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Women at the laywomen's training program on Aore, Vanuatu, present their handiwork.

Training leads to beanies and baptisms

Aore, Vanuatu

A laywomen's training program was held this year on the Vanuatu island of Aore. Normally run as a training program for men, this year was the women's turn.

Some 17 women spent four weeks in a section of an old hospital converted into accommodation and a classroom. Theory sessions covered church organisation and mission, women's ministries, Bible studies and practical ministries such as knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking and home care. Sabbath activities, Bible studies, prayer meetings, worships and special services such as Communion were all practised.

The theory was followed by a week of practical application conducted by the local leadership, with various presenters applying women's ministries, health, church organisation, small village business and outreach to Vanuatu conditions. After the theory and practical training the women went back to their villages, selected a buddy with whom to share their learning and together put into practice what had been learned.

On successful completion of their three-month program, they receive a graduation certificate followed by a continued supervised contact service for any help they may need in church activities in which they are involved.

Alice, one of the women taking part, had not yet been baptised, but during the Bible studies every morning she became more and more convicted and requested baptism before she went home. When the news of the baptism spread, three school students also requested baptism as their Week of Prayer had just concluded and these students were also under conviction. After the prayer meeting that week, five more were added to the baptismal group and at the pastor's appeal after the baptism, more people decided to join the baptismal class.—**John Kosmeier**

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How did she know?

The main question is: *how did she know?* Join me as we reflect on a discussion of Greek verbs moving toward the question of prophetic sources of prophets like Ellen G White.

Now and then, even theologians have fun. At a conference dinner I had landed a place between New Testament scholars, and naturally the spirited conversation turned to the intricacies of the Greek verb. How else would biblical scholars have a good time?

Speaking about the story of Zacchaeus, a lecturer at the local university pointed out how most of the Christian tradition got the story wrong because it was unfamiliar with the tenses of the Greek verbs. When Zacchaeus exclaims to Jesus that he gives half of his goods to the poor and restores fourfold what he has cheated from someone, the verb is in the present tense, neither future nor aorist (Luke 19:8). That is an interesting twist, isn't it?

To realise why such an observation excites theologians, you need to know just a little about the Greek verb and its tenses. In Greek, it is possible to express the meaning by help of the verb far more precisely than is the case in the English language. For instance, the aorist tense (not found in English) will usually denote one-time actions, while the present tense (in contrast to the English usage) describes ongoing, continued, habitual or repeated actions.

Two examples will illustrate. In Matthew 16:24, Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (NKJV). The latter part of His saying contains three verbs, two in aorist and one in present tense. The first two actions are one-time events, while the last of the three is a continuous way of living.

So the text reads, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself (aorist), and take up (aorist) his cross, and follow (present tense) me."

Similarly, when the apostle in 1 John 3:6 teaches that "no-one who lives in him keeps on sinning" (NIV), he employs the present tense of the verb, indicating that he does not speak about singular acts, but of continual, habitual living in sin.

So what about Zacchaeus? What he tells Jesus during the meal in his home is that he is already doing this, giving half of his goods to the poor and back fourfold what he has been unjustly claiming from other people. He does not give a promise to begin to do it; he is already doing it.

Surprised? So was I. I went home and checked my Greek Bible. True enough. And then I thought that it would be interesting to see how Ellen White described the situation in *The Desire of Ages* (page 555). After all, she had no knowledge of Greek verbs. I had read her description of this story many times, but never understood it that way. To my surprise I had not read her properly. She is absolutely correct and in line with Greek grammar. I just never realised what she said because of my presuppositions.

Of course I know that Ellen White did some research. She did not write in a vacuum. She had commentaries she read and used, and at times copied far more than some Adventists once upon a time believed. So, I asked Dr Lester Devine at the Research Centre at Avondale College to do some digging for me. We checked the five major commentaries to the Gospels Ellen White had in her library. Did they tell the story about Zacchaeus the traditional way, or did they know about the tenses of the Greek verb?

They did not! One left the issue open,

the four others were wrong. So, how did Ellen White know?

I have never had any problem with Ellen White using sources. After all, the biblical writers did the same. She lived in her culture. So did they. Inspiration does not depend on complete originality. If these sources are tainted by human mistakes, it does not really bother me. Is that not the case for all human sources?

When I listen to, for instance, the presentations by Dr Don McMahon, who has studied the medical claims of Ellen White in light of present-day medical understanding, I am amazed how well she does in comparison with her contemporaries.

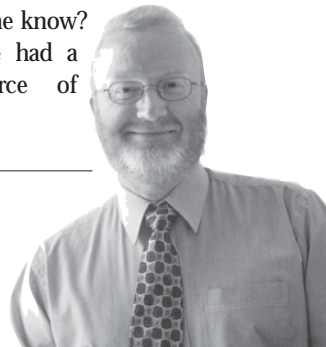
Speaking into her culture, utilising parts of her culture, the big question remains: *how did she know what to choose and what not to choose?* How did she avoid the number of blunders and mistakes other health prophets of her day committed?

It may very well be that someone some day will be able to find an article or a commentary on the Gospels with which Ellen White was familiar, and which has got the Greek verbs right. It may then be claimed that she simply used that particular source.

But that will only slightly alter my basic question: *how did she know which source to choose?*

How did she know? I believe she had a higher Source of information.

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- Health interests gained from Adelaide Show presence
- Rural church's big appeal
- Baptism requires donation for water
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- and more

—Compiled by Scott Wegener—

● The South Australian Conference was present at the **Adelaide Show**, September 3 to 11, providing interactive **health-age assessments** and giving the opportunity for people to be involved in other health-related programs. Some 217 people **requested to be enrolled** in the free "Taking charge of your health" correspondence course and 70 people registered for the up-



coming Health-Wise Seminar in the West Torrens Auditorium. The contact details of the 165 people who wanted to be advised of special health programs will be passed on to the Adventist churches nearest to their home.—*Will Grobler*

● **Tweed Valley College**, NSW, sent 40 students and seven staff on an **ADORE worship tour** recently to present choir items, drama, worship songs and personal testimonies sharing time to seven **school and church audiences**. "I think we began



the tour thinking we were going to share our love for God with the listeners," says staff member Lee-Anne Dobson. "God turned this around and ended up showing us His powerful, intense, personal love for each and every one of us." One Year 9 student on the tour commented, "There was something about the tour that made it so cool. I think it was God!"

Tropical spring service outreach



garden bench, singing canary and a waterfall that tinkled over rocks into a small pond.

The Spring Festival is an outreach program to which many visitors are invited and consisted of two morning programs, an afternoon sacred concert, that was the best attended in its 25-year history, and an evening music program with special night lighting transforming the garden's appearance.—*Lisa Thomson*



● **Mildura church**, Vic, has seen **14 people baptised** over the past 10 months.



While there were three separate baptismal services for 10 of the candidates in the Mildura church, the other four were baptised in the **Murray River** on a Sabbath afternoon.—*Phillip Bishop*

● The **Esperance Christian School's primary choir** took out first place in the recent Esperance Music Festival with a flawless rendition of "Colours of the rainbow." The judges made particular note of the pleasant attitudes, remarkable behaviour and impeccable dress standards of the students. The Esperance Christian School, with its 50 students, **managed to win** even though it was competing against a number of other regional schools, some of which



have more than 300 children enrolled.

"The children were over the moon about the win," says principal Anne Tonkin. This is the third year running the school has won this award.

● The 17-member Seventh-day Adventist church in **Biloela**, rural Queensland, has surprised themselves yet again this year with their **ADRA Appeal collection** total of \$A4061. Not satisfied with the 6000 population of Biloela, they also travelled 50 kilometres to Moura, a mining town with a population of 1600, to solicit their



help to swell the appeal total. The members wonder what could be achieved **if the houses were closer together**.—*Peter Howard*

● An **International Night** was held on September 25 at the conclusion of a **South Australian Youth Rally** weekend. The event was organised to raise money for the South Australian Youth Department, who are working towards the **Fiji Youth Congress**. The annual international night brought 225 of the multicultural conference together to celebrate the cultural diversity and to discover the culinary delights of each country. Ecuador, South Africa, the Netherlands, Botswana, Australia, Poland, Samoa and Cambodia were all represented with their own styles and food selections. The evening was made complete with a **piñata** for the children (pictured).—*Lawreen McIver*



● The first Pathfinder Camporee in West-Central Africa saw some 3000 Pathfinders from 22 countries recently assemble in Lomé, Togo's capital city. Participants helped in community welfare initiatives such as donating blood, passing out leaflets and repairing a flooded road, with the help of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency-Togo.—ANN

● People ready for baptism in Darfur, Sudan, didn't have sanitary water to drink,

let alone to be baptised in. A sum of \$US450 was needed to transport these new believers to a place where there was enough water for baptism, the equivalent of several months salary for a pastor in that area. Paul Yithak, secretary for the Sudan Field of the Middle East Union Mission, reports, "Someone donated money to help transport the baptismal candidates to a location with enough water to baptise them." Transport was arranged and 53 people were baptised.—Homer Tecartin/ANR

Cambodian course

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Translation: Cambodian Way of Life.

The Adventist Discovery Centre now has a Cambodian Way of Life correspondence course available. This 25-lesson course is in colour and presents Jesus and the Adventist message. Cambodian members are encouraged to use this resource as a way of sharing with their family and friends. In fact any church members can invite their Cambodian-speaking friends, neighbours or work acquaintances to apply for this course.

This Cambodian course will be advertised on a Discovery letterbox card for an equivalent English version Discovery course, with a tick box for the Cambodian version.

In Australia and New Zealand, as of the last census, 26,971 Cambodian people speak their native language at home. These are the primary target for this course.

Adventist Discovery Centre: Australia: PO Box 1115, Wahroonga, NSW 2076. New Zealand: PO Box 76 281, Manukau City.

● A church in Ohio, USA, is spreading the love of Christ by filling petrol tanks, wiping windows and checking oil. Members of Milan Baptist church went to a local petrol station and paid \$US250 to lower the cost of 1000 gallons of regular petrol by 25 cents. During the two hours before the petrol sold out, the members served some 100 people with a full-service fill-up. Todd Hartley, pastor of the church, says, "In the past two years we've given away 10,000 water bottles at a big community festival, planted flower bulbs for people, cleaned gutters, washed windows and cut grass—just to show people that Jesus loves them, no strings attached." Rev Hartley says several families have started going to church because of these outreaches.—Agape Press

● A 24-year-old Christian woman has won the first "Indonesian Idol," a television show based on the "American Idol" phenomenon sweeping the world. Joy Tobing, a student at the Christian University of Indonesia's School of English Literature, won the title before 7000 fans at Jakarta's Istora Indoor Stadium. According to the Jakarta Post, the singer won a majority of the four million votes cast in the competition. Delon Thamrin, also a Christian, was runner-up. Joy is expected to be given the opportunity to perform in "World Idol" later this year.—TRAA

Days and offerings
October 23—Children's Day
November 6—Missions Extention Offering
November 7—ABC Day

Off the record

● August marked the 40-year anniversary of the Dial-a-Prayer and Dial-a-Story ministry for Wanganui church, NZ. "We still get several hundred calls a month," says Gloria Greenfield, communication secretary for Wanganui church. Initiated by Pastor Ernest Steed, automated machines play a recorded prayer or story for callers. Jenny Gaskin (pictured, left) is the presenter of the current story and Joan Marshall (right) is the presenter of the current prayer.



● Although deciding not to swim on Saturdays, Mountain View Adventist College's (NSW) Robert Rafael (pictured) still managed to win the 11-year-old 50 m freestyle, 100 m butterfly and come second in the 50 m backstroke at the NSW State Age Short Course Championships. When asked by a reporter why he did not swim on Saturday, Robert replied, "I'm a Seventh-day Adventist and I go to church on Sabbath." Robert would like to be an Australian Olympian and trains for two hours every evening, except Fridays, when he gets up at 5.30 am.



● Part-time pizza deliverer Hong Fei Li delivered two pizzas to a Mount Eden church, NZ, and walked away with an \$NZ820 tip. Associate pastor Phil Camden placed the order on speaker phone during an evening service and then asked the 900 members to "give the delivery guy the biggest tip he's ever had" and passed the collection bags around for this random act of kindness. Upon delivery, the 21-year-old student was handed two heavy bags full of money. A very grateful Mr Li said the windfall had made him believe in God. "I think God gave me the money," he says. If he has time, he says he might even go to church.—NZ Herald

Teen girl book launched at LE congress

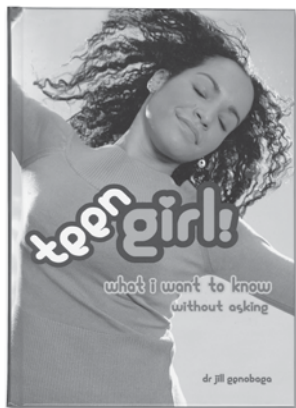
Christchurch, New Zealand

“Why are you standing here?” was the theme of the annual Literature Evangelist Congress recently held at Living Springs Convention Centre, Christchurch, New Zealand. According to Pastor Terry Goltz, publishing director for the South Pacific Division (SPD) and director of the congress with associate director Pastor Kevin Geelan, the conference was aimed at encouraging delegates to give their all for God’s service. “It was such a beneficial time for all,” says Pastor Goltz. “A time to just recharge and build our motivation.”

Some 109 people attended, including literature evangelists and their area managers, from New Zealand, Australia, French Polynesia, the Trans-Pacific Union and the Papua New Guinea Union.

The new book *Teen Girl! What I want to know without asking* was launched during the congress. Produced to attract the current teen culture, the book complements the current range of teen books literature evangelists already take door to door.

Teen Girl!, designed and printed by Signs Publishing Company, covers many topics that—as the title suggests—teenage girls may want to know but are afraid to ask. Some of the many topics include family, friends, romance, sex, school, money, drugs, teen pregnancy,



stress, depression, boys and beliefs.

Author Jill Genobaga, a Loma Linda University medical graduate, was present to launch the book. She told the story behind its writing and highlighted some of its features. Dr Genobaga specialised in adolescent and teen issues during her training, spending time in an adolescent psychiatric facility at Harvard University and in a high-school classroom for pregnant teens.

“I believe this is one of the better books for teen girls on the market today,” says Graeme Brown, book editor for Signs Publishing Company and editor of *Teen Girl!* Mr Brown shared insights into the process involved in getting a book ready for publication and in particular the work involved in *Teen Girl!*

Since its launch *Teen Girl!* has already attracted great interest. “A youth pastor

from the USA saw them on display at the South Queensland Conference camp-meeting and was so pleased with what he saw that he wanted two cartons to take back with him,” says Pastor Goltz.

Many sessions during the week-long congress were presented by special guests such as Pastor Anthony Kent, Institute of Public Evangelism director, Jonathan Duffy, Adventist Health Ministries director, Dr Barry Oliver, SPD general secretary, and staff from Signs Publishing Company.

During the congress, literature evangelists shared testimonies of their experiences at the doors with the group, and awards were presented for special achievements, such as literature evangelist of the year and longservice.

A special day’s outing allowed the delegates to be adventurous with swimming in Hanmar Hot Springs, jet-boating and even bungee jumping.—**Scott Wegener**

Teen Girl! is available from your local literature evangelist, or contact the South Pacific Publishing Department on (03) 5966 9104 or +61 3 5966 9104.



Literature evangelists gathered in Christchurch, New Zealand, for their annual congress.

Two members killed; church hit hard by Hurricane Ivan

Grenville, Grenada, West Indies

Hurricane Ivan’s impact on Grenada included the deaths of two Seventh-day Adventist church members, looting of the local church headquarters and the destruction of the church’s two schools and half of its 37 church buildings. Funeral services for an Adventist mother and daughter were held on September 11.

“Most of the churches received substantial damage to roofs because of the high winds, but the churches that received minor damage are being used as shelters,” says Pastor Jansen Trotman, president of the Caribbean Union, who visited the island to

inspect the damage.

The two Adventist schools on the island received extensive damage to their structure and will not begin to function until early next year, says Pastor Trotman.

“Our members are at a loss because Grenada is an independent country with assistance dependent on other countries.”

“It’s a devastating experience for our members, but God has a way of helping us bounce back,” says Pastor Trotman.

The Adventist Church in Grenada has more than 10,000 members.—**Libna Stevens/ANN**

Adventist reflects on Rwandan genocide

Washington, DC, USA

At a time when world leaders, including United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, are focusing their attention on a looming genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, a softly spoken Seventh-day Adventist pastor, Carl Wilkens, told an audience of United States congressional staffers and human rights advocates that standing against the 1994 genocide in Rwanda “was the right thing to do.”

He then added a plea for a more civil tone in society, contending that even jokes that disparage others can be a portent of civil strife and even genocide.

He said that not only had he and his family—who had spent four years in Rwanda before the genocide—“fallen in love” with their colleagues and neighbours, but that in staying, he would be able to substantiate the claims for his personal faith that he had made there: “We say that there’s a God who cares, but people will really believe us if we stay” and stand with them in the face of danger.

Pastor Wilkens was involved with a humanitarian mission in Rwanda when the slaughter erupted. He resolved to stay behind and intercede on behalf of victims during the 90-day uprising, which killed an estimated 800,000 Tutsis. His wife, Teresa, supported his decision, he said, though she and their three children left the country during the turmoil.

Pastor Wilkens says he was able to intercede with militiamen and others hell-bent on slaying their neighbours. He saved the lives of many people, including two Tutsis who worked in his home and children at several orphanages around Kigali, the capital city, where he coordinated the activities of the Adventist Relief and Development Agency.

After his experience in Africa, Pastor Wilkens became a Seventh-day Adventist minister and today is pastor at Milo Adventist Academy, a boarding school in

Days Creek, Oregon, the United States.

Discussing the moral implications of what he experienced, Pastor Wilkens said he noticed the biblical illustration of Cain and Abel as one that helped him understand the evil that transpired around him. Seeing that Eve had to confront not



Pastor Wilkens uniting with his family after staying behind through the uprising in Rwanda.

only the death of one son, but the fact that his brother was the killer, helped him see beyond the event to “separate the person from their actions.”

He said that when the Hutus defined their Tutsi neighbours as “less than human,” it became easier to rationalise their destruction. Wilkens added that in many Western societies, it’s common to hear jokes that disparage other people or ethnic groups, and he claims that in such humour are the seeds of future problems.

“We all would be shocked if we knew how close a spirit of competition and put-

ting someone [else] down” is to the spirit of those who committed genocide, he added.

According to James Standish, executive director of the North American Religious Liberty Association, Pastor Wilkens’s decade-old story has up-to-date implications. “Carl’s example challenges all of us to stand against genocide. His story forces us to ask, ‘What are we doing to stop the genocide in Sudan today?’ We must encourage our governments and the United Nations to intervene, we must support aid efforts and we must pray with the sincerity as if those dying were our own family members—because they are,” he said.

Dr Bridget Connolly, who tracks modern genocides for the US Holocaust Museum, said that Wilkens’s experience shows “genocide can occur in our lifetime,” and that this must be confronted and not “incorrectly named” by the rest of the world.

Responding to Pastor Wilkens’s statement, Dr Paul Marshall of Freedom House, an organisation that promotes democracy and freedom, said, “As his own testimony shows, one person can make a difference. Even very ordinary people like us can make a difference.”—**Mark Kellner/ANN**

Rwandan Adventist university resurrected

Ten years after a barbaric genocide swept through Rwanda, the process of reconciliation and rebuilding continues. For Seventh-day Adventists, who comprise one out of every 21 people in Rwanda, that includes the “resurrection” of a cherished institution, the Adventist University of Central Africa (AUCA).

“We have chosen not to sit back and mourn the genocide,” said Jozsef Szilvasi, chancellor of AUCA. “We are opting to be instruments in God’s hands, and partners with all who have chosen to bring hope to the people of Rwanda.”

Responding to demands from both the church membership and general public, AUCA’s activities have resumed on a small plot of land in the capital city of Kigali. Although the land available is not enough for even a primary school, dedicated administrators and professors are conducting a university program, as a start toward rebuilding the former AUCA. Church members, people in the community and even government ministers are acclaiming the university. One government official sponsored a relative, who then remarked that the course of study is a challenging one.

The process of recovery in Rwanda gives the Adventist Church an opportunity to work with the government in its task of bringing healing and unity to the people. The church’s work overall supports the task of reconciliation and national unity; in turn, the government has helped the church acquire a 20-hectare property in Kigali for building a new campus. Church leaders have also identified other needs where government assistance would be useful, and these are being negotiated.—**ANN**

Hope Channel launches international feed

Wahroonga, New South Wales

The Adventist television Hope Channel has launched an international feed of its schedule, which features two specifically produced programs from the South Pacific in prime time.

Hope Channel will broadcast the magazine-style program South Pacific Connections on Fridays at 7.30 pm* beginning October 1 and repeat the program on Saturdays at 3 pm.

The music program Pacific Praise airs on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm beginning October 6, repeating Saturdays at 2.30 pm.

Pastor Calvyn Townend, general manager of Adventist Media, which produces the programs, says requests for local programming helped him make the decision. "Viewers tell us they prefer watching South Pacific content in prime time," he says.

Several other Adventist Media-produced



programs appear in the schedule. Sabbath School U, a program to help church members teach from the church's Adult Bible Study Guide, will air on Thursdays at 7.30 pm and repeat at 10.30 am on Saturdays. Worship services featuring Adventist speakers from the South Pacific or recorded at Adventist churches in the South Pacific will air at 11 am on Saturdays. Digging up the Past, an archaeology program hosted by Pastor David Down, airs on Sundays at 7.30 pm. Keepers of the Flame airs at ad-hoc times.

Thirty-second advertisements for Bible correspondence courses, home viewings of DVD and video series and *Signs of the Times* magazine will appear in all programs produced by Adventist Media.

Pastor Townend says his aim is to increase the number of programs from the South Pacific in Hope Channel's schedule, including regular programming for indigenous people.

Visit <hopetv.org> for a complete program schedule.—**Brenton Stacey**

*All times are AEST

NNSW session makes staffing changes

Macksville, New South Wales

Staffing changes have marked the 53rd Triennial session of the North New South Wales Conference.

Delegates attending the session at the Macksville High School on September 12 voted to create two new departments.

The first combines the roles of the personal ministries and Sabbath school leaders. Dr Joe Webb, senior minister of the Avondale Memorial church, will serve as the director of the new department. His brief is to train local church members to become local church leaders.

The appointment will ease the workload of the current directors. Pastor John Skrzypaszek now serves solely as the secretary of the church's Ministerial Association. Pastor Peter Cousins will now care for only Family Ministries and for the

Adventist Singles Network.

Retired minister Pastor Owen D'Costa, who currently cares for the Adventist church in Swansea, becomes the church's fourth volunteer departmental director. He will head the new Stewardship Department. Pastor D'Costa is a former director of stewardship.

"Our volunteers generously give of their time," says general secretary Bob Dale. "We appreciate their commitment."

Ralph Luchow, a former principal of Tweed Valley College, is the new director of education. He replaces Peter Michalski.

Pastor Jeff Parker replaces Pastor Wayne French as director of Youth Ministries. Pastor Parker currently holds the same position in the Tasmanian Conference.—

Brenton Stacey

Waterplus joins the Bickford's range

Berkley Vale, New South Wales

Sanitarium Health Food Company has sold its Waterplus brand to Bickford's Australia.

"It is always difficult to let go of a product in which we have invested time and effort. However, I am pleased that Waterplus will continue to have a market presence through Bickford's, who intend to make it one of their priority brands," says Kevin Jackson, Sanitarium CEO. "It's important for us to remember that we developed an innovative product that continues to indicate great market potential. Distributing the product was where we struggled to realise success, despite the best efforts of our route sales team."

Ownership of the brand transferred to Bickford's on September 1 in Australia and New Zealand, and trade orders commence through Bickford's from September 13 in both countries. Sanitarium now becomes a co-manufacturer and will supply Bickford's with Waterplus until the end of 2004. This will allow Bickford's time to consider and prepare plans for the continued manufacturing and re-labelling of the product under the Bickford's brand.

Bickford's Australia is a company that is a part of South Australia's heritage. The Bickford tradition began in 1839, when William Bickford opened an apothecary in Adelaide, South Australia. Quality was a hallmark of Bickford's products, a tradition reflected in the international award-winning cordials and soft drinks that have been manufactured since 1874.

"I would like to express my personal thanks to everyone involved in the development, launch and sale of Waterplus under the Sanitarium brand," says Mr Jackson. "Now, I hope you will join with me in offering our support to Bickford's during the transitional phase."—**Julie Praestiin**



Growing hope out of violence

by Lee Dunstan

Pastor Baxton Ri'imana, a district director in the north-west corner of the Solomon Islands province of Malaita, was the Malaita Mission's president during the bloody ethnic "tension" of the past four years. In the interracial conflict, more than 100 lives were lost and many homes, churches and villages were destroyed. In the end, 10,000 ethnic Malaitans were repatriated to Malaita from the capital Honiara and surrounding Guadalcanal plain. Among them were members of the Malaitan Eagle Force (MEF), some of whom have since been jailed.

Pastor Baxton has a particular interest in the Eagle Force, as many of its members come from his home area and some are relatives. "I felt I must go back and help these people," says Pastor Baxton. "I went home and talked to them."

He says the MEF was something of a cult movement, with many of its members merely impressionable teenagers. He says his discussions with them revealed that they felt they were powerless and that no-one cared about them. They had no jobs and were looking for something to do. So fighting was something they could do. Pastor Baxton feels they were exploited by older people.

"They are law-breakers, but when you start to lead them to Jesus Christ, they start to understand that people value them. They come to church and a miracle begins to occur—they cut their hair, for example—there's improvement.

"I was talking to the big MEF leader [presently in jail]. He, too, is convinced he was wrong, although he feels it is too late for him. He is incredibly sorry. This is quite common among the former members. Some are very sorry for what they have done. When they went home, some tried to make small businesses. Rather than destroy the community, they now want to save it."

Pastor Baxton says he tackled the

troubled areas using a four-point, four-year-long program he devised. With a team of volunteers, he enters areas of Malaita where the MEF had strong support. He calls the program "net evangelism" (as in casting a net), based on Melanesian culture and protocols.

The first step involves connecting with the community. Public demonstrations were held in villages. Children and families marched, chanting slogans, such as, "We want peace!" "No more guns!" and "No more war!" But there was much more to this segment of the program, which he calls "personal visitation."

"You must come close to people," Pastor Baxton explains. "You talk to them personally; you meet their pressing needs—help them in their garden or maintain or build their houses. We go and stay with the people, work with them, eat with them, speak like them—meet their needs—then present Jesus. Only the power of Christ will change them."

The second year, community is developed. This might include the establishment of a community school and create an Adventist presence. "Many start to see Jesus," he says. "The Melanesian style of evangelism is to support them, to give them something—staying with them, touching them and telling them that we love them—practical."

Only then is the next step—evangelism—undertaken. It is this that he is presently doing, campaigning in primitive, still-heathen areas. "Personal, individual evangelism works, but with a net you 'catch' more," he explains. "So we go into one area and split ourselves into five or six groups. We might run six campaigns at once, with each of six speakers presenting the same message. We run for a week—about 10 meetings—then move on to another district. They have cottage meetings, little ones with 30-40 people, so it's more personal."


The final stage—baptism and consolidation through Bible study and churchgoing—lies in the future for much of Pastor Baxton's area. Establishing churches isn't easy, as Malaita lacks qualified leadership within its

local churches, he says. However, as a result of the tension, many educated Malaitans were forced to return to their villages. Possessing literacy, numeracy and organisational skills, they immediately became leaders of their local churches, building or strengthening them. According to Pastor Baxton, 17 new areas have been entered as a result.

"Some found it hard; they don't have money or work. Some tried to find their way back to Honiara, but most have stayed. They now lead out in their churches. They are self-confident and can organise."

Pastor Baxton is extremely busy. "I'm a facilitator-trainer. Every month I run a program for my lay workers: how to speak; how to dress; how to stand up front as an evangelist. Most are very lowly educated, but the Lord uses them.

"These ministers are all volunteers. Most are just ordinary church members who want to be heard. They want to take action; they want to be there to say something. Our members are weak only because we never involve them or ask them to take part.

"The Lord is leading us. People are coming to [the Adventist Church] because we give service. We have respect. I am proud of it." 



Pastor Baxton Ri'imana.

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Prayer-partner your pastor

by Judi Bretagne

A certain family had lived in isolation for a number of years. Not being aware of specific situations, their prayers had always been of a general nature until the day when their lives were thrown into totally unexpected change.

They found themselves back in the outer suburbs of a capital city. After facing varying types of further trauma, alone, contact was finally made with someone able to give pastoral support.

When they learned of a soon-to-be-born baby with problems, the family decided to join with others in making this little new life a matter of intense prayer. Imagine their delight when the little one arrived safely and survived intense surgery when only a matter of a few days old. Here they had proof that the word of God is true.

Another request

After a long time in a spiritual desert they were assured that “the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective” (James 5:16*). This news brought the pastor to their home with another request: Would they consider being prayer-partners for a special evangelistic series to be held close by?

Each evening they attended the series, sitting at the back of the meeting. Here they observed the speaker and the individual members of the audience. The speaker and staff were the first on the list of prayers offered. As the pray-ers observed individuals come under conviction, they prayed for that individual. This helped to strengthen their own faith.

Studies were commenced with the people contacted through the series, and the pastor turned to this family again with

names and needs for prayer. Prayers for reconciliation, overcoming tobacco and alcohol, changes in working situations to enable the Sabbath to be kept, opposition from former ministers and so-called friends—all made up the list of prayer subjects.

The family shared their experiences with others and encouraged them to join in the prayers. Taking to heart, almost literally, the injunction to “pray continually” (1 Thessalonians 5:17), the family began offering up short prayers throughout the day and night as names came to mind.

As the list of names grew longer, the family would remember different ones throughout the day and lift that one up before the Lord. If they awoke during the night, they would spend the time awake praying for others. Some they prayed for, and with, over the phone.

Making an impact

They saw results. Backsliders returned to the church. People were baptised. Different people—both members and new converts—saw others of their families come under the influence of the Holy Spirit

and they too were baptised.

The lives of the staff were changed and many entered into a new experience. The family of pray-ers were enjoying a richer spiritual experience themselves.

Their focus was now on the pastor’s contacts. They were able to locate some interests themselves for the pastor to visit. As a result of this experience they plan to continue in this ministry and do it all again when an evangelist again comes to an area near them.

Prayer partnership challenge

The family who were involved in this pastoral prayer partnership ministry were people who were physically limited in the range of activities open to them, but who discovered a far-reaching witnessing and supportive role toward their pastor.

They have chosen to share with others by letter and phone calls this spiritually enriching experience, the assurance that with God all things are possible—even being enabled to become involved in God’s work while being semi-shut-ins.

They now know by their own experience that when we pray for others, we ourselves receive a blessing.

You are invited to join them in the joy of being a pastor’s prayer-partner—“then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many” (2 Corinthians 1:11). It’s a simple but powerful ministry. ☪

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Judi Bretagne is a pen-name.

Living faith

by Victor Parachin

At a church board meeting, the treasurer sounded an ominous note, saying: “We’re not making ends meet.” He then outlined the budget, showing the sizeable gaps between income and expenditures.

“If we don’t raise some money soon, we’re going to have to cut most of the outreach programs and maybe even some staff positions,” he explained.

Board members knew cutbacks would adversely impact their church’s involvement in the local food bank and other community ministries. It was a painful, discouraging meeting until the pastor spoke. “We’ve got to start using all of our resources, and one of them is prayer,” he said. “Please remember our church in your prayers.”

Present was Douglas Clark. Upon hearing the treasurer’s report, he mentally reviewed his own giving pledge. He had limited discretionary income, with almost all of his money coming from a social security disability pension. Every dollar was earmarked for bills, food and other essentials. *But what is more essential than my spiritual home?* he asked himself. Before leaving the meeting he increased his pledge by \$50 per month. *I’ll find the money somewhere*, he told himself.

As soon as he crossed the church car park and got into his car, Clark began to worry: *Where am I going to get an extra \$50 a month?*

Remembering the pastor’s comments about using the resource of prayer, Clark offered this simple prayer: *Lord, I feel a little strange about asking You for money, but I don’t know what else to do. Please help me come up with the \$50 I pledged to help our church.*

The next afternoon Clark received a notice in his mailbox from the social security office announcing: “Because of an increase in the cost of living, there has been an adjustment in your monthly benefits.”

The “adjustment” was exactly \$50 per month.

Clark’s story is a marvellous reminder that living by faith is an exciting and exhilarating adventure. The more we trust God, the more trustworthy we find that God is.

colleagues—to have compassion even upon enemies. Proverbs 25:21 reads, “If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.” And, Jesus commanded, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44).

Perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of Christians taking that command seriously took place during a plague in Alexandria, Egypt. Sometime in 261 AD, a virulent epidemic broke out affecting every house in the city. The bodies of the dead and even those who were dying were simply cast into the streets. People were afraid of handling the dead or being near those who had the illness.

At that point, a remarkable event took place. Christians of the city, who had been forced by persecution to hide themselves and worship in secret, now emerged from their homes to care for the dead and dying. This was an enormous risk for them. Not only were they vulnerable to infection but also to arrest by authorities. Nevertheless, they nursed the sick, washed the bodies of the dead, and arranged for proper burials. This compassionate reaching out to others was costly and many Christians lost their lives. This report was made by Dionysius, the bishop of Alexandria: “Many who had healed others fell victims themselves. The best of our brethren have been taken from us in this manner: some were priests, others deacons, and some laity of great worth. The death, with the faith which accompanied it, appears to be little inferior to martyrdom itself.” Those who died were recognised by the early church as true martyrs of charity and were added to the calendar of the saints.

“Trust involves letting go and knowing God will catch you,” notes author and psychologist Dr James Dobson. When we live by faith, life becomes an adventure filled with purpose, meaning, satisfaction and joy. And the daily adventure of faith impacts our lives in a number of ways.

Faith reaches out to others

When the world says “look out for number one,” Scripture instructs us to “love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:31*). Christians are called to reach out in love beyond normal comfort zones—family, friends, neighbours and

Faith believes in people

Faith believes in people when the world gives up on them. Over the centuries, Christians have made it their mission to help lepers, widows, orphans, alcoholics,

drug addicts, those with HIV/AIDS and countless more. Individuals, whom the world has written off as hopeless, have become objects of kindness and compassion by people of faith.

An example is that of Dr Howard Hendricks. Although he has been a seminary professor for more than 50 years and is considered one of the most innovative educators in Christian circles, none of that may have transpired had it not been for the compassion of his sixth grade teacher.

"I was born into a broken home. My parents separated when I came along. I split the family," Dr Hendricks explains.

He was raised by his father's mother at her Philadelphia home. In primary school he was frequently in trouble. One teacher tied him to his seat with a rope and taped his mouth shut. Because of his challenging behaviour, the fifth grade teacher predicted that five boys in Hendricks's class would end up in prison. He was supposed to be one of them. According to Hendricks, the teacher was right about three of the boys.

When a new school year came along, Hendricks introduced himself to his sixth-grade teacher, Miss Noe. She told him something that would change his life forever. She said, "I've heard a lot about you, but I don't believe a word of it."

For the first time in his young life, Miss Noe helped him realise that someone cared about him. "People are always looking for someone to say, 'Hey, I believe in you,'" comments Hendricks.

That simple encounter had a profound impact on his life. In his many decades as a seminary professor, Hendricks sought to do for others what Miss Noe had done for him—believe in his students and help develop them.

Faith embraces suffering

Faith embraces suffering while the world remains indifferent. The biblical writer James puts it succinctly: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in

their distress" (James 1:27).

The many verses like this in the Bible have prompted Christians—individually and corporately—to embrace those who are suffering. Whenever there is a report of distress, either nearby or far away, Christians are motivated to respond in some way.

Marcina Wiederkehr, author of *A Tree Full of Angels*, says she dislikes daily newspapers because of the many sad stories reported. "I've never been very good at feasting on the daily newspaper," she writes. "It turns bitter in my mouth. And

yet, this is my world. This face of suffering I must embrace as part of my responsibility. Part of the feast is becoming aware of the world that is mine. Part of the feast is owning this broken world as my own brokenness. I clasp the newspaper to my heart and ask once again in the stillness of the night, 'What are we doing to the image of God in one another?'"

Faith does not give up

Faith trusts and proceeds when the world says "Give up." The apostle Paul reminds us, "We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident" (2 Corinthians 5:7, 8).

Shortly after Dallas Theological Seminary was established in 1924, it almost folded due to financial difficulties. Creditors had given notice they would foreclose at 12 noon. That morning, several founders of the school met in the president's office to pray, asking God to provide.

One of those present was Reverend Harry Ironside. When it was his turn to pray, he recalled the words of Psalm 50:10

where God declares that the "cattle on a thousand hills" are His. In his simple prayer, Ironside said, "Lord, we know that the cattle on a thousand hills are Yours. Please sell some of them and send us the money."

As he prayed, a tall Texan in boots strolled into the business office informing the secretary, "I just sold two car loads of cattle over in Fort Worth. I've been trying to make a business deal go through, but it just won't work. I feel God wants me to give this money to the seminary. I don't know if you need it or not, but here's the cheque."

Thanking him, the secretary rushed over to the president's office. There, she gave the cheque to Dr Lewis Sperry Chafer, founder and president of the school. When he looked at the amount, it was precisely the sum of the school debt. Turning to Ironside, he said, "Harry, God sold the cattle!"

Faith risks failure

Faith willingly risks failure when the world says, "Play it safe." From their study of Scripture, Christians know that the power behind them is greater than the task ahead of them.

By faith, Noah built an ark. By faith, Moses challenged the Pharaoh. By faith, Joshua entered the Promised Land. By faith, David took on Goliath. By faith, Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on the water. By faith, Paul travelled all over the Roman world preaching the gospel.

The lesson from those biblical individuals is clear to Christians: When God calls them to take on tasks that appear enormous and insurmountable, God also provides the power to see it through. They know the truth of Jesus' declaration: "Everything is possible for him who believes" (Mark 9:23). **R**

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Failing schools?

by Gavin Williams

The marketing expert challenged his audience with the words, "All schools are supposed to be caring, and as a parent I'd expect them to be. Tell me something about your school that differentiates it from all the others."

He's right, of course. No school would actually advertise the fact that children will not be nurtured and kept safe while entrusted to its care!

It seems that just about every child-based institution purports to provide a "nurturing, sensitive and safe environment." The marketing hype largely reflects the heightened awareness of parents to have their children protected from the terrors of paedophilia, kidnapping and more subtle forms of physical and mental abuse.

In reality, a number of both private and state schools do not provide the nurturing children require. In addition, many find it difficult to focus on building the self-esteem our insecure and easily discouraged teens desperately need.

Mark Twain, the American writer, once claimed to have the answer for dealing with rebellious teens. He suggested, "When a young person turns 12, place them in a hollow tree with a small opening for food. Once the teen turns 18—block up the opening!" Many a

parent can identify with this sentiment. Teachers in Adventist schools cannot afford to adopt such a strategy.

In a society where school students are assaulted and violated in

the home, where all kinds of social dysfunction appears to be the norm, where schools are called upon to act as surrogate families for hurting youth, we cannot afford to fail our students. In a rapidly unravelling society, where values change with the latest music video clip, we must provide Christian principles with compassion.

The very core of our mission lies not in the academic excellence of our programs, nor in the attractiveness of our buildings or even the academic qualifications of our teaching staff. As important as these are, if

our focus is only in these areas we have missed the mark. No child who is emotionally broken or physically abused can gain the full benefit from a modern classroom or degreed teacher.

The experience of teaching in state and Adventist schools has taught me that the only effective teachers are those who take the time to really connect with their students, finding the time to listen, to empathise, to laugh and cry with children. This is the challenge and reward of our ministry.

Failing Adventist schools? They will not exist as long as we have school leaders and teachers who truly value children and young people. This is the "gospel" of Adventist education. It must also continue to be the priority of church members and administrators and those who daily walk the corridors of our institutions. **R**

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Just for children

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid... He will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6



Value our kids

Margaret Major, NSW

Gary Hopkins and Julie Weslake's two-pronged evangelism ("Why kids leave," Feature, September 18) is an excellent concept.

Yes, where are the "shocked and stunned" Mr and Mrs Churchgoer who feel a passionate desire to rescue our young people? The right message plus a warm, supportive relationship will do wonders.

Our young people are our most treasured possession. Please, uphold them in your prayers every day, until we have them safely in the fold. And let's support our youth leaders who have their finger on the pulse. Only as we unite and seek God's wisdom and pray for the Holy Spirit will we receive power to do this work.

Aspects of loneliness

Kerralyn McPhee, NSW

Thank you, Karen Collum, for sharing your "lonely journey" (Feature, September 18) with us. I have felt for those taking a similar journey, but have too often kept silent not knowing how to show I cared for fear of adding to their pain.

Thank you for sharing on this personal subject and helping me understand how to be supportive. I pray that you and others like you will feel God's healing touch in your heart, mind and womb, and that you will feel less alone in the waiting.

Name withheld

To those who organise Mother's and Father's Day church programs, please be sensitive to those adults who may not be mothers or fathers. While it is important to acknowledge the great job mothers and fathers do, remember there may be some who will be pained by any obvious exclusion, such as asking mothers to come forward to receive a flower or prayer.

For 364 days of the year it doesn't bother me that I'm not a mother, but when

to come to Jesus when I don't allow them to participate in Communion.

We recently had a family Communion service on a Friday evening at our church. The children enjoyed it and understood the purpose of it. Of course, they wriggled and squirmed and made noises at inappropriate times, but the experience keeps coming up in conversation.

When next we have Communion, I will encourage them to participate in the entire service. Perhaps I'll encourage them to bring a friend to be their partner. Never

Yes, where are the "shocked and stunned" Mr and Mrs Churchgoer who feel a passionate desire to rescue our young people?

I've experienced this, it hurts. I can imagine how much harder it is for anyone who has longed in vain for a child.

I have attended Mother's Day programs in which all the women were given a flower or a prayer was uttered without discrimination, and I appreciated the thoughtfulness behind such action.

mind what other people think. But there is one problem I'm not sure how to overcome: the worship planners, in their wisdom, provide a story for children during the foot-washing service. If the children won't get their feet washed first, I'm reluctant to have them join in the eating and drinking. The only solution I see is for the church to include them in the entire ceremony.

Children included

Christine Miles, NZ

I totally agree with the writer of "Including children" (Letters, September 18). Jesus said, "Let the little children come . . . and do not hinder them" (Matthew 19:14, NIV). Ever since I've had children, I've felt that I'm forbidding them

Getting The Message straight

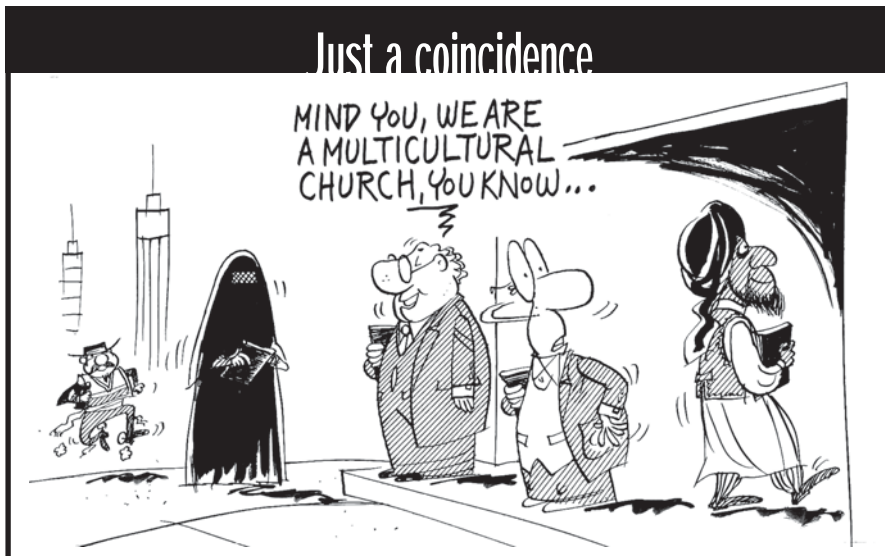
J Seymour, SA

I wish that all who have a shot at *The Message*, such as the writer of "Mixed-up Message" (Letters, August 28), would read the Preface to *The Message*. It reads, in part, "*The Message* is a reading Bible. It is not intended to replace the excellent study Bibles that are available."

Eugene Peterson's goal is to get people to read the Bible who otherwise wouldn't read it, so it's written in the plain language of today.

I'm reading *The Message* this year for my morning devotions. Sure, some of the texts may read a little oddly. But as long as ordinary folk read it, the Holy Spirit will guide them (see John 16:13).

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On 15.3.34 she married Jack, who predeceased her on 7.7.74. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Val and Cliff Morgan (Brisbane), and Roger and Mary (Sydney, NSW); her five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Lorna and Jack gave many years of leadership to the Sanitarium Health Food Company. She was a kind, loving and caring person.

Reg King, Bob Possingham

Heinicke, Samuel, born 7.4.1915 at Loxton, SA; died 29.8.04 in Sydney, NSW. On 8.9.47 he married Jean Watson, who predeceased him. He was also predeceased by his son, Brenton. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Maurice and Helen (Iron Knob, SA), Ruth and David Keeler (Goonellabah, NSW), Eris and Glenn Gillis (Galston), and Keryl and Robin Thorpe (Gatton, Qld). Sam was a friend of God and a friend to man.

Robert Porter

Kerwin, Natalie, born 24.12.1910 at Fielding, NZ; died 19.6.04 in Bethesda Rest Home, Auckland. On 29.2.36 she married John, who predeceased her in 2003. She is survived by her sons, Brent (Whangarei) and Peter (Adelaide, SA). Natalie was a faithful, devoted wife and a caring, loving mum. She always wanted the best for her family. She had a growing relationship with God and was committed to her Lord and Saviour.

Kayle de Waal, Peter Howard

Kruit, Johannes Leendert, born 28.12.1918 at Rotterdam, the Netherlands; died 29.8.04 in Singleton Hospital, of a terminal illness. In 1952 he married Iris Collinsen, who predeceased him in 1998. He is survived by his daughter, Karin Lannigan, and her family (Spokane, Washington State, USA); his wife's half-sister, Kathleen Sloan (Singleton, NSW), and her family; and one grandchild. John searched for truth over many years, culminating in his baptism at age 80. Finding more than truth, he found his church family, his wife's missing half-sister, Katie, and Jesus. He died peacefully, assured of the resurrection.

Clive Nash

Rudge, Pastor Wilfred Edmond, born 8.4.1913 at Geelong, Vic; died 25.7.04 at Victoria Point, Brisbane, Qld. He was predeceased by his wife, Mavis, on 13.5.93. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Barry and Dale (Gold Coast), and Peter and Kaye (Maryland, USA); his daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Greg Fleming (Sydney, NSW); his three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Wilf was a dearly loved and greatly respected pastor, and will always be remembered for his pioneering work in establishing the Pathfinder program and the Trust Services work in the South Pacific Division. He is sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Jorge Munoz

Smith, Nellie Irene (nee Ballinger), born 2.9.1917 at Horsham, Vic; died 31.8.04 in Austin Hospital, Melbourne. On 16.4.43 she married Norm., who predeceased her in 1992. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Jenny and Neil Parken (Mackay, Qld), Alan

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and Melayna (Horsham, Vic), Stephen and Sue (Ballarat), Norman Smith and Adele Lane (both of Portland), and Ian Smith (Horsham). Nellie enjoyed the simple things of life and loved her family and being in nature. She loved helping people through assisting them with health advice.

Steven Goods, Kevin Varrall

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Weddings

Bell—Viner Maurice Bell and Mandy Viner were married on 19.9.04 at Harry's-on-Buderim, Buderim, Qld. Their five children formed the bridal party.

Sid Griffith

Hobbs—Land Raymond Hobbs, son of Bill (Christchurch, NZ) and the late Pam Hobbs, and Donna Land, daughter of Jim and Beverly Land (Barkersvale, NSW), were married on 5.9.04 at "Log Cabin," Numinbah Valley, Qld.

Adrian Craig

Jackson—Udeh Rex Stanley (Waihi Beach, NZ) and Elaine Melva Udeh (Palmerston North) were married on 8.8.04 in the Waihi Adventist church.

Ken Curtis

Jager—Hanna Matthew Jager, son of Chris Jager (Brisbane) and Sue Taylor (Tallebudgera, Qld), and Mandy Hanna, daughter of Trevor and Julie Hanna (Curumbin Valley), were married on 12.9.04 at the Coolibah Downs Chapel, Nerang.

Ray Roennfeldt

Obituaries

Adair, Gwendolyn Lucy (nee Adlard), born 11.8.1918 at Gosford, NSW; died 26.7.04 at Auckland, NZ. In 1940 she married Keith, who predeceased her in 1994. She is survived by her daughters, Janette (Auckland) and Rochelle (Perth, WA).

Gwen was a loyal, supportive and selfless wife and a wonderful, caring, generous mother. She had many interests, including animals, birds, gardening and sending cards to family and friends. They all remember her for her humility and generosity.

Peter Howard

Carey, Una Amie (nee Parrett), born 3.9.1920 at Christchurch, NZ; died 29.8.04 in Brisbane, Qld. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur. She is survived by her children, Ena, Jane, Paul and Peter; her brother, Bill Parrett (Christchurch, NZ); her 11 grandchildren; and her great-grandchild, Felicity. Una's life of 83 years was lived to bless others. She was dearly loved and appreciated by all who knew her. The last few years of her life she spent in blindness, but that never erased the beautiful Christian smile from her face.

Clarence O'Neill

Cheyne, Mary Amelia, born 6.8.1900 in her parents' home at Arcadia, NSW; died 2.9.04 in the Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong. She was the youngest of four children of Richard and Helena Charleston, of Arcadia. She was predeceased by her siblings, Marguerite, Rebecca and Richard. When she was 16 she took up work as a domestic and also worked as a nurse at the old Sydney Sanitarium. In 1942 she married Patrick, a widower with two children of his own, who predeceased her in 1972. She is survived by her son, John.

Austin Fletcher

Hartley, Lorna Beatrice, born at Auckland, NZ; died 29.8.04 in Brisbane, Qld.

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