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Jaki Derrik, pictured centre, with some of the street kids who attended an evangelistic series that included a health expo in Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar.

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The first group to participate in the Australian Union Conference (AUC) Mission Mongolia project (Newsfront, February 15, 2003) has recently returned from a month-long trip to what has been called the final frontier of missions.

Comprising 15 Australian volunteers—the majority from Wantirna SDA Community church in Melbourne, Vic, with other team members from Perth, WA, Toowoomba, Qld, and Sydney, NSW—Team Mongolia travelled to Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar, to run a multifaceted evangelistic campaign.

A 17-night series called New Beginnings, led by Mark Baines, assistant pastor of Wantirna church, was held in the Philharmonic Concert Hall. After some singing, a health talk and evangelistic message, attendees divided into small groups and discussed questions relevant to the topic presented. Toward the end of the series this also included praying together and making commitments to join a cell/home group.

"We provided cell group training for some keen and committed members of the Ulaanbaatar Central church," says Team Mongolia leader Rebecca Reye.

"On our last Sabbath in Mongolia," she says, "there was a baptism where three of the eight baptised were as a direct result of the New Beginnings series."

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Islam in our backyard

The fear of change

God is perfect, and yet He doesn't fear changing His stated intentions. He did this when Moses prayed that He would not fulfil His intention to destroy the Israelites and replace them with a nation raised up from Moses (see Numbers 14:11-20). The church isn't perfect, and we earnestly pray for it to change and develop as it grows toward the fulfilment of God's purpose for it, yet some see any change as evidence of some kind of Satanist conspiracy.

As Christians, we claim access to knowledge of the ultimate, ideal culture, but that doesn't mean we have perfect understanding of it. Having access means we have the responsibility to continually

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seek a fuller understanding and commitment. It used to annoy me when people of different cultures came to live in my country and brought changes to the culture I was comfortable with, but I've learned that their beliefs and practices have contributed to variety and richness of life.

When thinking about culture, most would agree that there are no superior or inferior races among human beings, but many would argue that there are superior and inferior cultures. A group's culture is made up of the beliefs and attitudes that establish their hierarchy of relationships with people and with things.

We share with the animals a desire for food, shelter and safety, but we humans seek more than this. We have a need to explain life, an appreciation of beauty, an innate sense of justice and an awareness of a need for leadership and government.

The problem we face in trying to reach the ideal is the overriding presence and power of selfishness. A common element among human cultures is that the culture's survival depends on accepting the challenge that is the conflict between the ideal and what is a selfish resistance to change.

For the Christian, the Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide, and His way is in opposition to the spirit of selfishness that drives the world. We can build ourselves a fortress, defy the world and the world will pass us by as irrelevant, or we can actively interact with our world and bring changes to the way it acts.

Being human means learning from the

consequences of decisions we make. We have no choice in where or how we start life, but we can choose how we respond to our circumstances.

I'm amused at the nonconformists' passionate conformity to nonconformity. Their commitment to opposition as a way of life ensures that they become just as much a product of their culture as do those who passively go along with things as they are.

Each of us is a product of our environment and at the same time an agent of change. As Christians, our driving force is not opposition; our life is not to be a reaction to circumstances. We're called to cause reaction, not by our nonconformity but by our conformity—to Him.

More and more, an individual's own likes and dislikes are becoming the standard measure of value. But we as Christians have something more. We're a people who

have the objective standard of the Bible as our rule of faith and practice.

We have to be careful that our natural resistance to change doesn't result in our traditions replacing the Bible as our standard of faith and practice. Remember that the traditions of our church came into existence as men and women's study of the Bible led them to replace traditions existing in their times.

Understanding God is a growing experience. Change is not to be feared as an enemy. The restoration of our lost relationship with God requires a radical change in beliefs and practices.

This change isn't brought about by the number of truths we know, for the Israelites held truth, but in unrighteousness. Being right with God isn't about the length of the list of truths we believe, but it's in the extent to which we have fitted each new truth into its proper place, each one adding to the beauty and harmony of the whole picture.

New truths do not turn old truths into error, but they bring out hitherto unsuspected aspects and relationships of old truths.

Change isn't to be feared. What is to be feared is developing the tradition that we have nothing further to learn, no need to continue to test and evaluate our beliefs and practices.

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—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● In preparation for the next South Pacific Division session, in 2005, when a variety of personnel are appointed, **election procedures are being studied**. This has become a necessity with the legal system now prepared to intervene and make decisions based on the church's internal policies and the laws of the land. A recent landmark ruling in Australia, for instance, deemed that **ministers are employees under law** and covered by employment laws. Employment law, in most cases, overrides church policy, which has several **implications for session appointments**.

● The South Pacific Division has given the green light for church members who run supportive **independent ministries** to establish an association. The division executive committee noted, during its year-end meeting, November 18-20, the need to provide church members whose ministries support the mission of the church an opportunity to help fulfil that mission. The division will work with leaders of the ministries to develop a **constitution and code of conduct** for the association. The North American Division's relationship with Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries has set a precedent for recognising supportive, independent ministries.

● **Television advertising** offering a free viewing of Adventist Media Centre videos will soon be screened in the following areas: February 7-15—**Rural Victoria, Search 6**, targeting Albury, Shepparton,

Pathfinders have a "high" Sabbath



Department of the Greater Sydney Conference.

Outdoor specialist Chris Nilsson headed a team of 30 staff who ensured all parts of the expedition ran smoothly and safely for the enjoyment of all who attended.

Participants spent the weekend hiking through bushland surrounding Mount Yango, the biggest mountain in the area. Participants were given the option of four levels, including basic, intermediate, advanced and super challenge.

Sabbath was spent on the top of Mount Yango, making it a real "high" experience. Creation was the main focus of the Sabbath program. Participants were divided into seven groups and given the task of studying a particular day of Creation. All groups then had the opportunity to creatively present to the rest of the campers the significance of their day of Creation through the use of songs, charades and poetry.

Bendigo, Mildura, Ballarat and Gippsland. February 21-29—**Adelaide city and rural South Australia, Who is Jesus?**, targeting Mount Gambier, Riverland, Whyalla, Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln; and **Perth city, WA, Search 6**. February 28-March 7—**Sydney city, NSW, Who is Jesus?**

● The principal of Lilydale Adventist Academy, Vic, Dr **Daryl Murdoch** (pictured with his wife, Tiani), was recently **awarded his doctorate** from the University of Newcastle, NSW.



● A **garden of prayer** was featured at the annual **Women's Ministries camp** for the **Eastern Solomon Islands Mission** late last year. More than **800 women** visited four "stations" where they picked a promise, wrote their prayers, read a Bible verse, and wrote their sins down and placed them in a basket at the foot of the cross. On the final day of camp the leaders stood around the garden and burned the sins at the cross.—*Marica Tokalau/Up-link*

● The **junior, kindergarten and beginners Sabbath school classes** at **Fulton College church, Fiji**, blessed the college family with a full program on Sabbath, November 1. There were



songs of happiness, finger plays, skits and messages of hope as they shared with parents, students and friends their love of participating in Sabbath school each week.—*Elisapesi Latu*

● A **new Adventist student association** has formed in Queensland. Northern Australia SDA Students (NASDAS) will be based at James Cook University (JCU), Townsville. "We'd like to encourage students to choose JCU," says **Jennifer Ludwig**, NASDAS president. Activities to assist Adventist students are planned for Orientation Week in February. For more information contact **Brian Boyland** on <corrie_bri@dodo.com.au>.

● A new **Christian Internet ministry** has been established to assist Christian employers find Christian employees. **Christian Jobs Australia**, supported by churches, employers and Christians across all denominations, can be found at <www.christianjobs.com.au>.

Teen yacks about youth program

A “baby-step” introduction program to Christianity and small groups, which hopes to encourage teens who wouldn’t normally attend church to become followers of Christ, has been adapted and established at the Kellyville church, NSW.

Wild Yak—which involves group activities, singing and testimonies—is aimed at 12- to 16-year-olds and run fortnightly by leader Nathan Leins and his 10 team members.



One visitor (pictured far left) had such a great time she wrote the following letter to the assistant minister, Jean-Pierre Martinez:

hi, my name is Anita and i really enjoyed WILD YAK on 17th of october 2003. i enjoyed watching people getting active and taking part in all the games and songs . . . I also enjoyed Nathan's testimony and it is always good to hear testimonies so we can get a message for our lives. i didnt take part in anything, but soon i will—I'm a little bit shy . . . but i took photos, so that could be sort of taking part, right?? but the important bit is that i REALLY enjoyed it . . . bye.

Each time they have met so far at least three non-Christian teens have attended, with between five and 10 new attendees each session.—*Robyn Crabtree*

● Holding **volleyball matches in prison** isn't exactly what **Adventists in Latvia** were planning on using as a Christian witness approach. But after the Jelgava prison chaplain told church members the idea, that's exactly what happened. The games are a first between prisoners and Christians in the history of any prison in Latvia, locals believe. **Several prisoners have already been baptised** and donations are being collected for Bibles to distribute to inmates in Latvia prisons.—*ANN*

● An early-morning **fire** late last year **claimed the life** of a Peruvian Adventist student at Peoples Friendship University in Moscow. **Giancarlo Paitamala Saenz, 20**, died of head injuries sustained when he jumped from the fourth floor of the burning dormitory. At least 36 students were killed and 200 more injured in the blaze. Another Adventist church member, 18-year-old **Ivan Ostrovsky** from Brazil, jumped from the fifth floor of the burning dormitory, and miraculously survived. He is reportedly suffering from a broken arm, broken ribs and spinal injuries.—*ANN*

● **Tim Costello** is the new Chief Executive Officer for **World Vision Australia**. Mr Costello, who is one of the nation's leading campaigners on social justice issues, will take up his new role this month.



● The American Baptist Churches have **awarded 35 “wellness grants” to ministerial leaders** to use toward such health-related activities as a membership in a local fitness club. The \$US300 grants were distributed during what the denomination's Ministerial Leadership Commission has called Clergy Appreciation Season.—*Religion News Service*

Days and offerings

February 7—RECORD Offering

February 21—United in the Warmth of Fellowship Emphasis Day

Off the record

● **Central Coast Adventist School** has been celebrating the success of three of its students in various sports. Year 8 student **Cobie Morgan** has gained a place in the Australian Under 15s girls Touch Football team.



Nicholas Gibbins is in Year 6 and at the recent PSSA Athletics meet placed first in the 100 metres final, making him the fastest primary school boy in NSW over 100 metres.



Sarah Andrews is in Year 5 and is the NSW and Australian titleholder of the Level 4 Mixed Pairs Sports Acrobatics.



● **Noel Duffy** is a pensioner from SA who, according to feature reports published in RECORD and *Adventist Review*, perhaps holds the **world record for letterboxing Christian literature produced by the Adventist Church**. *Signs of the Times* is his favourite and represents about 25 per cent of the literature he delivers. Mr Duffy has now delivered at least **800,000 pieces of literature** to homes across most states of Australia, with all the kilometres travelled in an old car and caravan.—*Des Hills*

● Did you know that **Molly and Daisy Kadibil**, two of the three sisters in **Rabbit-Proof Fence**, are **baptised Seventh-day Adventists**? Molly now lives permanently in Jigalong, while Daisy moves around to different communities to be with family members. Recently they were both in Jigalong together and were captured on film by **Pastor Gordon Smith**.



G. Smith

Questions on Doctrine book republished

Silver Spring, Maryland, USA

After a 40-year hiatus, the book *Seventh-day Adventists Answer Questions on Doctrine* is back in print. Andrews University Press, part of the church-owned university and seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA, recently released the 597-page, annotated edition of the book.

"This book played an important role in the history of the Adventist Church," says Dr Gerhard Pfandl of the Biblical Research Institute.

"Republication of the book makes a valuable contribution to church life," says Dr George Knight, professor of church history at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and editor of the annotated volume. "It's a very positive and aggressive statement of Adventist beliefs that had been lost to the Adventist public because it had been put on the back shelf."

Original publication of the landmark volume came about following a series of meetings between the late Dr Donald Grey Barnhouse, an evangelical Christian pastor and editor of *Eternity* magazine, and the late Walter R Martin, then a young writer for the periodical and who later

founded the Christian Research Institute, and gained fame as author of *The Kingdom of the Cults*, a key text on alternative religions.

Adventism, due to its differences on key points with evangelicals over the Sabbath, the state of the dead and the present ministry of Christ, was often viewed in the 1950s as a cult by evangelical Christians, despite Adventists' affirmation of an unwavering approach to the Scriptures, Trinity and other key Christian doctrines.

Mr Martin submitted a list of 40 questions, which the Adventists were to answer; the result of those discussions became the book—often referred to as *Questions on Doctrine* or *QOD*—that helped put Adventism squarely within the mainstream of evangelical thought.

Although the church never disavowed the book, debate over one section on the nature of Jesus Christ and whether the Saviour had a propensity to sin (contained in Appendix B of the original volume) eventually sidelined its distribution.

Another conflict Adventist critics found in the book centered on the question of whether Christ's atonement was

completed at the cross. Both *QOD* and Ellen White referred to the atonement as being "complete" at the cross, though Mrs White also taught that it is applied to believers during the present judgment being conducted in the heavenly sanctuary. Thus, she could speak of a "final" atonement.

Between 138,000 and 147,000 copies of the *QOD* book were eventually placed into circulation—figures vary—but disputes over these elements of the book were part of the process that led to it going out of circulation in 1963.

Three years before his death in 1989, Mr Martin, in an interview, cautioned Adventist leaders that *QOD* should return to the shelves.

The new edition includes pages of additional material clarifying the issue of Christ's human nature, as well as adding context and background to numerous other matters raised in the book..

While conceding that previous generations of church leaders sometimes held varying opinions, the revised book makes clear Adventist thought today.—**Mark Kellner/ANN**

Double duplication in Mongolia

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A health expo based on the NEWSTART program was conducted in the foyer one hour prior to the evening sessions. Five of the Australians were health professionals, who worked alongside Mongolian translators and workers at each stand.

Team Mongolia did not spend their days playing tourist, but instead conducted free English classes, visited kindergartens and orphanages, provided medical supplies for three hospitals, and distributed food, toys, quilts and clothes.

Financial aid was also provided for purchase of a keyboard for the Ulaanbaatar Central church, a digital camera for the local mission's use, 100 English and some Mongolian and children's Bibles, and the funding of a local boy's surgery.

Pastor Dale Tunnell, an expatriate American who is president of the Mongolian Mission, reports that 15 people have since joined a new baptismal class and 15 others have asked to belong to a cell group. So it appears the 15 Australians who took part in this mission trip have succeeded in double duplication.

Pastor Graeme Christian, ministerial secretary for the AUC, says teams from SA, Vic, Qld and NSW are planning to be involved in mission trips to Mongolia in 2004. "There are still opportunities for individuals to join those teams or for new teams to be formed," he says.—**Kellie Hancock**



Danae Godfrey gives a clothing-and-food pack to a Mongolian child living in a poor community.

Chris Widuch

For more information, contact Pastor Christian by email: <gchristian@adventist.org.au>. To see more photos of this trip go to <www.teammongolia.com>.

Growth in PNG under scrutiny

Wahroonga, NSW

Four issues were involved in a decrease of church growth in Papua New Guinea last year, according to a survey of missions within the Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM). Pastor Thomas Davai, president of PNGUM, presented a report to the South Pacific Division's year-end executive meetings on November 18-20.

The surveys and other research revealed that poor reporting of baptisms had impacted on the figures coming from the missions to the PNGUM. To tackle the problem Pastor Davai is initiating plans that pastors and church clerks will be better trained, along with improvements in communications for the collection of information.



Pastor Thomas Davai.

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Pastor Davai discovered that national elections had impacted on church growth, although the "downturn in baptismal growth has resulted from something more than elections alone," he says.

When the PNGUM studied workers' morale, he says that low morale did have some "contributing factors" in the drop in baptismal growth. The issue of church employees not receiving regular wages and some mission administrative actions had impacted on the level of morale.

In response, he wants to see better communication channels between administration and employees, particularly keeping them informed on the financial status. He is encouraging leadership to work toward building confidence among employees, to support and train them, to resource them and encourage personal development.

The survey also questioned whether the "spirituality" (or lack of it) of church employees was an issue. While the percep-

tion was that the majority of employees had high levels of spirituality, there was a sense that ministers often failed to discern opportunities to share God's Word, train members to witness, and nurture them.

This had to be balanced, says Pastor Davai, with the fact that some pastors attempt to care for many churches with increasing memberships, which leads to a lack of nurture and a lack of spiritual growth among members.

The issues considered under the "spirituality" part of the survey "stand out as the major contributing factor to the declining spiritual health of our membership that result in high apostasies and nil growth," says Pastor Davai.

He suggests that the issue be tackled on two fronts: employee spirituality and growth and nurture.

To help increase spirituality, he is encouraging church administrators to nurture the spirituality of their church employees, and all ministers to stay focused on their ministry. While planning for

"aggressive" evangelism, he wants to see a stronger emphasis on growth and nurture.

Minister spirituality will be a theme at the ministers meetings in July 2004. And he sees a "spiritual orientation program" for all ministers as they enter ministry.

To encourage growth and nurture, Pastor Davai recommends that all who become interested in becoming Seventh-day Adventists must be studied with "properly" by the minister or lay leaders "so that they are being baptised with a proper knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, who is the source of our salvation."

He is asking ministers to keep candidates in baptismal classes for a year, with district directors coordinating these classes. He called for funding to be made available for "strong follow-up work," and discipleship seminars for every member.

Pastor Davai had been asked to prepare a report for the division's executive after a downturn in baptisms for 2002 had been noted at the executive's meetings in May.—

Bruce Manners

New choice launched in the cereal aisle

Berkeley Vale, NSW

The first major product extension to come from Australia's number-one breakfast cereal—Weet-Bix—since the brand was launched 75 years ago, is providing a new choice in the cereal aisle and at breakfast tables around the country.

"This product innovation is set to take on the teens and kids cereal market with a marked difference," says Rex Sheehy, marketing manager for Sanitarium Health Food Company. "It is not only big on taste, but also big on health and nutrition."

Weet-Bix Crunch is a "mini-bix" that provides energy from whole-grain wheat, four B vitamins and iron; and has no artificial colours or flavours.

"Research with mums showed that although they know Weet-Bix is the best breakfast for their kids and teens, most

families wanted more variety," says Mr Sheehy. "Mums continuously struggle to get their kids and teens to eat a nutritious breakfast, and felt that there were few cereals targeted at kids and teens that offered credible nutrition."



Sanitarium's new breakfast choice, Weet-Bix Crunch.

Recent studies show that more than 40 per cent of Australian school students miss breakfast.

One of Australia's leading nutritionists, health communicators and author of *The Breakfast Book*, Sue Radd, backs up the nutritional value of Weet-Bix Crunch. "Unlike most breakfast cereals targeting children, what I like about Weet-Bix Crunch is it

is minimally processed and based on wholegrains," she says. "It also contains less sugar than popular 'high energy' cereals, which are often misleadingly promoted as health foods."—**Julie Praestiin**

A video conversion leads to ministry

Hamilton, NNZ

An 18-year-old who responded to God's call through a Kenneth Cox video in 1990 was ordained 13 years later at Hamilton church, NNZ, on November 8. While watching the video on a Friday evening, Danny Milenkov says, "I gave my heart to the Lord anew."



The Milenkov family.

Born and raised in Melbourne and growing up in the Seddon and St Albans churches, Pastor Milenkov says, "In 1994, I accepted God's

promptings to go and study for the ministry, a calling I had felt since 1990, but had tried to avoid."

He studied theology at Avondale College, NSW, from 1995 to 1998.

He married Jasna (nee Miskeljic) on January 1, 1995, and "spent our first four years of marriage honeymooning at Avondale and having a wonderful time. They have two daughters, Jamie-Lee (7) and Genevieve (4).

He responded to a call to the North New Zealand Conference and served as chaplain at Longburn College and assistant minister at the Palmerston North church. In 2001 he became the minister to Hamilton and Tirau churches. He is currently the pastor of Hamilton and Huntly churches.

"God has revealed to me His will in such a personal manner as I have dedicated the best of my energy to Him," he says.

"I want to share the message of hope that I've experienced with as many as possible before Jesus returns, and inspire and encourage others to join me."

The president of the North New Zealand Conference, Pastor Jerry Matthews, preached the ordination service and the president of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, Pastor Allan Walshe, presented the charge and prayed the ordination prayer.—**Bruce Manners**

Jesus focus to Sow 1 Billion

Wahroonga, NSW

Seventh-day Adventists will be inviting members of the community to "try Jesus" as part of the church's Sow 1 Billion project next year.

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

The project's coordinating committee decided to use the Try Jesus theme after receiving only a 0.02 per cent response rate to a brochure it had adapted from the General Conference. The adapted brochure featured the theme "Finding hope in an uncertain world." The committee distributed 30,000 brochures and received only six responses.

By comparison, the response rate to the Try Jesus card used by the Adventist Discovery Centre is at least three per thousand, or 0.3 per cent, reports director Pastor John Gate who, with his team, will receive the invitations for follow-up. So, the committee decided to use the Try Jesus cards rather than the hope brochure.

"This gives Sow 1 Billion a real synergy," says Pastor Gate. "Those in the South Pacific who respond to the invitation will be offered a viewing of the video, *Who is*

Jesus? and an invitation to complete the new Bible correspondence course, Try Jesus.

"Yes, I'm disappointed we didn't have a more positive response to the hope brochure, but the Try Jesus card has a good track record. It looks old fashioned, but people respond to it."

The Discovery Centre has used the card—developed initially by the Personal Ministries Department of the Greater Sydney Conference—since 1998. The cost of printing the Try Jesus cards is also less expensive than printing the hope brochure.

Dr Erika Puni, the director of Personal Ministries for the South Pacific Division, says the worldwide church supports the decision. "They understand we want to be relevant. They understand we've done our homework.

"We're being upfront, we're being transparent. The aim of Sow 1 Billion is to lead people to Jesus Christ. So, we're saying give the Man a go."

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



Pastor John Gate.

Adventist wins Aussie gospel award

Adventist singer Francine Bell took top honours at the Australian Gospel Music Awards, in Canberra, ACT, on November 22, when she received the 2003 Golden Gospel Award, recognising lifetime achievement in the sector.

Known for her poise and elegance on stage, the Newcastle Conservatorium singing teacher has toured extensively in the US and France, plus performed at the Sydney Opera House and the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. She also appears as the aptly named Councillor Grace in *Matrix Revolutions*.

Ms Bell says she was "really excited" to be part of the awards at a time when Australian gospel music is gaining significant marketplace success.

"I feel so privileged to have been nominated at all," she says. "I love spreading the gospel. God is great and I am so glad to serve Him.—**Wes Jay/Woodlands Media/Kellie Hancock**



Beryl Kwok

Francine Bell says she feels really blessed, humbled and grateful at being awarded the Golden Gospel Award.

Hindson awards 2003

by James Holman

RECORD announces its annual Hindson* awards. These awards recognise contributors who the editors believe improved the quality of RECORD in 2003. The awards and winners are:

Best devotional article

●Karen Muirhead, "It's 48 hours to war," April 19.

This moving devotional compared the tension before the war in Iraq to events before Jesus' birth. It presented a timely response to the fear and concern that was universally felt before the war began in the Middle East. The article ably took us from the situation in Iraq to peace only through Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Best feature article

●Norman H Young, "What's so awful about works?" February 22.

This was a well-structured and creative article that presented the Adventist fundamental about God's grace in a refreshing way. While apparently focusing on works, it emphasised well the necessity of grace. The editors sense that Dr Young's series on Adventist beliefs have caused readers to think in greater depth about the church's fundamentals—and this one continued in that tradition.

Best letters

●David Chesney, under "The drink question," November 22.

●Alan Saunders, under "Drought, rain and faith," July 19.

Both award-winning letters expressed an interest in their subject and presented their opinions clearly.

David Chesney received this award for the research he undertook in preparing his letter. He told not only of the research, but the story behind his research, which added interest. And he achieved his purpose within the maximum word count.

From the first sentence of his letter, "The Bible is not as one-eyed as many of its readers," Alan Saunders caught the eye of the RECORD's editors. He spoke of the relevance of prayer in situations for which we should be prepared. He used sound logic to chide us for our inconsistency in prayer expectations.

Best news photo

●Mykoll Heath, cover, September 13.

The 2003 best news photo was chosen because it illustrated the news story in a way that teased the reader into the text of the story. It made the reader want to find

Teens: Bring a friend to attend



A new way of witnessing was experienced by some 40 teens at the recent 1+1 Teen Camp at Yarrhapinni, in the North New South Wales Conference (NNSW). The only way teens could attend was to invite a non-church friend to come with them.

Guest speaker Pastor Grenville Kent presented the gospel in 21st century language. During the Friday night program everyone took a rock up to the front and built an altar. This experience symbolised the release of their burdens. In exchange they received a gem stone representing new life in Christ. During the testimony time teens and staff acknowledged how God had wonderfully changed their lives.

Pastor Wayne French, NNSW youth director, says he is proud of the teens: "They stepped out for God and invited their friends to this camp." Pastor French believes this style of witness is an effective outreach tool for teens. He acknowledges the vision of church members, Trevor Ward and Shannon Green, who conceived the concept of the 1+1 camp ministry for teen outreach.

When asked to share some ways they had experienced God this week, campers said: "With everyone, they are all so loving." "Friday night I felt the Holy Spirit in me for the first time." "This was a life-changing camp for me." —Jane Richardson

The 2003 winner, Jane Richardson, provided an almost perfect example of how a news item should be written. It came in news style and format while using easy-to-understand language. In this short news piece published in Flashpoint, she quoted several people and made readers aware of the effort involved in the venture. Little work had to be done by the editors before publication.

Best practical feature

●Christopher Bennett, "Focusing a Christian business," October 4.

As Christopher Bennett points out, many Adventists operate their own business, and he tackled an area where Christians should be foremost in presenting their Christianity—in their business. His business experience showed as this well-structured article tagged a number of important points that Christian businesses should focus on. He advocated a balance between profit and supporting one's beliefs. His effort to promote ways to bring benefit to the individual, business and church also caught the editors' attention. **B**

*The Hindsons have been named after Anna Hindson (nee Ingels), a church employee for 50 years, and RECORD editor for 34 years.

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Pastor Terry Lambert (left) and youth ministry specialist from the Western Australian Conference and Pacific West Region, youth ministry for the Australian Living Conference, demonstrate an intergroup youth group building activity during retreat.

Small-group movement growing "in Spirit's time"

WATERLOO, ONT

The latest Underground program, "Rekindle... the vision revisited," has confirmed the Christ-Centered small group movement is growing but not as first planned. "Rekindle again challenged young adults to step up their commitment to their God and their church and to share their faith with their friends," says Pastor Collett Cragg, the youth director for the South Pacific Division. "It also gives us an opportunity to share some of the stories of lives that have been changed by Christ through the Underground." Rekindle is scheduled to continue from the First Valley Community church in Sydney on August 15, celebrated the second anniversary of the launch of the Underground and the first anniversary of RE210. Andrea Robertson, who featured in The Laundry during RE210, and Jidene Daerkson, who spoke during the launch, repeated their hosting roles. Leighton Heise and co-ops—the group formerly known as Shiloh Prison—hosted a new praise and worship band. (Continued on page 7)

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out what it was about. The photograph was well composed and well timed, and demonstrated some of the fun of a youth presentation

Best news article

●Jane Richardson, "Teens: Bring a friend to attend," June 14.

This category of the Hindson awards is open to non-professional newswriters only.

James Holman is working as an editorial intern while waiting to enter university later in 2004.

Tahiti, a base for mission

by Kellie Hancock

The French Polynesia Mission (FPM) is one of five conferences and missions that comprise the territories of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC). Located in the Pacific Ocean, about halfway between Australia and South America, French Polynesia consists of five archipelagos (cluster of islands) spanning some five million square kilometers.

It is on the region's largest, most famous and historically interesting island, Tahiti, that the headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist church is located in Papeete. Some 65 per cent of members live within the main archipelago containing Tahiti, with 11 pastors serving 36 congregations. In total, FPM has 17 church pastors and 12 literature evangelists serving some 35 churches and 12 companies.

What is special about FPM?

French Polynesia is not a secular society. A December 2000 survey says 95 per cent of the population in French Polynesia is Christian. "Since they already have faith in God, we have the opportunity to help direct their faith," says Pastor Marama Tuariihionoa, president of the French Polynesia Mission.

What are the main challenges?

"The greatest challenge is the geographical location," says Pastor Marama. "Not only are there large distances between islands, but when you get to some islands, there are large areas to cover without good transport options." He also says FPM lacks human resources to respond to the needs of such a geographically separated area.

Surprisingly, one challenge he mentions is that the territory is Christian. "The population believes in God, and while that is exciting, it does provide a challenge because there are other churches doing the same thing. A question we continually ask



ourselves is, How do we help people understand the unique message we have as Adventists? People think we're the same as everyone else. We want to share the difference we have with people."

What has FPM been focusing on in the past year?

People: In harmony with NZPUC's Project Connect, training programs for church members has been a major focus. The aim is to equip 500 people with the skills, knowledge and confidence for outreach by the conclusion of 2004.

Technology: FPM aims to increase the broadcasting range of Radio LVDL (*La Voix de L'esperance*, or The Voice of Hope) to reach further into outlying islands to impact more lives. It's two years since the radio project was initially launched. The broadcasts reach most of Tahiti and some other islands. At least 12 baptisms have resulted directly from this radio evangelism.

Infrastructure: FPM has one preschool, one primary school, one high school, a radio station, a library and a book store. Four church buildings are currently being completed, along with four more churches in the planning stage.

A youth centre and campground is planned for the main island area of Atimaono where FPM has land. Plans are currently being drawn using architects in NZ.

"This will be of major benefit to the church in FPM," says Pastor Marama. "We have always had to rent other church or secular venues for our camps. It will be a positive thing for us to have our own camp property."


Youth: Some 70 per cent of the Adventist population in FPM are young adults (less than 35 years old).

"Ministering to our many young people is exciting," he says. "To balance between the traditional and upcoming generation, however, is a challenge. Our youth today are more educated than previous generations. Many of them feel that the church is not meeting their needs."

Due to the large youth component of FPM membership, the focus is on youth ministry under the leadership of Pastor Clive Tefaatau. Events such as youth congresses, rallies and camporees are a key initiative in ministering to the majority of their members.

There are plans to establish a special projects budget that will help young adults study theology. Pastor Marama believes this initiative will help provide a more relevant level of ministry for their mainly young-adult membership.

And the future vision?

Pastor Marama's vision is to see more church members becoming involved in personal ministry. With a strategy like that it would appear that the goal to see the mission change status to become a conference within the next few years will become a reality. 

Kellie Hancock is the assistant editor of RECORD.

Islam in our backyard

review by Nick Mattiske

In our society, the media constantly misrepresents and generalises about Christians and Christian teaching. We are portrayed as either “lunatic-fringe fundamentalists” or “woolly-minded fools,” suggests Tony Payne.

So, in researching his latest book, which recently won the 2004 Australian Christian Book of the Year, Payne found we have a lot in common with Muslims, who are portrayed in the media as anything from demons to peace-loving victims of intolerance.

In *Islam in Our Backyard* he tackles misconceptions we may have by offering a summary of Islamic history and teaching, along with a Christian response, slotted into the format of contemporary Australian fiction.

Henry James he is not. There is the bare minimum of character development, and Payne’s passages of conversation don’t always ring true. However, the novel format’s strength is that it encourages us to view Muslims (and non-Muslims who interact with them) as human beings, not stereotypes. They are complex individuals—like all of us—with their own opinions and prejudices.

And just like Christianity, there are many branches of Islam, creating streams of conservative and liberal, modern and traditional. Unlike Christianity, Islam lacks a coherent, structured “church,” which makes it harder still to generalise about Muslim belief.

Nevertheless, Payne systematically details the rise of Muhammad and his followers in the Middle East, how Muslims approach Allah, the content of the *Qur’an* (Koran), and Islamic law. He explains the beliefs of Shi’ites and Sunnis, and where groups like the Taliban of Afghanistan fit in.

In the light of recent world events, he discusses terrorism, and is not afraid to ask some tough questions about militancy and the *Qur’an* (though he suggests that to understand terrorism we should look into our own hearts where the seeds of intolerance and violence lie).

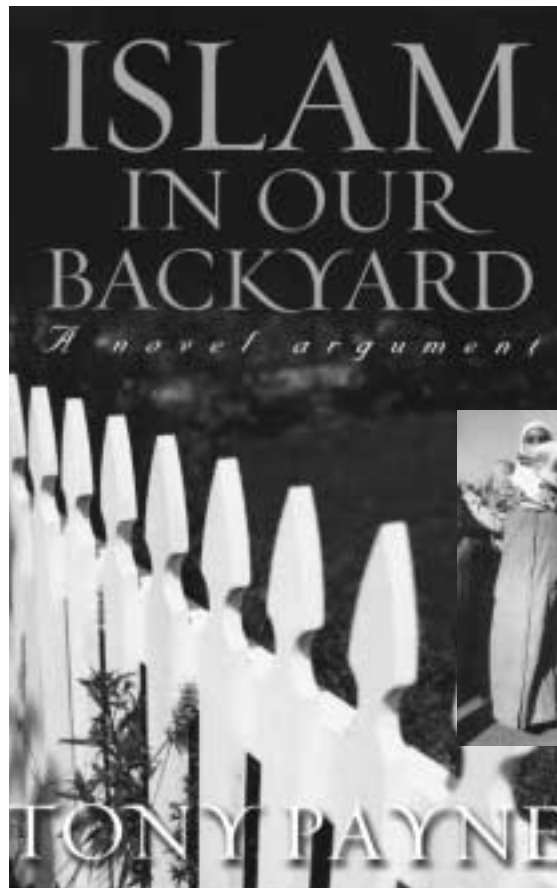
Importantly for Christians dealing with

Islam should operate in an Islamic state. This has consequences for the interaction of Islam and the Western ideals of democracy, multiculturalism and tolerance, and Payne concludes there is a fundamental incompatibility.

In this context, it’s understandable that Islamic terrorists are so inflamed by the West imposing its values onto Middle Eastern states, and it provides a conundrum for our politically correct Western society. How does the West tolerate a religion that is in many ways opposed to it? And, critically for Payne, how do we discuss these issues when our society frowns upon, even legislates against critiquing other religions?

While he’s respectful, Payne doesn’t shrink from interrogating Islam and searching out the major points of disagreement with Christianity. *Islam in Our Backyard* helps us to understand Islam better—and does so in a slim, easily digestible volume—but it also points to what Islam lacks,

namely, a God who seeks an intimate relationship with us through the person of Jesus. **R**



Islam, he explains what Muslims believe about Jesus, and also gives considerable space to the concept of the separation of church and state, which in Western culture is rooted mainly in the Reformation.

Luther had clear views on Christianity being a kingdom “not of this world.” However, the *Qur’an* sees no such distinc-

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Editor’s note: *Islam in Our Backyard* is an easy-to-understand introduction to Islamic belief, but it should be noted again that it is couched in a novel format and, in a couple of instances, language may offend.

The Governor-General talks about his faith

My sense of spirituality, my belief in God, began when I was quite young—at home, then at Sunday school, school and so on. But it was a general belief, not a committed certainty.

That, I think, came when I was in Vietnam as a combat soldier commanding 120 fine young Australians.

It was in the daily situation for 13 months, of knowing that at any time one's soldiers or oneself might die or be badly wounded, that one really thought seriously about the hereafter and genuinely prayed for help and guidance.

Some of my most intense moments spiritually have been in the steamy heat of the jungle in Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam, with the sentries posted, the cicadas chirruping, listening to the quiet voice of our padre—invariably standing on an ammunition box—before we went into action.

Then, after the violence and terror of battle, the quiet aftermath, praying with the padre over our dead, tending the wounded, and thanking God for our own survival.

Then writing to the parents, as a commander has to do, almost always sitting alone in a little tent at night, in the rain—wet, dirty, uncomfortable, tired and sad—to tell those good people at home that their son had just been killed or wounded and struggling to find the words to convey the sense of it all.

At that time, in particular, but also in other difficult times of my life, I desperately needed something beyond the presence and support of my soldiers to be with me, to help me—and invariably that presence was the Lord.

He never failed to be there to give me strength and hope.—*Taken from a speech given by Australia's Governor-General, Major General Michael Jeffery, to the 18th National Prayer Breakfast, Parliament House, Canberra, November 3, 2003*

How rich are you?

by Norman Tew

There's a new web site you can go to, <www.globalrichlist.com>. You can go to this site and enter your annual income and it will tell you where you are on the scale of the world's richest people.

The purpose of the Global Rich List web site (which is aimed primarily at the Americans and British) is to remind the rich of this world that they should be more charitable to the poor.

A statement on the site says, "Three decades ago, the people in well-to-do countries were 30 times better off than those in countries where the poorest 20 per cent of the world's people live. By 1998, this gap had widened to 82 times."

The Australian Council of Social Service web site has this news release from September 8: "The survey by Roy Morgan Research asked Australians what is the smallest amount that a family of four—two parents and two children—need each week to keep in health and to live decently.

"The average response is \$A541 per week.


"The results indicate that around 100,000 unemployed families who are solely on social security payments of only \$A519 a week are falling below this community poverty line."

When you take this poverty-line figure, convert it to an annual amount, put it into US dollars and enter it onto the rich list site, the results indicate that

anyone living above this "poverty line" is among the world's 11.5 per cent of richest people.

That is to say, 88.5 per cent of the people in the world today are living *below* this Australian poverty line.

You are rich indeed!

What are your giving habits? 



Norman Tew writes from Sydney.

Just for children

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Read Eutychus' story in Acts 20:7-10



Peta Taylor

Tithing downturn

Beryl Turner, SA

In response to “Less tithe a ‘deeply spiritual problem’” (Newsfront, November 22), Bill Olsen’s suggestion to visit people in their homes to discuss their spiritual walk is to be encouraged, but to discuss their giving? Well, my blood ran cold.

When I was newly married, poor and quite literally hungry, my only visit from a church representative—I was worshipping in another denomination at the time—was one to discuss how much we would be prepared to pledge to the church treasury. Our spiritual state wasn’t mentioned.

Concentrating on prayer and people’s walk with Christ should increase the amount given. Please tread carefully in entering a home to discuss giving. What message will it give? And what impression will it leave?

Jan T Knopper, NSW

The report on tithing is shocking and sad, and also raises questions: Where have we turned in the wrong direction since the 1970s? Has the change in church culture since then been for the better or for worse?

Preaching sermons on tithing won’t do much good, but isn’t it time we listened to Jeremiah, who commanded us to “ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it” (6:16, NKJV)?

Grace has never been cheap. The Lord of grace had to pay with the life of His Son. Once we understand this and its implications, total commitment—demonstrated in a faithful tithe and generous offering—won’t be a problem.

Facts of the matter

Chris Malan, NSW

Hats off to the letter writer appearing under “The drink question” (November 22) who actually exhaustively verified an article in print before quoting it. What an unusual Adventist!

Articles in print and other stories are often quoted from the pulpit. The more emotional the content and the more sensationalist, it seems, the better. Often the source is dubious to start with. Then,

especially if the material is of a scientific nature, the quoter, who mostly has at best a very rudimentary scientific background, gets it wrong.

I had to sit through a sermon on the evils of genetic engineering peppered with inaccuracies, the material gleaned from heaven-knows-where. To make matters worse, I went to a different church next Sabbath, with the same pastor and the same sermon. My wife and I walked out this time.

What attracted me to the Adventist Church was its solid, factual basis. It seems the church is drifting into feelings-matter-more-than-facts waters. Let everybody use

presented as a part of the Year of the Single, and promoted with the slogan “God loves every single one of us.”

In his keynote address, Dr Bryan Craig, who presides over the committee, unveiled a new paradigm for the Adventist Singles network. As many will have noticed, we now have a new name, which includes the subtitle of “Connect.”

It was heart-warming to see that singles have been recognised, and the intention is to shed preconceived ideas about their image. Singles are a large factor in our churches and cannot be disregarded. I applaud the South Pacific Division

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their intelligence and not be more obtuse than they have to be.

Some stories told from the pulpit make me wonder, *What next? Abduction by aliens?* Or is it the case that most members thrive on sensational drivel?

Brighter future

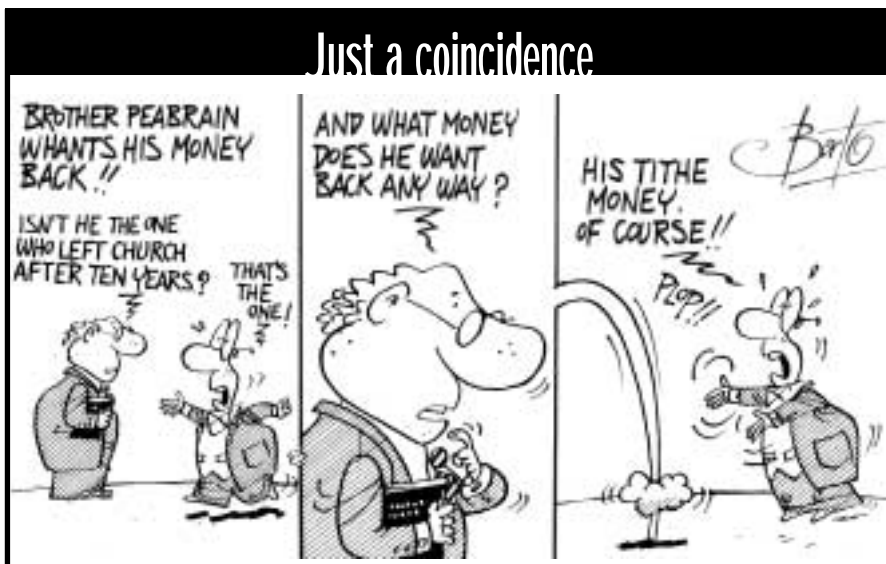
B T Bates, SA

In August last year, I attended the singles ministry leadership training weekend, which was held at Crosslands, NSW. Members of the national committee met with various chapter leaders from Australia and New Zealand. The program was

administration for endeavouring to meet the needs of singles through increased funding and more support. I also noted that it is being better recognised and encouraged by the conferences.

In the Year of the Single, I felt a significant corner was turned, and we can look forward to a brighter and more prosperous future. Thank you, Dr Craig and committee members, for the encouragement and support brought out in your presentations.

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Anniversaries

Baines, William (Bill) and Edna (nee Revell) celebrated 60 years of marriage on 22.6.03 at the Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village hall, Brisbane, Qld. Many friends joined them on this happy occasion. Family members



included Joy and Brian Hoffmeier, Ross and Elizabeth Baines, Keryn and Kelly Byrne, Jason and Derinda Hoffmeier, Cathy Devine and Bradley Mercer. Memories were shared of Bill and Edna's many years of ministry together in Papua New Guinea, Qld and NSW.

Beeck, Neville and Dorothy (nee Mills) were married on 16.10.43 by Pastor David Speck in the Mount Barker Adventist church, WA. They have



been married for 60 years and are still deeply in love. They have three children; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

McHarg, Peter and Thelma celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends at the Eastern Tiger Restaurant, Cardiff, NSW. Born in Burma and married on 1.9.43 at Dehra Dun, India, during World War II, they now



have six children; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren, most of whom were able to celebrate with them. They now live at the Alton Villas, Avondale Retirement Village, Cooranbong, NSW.

Muller, Vic and Jan (nee Kogler) were married in the Presbyterian church in Bowen, Qld, and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 17.10.03. In the early 1960s they became Adventists under the ministry of Pastor Bill Otto, later moving to Murwillumbah in order to provide Christian schooling for their children. Their four children, Carmel Roennfeldt (Cooranbong), Sue Taylor and Kathy Brooks (Gold Coast, Qld) and Mark (Kyogle, NSW) provided a romantic second honeymoon in Melbourne for their parents. Vic and Jan now live in the Curumbin Valley, Qld, where their home is

often filled with their friends and 11 grandchildren.

Novelly, Victor and Ilene were married on 17.11.43 by Pastor J Harvey in the Prospect church, Adelaide, SA. They celebrated their diamond anniversary at the Victoria Point Retirement Village with their four sons, other family members, and a group of friends which included Ilene's bridesmaid, Lucy French (nee Delaney), who came from Cooranbong for the occasion. Victor and Ilene would be affectionately remembered by many friends in the conferences of SA, NNZ, NNSW and South Qld where they served. They received congratulatory messages from Her Majesty the Queen, The Hon. John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia, and other dignitaries.

Schick/Schick. One hundred years of marriage was celebrated on 26.10.03 at the Greentrees Restaurant in Orange, NSW, when brothers, Lyndon and Maurice Schick, and their wives, celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries together. The couples were married 50 years ago in Temora, three weeks apart. Pastor Charles Wrigley was the officiating minister for both marriages. Maurice married Audrey Irvine from Temora, and Lyndon married Olive Fisher from Cooranbong. All but two of the original twelve in the two wedding parties were present for the joint celebration, including Pastor Ray Trim, who was best man for Lyndon and Olive. One week before the celebration in Orange, the Kanwal church members gave a surprise party for Lyndon and Olive. Congratulatory letters were received from local members of Parliament and other dignitaries.

Weddings

Cherry—Cooper. Clinton Francis Cherry, son of Errol and Irene Cherry (Bundaberg, Qld), and Michelle Cooper, daughter of Wayne Cooper (Sydney, NSW) and Sandra Petty (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 30.11.03 in the Springfield Adventist church.

André van Rensburg

Collins—Newman. Michael John Collins, son of Noel and Gwen Collins (Cootamundra, NSW), and Cheryl Anne Newman, daughter of James and Nola Newman (Cootamundra), were married on 8.11.03 in the Uniting church, Cootamundra. Peter Harper

Cornwall—Marshall. Darren Thomas Cornwall, son of Douglas (Yarra Junction, Vic) and Glenys Cornwall (Cranbourne), and Wendy Christine Marshall, daughter of Barry and Sue Marshall (Warburton), were married on 3.11.03 in the Warburton Adventist church. Eric Kingdon

Kfoury—Tomiczek. Alan Kfoury, son of Nicolas and Sophie Kfoury (Kariang, NSW), and Jolanta Tomiczek, daughter of Jan and Wanda Tomiczek (Melbourne, Vic), were married on 16.11.03 in the Paramatta Adventist church, Sydney, NSW. Roger Govender

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Laikum—Sanft. Owen Laikum, son of Sonny and Sierra Laikum (Forest Lake, Qld), and Aleinna Sanft, daughter of Tanu and Pouli Sanft (Forest Lake), were married on 22.11.03 at Bundaleer Rainforest Gardens, Brookfield. Erika Puni

Pannakoek—Roskam. Robert James Pannakoek, son of Bob and Bernice Pannakoek (Rainbow Flat, NSW), and Nah-tanha Pietranella, daughter of Ramona (Manurewa, Auckland, NNZ) and Bob Roskam (Vogelstown, Wellington), were married on 16.11.03 in the Manurewa Adventist church, Auckland. Colin Standish, Ben Timothy

Rice—Collins. Matthew Rice, son of James and Vicki Rice (Port Lincoln, SA), and Jennifer Collins, daughter of Ian Collins and Stella Tippet (both of Kendenup, WA), were married on 27.9.03 in North Beach Adventist church, Perth. Andrew Skeggs

Robinson—Rhodes. Dr Kent Robinson, son of Thomas and Wendy Robinson (Auckland, NNZ), and Sonia Rhodes, daughter of John and Anne Rhodes (Lismore, NSW), were married on 1.11.03 amidst macadamia orchards at Eureka. Isabelle Jack

Obituaries

Adam, Betty Vileama (nee Martin), born 18.11.1928 at Rotorua, NNZ; died at home 24.5.03 at Alexander Hills, Qld. She is survived by her children, Trevor, Evelyn (PNG), Brian and Graham. Betty attended church for almost two years. She was baptised in March in the Capalaba church; loved by all and crushed when she died. She was a radiant Christian. Graham White, Ken Lawson

Blythman, Ian Gordon, born 24.3.1946 at Mooroopna, Vic; was killed in a flying accident 4.10.03 in the Bendigo district. He was predeceased by his sister, Jenny. He is survived by his wife, Helga; his children, Karen (Canberra, ACT),

John, Becky (both of Bendigo, Vic), Mini (Alice Springs, NT); his parents, Gordon and Fran; his brother, David (all of Melbourne, Vic); and his five grandchildren. Ian will be remembered as an individualist, who did not think or operate within existing conventions. He was a uniquely gifted man and at the time of his death was working as a psychologist in the Victorian prison system. The more than 600 who attended his funeral testified to his influence and popularity. Peter Fowler

Gibbons, Edward John (Ted), born 21.9.1934 at Myrtleford, Vic; died 23.10.03 at home in Tangambalanga. On 12.3.54 he married Joan. He is survived by his wife; his children, Julie, Graeme, Brian, Vicki Woolfe, Don, Ashley and Lisa; his 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Ted was baptised in the Albury church in 1977. He was active in his community delivering Meals on Wheels and driving the community bus for the elderly in the district until he became ill.

Ireland, Mervyn Desmond, born 1950 at Rockhampton, Qld; died 22.10.03 in Wesley Hospital, Brisbane, after a brave battle. He is survived by his wife, Vonni (West Bundaberg); and his parents, Alby and Mavis (Rockhampton). Merv had experienced a personal faith in God for just six months, but in that time he witnessed to family and friends that there is a forgiving God and that there is soon to be a resurrection day. Ken Vogel, Frank Williams

Hatfield, Lorraine Dawn, born 19.12.1950 at Boronia, Vic; died suddenly and unexpectedly on 11.11.03 in the Townsville Public Hospital, Qld. She is survived by her husband, David; her children, Nadine, Kim and Aaron; and her five grandchildren. Lorraine loved her Lord deeply for many years; however, in the past 18 months she had come to a deeper understanding of Scripture and had started attending the local Adventist church. She and David were having Bible studies and were planning to be baptised. Lorraine was much loved by her community and gave endless hours to the Townsville Junior Jazz Club. She is sadly missed by all. Cranville Tooley

Hopkins, Audrey Joyce (nee Dingley), born 22.5.1926 at Rockhampton, Qld; died 13.11.03 in Rockhampton Base Hospital, of a terminal illness. She is survived by her husband, Jack (Rockhampton); her daughter, Faye Shepherd (Yeppoon). Audrey was a friendly and loving Christian. She loved her Lord and before she died expressed her great hope in His second coming. She is sadly missed. Geoff Donovan, Mark Falconer

Jones, Margaret Judith, born 29.5.1944 at Auckland, NNZ; died 6.11.03 at Murwillumbah, NSW. She is survived by her husband, Garth; her daughters, Jackie Hankinson (Central Coast, NSW), Christene Forbes (Murwillumbah) and Marie Lancaster (Burringbah); her brothers, Terry, Brian, Neil and Danny (all from NZ); her stepchildren, Robin, Timothy,



Bronwyn and Matthew; and her four grandchildren. The family migrated from NZ in 1976 and settled in Murwillumbah, NSW, so the girls could attend an Adventist school. Margie was a wonderful selfless wife and mother; sadly and greatly missed by family and friends.
Clive Butcher, Adrian Craig

Kent, Marigold Annice, born 5.6.1934 in Sydney, NSW; died peacefully on 1.11.03 at Beecroft. The youngest child of the late Pastor James and Winifred Kent, Marigold is survived by her sisters, Dorolyn Kingston, Cecily Syme; and her brother, Lyndon. An affectionate person, Marigold will be missed by her siblings as well as her many nieces and nephews; her grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Till He comes!
Andrew Kingston

Morgan, Delora Marie, born 16.7.1940 at Mullumbimby, NSW; died 9.10.03 at Townsville, Qld. She is survived by her husband, Les; her children, Debra, Elwyn and Julie. Del loved her Lord with a passion and spent many faithful years working for Him in the Thuringowa Adventist church, Townsville, Qld. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Cranville Tooley

Murchison, Pastor Clifford Roderick, born 10.6.1916 at Beech Forest, Vic; died 11.11.03 at home in Mount Vincent, NSW. He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Azariah Chamberlain, on 17.8.80. On 15.10.41 he married Avis. He is survived by his wife; his son, Alex; his

daughter, Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton; his seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Cliff was a loving and lovable Christian; one who reflected the glory and love of the Christ who lived and worked through him.
Rick Creighton, Les Coombe

Nicholson, Garry, born 9.3.1939 at Kalgoorlie, WA; died 8.9.03 at Perth. On 12.7.69 he married Patricia. He is survived by his wife (Perth); his children, Dianne Hodgkinson (Narrikup), Annette Nicholson (Perth) and Carolyn Frisbee (London, UK). Garry was kind and courageous, with a cheeky warmth. He showed us he knew God's love by the way he cared for others.
Andrew Skeggs

Norris, Jean Mary, born 27.5.1911 at Ivanhoe, Vic; died peacefully 30.10.03 in Amaroo Nursing Home, Euroa. She was predeceased by her first husband, Henry Dash; also her second husband, George Norris. She is survived by her four children to her first husband; her 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. She loved her family, her church and Jesus Christ, and looked forward with joy, happiness and anticipation to eternal life.
Mayo Logue, Tim O'Keefe

Peasley, Marie Patricia, born 30.12.1928 at Forbes, NSW; died 15.11.03 at Gunnedah. On 22.2.47 she married Len. She is survived by her husband (Gunnedah); her children and their spouses, Sharonne and Ludwig Rabina, Bronwyn Peasley (all of Benowa), Gary and Jenny (Gunnedah), and Darrel and Natalie (WA);

and her nine grandchildren. The focus of Marie's life was family closeness. During her funeral service her husband, Len, sang *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow* in a recorded tribute to his wife.
Beth McMurtry

Rogers, Sylvia (nee Williams), born 15.4.1922 at Albany, WA; died 25.11.03 in Perth. On 31.1.48 she married Jim. She is survived by her husband (Kwinana); her children, Kath Atkinson (Broome), Cheryl Bytes, Robyn Middleton and Philip (all of Kwinana). Sylvia was a woman devoted to her God and family. She had a simple faith in Jesus and was very involved in helping others in her family and the community.
Steve Goods, Anthony MacPherson

Shields, Stanley William, born 13.12.1937 in Brisbane, Qld; died peacefully 2.11.03 in Brisbane, after a long battle with a terminal illness. He was predeceased by his father, Laurie; also his brother, Pastor Lawrence Shields; and his niece, Debra Robinson. On 12.6.66 he married Pam. He is survived by his wife; his children and their spouses, Guy and Rowena (Gayndah), Jason, Nicole Shields (both of Brisbane); his mother and stepfather, Isabel and Gordon Clare (Brisbane); his sisters and brothers-in-law, Hilary and Rod Robinson (Caloundra), Ruth and Rob Harris (Alstonville, NSW); his sister-in-law, Marion Shields (Adelaide, SA); their families; Janine and Kevin Robinson (Cairns, Qld), Catherine Shields (Adelaide, SA); his stepfamily and their spouses, Christine and Russell Akers (Castle

Hill) and Bob and Margaret Clare (Currumbin); and their families. Stan was actively involved in Michelton (Qld) church and a great supporter of Adventist Health, South Queensland Conference. He fought a good fight and was loved by all who knew him.
Kevin Robinson

Timmins, Daniel Amos (Dani), born 10.12.1972; died at home 24.9.03 at Palmerston North, NNZ. He was predeceased by his father, Lloyd. On 31.3.96 he married Marie Strawbridge. He is survived by his wife; his mother, Pat; his sister, Rachel, and her husband; his niece, Hannah; and in-laws, Joan and Nolan. Dani never complained and had an amazing faith in God. He impressed everyone he met and will be greatly missed.
Anton van Wyk

Zeunert, William (Bill) Edwin, born 31.1.1911 at Seppeltsfield, SA; died 15.11.03 in Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. He was predeceased by his wife, Neta (nee Bradley), on 12.6.03; also his sister, Vera White; and his brothers, Eric and Stanley. He is survived by his sister, Elsa Bussau; his seven nieces and their families. Bill served the church all his working life and was assistant treasurer for the South Pacific Division for 23 years, and also served the Sanitarium Health Food Company until his retirement. He was largely responsible for the restoration of Sunnyside, the home of Ellen White in Cooranbong. A beloved friend waits for the Master's call.
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