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Pastor Gilbert Cangy (right), director of Youth Ministries for the South Pacific Division, was surprised to find "Underground" resources already being used by European young people.

SPD impacts Euro youth

Wroclaw, Poland

Youth leaders and resources from the South Pacific Division (SPD) have made an impact on young people at the recent European youth congress in Poland. More than 3000 young people from 30 nations participated in the congress, jointly organised by the Trans-European and Euro-Africa Divisions.

Pastor Gilbert Cangy, SPD director of Youth Ministries, was the keynote speaker for the congress. "From a human point of view there was plenty of pressure and stress," he says. "But the Lord showed His faithfulness yet again and we had a wonderful time."

As well as speaking for the evening and Sabbath programs, Pastor Cangy ran an Underground small-group workshop in the mornings with Pastor Nick Kross, director of Youth Ministries for the New Zealand Pacific Union. "We were amazed to see that our resources were already all over the place in Europe," reports Pastor Cangy.

Congress participants responded enthusiastically. Shahaira, from the Netherlands, said, "This congress has been very inspiring to me, especially the messages given by Pastor Cangy from Australia. I remember clearly his first sermon about not giving up your dream, no matter what."

But the appreciation was mutual. "Quite apart from the carnival atmosphere, the rich intercultural exchange, the fun activities and new friendships made, the European congress has taken young people to another level," says Pastor Cangy. "The congress has been a catalyst for real spiritual transformation in the lives of hundreds of young people and a springboard for concrete Christian action. It did justice to its theme 'Time 4 Action.'

"I have been overwhelmed with the discovery of a generation of European Adventist young people who are in love with Jesus and are breaking new ground in pursuing the mission of the church in fresh and innovative ways. They have inspired me. I will be telling their story."—

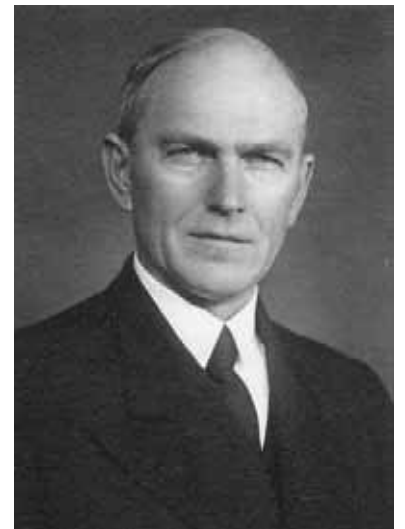
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Last year a Texas Internet company bought advertising space on the bald head of 22-year-old James Nelson of Illinois. Nelson, trying to finance his own business, sold this unique advertising space for \$7000 on eBay, the online auction site. In doing so, he gave new meaning to “keeping ahead” in business.

Nelson underwent a four-and-a-half-hour procedure at Savage’s Tattoos in Kansas City—and became a walking advertisement. Nelson will display the 13-centimetre, full-colour logo of C I Host on the back of his head for five years. “It’s better than going to a bank for a business loan,” he said.

A quick scan through eBay reveals more human billboard wannabes. One man offers to wear promotional clothing. He says he’s legally blind and always the first to board planes—“so I stick out”—and has preferred seating at sporting venues—“so I am always in public view.”

We’re saturated in advertising—from supermarket receipts to telemarketing calls, even in RECORD. As Christopher Faulkner, CEO of the company sponsoring Nelson’s tattooed head, says, “You have to be constantly looking for ways to break through the clutter and be noticed.”

Thousands of products, services and lifestyle choices jostle for our attention and our dollar. We’re bombarded by a modern Babel of competing noises and messages. Postmodern society is all about fragmented interest, short attention spans, multiple choice.

A convention of Adventist church members in North America recently packed the Cincinnati Exhibition Center in Ohio with hundreds of different ministries from health farms to native American schools to satellite television outreach. Everyone had an agenda of

utmost priority—and a book or leaflet to put in your hand. How do you even begin to choose who or what to support?

Compared to many of these glossy-brochured causes, the good old Adventist Mission Offering, traditionally collected in Sabbath schools, looks a bit tired. It doesn’t seem to have the spark or glamour of many other entities. Most of us couldn’t describe what it goes for. Giving to this offering has fallen through the floor. In fact, the drop is threatening many of the basic mission functions of the church that we take for granted—and which make possible every mission endeavour of the church, from Global Mission to church planting to Loma Linda University’s international medical work. (There will soon be a renewed focus on the Mission Offering, and the worldwide mission of the church. A new web site <www.adventistmission.org> is being developed, complete with secure online giving.)

It makes me wonder—What does touch us today? What gets our attention? Are we virtually inoculated to the crying needs of Adventist mission around the world? Does the church have to come up with bigger and better marketing plans and advertising strategies to get our attention? Have we lost sight of Adventist mission and the tremendous difference it makes in people’s lives around the world?

Earlier this year I encountered the sweetest kids you’d ever meet—fresh from an animist village in the Irrawaddy region of Burma where, until a Global Mission pioneer started work there recently, the name of Jesus had never been heard. I was the first white person they’d ever seen—let alone the first Australian white person. They sang for me. Songs about their new-found Friend. Songs about love. Songs about new hope.

A world away is a group of young Adventists in the heart of Paris, France—one of the most challenging mission fields in the world. They’re involved in the Hope Church project, to reach non-Christian people from the majority French population. “In Paris people have a kind of independent mind so it’s difficult for them to be involved in a church with specific beliefs,” says Shirley Colrant, a young Adventist studying at the University of the Sorbonne. “There are many outreach methods, but I think the best one is the relationship method. I’m full of hope about this church, and if our lives are full of prayer we can hope that this church will grow.”

This is what church is all about. We give our Mission Offering. We pray for Global Mission pioneers. We support the Annual Sacrifice Offering for Global Mission’s frontline work of bringing the life-changing news of Jesus to those who don’t know Him. We look for openings to share a bit of God’s love with our neighbours and friends. From Melbourne to New York to Buenos Aires to Bangkok to Cape Town we’re all partners in a worldwide mission to give hope and a more abundant life to others.

“Where there is no mission, there is no church,” writes Emil Brunner. That may not be worth tattooing on our heads. But it’s worth rewriting on our hearts.

Gary Krause,
Director of Mission
Awareness,
General Conference.
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—Compiled by Scott Wegener—

● The **Australian Union Conference (AUC)** executive committee approved a plan to challenge and support each church around Australia in conducting an **evangelistic program** during a worship service in 2005. Resources will be provided to help this concept, which will include advertising in the community. Pastor **Chester Stanley**, AUC president, says, "I believe using our worship time for evangelism has tremendous possibilities."—FYI

● **Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)–New Zealand** will fund well drilling in 10 refugee camps in **Sudan**. Responding to the humanitarian crisis in Darfur, Sudan, the New Zealand Government released more than \$NZ1 million to non-government organisations (NGOs). ADRA–New Zealand applied for funding from this allocation and, along with five other New Zealand-based NGOs, was awarded more than \$NZ150,000 toward the cost of drilling equipment. Alan Fletcher, ADRA–New Zealand executive director, says, "We have been able to contribute \$NZ10,000 from our own reserves, but after recent calls on our disaster and relief reserves we are very pleased to have our donation **matched at 15:1** by the New Zealand Government."

● Former **RECORD** editor **Bruce Manners** (pictured) received recognition at the **Australasian Religious Press Association (ARPA)** awards dinner in Perth (WA) on August 14. Pastor Manners's editorial "Thoughts on **Bruce Almighty**" (July 5, 2003)



SAH raises mission flag



The Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH) homecoming held on June 12 and 13 had a ceremony to raise a new flag carrying the hospital's new mission statement—"Christianity in action."

Former CEO Ian Grice was asked to raise the flag as an acknowledgment of having come up with the statement. Mr Grice says, "It is a constant reminder to the staff that this is the whole purpose behind the hospital, the rationale for its existence."

Some other key events of this year's homecoming were the dedication of a memorial fountain to the graduate and student nurses who died while serving the Adventist Church and a ward-naming ceremony, held to recognise six significant people who have made major contributions to the Christian care provided at the SAH—Miss Mary Burnside, former matron, Dr Russell Butler, physician, Miss Rose-Marie Radley, former Director of Nursing, Dr Carlyle Hudson, former orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Alban Gee, former urologist, and Dr Charles Harrison, former medical superintendent.

The weekend honoured both the 40- and 50-year class members and concluded with a Graduates Nurses Association Dinner.—*Pacemaker*

was **highly commended** in the **Best Editorial category**. "At a time when church teachings are often seen as being out of touch, [this editorial] takes a popular cultural event to convey an important Christian truth," commented the ARPA judges.

● Fifteen Singer **sewing machines** have been donated and shipped to **Aore, Vanuatu**, by volunteer missionary **Jillian Macgillivray**, whose success in initiating sewing classes for local women had created a demand for own-your-own machines. "When the women found out that I'd been bringing sewing machines to Vanuatu, I suddenly had a list of nearly 60 names of women who need a machine," says Mrs Macgillivray. Although some machines had broken or missing foot controls, hand-winders have been attached, making them useful in villages where there is no electricity supply. Even **buttonhole attachments** received have proved to be

helpful as the local women had been making **Pathfinder uniforms**, sewing hundreds of buttonholes manually.—*Coral Camps*

● Former Olympic swimmer and gold medallist **Duncan Armstrong** was the keynote speaker at the opening of a new Student Centre at **Brisbane Adventist College** recently. Built at a cost of



\$A2.4 million, the Student Centre will house weekly chapels, health and physical education, sporting activities,

music, drama, recital evenings and closing exercises. A recent fete held by the college raised \$A10,000 for the purchase of a sound system for the centre.—*Focus*

● **Amazing Discoveries in Ancient Lands** series presented by Professor **Drago Obradovic** (pictured), an archaeologist from Croatia, has proved popular in **Tasmania**. Up to 60 people attended each program at the Devonport Entertainment Centre and the North West Christian School at Penguin over two weeks. Professor Obradovic created the "Amazing Discoveries" series as an alternative to the church's traditional evangelistic programs. "We saw the series have the same impact in Tasmania as it is in Croatia," says Professor Obradovic. The follow-up will be continued by Pastor **Damir Posavac** at both places, using the popular *Search* video series.



● The **Florida Conference**, USA, reports eight Adventist churches were **damaged** as a result of **Hurricane Charley** on August 13. Conference secretary **Evan Valencia** says many church members have had homes damaged, but no loss of life has been reported. Among the first to respond to the disaster were the Port Charlotte **Pathfinder Club**, which started helping victims as early as the next day. Other clubs just returning from the Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, were also soon mobilised. Estimates of property damage from the **233 km/h winds** are in the billions of dollars, and more than 25 fatalities have been confirmed.—*Review/CNN*

Seven-year-old guests evangelise

As a result of a two-week evangelistic series by Pastor Jeffrey Paul (pictured, centre), organised by the Koiari Park English and Pidgin churches, PNG, nine people were baptised by Pastor Julius Divu on August 6 and a further 59 people stood as a final appeal was given.

The special guests, seven-year-old evangelist Jordan Wesley (left) and seven-year-old singer Nelly (right), were flown in from Henganofi, in the Eastern Highlands Province, for the final weekend meeting where they shared stories, songs and preached words of hope to those who attended.

Jordan spoke with great confidence as he urged people to live their lives in preparation for Christ's second coming, quoting texts from memory. Not yet able to read, Nelly has so far memorised 48 hymns and sang while Jordan conducted.

Both had to leave primary school, cross rivers and climb down rugged mountains to reach Henganofi and then come by bus to Goroka to catch a flight to Port Moresby. This was their first flight and the furthest they had travelled from home.—*Ragoso Tagalao*



● US shoppers are able to stop by their local **Wal-Mart** store to pick up **The Passion of Love** (pictured), a book compiled from 13 of the last chapters of *The Desire of Ages*, which has proved to be a popular seller since the screening of Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of The Christ*. Wal-Mart stores have ordered more than 50,000



English and approximately 9000 Spanish copies of the book. **David Berthiaume**, literature evangelism coordinator of the Remnant Publications printing company, who prints this book, says, "Wal-Mart has also shown interest in placing **more Ellen G White books** in their stores if *The Passion of Love* sells well."—AR

● Recently more than 20 million people gathered in all but two of the 58 nations of **Africa to call on God** in prayer. **Ed Silviso** of Harvest Evangelism says, "This may be the biggest prayer movement the world has ever seen." Transformations Africa, one of the teams helping to coordinate the events, says, "The number of venues went far beyond our expectations. The overall feeling across the continent is that this was a turning point in the history of the continent. In many countries there was a breakthrough in church unity and miracle upon miracle was reported." One miracle reported was where the sky above a stadium in Nairobi, Kenya, was clear that day while all around them torrential rains, that had fallen on the nation for weeks, continued. What started in one city, moved to a region, then a nation and finally a continent, is not over yet. A **global day of prayer** is planned. Transformations Africa says, "Right across Africa people are already excited and starting to plan for the 10 days of fasting and prayer for the world on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2005."—*Assist News Service*

Days and offerings

October 16—Spirit of Prophecy Day
October 23—Children's Day

Off the record

● On Sabbath, June 26, **Noosa Christian College**, Qld, experienced its **first baptism** when one of its "mums," Mrs **Cherie Harrop** (pictured, centre), committed her life to Jesus. Watched by her two girls, Rhedigan and Yaszinae, husband, Roger, and Cooroy church friends, Mrs Harrop was baptised in the deputy principal's **swimming pool** by college chaplain Pastor **Alvin Coltheart** (right), with principal **Ross Reid** (left) by her side.



● Two volunteers, from opposite ends of the earth, have been united in marriage and created media interest all because of their connection with the **Cottage Beck Cafe church**, the Adventist church for the unchurched in Scunthorpe, England. **Andrew Wright** (pictured, top right), from Melbourne, Australia, was led to the cafe where his IT skills provided a much needed hand in getting the Internet section of the cafe up and running. **Eija Koivuranta** (top left), from Helsinki, Finland, was looking for a warm, exotic volunteer destination, but was referred to the Cottage Beck Cafe where she met Mr Wright. Yorkshire Television and the *Scunthorpe Telegraph* gave coverage of the wedding. Family friends and church members around the world could watch the wedding at the cafe **live on the Internet** thanks to Andrew's handiwork.



● The **Bowen church**, Qld, this year added a car wash, cake stall, veggie-steak sandwiches and produce to their **garage sale** for the **ADRA Appeal** and raised \$A633. Members are so enthusiastic they are planning another one in three months time.—*Lynne Blundell*

Temperance role of Adventists to continue

Auckland, New Zealand

Seventh-day Adventists continue to influence the temperance movement with the election of a church leader to the World Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WWCTU).

Joy Butler is the WWCTU's new director of Christian outreach. She accepted the position at the organisation's 36th triennial convention, held in Auckland, New Zealand, earlier this year.

"I've had misgivings about the WCTU, but attending the convention has strengthened my commitment to it," says Mrs Butler, director of Womens Ministries for the South Pacific Division. "The WCTU might be an old organisation, but it's an important organisation with an important message."

Mrs Butler initially declined the position, "but once I realised the closeness of the connection between Women's Ministries and the WCTU, I just had to accept."

The church's Women's Ministries Department works to prevent and eradicate abuse and poverty—social issues with strong links to drugs and alcohol—as part of its mission.

In other appointments, Margaret Martin, a member of the Adventist church in Albany, Western Australia, becomes the new director of alcohol-free hospitality. "It is an honour to represent the WWCTU," says Mrs Martin. She speaks of the motto

of the organisation, "For God, home and every land." "We work to protect the home and the family. The WCTU encourages Christians to stand up and be counted, especially on social issues." Mrs Martin will continue serving as president of the WCTU in Australia, a position she has filled since 2001.

And Sarah Ward replaces Margaret Jackson, a member of the Adventist church in Cambridge, NZ, who served as president of the WWCTU for the past three years. Miss Ward has served as president for the WCTU in the United States of America since 1996.

About 150 people from 21 different countries attended the convention. Mrs Butler describes India, Korea and Scandinavian countries where membership totals about 7000, as regions of the world where the WCTU receives the most support.

Mrs Butler says the number of young women impressed her. "They bring a freshness and enthusiasm to the organisation."

Frances Willard, an educator, temperance reformer and women suffragist, created the WWCTU in 1883 during her 19-year term as president of the WCTU in the United States. The organisation has held special consultative status with the United Nations since 1947. Anita Gudinchet, an Adventist from Switzerland, is the WWCTU's representative at the United Nations in Geneva.



Margaret Martin, an Adventist, is the new director of alcohol-free hospitality for the World Women's Christian Temperance Union (WWCTU). She is also the president of the WCTU in Australia.

Joy Butler

The WCTU has close ties with the Adventist Church. One of the early leaders of the WCTU in the United States, writer Sarepta Henry, became an Adventist while a patient at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in 1896. She resigned as national evangelist for the WCTU in 1898 to implement, with the encouragement of church founder Ellen White, a plan for what she called "woman ministry."

Mrs Butler asks for your prayers. "I want to see the WCTU grow. We have achieved a lot in the past 130 years, but we have a lot still to do. It is not time to give up."—**Brenton Stacey**

WCTU needs you

Mrs Butler is challenging all female church members to join the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). "We have no excuse because, as Adventists, we believe in a lifestyle free from drugs and alcohol," she says.

Mrs Butler says Adventist women can make a difference, "but we must work together."

Annual membership is \$A10, which includes subscription to the National Women's Christian Temperance Union of Australia's bimonthly *White Ribbon Signal* magazine.

Contact Mrs Butler by mail: Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga, NSW 2076; phone: +61 2 9847 3238; or email: <jbutler@adventist.org.au> to join.

Bells toll for babies

The Women's Christian Temperance Movement literally made a loud noise on September 9.

The organisation adopted the International Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Awareness Day as its world project. FAS is the leading cause of intellectual impairment in the Western world. It is preventable if women do not drink during pregnancy.

The WCTU encouraged local churches to ring their bells at 9.09 am to commemorate the nine



Joy Butler

Christian women rang bells at 9.09 am on September 9 to commemorate the nine months and nine days of pregnancy and to raise the awareness of Foetal Alcohol Syndrome.

months and nine days of pregnancy. The bells, historically associated with alarms, announcements and warnings, were to remind members of the community of the innocence of children.

Lay ministers lack training

Wahroonga, New South Wales

More than half the volunteers serving as Seventh-day Adventist ministers in the Pacific islands are not equipped to fulfil the role expected of them, a new report shows.

Author Dr Brad Kemp, the director of leadership and Pacific resources for the South Pacific Division, estimates that almost 70 per cent of the more than 470 church members serving as volunteer ministers in the Pacific islands need in-service training and that more than 50 per cent have received what he calls “inadequate” training.

Dr Kemp differentiates in his report the courses offered by church tertiary education institutions such as the Omaura School of Ministry and Sonoma Adventist College in Papua New Guinea with lay

training schools. These schools, organised by local missions of the church in Papua New Guinea and in the Trans-Pacific, offer short courses in subjects such as biblical foundations, church management and evangelism. Dr Kemp describes the courses as “necessary but do not provide the depth a church member needs to provide an on-going ministry as a minister to a church.

“The question we need to ask is, ‘How can the church equip these ministers?’”

Dr Kemp identifies the growth of the church in the Pacific islands as the root cause of the problem. He notes the deterioration in the ratio of ministers to church members, from 1:114 in 1973 to 1:647 in 2003, and the ballooning ratio of ministers to local churches, from 1:0.85 in 1973 to 1:9.2 in 1999.

Dr Kemp reports that the church has increasingly come to depend on its members to provide pastoral care. “The figures suggest that church members serving as volunteer ministers are ministering in eight out of every nine local churches in Papua New Guinea on any given Sabbath.”

He adds: “Leadership development requires more than a willing person. It requires the church to provide a climate in which leaders in the Pacific islands can grow through the provision of appropriate experiences and opportunities.”

The South Pacific Division administration is working with leaders of the church in Papua New Guinea and in the Trans-Pacific to address the problem.—
Brenton Stacey

Iraqi Adventists remain forward focused

Baghdad, Iraq

In spite of the recent bombing of several Christian churches in Baghdad, which led to the decision to cancel worship services for Sabbath, August 7, Adventist believers met again the next Sabbath for worship,” reports Oweda Wahbe, Baghdad church pastor. It was with great joy that the believers met to praise God in singing, Bible study and prayer.

The church board met during the week and decided they would meet on Sabbath as usual. As an additional precaution, the members met in the lower level of the building, which is far more protected than the sanctuary, which is exposed on three sides.

Barriers were erected near the church to prevent vehicles from approaching the building and additional security is now in place after business hours. On the Sabbath, Iraqi police sent a vehicle with three uniformed officers to assist in security.

It seems no-one is safe anymore, with no particular rationale for these bombings. The bombing of the Red Cross headquarters in Baghdad is an example of such attacks. The role of the Red Cross is clearly understood as one of helping all

people, and even so came under a deadly attack that killed more than 20 people and destroyed all the stained-glass windows on



The Seventh-day Adventist church in Baghdad, Iraq.

two sides of the Baghdad Adventist church.

Michael Porter, president of the Middle East Union, reports that “in spite of the difficulties, our members’ faith is still strong. They continue to pray, they continue to do what they can for those around them, and they continue with plans

for opening a health-care centre as part of the new church addition presently under construction.”

Just weeks before, church leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Iraq met and hosted a visit from the newly formed Ministry of Religious Affairs. This ministry has three separate branches, one each for Shia, Suni and Christians. The 10-member team of ministry officials visited the church headquarters to discuss the future of the Adventist Church in Iraq. Basim Fargo, secretary-treasurer for the Iraq Field, commented that, “one of the officials had studied in the Adventist school in Mosul years earlier. Others of the ministry team recalled the days when the Adventist Church operated one of the best health-care facilities in the country.

Discussions covered a wide range of topics, including Adventist history and beliefs. The team posed for a group picture and the visit ended with a time of prayer.

Iraq is home to around 800,000 Christians, including more than 200 Adventists. Yet Christians are a small minority of this primarily Muslim country, making up around 3 per cent of the country’s population.—**ANR/ANN**

Adventist pastor: Holocaust hero

Sydney, New South Wales

Sixty years after the Nazi genocide in Hungary, where 450,000 Jews were killed, the memory of a brave Seventh-day Adventist minister has been recalled in a feature article in *The Weekend Australian*, July 17, 18.

Pastor Laszlo Michnay was president of the Hungarian Union Conference for 17 years, part of which included the Holocaust of 1944. Risking his own and his family's safety, he protected many Jews in his home and church.



Pastor Laszlo Michnay.

for 52 years. Her daughter, Judy Kaye, recently paid homage to her grandfather at the opening of "The Final Solution: The Holocaust in Hungary," an exhibition showing at the Sydney Jewish Museum until September 30.

She noted that he was guided by moral and religious principles. "He believed he would be blessed and protected for saving the Jews," she says. Mrs Pongrass confirms this and says none of the Michnay family were harmed. She recalls the Holocaust through the eyes of the 15-year-old girl she then was.

"It was scary," she says.

"Most women were raped by the soldiers, but when they came to our area, we hid under the choir stalls in the church." When the Russians arrived to liberate Hungary, she observed that the Nazis "had to be quick. They took the Jews down to the Danube River and gunned them down, hundreds of them. I saw this with my own eyes."

Her father, Pastor Michnay, was determined to help the Jews after witnessing anti-Semitism when he was in Germany and Poland for church conferences. Realising it was a matter of time before the Nazis hit Hungary, he stockpiled non-perishable food and planned a network of safe houses. He appealed to his congregation to help the oppressed Jews.

The basement of the Budapest Adventist church and the attic of the nearby Michnay home hid many Jews. Others were billeted in a network of safe houses belonging to Adventist ministers in country areas.

As a result of the care they received from the Adventists in Hungary, many Jews became Christians. One was Yehudit Carmeli, who was baptised in Israel 50 years after the Michnays had helped her family. "Those who read this story should take courage," she says. "Keep planting the seeds of the gospel through words and deeds. One day,



The Michnay family pictured before the Hungarian Holocaust. Clara Pongrass is on the far left.

God will make that seed sprout and grow."

Pastor Michnay died of a heart attack in 1964 while on his way to Sydney to visit his grandchildren. He was buried in Vaucluse, an eastern suburb of Sydney. In 1981 he was posthumously recognised with a certificate from Yad Veshem, the Holocaust museum and archive in Jerusalem.

Last year, Mrs Pongrass and her daughter placed a commemorative plaque in the Sydney Jewish Museum: *In memory of my father—Laszlo Michnay—honoured at Yad Vashem as righteous among the nations for risking his life to save Jews during the Holocaust in Hungary. Dedicated by Clara Pongrass and family.*

While the current exhibition draws attention to the Hungarian Holocaust, the plaque will remain in the museum as a permanent reminder of the power of one Adventist pastor who lived out his faith.—

Kellie Hancock



Clara Pongrass.

Karalundi turns 50

The Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre will celebrate its 50th anniversary from October 1 to 4, inviting all current and former staff members and students to its annual camp-meeting. The Seventh-day Adventist Church established the then-mission in 1954 with church members volunteering to build the school on 90 acres of freehold land located 60 kilometres north of Meekatharra, WA. A change in government funding policy forced the closure of Karalundi in 1974. However, a group of former students, who now had their own children, petitioned the church and the government to reopen the school. The efforts of members of the surrounding communities were successful in 1986, and Karalundi is now an independent, parent-controlled school offering classes from kindergarten to Year 10 with an enrolment of between 80 and 100 students and a current staff of about 40.—**Brenton Stacey**

Values of continual learning

by Chris Blake



Learning is more than formal education or a continuation of our life at school. A new world of freedom and responsibility is available to us, a world that can enliven and stretch us if we understand—and put into practice—some key educational values.

Cooperation over competition

Ninety-nine per cent of life is cooperation. Literally millions of people have cooperated to make you who you are today, from your shoes from Taiwan to your watch from Germany to your banana from Brazil. Somebody had to take the oil out of the ground in Saudi Arabia to make the petrol that powered the truck that drove over the smooth roads to bring the machinery that created the screws that hold together the seat on which you are sitting.

Even competition is mostly cooperation: opponents agree on the rules and the times and the referees, and the best team—the one that best cooperates with one another other—wins. Here's the essence of what's wrong with competition: somebody has to lose for me to win. But cooperation is 99 times better than that. Cooperation says: Everyone wins when we all work together. Cooperation keeps us from becoming savages.

Active learning over passive

You will learn more if you involve

yourself in the process because humans tend to believe what we do even more than we do what we believe. That's why we cannot continue to do something if we believe it's wrong; instead we rationalise it: *It's all right this time* or *They deserved*

it. That's also why you can hear 800 sermons on the value of helping others but you don't really believe it until you go on a short-term mission trip. Active learning also requires you to extend your language. The limits of your language are the limits of your world, because ideas cannot be separated from language. This includes the languages of music, numbers and visual arts. So get involved in creative activities. Participate. Go beyond what's expected. Jesus said that if someone asks you to go one mile, go two (Matthew 5:41). He was talking about taking control of your life and your own education. So read other books than the ones required. Do it on your own. Explore the world of ideas.

Community over celebrity

As our society appears to be infatuated with celebrity, this is certainly a countercultural value. We have television channels and magazines dedicated entirely to entertainment figures. We have celebrities' birthdays as a part of what we call news. We have *Australian idol*. But this is not an educational value.

I remember a college professor saying to our class, "I won't just pass you for doing nothing, because I love humanity more than I love you." That hurt me. He was speaking of uplifting the common good; of reaching toward cooperation and

community; of looking out for people on the margins of life who cannot look out for themselves—the handicapped, the elderly, the unborn, the poor—which is a product of the highest education. Celebrity is a fad; community is a virtue.

Questioning over groupthink

Thoreau suggested that in a world of fugitives, the person taking the opposite position will be appearing to run away. We need people who think for themselves; people who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. This involves asking questions.

A couple of years ago, a class I was teaching was told, minutes before class was to begin, that the class had been cancelled. Unfortunately, the messenger had gone to the wrong room. Imagine my glee when I walked into an empty room a few minutes later, and you can imagine our lesson about asking questions the next class period.

Asking more questions could have prevented the 800,000-person holocaust in Rwanda ("Is Rwanda just the same as Somalia, or are we treating all of Africa the same, as if it's a country and not a continent?"). Asking questions could have changed the rush to war across history.

Throughout the Bible, God's best friends ask questions. Not just the questions of "How much can we get away with?" or "How long does this have to be?" but "Why is this happening?" "How can we do better?" and "What would happen if...?" Questioning often requires discernment and courage, two valuable traits.

Objectivity over bias

Socrates said, "The mark of an educated mind is to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." I don't believe people are truly educated until they can hold their opinions away from themselves, so that when someone challenges or attacks their opinions and ideas they don't feel attacked

personally. This inability to objectively look at ideas leads to defensiveness and narrow-mindedness, which are becoming more common in our society.

To be educated is to objectively read things and listen to people you don't agree with. Yesterday I had a long conversation with a young man who came into my office with a very firm opinion, but he was willing to listen and to consider other possibilities, and he changed his perspective. I call that education. It's the education Jesus asks of us.

Objectivity calls for honesty. Couple that with the courage of questioning and we have "integrity"—a combination of honesty and courage.

Accuracy over carelessness

Because the key to life is communication, how we communicate matters. Words matter. For example, does "making love" really mean making love or does it mean making sex? There is a difference, and not recognising the difference often brings traumatic consequences.

Quoting information from the Internet is a dangerous practice. Anybody can put anything on the Internet—and they do. My mother used to tell me, "Don't put money into your mouth because you don't know where it's been." The same holds true for the Internet. Just because you "read somewhere" or "heard somewhere" a piece of information doesn't make it true.

Once for an experiment our Rhetoric and Persuasion class made up a rumour about the pope getting together with certain Protestants to create a credit card that only a few people could use. We thought this was a good one. We spread this rumour around campus. Three weeks later I asked in chapel, "How many of you have heard about this?" About 50 people raised their hands. "Well," I said, "it's a lie. We made it up." I imagine it's still spinning around some Adventist circles. This quest for accuracy doesn't mean we don't believe anything. It means we don't believe everything—we test the spirits. And we communicate accurately what we know.

Eternal perspective over transitory view

An eternal perspective includes some of the following:

Entering life is greater than withdrawing from reality: Reality is where God lives. God wants us to enter life. Have you noticed how many people use their money to withdraw from life, behind gated communities and headphones and tinted windows? The eternal perspective enters life, just as Jesus entered and enters our life. I'm glad He did and does.

Diversity is greater than uniformity: This goes beyond tolerating differences to celebrating differences. I like you because you're different. God is a diversity junkie—no two people, snowflakes or leaves on a tree are alike. This leads to the great truth, "You're unique, just like everybody else." We should prize our distinctions.

Holistic balance is greater than unhealthy focus: Our minds, bodies and emotions are intertwined, so that each one affects the others. Take care of your body and your emotions. Be a well-balanced person.

Lifelong learning is greater than cramming: How many of us have crammed for a test and forgotten much of it five minutes after it was done? Mark Twain wrote, "I never let schooling get in the way of an education." By "schooling" he meant, for example, the pursuit of grades. Grades can get in the way of an education. Learn for life.

Imagination is greater than imitation: I'm not as interested in "What would Jesus do?" as I am interested in "What would Jesus have *me* do?" Jesus doesn't want clones or robots or mere reflectors of others' thoughts. He wants you to create your own discipleship, work out your own salvation. Then it becomes yours.

Joy of service is greater than accumulation: Albert Einstein wrote, "Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." Too many people climb the ladder of success to find when they reach

the top that the ladder is propped against the wrong wall. A recent survey showed that 38 per cent of college students would not go to college if it did not further their career. That's not an eternal, godly perspective. Accumulating money, awards




and things will not bring peace and joy.

Truth and beauty are greater than mediocrity: Excellence is an eternal value, and true beauty is eternal. Now, this also involves having fun, because we were made for fun. If we forget the fun in the fundamentals, all we have left is "damentals."

A world of learning

A whole new world awaits you. Not just here, but on the new earth, for we will spend eternity on this planet made new—a real place. Look back at the educational values. All of these educational values will be needed and valued on the new earth: cooperation, active learning, community, questioning, objectivity, accuracy and the eternal perspectives.

All of them will be forever used and useful. But the good news is, forever begins now. It begins because we look constantly into the face of Jesus. It begins because of the greatest value of all: Love is greater than anything else. Nothing else ultimately matters or lasts.

Enjoy the journey! Savour the moment. Relish the reality of being valued and loved. Go with God. 

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The sacred wind

by Darren Morton

Part of what made Jesus' teaching so compelling was His ability to communicate the complex and mysterious in plain language. To farmers, He spoke of seeds falling into good and bad soil. To a woman tired of making daily pilgrimages to the well, He offered living water. To those who tended flocks, He was the Good Shepherd.

Perhaps one of the most intriguing uses of metaphor occurs in Jesus' conversation with a learned scholar, Nicodemus (John 3). When Nicodemus came to Jesus under cover of darkness, Jesus wasted no time with small talk, but quickly steered the dialogue to "things of the Spirit." When Nicodemus struggled to keep up, Jesus, in characteristic fashion, took an everyday experience and used it as a medium to reveal deeper truths. In this case, He chose the wind—a sacred wind.

So why would Jesus use the wind to help us understand the Spirit of God?

1. Although invisible, wind is known by its effect on the visible.

God is not visible to us, but the evidence of His moving is. Jesus commented to Nicodemus that just as we "hear it [wind] rustling through the trees," God's invisible presence is made known to us through what we hear and observe in the tangible world around us.

I have personally never had God speak to me in an audible way, but I can recall instances when His working and planning in my life were undeniable. I make a habit of documenting such experiences and regularly reflecting on them. It serves as a spiritual top-up in times of need.

Humans tend to have a knack for selective observation, and certainly in life we see what we look for. When we seek evidence of God's movement among us, we

find it. Paul asserted, "By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being" (Romans 1:20*).

Like the wind, God's Spirit is plain to us if we look for its evidence in creation.

2. Wind cannot be contained.



Try to confine wind in a box and what happens? It vanishes. Wind does not lend itself to being contained and studied in a laboratory, and neither does God's Spirit. Yet how often do we try to box God.

God is not the property of a person or people, denomination or even religion—they do not completely define Him. It is true that in the person of Jesus we see the latest revelation of the character of God, but we would be foolish to think that we know all there is about the Almighty. In the *Narnia* chronicles, C S Lewis on several occasions makes it clear the Aslan (the representation of Jesus) is "not a tame lion."

Whether we realise it or not, we all have our own "version" of Christ that stipulates what He is like and how He should behave. I am puzzled by some of the things Jesus did, like clearing a temple with a whip. Such behaviour seems out of character. But out of character for whom? I realise that it is out of character for the portrait of Christ I have constructed in my own mind. Each

of us attempts to tame Him, to contain Him. I have come to realise while I persist to confine God within my own finite box, He will continue to surprise and even shock me.

Just like the wind behaves in ways not forecast by the weather bureau, God does not operate within the constraints of our limited world view.

3. Wind is not predictable.

Weather forecasting has inherent challenges—that is why the bureau get it wrong so often! It is true that weather follows global patterns, but predicting the behaviour of wind on a local scale is volatile. Jesus said, "You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that" (John 3:8). In the same way, the movement of God among us seems erratic at times.

On a few occasions I have experienced clear manifestations of God's Spirit moving in my life. Yet there are other times when the circumstances were much the same and the wind seemingly refused to blow. I struggle to understand the formula by which God's Spirit operates. What is the equation that predicts God's intervention? What are the necessary ingredients to ensure the success of a prayer?

God decrees, "For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think" (Isaiah 55:9). Just like our mathematics is inadequate to predict the air currents that encircle our planet, the equation that God works by is far too complex for our present understanding.

It is impossible for an infant to comprehend quantum physics, and so instead of trying to provide Nicodemus with a clear understanding of God's mysterious ways, He points to something that Nicodemus can perceive—the wind.

4. Wind fluctuates in intensity.

Often great movement in the atmosphere is preceded by stillness—the ominous “calm before the storm.” So it has been my experience that God often moves most powerfully following a period of Him seeming still and silent.


All mature Christians will testify to times of spiritual ebb and flow. At times we glory and delight as God directs a strong breeze in our face, while at other times we struggle to perceive the faintest puff. Yet ironically, I have also come to learn that it is often in the stillness that God communicates with us.

To Elijah, God was heard not as an imposing noise as in a gusty cold front, but a still, small voice in the calm. Similarly, Jesus was insistent that faith be based more on an understanding of His character, and less on His miraculous signs and wonders.

To God, it is faith that counts—resilient faith that does not wane when His movement seems to. History has demonstrated that great displays of power often do little to build an individual’s faith, so He often meets us in the stillness. We come to know God by faith, or not at all. The person who pleases God is the one who remains, despite how the wind may blow.

5. Wind moves to fill the void.

In our atmosphere, wind moves from areas of high to low pressure, and the greater the pressure gradient, the faster the wind moves. It would therefore seem that wind is in a hurry to fill a void. In the same way, God’s Spirit is eager to fill the void in our lives.

It was this reality that Jesus was eager for Nicodemus to perceive. “Unless a person is born from above,” Jesus asserted (John 3:3), we are never truly alive. Each of us has a void only God can fill. We need not only the breath of God that sustains our physical existence, but the wind of the living God that moves us to real, authentic and eternal life. 

** All Bible quotations are from The Message.*

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The gift of love

by Gwen Devries



Oh, to be like Jesus.
So those round may see,
A loving, caring person,
Reflecting only Thee.

To love the sad and lonely,
The beggar on the street,
The drunkard in the gutter,
The rich man and the thief.

To love the old and feeble,
The blind and those in pain,
Those burdened down with sorrow,
The crippled and the lame.

Help me to love as You love,
For those in deep despair,
Discouraged and broken-hearted,
May I their burdens share.

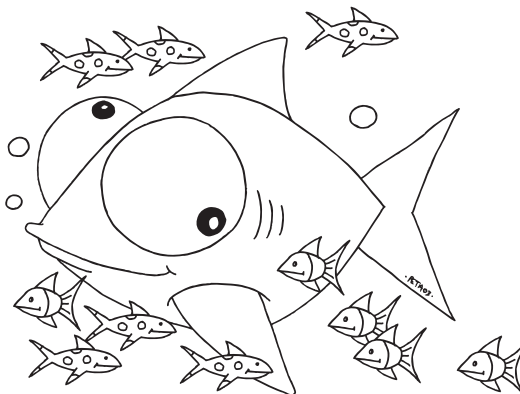
I want to be worthy of Your love,
Your gift of grace so free,
So every act, deed, thought and word
Resembles only Thee.

Gwen Devries writes from Barnsley, New South Wales.

Just for children

"God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God."

Psalm 53:2



Peta Taylor

Against or for

Walter L. Wilson, *VIC*

Objections to the *Aussie Bible* (“A dishonourable mention,” Letters, July 31) fit the category of what Jesus said to John, in Mark 9:39, 40 (NIV): “Do not stop him. . . . Whoever is not against us is for us.”

The *Aussie Bible* is not blasphemous, sacrilegious or profane. I have used it to take worship here at Yarra View Retirement Village, and found the residents really appreciated it. My grandchildren—eight- and five-year-olds—like it. It simply puts some sections of the gospel story into Australian vernacular. In so doing, it contacts and shares the gospel with some who may otherwise never hear it.

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Righteousness imputed

Erwin R. Kane, *USA*

I was much interested in “A semantic solution” (Letters, August 7). Paul taught that Christ’s presence in the heart of the believer is the presence of the Holy Spirit, whose presence is righteousness in the heart (Romans 8:9, 10). Hence, believers are willing “slaves of righteousness” (Romans 6:18). This experience is not an option; it is an integral aspect of the gospel.

The writer’s preference for the view that Christ’s righteousness is imputed to him by faith, involving Christ’s perfect obedience being imputed, fails to recognise that imputation in Romans 4 also involves the bestowal of righteousness upon the believer. In Romans 4:4, “wages are reckoned [imputed, counted] as a gift” to the one who works. The same verb (*logizomai*) is used in verse 5. Righteousness is imputed, counted, reckoned to the one who has faith. Just as wages are imputed (bestowed upon) the one who works for them, so righteousness is imputed (bestowed upon) the one who believes in Jesus Christ. The imputation is not merely forensic.

The writer’s suggestion that the forensic view is “in the tradition of the Reformation” fails to account for Luther’s

teaching. For example: “Therefore, the Christ who is grasped by faith and who lives in the heart is the true Christian righteousness, on account of which God counts us righteous and grants us eternal life” (*Luther’s Works*, vol 26, page 130).

Thinking ecumenically?

Greg McKenzie, *email*

How much longer will the Adventist Church continue to display its historical contempt for other Christian denominations? Sure, there is a growing acknowledgement that Christ’s faithful are to be found in other denominations. But there is also a steady stream of RECORD

implement the fundamental principle of Christ that reveals to a world a unity in diversity, based on love. Such a characteristic has been missing throughout much of Christian history and is a message truly relevant for today’s sectarian trouble spots around the world.

More to the story

Peter Roberts, *Macquarie College, NSW*

While “A hub of church life” (Feature, August 7) tells of our school’s involvement in a variety of activities to strengthen the connection between the school, church and community, it fails to mention what I believe is the most important spiritual aspect of our school.

This is the strong influence of the staff and their example of daily Christian living. I have only the highest admiration for the college staff and their ability to pass on the love of God, through Christ, in the day-by-day connection with their students and parents. This helps with each child’s spiritual journey and is commended over and over again by parents.

While all the other activities are important, the teachers employed in our schools are “passing on the torch.” This is one of the many strengths of this fantastic school.

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articles with headlines such as “Australian churches sign unity covenant” (Newsfront, August 21), which—in the context of traditional Adventist thought—imply some sinister movement toward religious intolerance.

Diversity of religious thought and expression is the reason for the existence of so many Christian denominations. Within each of these traditions is a huge spectrum of belief—just as there is within the Adventist Church. Modern ecumenical movements are rarely attempts to destroy denominational uniqueness, but are rather attempts by dedicated Christian leaders to



Appreciation

Gotz, Wilma and Phil would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls and prayers following Phil's recent accident. He has made a wonderful recovery.

White, Graham and family sincerely thank everyone for their sympathy, love, prayers and support shown by the flowers, cards, emails and phone calls received at the passing of our lovely Sylvia.

Anniversaries

Henderson, John and Joyce (nee Alford) were married on 12.8.44 in the old Fremantle SDA church by Pastor Tom Bradley. They celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle with their oldest and treasured friends, one being their best



man. Their son, Peter, and his wife, Fiona, arranged the enjoyable get-together and Daniel, their grandson, was also there. John and Joyce now reside in Adventist Residential Care, Rossmoyne, WA.

Houlston, Brian and Betty were married on 14.1.54 in Invercargill, NZ. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends on a boat cruise on Lake Macquarie. They have four children and six grandchildren.

Kendall, Ronald and Margaret (nee Hoey) celebrated their 50th year of marriage on 1.5.04. They were married in Kalgoorlie, WA. Their children, Rhonda, Neil, Philip and Noeline organised a surprise wedding anniversary celebration in Esperance with all their family, church family and friends. Although now retired, they are kept busy growing fruit and vegetables, as well as caring for a variety of birds on their five-acre property.

Weddings

London—Bobongie. James London, son of Jim and Sharon London (Toronto, Canada), and Omera Bobongie, daughter of Samson and June Bobongie (Cairns, Qld), were married on 14.3.04 in the Cairns Adventist church.

Kevin Robinson

Parsons—Steyn. Paul Darron Parsons (both parents deceased), and Racheal Annette Steyn (daughter of Barry and Kathleen Jacobs (Goulburn, NSW), were married on 5.8.04 in a beautiful outdoor setting at Ferridge Farm Cottage, Bellingen, NSW.

Gordon Smith

Obituaries

Bennett, Ileen Mary, born 26.6.1912 at "Waldegrave," Forest Reefs, NSW; died 12.6.04 at Yuranigh Nursing Home, Molong. On 11.1.33 she married Herbert, who predeceased her in 1953. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Lorna, Daphne and Lois; and her brothers, Herb, Bill and Royce. She is survived by her sisters, Jean Selwood (Coffs Harbour) and Nancy O'Keefe (Canowindra); her children and their spouses, Wesley (Joe) and Delma (Casino), June and Bernie Stedman (Dungog), Joyce Eastwood (Orange), Warren and Jeanette (Brewarrina), and Julie-Ann and Don Rich (Orange); her 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Ileen served in the Orange Adventist church as deaconess and ADRAcare, until a car accident in 1995.

Errol Webster

Blennerhassett, Ian James, born 18.5.1941 at Regent, Vic; died 11.7.04 at Mooroolbark. He is survived by his wife, Jenny (Mooroolbark); his sons, Lance (Broadmeadows), Peter (Noble Park), Rowen and Earl (both of Mooroolbark); his brother and sister-in-law, David and Faye, and family (Berwick); and his sister, Carol Brown, and family (Doncaster).

Barry Whelan, Barry Cheswick

Harry, Arthur, born 22.9.1927 in Perth, WA; died 13.7.04 in Fremantle Hospital. On 1.1.50 he married Amy De Landegraft. He is survived by his wife; his twin sons, Frederick and Graham; his daughter, Leslie Muniak; his son Brian; his sister, Joan McRae; his 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren (all of Perth). Arthur was a sincere church member; greatly loved husband, father and grandfather; and a popular bus driver for 39 years.

Cyrus Adams

King, Henrietta Catherine (Ettie), born 6.11.1920 at Punchbowl, NSW; died 13.7.04 at Newcastle. On 8.7.91 she married Harry, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Paul Smith (Tanillba Bay), Carolyn Farley, Fay Foster (both of Gateshead) and Julie King (Williamstown). Ettie was a treasure among us. Deeply committed to Jesus and His church, her cheeky sense of humour and transparent honesty will be greatly missed.

Colin Renfrew

McInnes, Basil, born 1.8.1921 at Lakemba, NSW; died 18.12.03 in Orana Nursing Home, Point Clare. He is survived by his wife, Stella; his daughters, Jennifer and Kathryn; their spouses, Wayne and Graham; his five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. An Aussie gentleman loved and missed by family and friends.

David McKibben

Mowday, Enid Joyce (nee Perks), born 11.10.1926 at Greenbushes, WA; died 11.7.04 at Elanora Villas, Bunbury after a 16-year battle with illness. On 20.4.46 she married Ernest, who predeceased her in 1987. She was also predeceased by her daughter, Jennifer, in 1950. She is survived by her children, Neville, John, Christine Verduci and Darryl (all of Bunbury). Joy always had a strong faith in God and now

awaits the call of the Life-giver.

Robert Kingdon

Smith, Olive Wilhelmina, born 10.3.1916 at Te Kuiti, NZ; died 21.4.04 in Taumarunui Hospital. On 21.6.39 she married Ken, who predeceased her in 1998. She is survived by her children, Jean Ewart (Kati Kati), Mavis Goldstone (Tauranga), Bob Smith (Taumarunui), Heather Hauraki (Dargaville) and Yvonne Smith (Taumarunui). Olive was a sincere and gentle person, who expressed her love for God by quietly caring for family and friends. She faithfully took part in the annual ADRA Appeal and took pride in caring for the church and gardens.

Ben Timothy, Lawrence Lane

Stewart, Charles Walter, born 19.6.1919 at Tamworth, NSW; died 1.7.04 in Orange Hospital. In 1941 he married Esma, who predeceased him in 1998. He was also predeceased by his sisters, Gladys and Jean; and his brother, Rodney. She is survived by her brothers, Gordon (Umina), Doug (Cowra) and Vic (Sydney); his sister, Thelma Colbran (Foster); his daughters and sons-in-law, Jan and Ted Peterson (Cowra), and Laurel and Keith Taylor (Blackheath); and his five grandchildren. Charlie had a strong determination and his faith in God remained strong.

Errol Webster

Topp, Herbert, born 12.5.1916 at Narangba, Qld; died 7.10.03 in Regis Nursing Home, Caboolture. He was the seventh of nine children. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary; also his son, John. He is survived by his children, Alex, Joe and Annette; his nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Herbert was a committed and sincere SDA Christian, who was largely involved in the construction of the Pine Rivers SDA church.

Michael Worker

Henry Miller, Michael Robinson

Walker, Blossom Evelyn, born 30.9.1920 at Bangalore, South India; died 9.7.04 in Lions Haven Aged Care, Hope Island, Gold Coast, Qld. On 15.6.42 she married Lionel, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her son, Andrew. She is survived by her daughters, Anita Green (Biggera Waters) and Ruth McHarg (Brisbane); and her sister, Marie Smyth (Sydney, NSW).

Barry Horton

Wall, Rodney Stewart, born 20.8.1946 at Punchbowl, NSW; died 10.7.04 at Mandelong. He is survived by his wife, Susan (Mandelong); his son, Ben; his mother, Mavis Wall; and his brother, David. Rod is grievously missed by his family and a team of extraordinary friends. His avowed hope: "We'll meet another time in a better place."

Robert Craig

Westerhout, Sybil (nee Bartholomew), born 26.1.1908 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya; died 14.7.04 at Regents Garden Residential Care Resort, Wanneroo, WA. In 1934 she married Victor (Bunty), who predeceased her on 22.3.68. She was also predeceased by her twin sister, Beryl, in 1911 at three years of age. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Phyl and

Peter McCartney (Auckland, NZ); and her four grandchildren. Sybil was a sincere Adventist Christian; devoted to her family; and had an earnest faith in the Second Coming and Resurrection.

Cyrus Adams

Zajilova, Lioudmila (Lucy), born 8.6.1936 at Altaiskii, Krai, Russia; died 1.5.04 in Auckland, NZ. In 1955 she married Nikolai. She is survived by her husband; her daughter and son-in-law, Larissa and Dan Allen (Auckland); and her son, Nikolai (Russia). Lucy was a passionate evangelist, who loved her Lord Jesus, her family and everyone she met. Sorely missed by all who knew her.

Russell Willcocks

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Class reunion—Victoria Park Adventist High School, WA (now Carmel Adventist College), 1974 (Year 10). A reunion is being organised for October 2, 2004. If you attended or know of anyone who did, please contact Richard Swannell on email <richard@swannell.net>.

Warwick SDA church celebrates 50th anniversary—October 23, 2004. A special day organised with a fun evening. No special invitations—all past members and friends welcome. RSVP October 15 to Clerk, PO Box 735, Warwick Qld 4370. Copies of photos etc welcome.

Logan Reserve church is trying to contact the following people: Patricia Denning, Leonie Ross-Gilder, Cassandra Myles, Nancy Sgroi, Kitty Wellington, Louisa Hastings-Ison and Monina Hastings-Ison. If you know their whereabouts, could you please contact Kathy Matheson on (07) 5543 1876 or 0411 570 747.

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