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Preachers for "The God factor" series were (L-R): Oliver Doyle, Kurt Rosendahl, Maddy Doyle, Monica Lawman, Lachlan Campbell, Anita Sparavec and (seated) Caleb Williams. Absent: Joshua Clement. They are pictured dressed in costumes for the concert.

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## King-size evangelists preach

*Port Macquarie, NSW*

**W**ith 2004 being the Year of Evangelism for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, the children at Port Macquarie Church, NSW, are showing the way.

A public evangelistic campaign entitled "The God factor" was conducted by 10- to 15-year-olds in the new church building over four consecutive Saturday evenings of May and June.

Church pastor Justin Lawman explains: "This outreach series was a project of our very committed and visionary junior and earlteen Sabbath schools, although the whole church community gladly supported it."

Four thousand youth-oriented postcards were distributed and it was widely publicised in the local newspaper. Months beforehand, however, the junior/teen Sabbath school organised a prayer list, and then personally invited their friends from nearby schools.

"The target age group was the 10- to 15-year-olds," says junior Sabbath school leader Trish Campbell, "but parents were also welcomed with open arms." And they came. The average attendance over the four nights was 135, of whom some 40 were non-Adventists.

According to George Smith, principal of Port Macquarie Adventist School (PMAS), "About 70 per cent of our students come from non-Adventist homes. Quite a few came to the 'The God factor,' and some brought their parents too."

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*How to  
find  
true joy*

# "The hope of mankind"

**W**ith the handover of power to the Iraqi governing council this week and 15 months on from the beginning of the US-led war in Iraq—with Australia following along behind—serious questions remain about the justification and results of the military action. But perhaps we could learn something from regime changes in the last century.

Reflecting on the bloody course of the Russian Revolution, Lenin made a startling admission with possibilities for contemporary analogy: "I made a mistake. Without doubt, an oppressed multitude had to be liberated. But our method only provoked further oppression and atrocious massacres. . . . It is too late now to alter the past, but what was needed to save Russia were ten Francis of Assis."1

Imagine what might have been achieved if—instead of hundreds of thousands of military personnel armed with billions of dollars worth of weaponry—thousands of missionaries, aid workers, teachers, doctors, nurses and builders had been dispatched and equipped with the equivalent values of construction materials, medicines and education supplies. How different a place would Iraq be? How different a place would the United States be? How different a place would the world be?

It's not just a nice idea. Undoubtedly, there would have still been casualties; there always have been among those on the frontiers of Christianity—but perhaps they may have been fewer than those of the ceaseless violence of the past 15 months. If we are so confident in the rightness of our cause and the inherent strength of good, it's not a risk. It's even a way of living urged in the Bible: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. . . .

Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good."2 It's not our natural reaction, but it can work.

In recent history, there have been more positive examples of regime change than Lenin's regrets—or the US invasion of Iraq. Foremost among these is the role credited to Christian churches in the 1989 revolution spreading across 10 formerly Communist countries of Eastern Europe: "Against all odds, when the decisive

can surely recognise—and must insist—that the hope of humankind resides elsewhere.

Thankfully, the Bible offers a greater hope: "I wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him."6 He—and He alone—is the Hope of humankind, whatever Bush's rhetorical excess might suggest. In fact, the danger is that of misplaced hope, even—intentionally or unintentionally—putting something else in the place of God.

*We need to renew our trust in the world-changing power of the gospel.*

moment for change finally arrived in the Eastern Bloc, the church led the way in a peaceful revolution. . . . Virtually, every protest demonstration began with worship. . . . Not a single life was lost as throngs of people marching with candles brought down a government."3

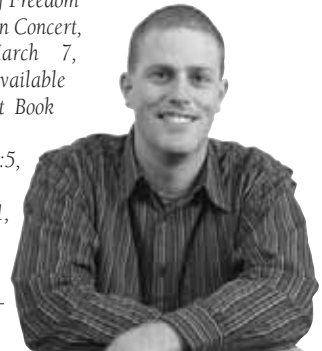
On a smaller scale are the stories of societies radically impacted by evangelistic efforts. For example, in 2001, following a major evangelistic campaign held in Papua New Guinea, local politicians and newspapers noted "a dramatic decrease in major crime in the country."4 We hear much about the individual life-changing power of the gospel; perhaps we need to spend a little more time on the broader culture-changing possibilities.

Less than two weeks before the beginning of last year's Iraq war, a concert broadcast globally by the Adventist satellite network featured a prerecorded message from President George W Bush, in which he described America as "the hope of mankind."5

But with 15 months of war and "peace" in Iraq as just another example of the bleakness of such human endeavour, we

Yet "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."7 It is this hope that can truly change the world for the better. We need to renew our trust in the world-changing power of the gospel. Then, perhaps, we can invest more in saints, rather than soldiers.

1. As quoted by Philip Yancey, *Rumours of Another World: What on Earth Are We Missing?* Zondervan, 2003, page 124.
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7. *Isaiah 40:31, NIV*.



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—Compiled by Scott Wegener—

● The **inauguration of a Korean company** was held at South Brisbane church, Buranda, Brisbane, on May 29. Conducted by the South Queensland Conference



president, Pastor **Neil Watts**, the day included performances by the Korean orchestra and the release of some butterflies as a symbol of freedom in Christ.

● EP, formally known as **Endless Praise**, hosted a worship gathering at Newcastle University's "Bar on the hill" on Friday, May 28. The concert was staged as part of a regular "**Friday at seven**" outreach event by the Newcastle Adventist Students Association. More than 150 attended the meeting, which featured the musical talents of EP who sang, strummed, talked, prayed and gave heartfelt testimonials to the dedication of God. The



quintet, made up of (pictured L-R) **Chantal, Nelson, Cassie and Ladean**, were supported strongly by the

Avondale College students in the audience.—*Jeremy Mead*

● The children from **Bonnells Bay Primary School**, NSW, were provided with a **nutritious breakfast** on May 31 thanks to Lakeside church and Sanitarium. The

## Hymnfest revitalises old tunes

**A**vondale Memorial church hosted "Hymnfest" on May 29. A 75-voice choir was supported by Avondale Advent Brass and Memorial Ensemble, organist David Clark and pianist Betty Hanna.

The 90-minute musical event, now of annual occurrence, compered by Lyndon Taylor, provided an opportunity to revisit and revitalise the singing of many hymns of faith, courage and hope with energy and vitality. Hymns like the grand Welsh favourites, "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" and "Hyfrydol," and others like "Blessed assurance," "When we all get to heaven" and "Thine is the glory" reverberated through the church.

Music was specially arranged for the group by Joy Dustin and Corinne Knopper, and was conducted by Don Roy and Sharon Tolhurst.

Dr Roy says, "The event was seen not only as a worshipful expression of our personal and corporate faith, but also an opportunity to share that faith with the many neighbours and visitors from the community who attended."



children received a breakfast of cereal, toast and fruit, with many coming back for seconds. Lakeside church is committed to an ongoing program each Monday morning at the school to ensure all the children enjoy a good breakfast before beginning their morning classes. Acting principal **Kristie Symonds** says that the program would prove very useful as a number of children do not have a proper breakfast before coming to school.—*Pam Hill*.

● The Parramatta church, NSW, had Federal Minister **Ross Cameron** (pictured) visit on June 5 for an **international tea**. During the event Mr Cameron mingled with the church members, sampled dishes

from the international stalls and, when invited on stage to say a few words, stated he didn't think some 400 people of over 45 different nationalities were coming together to share a meal anywhere in his electorate. The event also had a great Australian icon parade, Olympic torch relay, cultural dances and singing.—*Jasper Alfred Hutabarat*



● **Port Macquarie church**, NSW, has rejoiced to see 58 people baptised during the past three-and-a-half years. Three recent baptisms included (pictured L-R with

Pastor Justin Lawman) **Michael Chapman, Matthew Barber, Amanda Richardson and Marcia Maris**, a woman who was contacted through the **Search videos**. Seven of the 58 new members attribute their new-found faith to video ministry, and several more have also made life-changing decisions with some already attending church. "Nearly 20 per cent of newly baptised members is a very significant contribution," says Pastor Lawman. "We have a very dedicated group



of church members involved in video ministry."—*Bob Donaldson*

● **India's** first ever non-Hindu Prime Minister, **Manmohan Singh**, has appointed **born-again Christian P R Kyndiah** to become his Minister of Tribal Affairs. Missionaries are now hoping this will help to **end persecution** of Christians in India, allow them to set up thousands of schools and distribute Bibles among over 40 million people.—*Assist News Service*

● **The National Day of Thanksgiving** was celebrated by tens of thousands of Australians across the country on May 29. Parliamentarians and government officials

## SanLink hospital bus service opens

It's now easier for staff, patients and visitors to get to the Sydney Adventist Hospital (the San) in Wahroonga, NSW, following the launch of the new SanLink bus service.

SanLink is a transport initiative between the San and the Shorelink Bus Company, aimed at providing better access to the hospital's range of health and wellness services. The service was officially launched on April 22 by local Members of Parliament Judy Hopwood



and Barry O'Farrell (pictured).

Since commencement, more than 400 people have used the service to get to or from the San.

Judy Hopwood, Member for Hornsby, said, "This new bus service is a wonderful example of local organisations seeing a gap, working together and then providing a much-needed service. The Sydney Adventist Hospital and Transdev/Shorelink are to be congratulated on this fantastic initiative."

More information on SanLink can be found at <www.shorelink.com.au>.—*Pacemaker*

attended some 200 community breakfasts while thousands of random acts of kindness were initiated by churches and individuals. People turned up to police, ambulance and fire stations with morning tea to say thank you to those who serve the community faithfully, often with little acknowledgement. Churches held prayer meetings, worship celebrations and some **80,000 Thanksgiving Day cards** were distributed across Australia to say thank you to someone for the contribution they had made to the lives of others. Next year's National Day of Thanksgiving will be held on Saturday, May 14 (Pentecost weekend). For more information on the National Thanksgiving Day visit <www.thanksgiving.org.au>.—*ACC*

● The **first Bible** to be translated into an Australian indigenous language will be completed later this year. The Kriol Bible is one of **15 indigenous language projects** supported by the Bible Society in Australia. Only 414 of the approximate 7000 languages of the world have a complete Bible.—*Sower*

● **Sony Music Australia** has embarked on a multifaceted marketing campaign aimed at providing Australians with ready access to 10 albums by leading international **contemporary Christian artists**. Developed in cooperation with Integrity Media Australasia, the "Music you can believe in" campaign will make albums by artists such as **Mercyme, Darlene Zschech** and world-renowned Sydney worship favourites Hillsong, available alongside established Sony Music artists **MaryMary** and **Michelle Williams**. Chris Bent, general manager strategic marketing, Sony Music Entertainment Australia, says, "Sony Music is committed to contributing to the development of the growing genre of Christian music. 'Music you can believe in' is just the start of our efforts to bring these exciting artists to music consumers across Australia."—*ACC*

## Days and offerings

**July 10**—World Mission Budget Offering

**July 17**—Bible Sabbath (Bible Society)

Day

## Off the record

● **Elwin** and **Val Ferris** from Gosford church, along with **Lin** and **Mary Dyason** and **Allan** and **Dot Davis** from Tumbulgun, went to **Fiji** for an Adventist Development and Relief Agency project in May, to pour footings and the concrete floor for a new community hall at Labasa, on the island of Vanua Levu. A



**fly-n-build** team will follow to complete the project. While the men worked on the building site the women conducted workshops on kids clubs and taught the local ladies new songs, crafts and flower arranging. They also discussed creative activities and cooking demonstrations as ideas for the local church to reach out to the community in their new hall.

● A literature evangelist was the first point of contact for **Leonie Crick**, who attends **North Point church**, Vic (Newsfront, May 29). **Joe Paola**, unit leader for Melbourne literature evangelists, first made contact with Mrs Crick in 2002. "She purchased our *Bible Story* books," says Mr Paola. "In 2003 I felt it was time to bring Pastor Loren Pratt into the picture and arranged for her to pick up the books from his home. They just clicked and as a result of Pastor Pratt's dedicated ministry, she is coming along to church. I am now working with her daughter, Sarah, on the other side of town."

● Visitors to the Gold Coast, Qld, looking for the **Nerang church** will need to locate the newly leased worship location. Friends Community Church can now be found at 1/20 Indy Court, Nerang, Gold Coast. Worship commences at 10 am.



# King-size evangelists preach to peers

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Pastor Lawman adds, "There were people there who had never set foot in our church before."

At the conclusion of the meetings, Jacob—an 11 year-old non-Adventist boy who attends the Adventist school—commented, "One of the things I learned was how to get to heaven. And I came really close to God. I've never really been close to God before, and it felt really cool."



*Planning to be baptised soon is Karen Beauchamp, who attended with her two daughters, Elyse (left) and Ettiene. Ms Beauchamp also brought her friend Tania, who brought her daughter to "The God factor."*

Two young people preached each week for seven to 10 minutes each. Topics included, "God R U really there?" (prophecy), "Why do bad things happen to good people?" "What do I have to do to get to heaven?" (salvation), and "A future without fear" (Second Coming).

The children chose the topics and were involved in all aspects of the planning. "The subjects were not only relevant to children," says Pastor Lawman, "but adults as well."

Each program began at 4.30 pm with a praise and worship service conducted by the children and accompanied by a 12-member junior/teen band.

Other regular features, all conducted by the young people, included a quiz (with prizes), a bracket of "Whacky but true" facts, and a short dramatised sketch related to the night's topic.

At the close of each meeting, everyone

went across to the school hall for two hours of recreational activities. A meal of soup and buns was provided and activities included games, a concert and visiting guests, such as a snake expert and a self-defence instructor.

Three days after "The God factor" concluded, students in the Years 5 and 6 classroom at PAMS were invited to write down their thoughts on the program. Ten-year-old Peta wrote, "I learned to know God better," while Zac, 11, said, "I don't need to worry, because God is always by my side." Both of these students are non-Adventists.

All the children who helped lead the program now have a new focus in life as expressed so well by 11-year-old Lara. "You feel good inside with the feeling that you are sharing God's love with others."

Were they nervous? "It doesn't matter if you are scared about doing it," according to Anita (11). "God helped me through and I didn't freak!" And Lachlan (14) adds, "We all appreciated Pastor Lawman's help too."

Reviewing the series, Mrs Campbell says, "From responses on returned quiz cards it's gratifying to know that many lives have been touched—especially those we've been praying for—and many decisions made for



*Some 4000 of these postcards were distributed as invitations.*

Christ." A delighted Pastor Lawman adds, "We now have a number of interested people to follow up."

One 11-year-old non-Adventist boy wrote, "I reckon (sic) it, if they do it again."—**Bob Donaldson**

A DVD of all four programs is available. For more information email Gary on <camspam@exemail.com.au> or phone (02) 6582 1162.

## Donation kicks off Hope campaign

*Wahroonga, NSW*

**A**dventist Media has received the first of what it hopes are many donations in its campaign to include Hope Channel on free-to-air satellite television. Hope is the Seventh-day Adventist Church's official 24/7 channel.

Jennie Walker from Bencubbin, Western Australia, donated \$A120 after hearing of Hope Channel at the midyear meetings of the Australian Union Conference executive committee—Mrs Walker is a member of the committee.

The church aims to encourage 3000 of its members to donate \$A10 a month for a year. This will help offset the \$A30,000 a month it will cost to have the Optus B3 satellite carry Hope Channel. "I'd like to thank Jennie for being the first to respond to the appeal," says Pastor Calvyn Townend, general manager of Adventist Media.

The South Pacific Division will sign a three-year contract with Optus B3 and have it begin broadcasting Hope Channel on September 1, if the church can garner enough support from its members. This will give Adventists in Australia and New Zealand the option of receiving Hope Channel direct to their homes via the small Ku-band satellite dishes rather than via the large C-band dishes on many local Adventist churches.—

**Brenton Stacey**

# Adventist politicians and lawyers meet

Port Vila, Vanuatu

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vanuatu held a one-day seminar for members involved in the justice system, legal services and government departments on May 22, in the nation's capital, Port Vila.

The meeting was attended by 20 invitees including the acting Prime Minister, Hon Willie Jimmy, the Minister for Finance, Hon Jimmy Nicklam, and the Attorney-General, Samson Endehipa.

Pastor Ray Coombe, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director for the South Pacific Division, shared a message from the book of Esther that encouraged participants to recognise God has put them in a special position and they must first be faithful to God. His explanation of the separation between church and state was appreciated by all, especially the politicians and government workers.

Port Vila hosts the University of South Pacific Law Centre, so seven Adventist law



Bob Larsen

**A new chapter of International Association of Adventists in Public Affairs was formed in Vanuatu after Adventists involved in the justice system, legal services and government departments attended a seminar hosted by the Vanuatu Mission.**

students from around the Pacific also attended the workshop. Participants said the meetings were timely as Vanuatu is facing a snap election on July 6, and the government officials are now working under pressure. They thanked Pastor Coombe for his challenge to remain faithful to the Lord in their work and for the support of the church in their responsibilities.

The seminar was organised by the Vanuatu Mission secretary, Pastor Bob Larsen, and supported by the mission's president, Pastor Nos Mailalong.

Sixteen participants applied to become members of the International Association of Adventists in Public Affairs and form a Vanuatu chapter. They also requested similar programs on an annual basis.—  
**ANN South Pacific**

## NZPUC youth leaders move with power

Rotorua, New Zealand

Youth leaders in the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) are moving with the power after a recent training weekend at Tui Ridge Park, NNZ. More than 140 youth, Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders were challenged to higher levels of power in their ministry at "Move with the power" (MWTP).

Guest speaker Dr Les Pollard, vice-president of Loma Linda University, USA, spoke about the courage of David as he conquered Goliath with the power of God. Dr Baraka Muganda, director of Youth Ministries for the General Conference, called the leaders to "lift them up" (the youth), instead of



Dr Les Pollard.

pushing them down.

Twelve workshops on topics like sex and dating, Polynesian youth today and trends in youth ministry along with inspirational praise and worship and an Adventist Book Centre display of youth resources were well received.

Delegates from New Caledonia, the Cook Islands, South and North New Zealand found the weekend helped them catch a vision of God's will for their lives.

"There remains a tremendous need to equip our leaders with the tools for ministry, the number one being the presence of the Holy Spirit," says Pastor Nick Kross, director of Youth Ministries for the NZPUC. "Programs like MWTP are helping to build

a prevailing church of young people who love Jesus and want to serve Him. The Youth Department is committed to providing excellent training opportunities for youth leaders across the board." He concludes, "Our vision is to keep our young people 'Moving with the power' of God."



Nick Kross

**MWTP attendees mix and mingle during Pastor Gilbert Cangy's workshop on current trends in youth ministry.**

# Volunteers, the changing face of mission

Wahroonga, NSW

**A**manda Biddle has one regret about volunteering in Japan—she did not do it sooner. “I enjoy the work so much it feels more like a vacation.”

Ms Biddle left the warm climes of southern Queensland in August last year to serve as an English-as-a-second-language teacher at the Saniku Gakuin College (Japan Missionary College). “I needed a change,” she says, “I didn’t want to be a bystander while life passed me by.” She has learned to make the most of each opportunity “because that opportunity may be the only chance I have to make a difference.”



*Amanda Biddle, top left, has one regret about volunteering in Japan—she did not do it sooner.*

Ms Biddle first learned about the position in Japan through the Adventist Volunteer Center, which operates from the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church’s headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, United States. She visited the centre’s web site, <www.adventistvolunteers.org>, after a tip-off from the church in the South Pacific’s Division’s Volunteer Service, one of the centre’s branch offices.

Church leaders say the demand for Adventist volunteers is never ending. “More and more young adults want to do practical things for God,” says Dr Mel Lemke, the director of Adventist Volunteer Service. “They enjoy being His hands and His feet and taking religion out of the church and into the community.”

Pastor Vern Parmenter, director of the Adventist Volunteer Center, says that at any one time there are hundreds of positions

still available on the web site. “And it is changing every day.”

The problem is not lack of willing people, Pastor Parmenter explains, but rather that more and more requests from the local regions are for people of certain qualifications. Some places, for example, require a volunteer to have a university degree, which narrows the field of available volunteers to choose from.

“Our volunteers will plant churches, but that’s not their only focus. They may be computer operators, doctors, dentists, pastors, administrators, retired people and young people—people of all ages. From our point of view, whatever a church region dreams of possibly doing, we try to accommodate,” Pastor Parmenter says.

From the volunteer web site, one can choose what country they want to go to and list what type of missionary work they are looking for.

“I’d say 75 per cent of the people who contact us about becoming a volunteer have visited the web site first,” says Dr Lemke.

If a volunteer cannot find what they are looking for, “Don’t give up,” Pastor Parmenter suggests. “Keep looking, or write to Dr Lemke. What I’ve found is that many of our church leaders around the world haven’t begun to dream what church members would like to do for the church. When we prod them and say, ‘Here’s somebody who has these qualifications,’ they say, ‘We’ve never thought of asking a volunteer for that. We never dreamed they’d be available.’”

A new project the volunteer centre is developing is “His hands.” “We’re going to encourage every local Adventist church in the world to sponsor and send at least one missionary per year somewhere,” Pastor Parmenter explains. The church sponsoring the missionary will cover all expenses, but they may receive a missionary as well.

“We’re not necessarily saying a church

has to send a volunteer overseas,” Pastor Parmenter says. “They could go somewhere in their own country.”



*“More and more young adults want to do practical things for God,” says Dr Mel Lemke, director of Adventist Volunteer Service for the South Pacific Division.*

The project has “huge potential,” says Dr Lemke. He speaks of three advantages. “First, ownership. A local church can choose who to send as a volunteer and where to send them. Second, support. A local church can potentially receive a volunteer at no cost. Third, connection. This project will strengthen the relationship between the giver and the recipient.”

Pastor Parmenter will launch the project at the worldwide church’s five-yearly business meeting, or session, in 2005 in St Louis, Missouri, United States.—

*Wendi Rogers/Brenton Stacey/ANN*

## Church television awarded prize

Bucharest, Romania

“In the center of attention,” a live, nightly talk show that enjoyed an 18-month run on national television, received the “Opera prima” award from the Romanian Association of Television Professionals (APTR). The award was presented to Mihai Gadea, producer/host of the telecast, on May 31 in a ceremony at the Intercontinental Hotel in Bucharest.

“It is often considered that in order to reach high ratings, television programs have to accommodate with the taste for the sensational and trivial,” says the APTR jury. “Mihai Gadea proved that, when well done, a telecast which is sensible and elevating can both bring together guests of high moral principles and superior spiritual quality and reach a very good audience.”

“In the Center of Attention” was designed to communicate the church’s world view as it relates to current events, Bible themes and health and cultural matters.—ANN

# New ADRA man talks mission

by Nathan Brown

**T**his week, Pastor David Jack will take over the role of chief executive officer and executive director for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in the South Pacific.

Pastor Jack has worked as a church pastor in a variety of roles in New South Wales, Queensland, New Zealand and, most recently, led the Mile End Community Church, a church plant in the north-western suburbs of Sydney. He has also worked as a departmental director in the South Queensland Conference.

Pastor Jack is completing a Master of Arts in Leadership and Management at Avondale College, and has wider experience in the community-service industry, including working as a counsellor and director of human services organisations. For two-and-a-half years, he was director of the Logan West Community Centre in Brisbane. As director of the centre, Pastor Jack managed significant growth, more than tripling the annual budget and doubling the number of paid staff. The centre's services included provision of foster care, outside school hours care, a respite centre for aged and young people with a disability and a range of community-development activities.

"I have always had a passion for community ministry," says Pastor Jack, "and ADRA provides unique opportunities for Christians to connect with people. It seems to me that ADRA's ministry is all about living the gospel through meeting the needs of people. Jesus seemed to indicate its importance when He spoke of the provision of food, water, clothing and support to people in need in Matthew 25."

Pastor Jack sees his new role as consistent with his experience and values. "ADRA's philosophy to develop and build sustainable communities and families resonates with my own personal philosophy," he reflects. "By empowering people through education and support,

they are then in a position to be able to serve others and thus multiply the efforts of organisations such as ADRA."

"I have experienced God's leading during the past few weeks and it is a privilege to be invited to join the ADRA team," he comments, referring to the process of his appointment to the role. "I am certainly looking forward to being part of the dynamic team of motivated people who serve with ADRA—both in Australia and around the world.

"I am excited at the opportunity to invest the experiences, gifts and calling to ministry God has placed in my life in serving the church and community through ADRA's ministry."

However, with this new appointment comes the regret of leaving his previous role, and Pastor Jack admits it will be tough to leave Mile End. "I have loved being involved in the Mile End church plant," he says. "The community focus of the church has been inspiring and provided unique opportunities for ministry. I have had the opportunity to work with a remarkable group of people and will miss working day to day with them.

"Our family plans to continue attending Mile End as members and we look forward to continuing to support its growth and development."

Pastor Jack's enthusiasm for the Mile End church is now transferred to a wider field. "I look forward to exploring ways to bring greater integration between the vision of the South Pacific Division and the ministry of ADRA. I would love to see the profile of ADRA in Australia and New Zealand lifted, that members of our communities will better appreciate and understand the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its mission.

"We need to recognise that ADRA's ministry isn't only something to donate to; it is something to be involved in, and that some of the people we connect with will




come to know Jesus Christ as a result."

This is an important aspect of Pastor Jack's philosophy. "The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church finds significant expression through serving people in the community," he explains. "ADRA offers a broad range of opportunities in all parts of the South Pacific Division and internationally for church members to participate in the mission of the church."

And Pastor Jack will be looking for greater involvement and input. "I will be inviting feedback and ideas from members of our church here in the South Pacific Division and will be challenged to respond in order to progress the mission and vision of ADRA as a result. And, importantly, I'll be looking to our ADRA team on the ground in countries such as Papua New Guinea to identify unmet needs so we can begin to strategically plan and implement responses."

And his vision for ADRA? "That God will have a powerful influence in the lives of people as a result of ADRA's ministry," he concludes.

"My vision is that the ministry of ADRA will grow in the South Pacific Division, and involve many of our members in serving their communities." 

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.



# Lara, HIV and me

by David Thiele

**L**ara is going to die. And it will be quite a horrible death, no doubt. Lara is HIV-positive. It's a tragic story.

The Lara in question is Lara Roxx, a young Canadian, variously said to be 18, 19, 21 or 22 years old. Recently, Lara relocated from Canada to Los Angeles, where she worked as a "performer" in California's burgeoning pornography industry. But it was on a movie set that she was exposed to the HIV virus by fellow performer Darren James. Between the two of them, another 50–60 performers may have been exposed to the virus. Lives are in limbo. The industry is in upheaval. There are serious calls for greater regulation.<sup>1</sup>

Well, that's it. She's a whore. She was immoral and is paying the price. The wages of sin is death—especially *that* sin. It's all a long way away and nothing to do with me. The high road can be very appealing sometimes. Being a Pharisee is really so easy.

But why did Lara do what she did? She wasn't carried away in a moment of passion. She didn't get drunk and not know what she was doing. Instead she was paid to engage in the unsafest of unsafe sex, because people spend good money buying and renting her videos and DVDs.

It's the marketplace and the customer is always right. If there were no buyers of pornography, there would be no producers. Without producers Lara would not have been paid to do what she did and would not now be under a sentence of death. The marketplace has spoken—and spoken with deafening volume.

Pornography generates billions of dollars in sales each year. Pornographers like Steven Hirsch live lavish lifestyles. Yet their "performers" eke out a basic existence in brutally short careers in an industry driven by a demand for new and younger faces and bodies.<sup>2</sup>

Few if any pornographic performers are in the industry as a fulfilment of lifelong ambition or the sheer hedonistic pleasure

of it all. For every performer like Nina Harley or Annabel Chong, who defend their careers with a philosophical rhetoric of liberty and empowerment, there are scores of broken souls, doing out of desperation what they have to do to survive, to get by.<sup>3</sup>

One has only to read the reports of some who have escaped the industry to see the truth of this. For example, Linda Lovelace writes of her being forced into prostitution by compelling threats of violence from her husband/manager.<sup>4</sup> He denies this, but those who have seen (as I have not) her most famous movie confirm that the bruises she received from a beating he gave her the night before filming are clearly visible on her body, despite the best efforts of the make-up department.<sup>5</sup>

A more recent testimony comes from Traci Lords, who tells of her rape and abuse as a child, of being taken to her first movie set by her boyfriend, of making a score of adult movies, and of becoming hopelessly addicted to drugs. All of this before the age of 16. Lords broke free from the world of pornography and works as a mainline actress now, most notably securing an ongoing role in the television series *Melrose Place*.<sup>6</sup>

These are broken lives, wasted souls, making do in a harsh world. For them, "making do" means being humiliated and embarrassed, engaging in degrading and sometimes painful activities and running the real risk of serious, even fatal, disease.

And what does that make me, if I derive some sordid pleasure from their ordeal, buy and view the videos? Not the real me, of course. I've never seen a Lara Roxx video. I wouldn't know her if I passed her in the street. No, I mean the hypothetical "me"—the hundreds of thousands of "me"s buying, renting and viewing pornography, surfing the Internet for it.

For me as a Christian, pornography is wrong primarily because of its sexual

content. It isn't because I have some old-fashioned hang-up about sex being somehow "dirty." Pornography is wrong because it runs counter to one of the fundamentals Jesus Himself outlined for being His follower: "The second [commandment] is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:31, NIV).

Viewing pornography by its very nature reduces real, living people to objects. Feminists who argue that pornography innately expresses hatred to women are stating a truth.<sup>7</sup> Pornography involves using people with no concern for their personhood or even their wellbeing.<sup>8</sup> They may feel shame, pain or fear. What does it matter, as long as I feel pleasure?

What does it say about "me" if I use pornography? Well, for a start it makes my profession of Christianity look pretty feeble. ☹

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# Finding true joy

by Geoffrey Garne

**F**ifty years in gospel ministry have shown me that there are two kinds of Adventists: Gladventists and Sadventists. But God's Word leaves us in no doubt that He wishes all His people to belong to the first category.

Joy is identified in Galatians 5:22 as the second fruit of the Spirit. Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11\*). In Nehemiah 8:10, we are told that "the joy of the Lord is your strength." In Psalm 16:11, we are reminded of the joy to be found with God—"you will fill me with joy in your presence." Isaiah assures us that "with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (12:3). And Psalm 5:11 paints this joyous picture: "But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. . . . those who love your name may rejoice in you."

## Joy in adversity

There is a vast difference between ordinary earthly joy and the joy of the Lord. Earthly joy—although legitimate—is dependent on circumstance; the joy of the Lord is based on the rock-solid, immovable foundation of His presence and His promises.

The prophet Habakkuk speaks of this kind of joy in the profound closing verses of his prophecy: "Though the fig-tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights" (Habakkuk 3:17-19).

Such joy is no myth. It has been demonstrated in the lives of untold thousands of God's people throughout the centuries of sin's dark night.

Exhibit A of such joy must surely be

Fanny Crosby, who spent the entire 95 years of her life in total blindness. Yet, when still a small girl she expressed her joy in her first simple lines of poetry: "Oh, what a happy child I am,/ Although I cannot see;/ I am resolved that in this world/ Contented I will be."

She went on to write the lyrics of hundreds of hymns, many of which reflect her overflowing joy in the Lord. "Redeemed! and so happy in Jesus!" she wrote. "No language my rapture can tell;/ I know that the light of His presence/ With me doth continually dwell."<sup>1</sup> And similarly, "Perfect submission, all is at rest,/ I in my Saviour am happy and blest."<sup>2</sup>

Does your innermost soul echo these sentiments? If not, it can!

## Six ways to find true joy

Let me share with you six practical ways in which you can make this true joy your personal possession today:

### 1. Experience the joy of His presence.

In Isaiah 57:15, our loving God promises: "For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives for ever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

What a promise! Ponder it, grasp it and make it your own. Open the windows of your soul heavenward and let the sunshine of His presence flood your soul, filling you with heavenly joy.

### 2. Discover the joy of His Word.

The prophet Jeremiah wrote, "When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty" (Jeremiah 15:16).

One reason why we don't have more of the joy of the Lord in our lives is that we

spend too much time in front of the TV screen, using the Internet, with the glossy magazines and paperbacks—and not enough time with the Word of God. Discover the precious gems of truth and inspiration hidden in the pages of this wonderful Book. I invite you to join Jeremiah in discovering the joy of His Word.

### 3. Taste the joy of His salvation.

In Psalm 51:12, David prayed, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation." There is no joy in self-salvation. Trying to save yourself by your works of merit is like trying to swim to the eternal shore through shark-infested waters. No matter how powerful a swimmer you may be, you'll never make it.

In 1 Corinthians 15:2-4, Paul summarizes the joy of the gospel—the good news: "By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. . . . For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

God has provided in Christ the only bridge that can take us safely across to the eternal shore. Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Salvation is God's work, not our own: "It is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13). And "he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

Remember, these gems are from the letter Paul wrote in prison as he awaited execution. It has been affectionately named "the Epistle of joy." It includes the injunction: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). Paul was both confident and joyful in



his God: “And my God will meet all your need [both temporal and salvational] according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus” (4:19).

Accept Jesus as your Saviour. Then trust Him to continue and complete the work He has begun. Taste and relish the joy of His salvation.

**4. Become involved in the joy of His service.**

Someone has correctly said that the acrostic for JOY is Jesus first, Others next and Yourself last. Too often we forfeit His joy by placing ourselves first and others last in the equation, resulting in selfishness, self-centredness and self-interest, in which there is no true joy.

Let your daily prayer be: “Lord, make me a loving and lovable Christian. Make me a blessing to someone today. Today I want my life to tell for Jesus.”

That is a prayer He loves to hear—and answer.

**5. Become obsessed with the joy of His beauty.**

This was David’s obsession. He wrote: “One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple” (Psalm 27:4).

If you go to church to find something to criticise, you won’t have to look hard, because the church is far from perfect. But you will leave without a blessing. Instead of being a fault-finder, become a beauty-seeker. Look for something beautiful to take away with you from every worship service you attend. Soon you will be overflowing with the joy of His beauty.

**6. Anticipate the joy of His ultimate triumph over evil.**

Our world has become a sorry place to live. Society is in chaos. There’s enough happening in the news to fill our souls with

despair. Daily our hearts cry out, “Why doesn’t God do something? Why doesn’t God act?”


But someday He will. We cannot begin to imagine how complete and utter His triumph over evil is going to be.

Jesus said that when we see “on the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity. . . . Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world. . . . When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21: 25, 26, 28).

“At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” (verse 27). This is the blessed hope Paul encourages us to look

forward to—“the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). Anticipating that glorious event will fill our hearts with joy.

**A benediction**

What better way to conclude these thoughts on joy than with Paul’s great benediction in Romans 15:13: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the the power of the Holy Spirit.” 

- 1. “Redeemed!” Hymn 337, Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal.
- 2. “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” Hymn 462, Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal.

\* Bible quotations are from the New International Version.

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# Evangelism brainstorming

by Nathan Brown

I have some cynical friends. In a recent discussion of assorted church issues, we touched upon the Year of Evangelism. Emerging from this conversation, one of the suggestions was a subtitle to the Year of Evangelism: “Just don’t try anything different.”

The comment reflected on a perceived narrow focus we sometimes get from programs for evangelism—distribute some more “Try Jesus” cards and run another prophesy seminar.

It’s a generalisation and simplification. And these forms of outreach have their place. At the halfway point of the year, good stories are beginning to emerge from these Year of Evangelism initiatives. The Adventist Discovery Centre’s correspondence school is the busiest it has ever been. Many of the public evangelism programs are seeing people come to know God. The focus on evangelism is making an impact.

Yet like most “answers,” these methods are only ways of doing it. By relying on this formula, are we making the impact we as a church could and should be making?


“In the area of reaching the unreached we’re having, at best, limited success. Adventist work is growing rapidly in *parts* of the less-developed world and in certain immigrant subcultures. . . . But in most places we are making very little impact on the vast majority of people” (Jon Paulien, *Present Truth in the Real World*). This statement is now 10 years old, but still current.

Perhaps we need a bigger definition of what we mean by *evangelism*. Anchor-pointe—a church plant project in downtown Seattle, USA—adopted a broad usage, defining *evangelism* as “anything that moves someone a step closer to God.” Some interesting implications come with such a definition, including the huge range of activities, programs and interactions that

may be described as “evangelistic” and the possibility that we—those of us who are already church members—have space to benefit from these various forms of evangelism as much as those “outside.”

Interestingly, such a wide definition may be closest to that employed by Paul. In describing his method of evangelism, he writes, “I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some” (1 Corinthians 9:22, NIV).

“All possible means” evangelism leaves a lot of room for creativity, for adapting the message of the gospel to your culture, for trying something different. A Year of Evangelism should see the most creativity and evangelistic risk-taking—and every year should be a year of evangelism.

Let’s share our successes and even our creative “failures.” Let’s throw our big ideas into the discussion. Let’s dream bigger dreams. Let’s find new and better ways of sharing God’s love with the communities in which we live. Let’s have a Year of Evangelism brainstorming session. 

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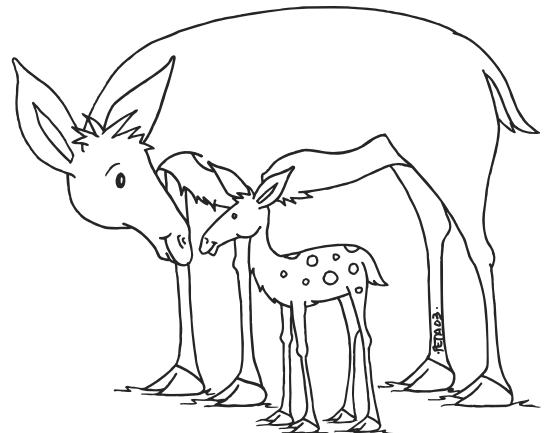
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**Proverbs 4:5**



Peta Taylor

## Try Jesus

Malcolm Ford, NZ

Triathlons are tough and competitive sports events, well supported by enthusiasts. But there's another type of try-athlon that engages a much wider and more consumer-conscious following. It's the "Try this . . . Try that . . . Try everything!" scenario in which advertisers and commercial enterprises jostle for the attention of the masses.

Now even Jesus is to be "tried," this time not by Pilate but by anyone who receives a "Try Jesus" flier in their letterbox.

I applaud any worthy effort to share Jesus with nonbelievers, but to "try" Jesus seems to place Him in the same category as perfume, jeans or cars. (If they don't suit your style, then look somewhere else.)

Jesus is not for "trying"; His love is to be either accepted or rejected.

F Rozendaal, WA

We live in the most dreadful but also most exciting time of history. With a manpower of 20 million, the distribution of a billion fliers could be a breeze—all done in a few minutes. People could do it on their daily walk, on their way to the shop or during lunchbreaks. At age 75, I managed 1000 in one week.

The gospel of the kingdom can reach the whole world and Jesus can be soon here. We need everyone to love Him and lift Him up.

## Lost context

Erick van Schoonhoven, Vic

The writer of "Law and testimony" (April 24) attempts to refute Norman Young's assertion in "Five charges against God" (Feature, March 6) that "after the Fall, we cannot observe the law faultlessly" and that Christ alone is able to do that. He offers a few texts and a quote from a 1896 *Signs*. His are the standard quotations used by those promoting faultless obedience and sinless living. However

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they give no consideration to context.

Consider, for example, 2 Corinthians 7:1: "Cleanse ourselves . . . perfecting holiness." All Protestant Christendom accepts that we can't cleanse ourselves of sin. Paul describes the acquiring of ultimate cleanliness and holiness as a process—that culminates at the Second Coming (1 Corinthians 15:52-54), because it cannot be attained on earth (see Philippians 3:12; Romans 8:1-7).

1 Peter 2:21, 22 refers to "an example"; but 2 Corinthians 5:21 adds information clarifying Peter's statement, saying, "He hath made [Jesus] to be sin for us . . . that we might be made the righteous of God in him."

1 John 3:3 speaks of he who "purifieth himself": The context is similar to that of

Matthew 5:48—"Be ye therefore perfect." Yet it is one's attitude and motives that determine "perfection" of character.

To claim that perfection requires faultless obedience and sinless living fails totally. Paul, writing to the less-than-perfect Corinthians, referred to them as "them that are perfect" (1 Corinthians 2:6), even describing them as "sanctified" in 1 Corinthians 1:2.

Revelation 14:12: "Keep the commandments." This is about worship, loyalty and choice. In the Greek this means to guard

from loss or keeping an eye on the treasure. Though we can expect those who treasure God's commandments will strive to obey them, the text doesn't mean a faultless obedience.

If we could attain a state of perfect obedience, would we still need Christ's righteousness?

## Ageing gracefully

D M Ceff, Qld

I would like to thank Muriel Cross for her heart-warming feature, "The gardenia bush" (May 22). Being of the older generation, it was an encouragement to read of such a positive attitude to older age. And, yes, we can still be useful to other folk along the way by bearing a few sweet smiles and kind words. God wants us to be happy and to try to make others happy too.

I read recently that old age is like a bank account: you can only withdraw from it what you put into it, so my advice is to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories.

God says He will always be with us "even to your old age . . . when you are grey-haired . . . yes, I will carry you and save you" (Isaiah 46:4, Moffatt)

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*Trevor Rowe, Robyn Stanley*

**Franklin,** Peter, born 18.12.1930 in Melbourne, Vic; died 14.5.04 in John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle, NSW. Peter was baptised by Pastor Laurie McMurtry and became a faithful member of the Quirindi church. He will be greatly missed by his church family.

*Frank Cantrill*

**Hick,** Colin William, born 19.5.1932 at New Lambton, NSW; died 19.4.04 at Maitland, just one month short of his 72nd birthday. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; and their children, Ian, Graeme, Suzanne and Neryl. He was laid to rest in the hands of a loving God.

*Ed Parker*

**Neal,** John Henry, born 22.4.1936 at Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, England; died 16.5.04 at Tamworth, NSW, after a four-year battle with a terminal illness. He is survived by his twin brother, Frank; and his sister, Eunice (both in the UK). After several years of searching in the New Age movement, John found his Lord and was baptised in 1985 by Pastor John Carter. He spent a number of years in van ministry in Sydney, where he made a wonderful contribution to the lives of many people. He was a valued member of the Tamworth church and will be sadly missed by all.

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**Tasker,** Marjorie Helen (nee Ellis), born 14.9.1913 at Matamata, NZ; died 1.6.04 in Norah Head Nursing Home, Norah

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Head, NSW. On 6.12.40 she married Eddie, who predeceased her on 26.10.86. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Lynn and Barry Tasker (Girralong), and Carol and Ray Highley. Renowned for her culinary skills, Marge was employed as a chef in Bethesda Retirement Home, Auckland, NZ, and later in the Auckland Adventist Hospital. She retired in Australia.

*Ross Goldstone*

**Wilson,** Daisy Eleanor (nee Nielson), born 13.9.1911 in Auckland, NZ; died 30.5.04 at the Avondale Retirement Village, Cooranbong, NSW. In 1937 she married William Wilson, a Sanitarium Health Food Company accountant and for three decades Cooranbong manager, who predeceased her in 1988. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dr Don and Margaret Wilson (California, USA); her five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was well known as a loving wife and mother, and gave lifelong support to her church and community.

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*Graeme Christian*

**Hogarth—Erdis.** Christopher Paul Hogarth, son of Peter and Wendy Hogarth (Adelaide, SA), and Rachael Elizabeth Erdis, daughter of Andrew and Edith Erdis (Whyalla), were married on 13.6.04 at the College Park Adventist church, Adelaide.

*Ross Simon*

**Robbie—Daburger.** David Robbie, son of Bruce and Bev Robbie (Bilambil, NSW), and Wendy Daburger, daughter of Richard Lovell (Christchurch, England) and Brenda Bussell (Elanora, Qld), were married on 6.6.04 in the Kingscliff Adventist community church.

*Adrian Raethel*

## Obituaries

**Billings,** John Horace Everett (Jack), born 14.12.1914 at Maylands, WA; died peacefully 30.5.04 in the Maroondah Hospital, East Ringwood, Vic. In 1938 while working at Horsham, western Victoria, as a pest exterminator, Jack met and married Olive O’Donnell, who predeceased him in 1999. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Beverley and Ron Pahl, Graham and Leonie, and Russell and Karen; his nine grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren. Jack was always a devout believer in God with a determination to

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