who, when judged by my father's skills, ranked high. Pastor Austin Townend is a man of the Word. He organised groups to "Walk through the Bible" with him, and we were truly blessed. My dad was a "man of the Book" also, so Pastor Townend stands tall as an

exponent of the Word my father loved so well.

I'm glad I was born a woman, but I thank God that He gave us men who bring strength, wisdom and balance without which the world would surely be short-changed.—*Edna Heise, 80+, former teacher and writer*

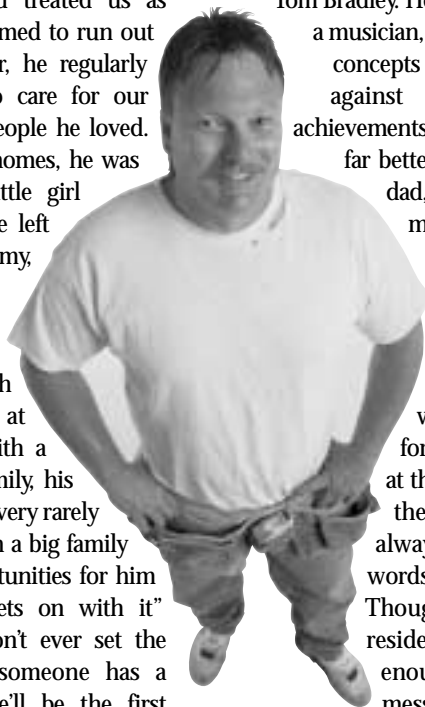
◆For some time I've been asking myself and anyone likely to be interested, "Why are some people in the world more blessed than others?" The answers have been stimulating, but have eventually brought me back to grassroot influences in my life, which, after 93 years, have been many and varied.

Naturally outstanding was the example of my little mother and that of males in my experience, particularly my supportive and wonderful, but now deceased husband, Ric, and my only child, John.

Outside the family I must acknowledge contributions from many teachers and preachers from early years to the present, including Elizabeth Lodge pastors, managers, staff and residents, all of whom have added to my joy in life and love of people in general.

My sincere gratitude to the loving guiding hand of our heavenly Father.—*Win Waters, 90+, former school principal, long-time resident of Elizabeth Lodge, Sydney*

Joy Butler is the director of Women's Ministries for the South Pacific Division.



Just for children

**Do you know...
Huldah?**

Huldah was a prophetess. She lived in Jerusalem at the time when King Josiah was trying to rebuild the Temple. She sent a message to King Josiah from God.

Read about **Huldah** in 2 Kings 22:14-20



Peta Taylor

Homosexuality response

Kim Moffitt, NSW

In response to “Here’s our problem” (Feature, October 25), I write with sadness for James Fording. How can people at his church shut him out when the Bible tells us to love one another? Hasn’t he already been through enough? I thought church was meant to be a place where anyone can worship regardless of their sexual orientation and feel accepted and loved.

This poor man is lonely. Many gay men are talented and creative, and I’m sure he has a lot to offer his church and their families. I would like to welcome him to our church (Central Coast Community church, Wyong), because our core values are love, acceptance and forgiveness.

Gennaro Cozzi, Vic

Dear Brother James, you are a hero! The question you put at the end of your article where you refer to sin against another is answered by Jesus in John 8:7.

Only in a community that experiences true *agape* love will you find peaceful harmony of Christian understanding. You are a commendable victim of the costly war between God and Satan, who causes pain to all humanity.

Those who vest themselves of Christ and are determined, no matter what the cost, to deny themselves in their battle against any kind of sin is a hero of God in their witness, and in front of the whole universe. The pain that is ours, the results of sin so dearly paid for by Jesus, powerfully denounce the

unlawfulness of Satan’s government policy that will eventually exist no more.

Thank you, James.

Name withheld

James, my brother, you are not alone. Your struggle is my struggle. Yet, after several years in leadership in a non-denominational ministry to those who struggle with homosexuality, I can assure you that some degree of healing can occur.

As increasingly attested to by both Christian and secular psychology, your

To the church, and particularly the men, I say, “James Fording” may be someone you know, sitting in your church. Reliable, committed and silently—or openly—struggling. God’s agent of healing to these men is a deep relationship with healthy men. Can you conquer the fear of what you don’t understand, open your heart and get close? Can you perhaps model a friendship of the kind that existed between David and Jonathan, or Jesus and John, and be an agent of healing for a brother? The life you bless may not only be that of another—as “iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens

Dear Brother James, you are a hero!

homosexual urges are a drive to complete a valid need to connect intimately with our dads or other males in our formative years. Where that doesn’t happen, a deep yearning remains, which you, quite rightly, recognise can only be satisfied by deep connection with others of our sex. What is sinful, unsatisfying and inappropriate is to try to meet those needs through sex.

The only healing we can expect will come as we connect meaningfully with healthy heterosexual men. As relationships with men, even in the church are generally, detached, I can’t pretend such friendships are easy to attain, but never cease to pursue them. God has worked the impossible for me by providing friendship. It takes effort, time and tears (like any relationship), but as time goes on, the degree of freedom and healing increases. Don’t quit.

another”—the life you bless my also be your own.

Genesis reliability

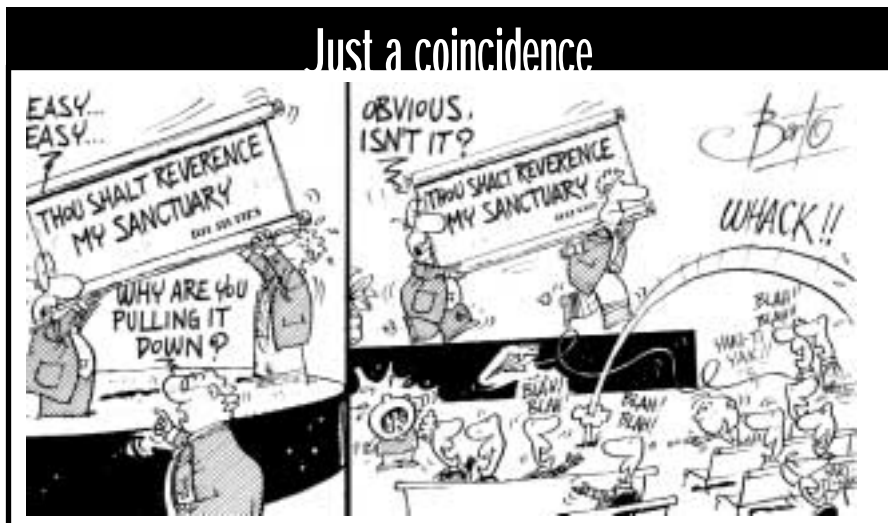
L James Gibson, Director
Geoscience Research Institute, USA

In “Faith and science discussed” (September 13), RECORD ran an article about the recent Faith and Science Conference at Glacier View Ranch, part of an ongoing series of meetings called at the request of General Conference leadership to strengthen the life and witness of the church. These meetings were planned by an organising committee, led by personnel from the Geoscience Research Institute (GRI).

From reading the article in RECORD, some in Australia apparently gained the impression that there are doubts at GRI about the reliability of Genesis 1-11. There are no doubts at GRI. We accept the biblical record, including the words of Jesus Christ who said, “The flood came and took them [the antediluvians] all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man” (Matthew 24:39, NIV).

The biblical creation and global flood are crucial for understanding the power, mercy and love of God, and the good news of Christ’s redeeming sacrifice.

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Weddings

Higgle—Herbert. Jonathan Brian Higgle, son of Beryl Higgle (Wanganui, NNZ), and Beverley Grace Herbert, daughter of Maree Herbert (Blenheim, SNZ), were married on 28.10.03 at Bushy Park Homestead, Kai Iwi, Wanganui, NNZ.

Lawrence Lane

Housden—Windus. Timothy Ivan Housden, son of Anthony and Christine Housden (Narromine, NSW), and Racheal Elizabeth Windus, daughter of Adrian and Barbara Windus (Orange), were married on 7.9.03 in the Orange Adventist church.

Stephen McGuire

Mulder—Moore. Gene Mulder and Merilynne Moore were married on 5.10.03 at Glen Hotel Gardens, Eight Mile Plains, Brisbane, Qld.

Lewis Parker

Nasser—Ahmet. Gassan Nasser, son of Wahib and Samiha Nasser (Lebanon), and Melanie Ahmet, daughter of Aydin and Hasibe Ahmet (Cyprus), were married on 12.10.03 in the Parramatta Adventist church.

Kevin Brown, Janusz Jagiello

Obituaries

Bath, Elena Vladimirovna, born in Russia; died 15.7.03 in Bundaberg Base Hospital, Qld. On 5.6.02 she married Pastor Arthur Bath. She is survived by her husband (Bundaberg); her daughter, Vitaia (NZ); and her son, Alexey (Russia). Since she found the Lord, Elena lived a life of selfless and patient devotion to God, family and friends. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. *Ernie Wojnar*

Davey, John (Jack) Thomas Sydney, born 5.9.1927 at Mackay, Qld; died 17.10.03 in Brisbane. He was predeceased by his daughter, Aleese. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; and his daughters, Jacqueline (Brisbane) and Hazel (Mackay). Jack was a veteran of World War II and served in the Hiroshima clean-up program. His long illness was associated with this brave and selfless service. *David Price*

Dobbs, Rubinia (Ruby) Pearl, born 20.12.1918 at Feilding, NNZ; died 13.9.03 in Middlemore Hospital, Auckland. On 24.11.38 she married John Vette, who predeceased her in 1981. She later married George Dobbs, who predeceased her in 2000. She was also predeceased by her daughter, Lynette Colquhoun, on 20.6.03. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Val Vette (Auckland); her sister, Ngaire Alo (Auckland); her eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Ruby was a foundation member of the Papakura church. She is remembered for her appreciation of flowers, the help she gave to many, and her steadfastness in the faith. *Ben Timothy*

Engelbrecht, Leslie Herbert, born 18.12.1908 at Bennetts, SNZ; died 17.10.03 at the Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village, Qld. In 1937 he married Lola Gardiner, who predeceased him in March 2003. He is survived by his children, Mareta Johanson, Judy Derrick (both of Melbourne, Vic), Lorraine Everitt (Lake Macquarie, NSW) and Bernard (Sydney). Les attended Longburn College before joining the Sanitarium Health Food Company in 1926. He gave 48 years in denominational service, much of this time in management positions for Sanitarium. Among his many talents was a keen and accomplished love of music. He served as organist in the Wahroonga church for a number of years. *Ron Taylor; Selwyn Bartlett*

Frost, Edith May (nee Wills), born 26.9.1940 at Maitland, NSW; died 4.10.03 in a car accident at Maitland. She is survived by her husband, Glen; and her son, Lawrence. Edith served her community as a member of the Red Cross; and also in the Maitland City Choir, whose music featured in the memorial service. *Damien Rice, Owen D'Costa*

Goodfield, Lionel Arthur, born in 1932 at Cambridge, England; died 2.10.03 in Peel Hospital, Mandurah, WA. He was predeceased by his daughter, Sandra. He is survived by his wife, Freda; his daughters, Sherrie and Vicki; their husbands; and his grandchildren. A large crowd attended his funeral and were pointed heavenward to the Lifegiver. *Maurie Peterson*

Hamm, Victor Garnett, born 19.12.1917 at Stratford, NNZ; died 27.9.03 at Elizabeth Rest Home, Stratford. He is survived by his wife, Bernice (nee Hunger); his three children, Carolyn Strange, Alison Jaques and Philip; and his seven grandchildren. Vic was known for his long and faithful involvement with the Stratford Adventist church, where he served as treasurer and elder. He was also involved with the founding of Tui Ridge youth camp; and worked with his bulldozer in the levelling of the New Plymouth church building site. He is missed by all who knew him. *Heinrich Rusterholz*

Ibbotson, Maxwell Arthur, born 5.7.1921 at Wellington, NNZ; died 17.8.03 at New Plymouth. He is survived by his children, Heather Chow (Bibby), Clive and Elizabeth Bibby; his 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Max was in Italy during the war as an Allied soldier. He was 19-years-old when he served in Egypt and later Italy. Later on he met Joyce in Auckland; was baptised and married her later the same year. They lived for 51 years in New Plymouth until Joyce's death. He is sadly missed by all who knew him. *Heinrich Rusterholz*

Keegan, Thelma (nee Hendy), born 18.5.1921 at Ascot Vale, Vic; died 11.10.03 at Sherwin Lodge, Rossmoyne, WA. On 26.12.46 she married Jim, who predeceased her. She is survived by her sons, Bert and Leslie (both of WA). Thelma was a small lady, but huge in her compassion for those who needed help; and big in her love for her family and for God.

We'll meet again, we pray, at Jesus' feet. *Keith Godfrey*

McKay, Lawrence Oliver, born 4.3.1945 at Port Macquarie, NSW; died 24.10.03 at Taree. In 1965 he married Carol Gibson. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Sonia; his son, Dwayne, and partner, Cheree; his brother, John; his sisters, Joan, Joy, Kathleen, Patti and Lynette; their spouses and families; and his four grandchildren. The overflow congregation at his funeral indicated the high esteem in which he was held by the Taree community. *Lyndon Thrift, Jack Weekes*

Morgan, Andrew Kevin, born 24.8.1984 at Camden, NSW; died 15.9.03 at Gatton, Qld, in a motor-vehicle accident. He is survived by his parents, Cec and Pamela; his sisters, Rebecca and Christie; and his brother, Cameron (all of Glenore Grove). Andrew was a caring, considerate young man; loved and respected by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed. *John Rabbas, John Sellwood, Ian Smallbone*

Taleopa, Pamenda, born 5.5.1964 in Papua New Guinea; died 15.9.03 at Gatton, Qld, in a motor-vehicle accident. He is survived by his wife, Anna; and his five children, who have returned to PNG. Pamenda was a degree student at the University of Queensland. His wife and children had just joined him. He was a deeply spiritual man who loved Jesus and His church. His love for his wife and children was a witness to his connection with Jesus. *John Rabbas, Adrian Muller*



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KEVIN - "a person who lived out what he believed in."

DARNELLE - "a super wife, a great mum, a good friend and a committed Christian."

*Kevin Johnson, Graduate in Business, 1990. Darnelle Johnson (nee Amos), Graduate in Education, 1992
Children - Cobi 1, Taylor 7, Levi 6, Riley 4*

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Thomson, Edgar Stanley, born 21.8.1917 at Ariah Park, NSW; died 17.10.03 at Donnybrook, WA. On 19.11.40 he married Jean Thomson. He was predeceased by his sons, Edward, in 1975, and Kenneth, in 1952. He is survived by his children, William (Burekup), Leslie (Rosedale, Qld), Annette Lund (Armadale, WA), Cheryl Moltoni (Pemberton), Lindsay (Rockingham), Ruth Mitchell (Manjimup), Carolyn Graham (Sapphire, Qld), Neville (Perth, WA), Sharon Lawtie (Donnybrook) and Andrew (Broome); his 33 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. He was a retired mushroom grower; a hardworking and God-fearing man who awaits Jesus' return.

Frank Dyson, Robert Kingdon

Vonnahme, Henry, born 10.9.1928 at Buren, Germany; died 20.10.03 at home in Carlisle, Perth, WA. He is survived by his wife, Clarice (nee Rawlinson); and his sons, David and Colin. Henry was baptised in Melbourne, following a mission held in 1966. He suffered for many years with a debilitating medical problem, though he never complained and was always ready to help those he could. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Steve Hebbard

Waters, Margaret (Peggy) Melba (nee Perkins), born 15.7.1928 at Penrith, NSW; died 14.10.03 in Box Hill Hospital, Vic. She is survived by her husband, and educationalist, Dr John Waters; her daughters and their spouses, Beverly and David Macfarlane, and Jan and Brett Robinson; and

her six grandsons. Peggy and John lived and worked in New Zealand, Canada and Australia. Apart from holding several very responsible positions, Peggy devoted her life to her husband and family, and supported and encouraged John through his studies. She will be greatly missed by her husband, family, friends and all the Lilydale (Vic) church members.

Neil Watts, David Currie

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