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Bronwyn Mison and Erika Puni with DVD copies of Adventist News and Mission Spotlight. The programs are now available as a single resource.

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The decision to offer *Adventist News* and *Mission Spotlight* as a single resource will broaden appeal and promote mission, say two Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders.

The two programs will now feature separately on the one DVD or videotape.

Adventist News features stories of church members in the South Pacific reaching out into their communities. The church's Communication Department has produced the program in conjunction with Adventist Media each quarter since 2001.

The Heinrich family have produced *Mission Spotlight* for the church since 1970. The program features stories about the division of the worldwide church that receives the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering each quarter.

"The beauty of the single resource highlights mission from a worldwide and regional perspective," says Bronwyn Mison, the director of communication for the South Pacific Division (SPD).

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A worship marathon

Detour ahead

Travelling along the highway was relaxing and comfortable. Almost two hours had passed when I saw fluorescent vests in the distance. The yellow sign pointing to the right was now in focus and it read simply, “Detour.” The driving conditions changed the moment I left the smooth bitumen to navigate a rough, windy road full of potholes. Bumper to bumper, the traffic crawled, climbed and twisted its way through small country towns and dense bush. The narrow road slowed me down. It was not the journey I had expected.

Life is like that. Plans, preparation and intentions disappear when circumstances change. If the road you travel takes an unexpected turn, it can be unsettling and surprising. Something that appeared to be straightforward suddenly changes to disturb your comfort zone. To know where you are going is a luxury. New terrain can be frightening.

We often think of a detour as a discomfort or an inconvenience, but in God’s big plan, it’s an opportunity. The unexpected twists and turns in life’s journey take us from routine and self-reliance to total dependence on God.

I remember being annoyed as I travelled at 10 kilometres an hour in heavy traffic—but there was plenty to see. For instance, the reflectors on the side of the road were much bigger than I had thought. I could now smell the fresh gum trees and hear the cicadas buzzing in the bush. The travellers in the car behind me abandoned their driver and walked beside the car, throwing water bombs at each other. Rather than concentrating on being annoyed, I began to laugh with them.

How do you react when circumstances change? King David experienced detours in life, sometimes taking the wrong turn.

He also understood we have a faithful companion who travels with us: “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delights in his way” (Psalm 37:23, NKJV).

Ask God to sit in the driver’s seat and give Him permission to take control. Joseph hadn’t planned on taking a trip to Egypt or on becoming a slave. But trust in God enabled him to lead, to feed a hungry nation and to forgive his brothers. “Do not be distressed and do not be angry with

various circumstances and people to regularly change its direction. An elderly gentleman told me I would work for God in the church some years before it happened. It didn’t seem possible at the time and life went on. The change began with a simple message on our answering machine. Phone calls, interviews and much prayer later we moved to Sydney, and the South Pacific became our backyard. God’s plans are perfect.

It has been a detour of new sights,

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yourselves for selling me here,” he said, “because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you” (Genesis 45:5, NIV). Despite the circumstances, believe God has a purpose for your life.

Character is developed and refined through detours. Although the journey may be difficult and unpredictable, we eventually arrive at our God-appointed destination. Sometimes our detours are self-inflicted through a loss of focus and we wander off the track. The children of Israel could have made it to the Promised Land in a little more than three weeks, but they wandered for more than 40 years.

Journeys vary and experiences differ, but our God specialises in detours. He uses them to His advantage—always looking for alternative routes to bring an expected end. “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV). Sometimes God is on a rescue mission, and other times He deliberately changes our scenery for awhile.

Life speaks of God’s leading through

sounds and diverse culture, exposing me to the creativity of God, expanding my communication skills and stretching my understanding. I have learned the value of patience.

While I have much to learn, I understand God’s grace better. I have received His love through my South Pacific family and realise that laughter is important and healthy.

Detour ahead. I closed my office door yesterday to take leave as a new journey begins. The scenery will keep changing for each of us, but we look ahead with confidence because we are almost home. Thank you for sharing my journey and my hope in Jesus. Trust in the God of detours. You won’t regret it!

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—Compiled by Scott Wegener—

● Each year the Adventist Media Centre's Discovery Centre surveys conference baptisms from the previous year. A 10-year high was achieved in 2003, with 121 people involved in Discovery courses in Australia and New Zealand being baptised—**10 per cent of all baptisms**. In 2004, 63 churches requested use of Discovery's seminars and 2741 invitations were sent out to students.—*Discovery News*

● During a **Samoan** public holiday the Kosena church's small-group ministries held their first **senior citizens fellowship day** for the Mata-tufu and Lotofaga village. The event brought the senior high chiefs and orators together to spend a few hours talking, singing,



playing dominoes and sharing a breakfast and lunch that was prepared by the small-group ministry members. A free medical consultation was conducted by **Dr Emosi** and **Dr Puni**.—*Levi Mote*

● **Mildura Adventists** hosted a wedding banquet to **raise money** for their 11 young adults going to the **Fiji Congress** in 2005. Some 130 people enjoyed a four-course banquet while wedding dresses, dating from 1958 through to 2001, were modelled by nine young women, who were escorted by four young men.—*Intravic*



Writing firsts for Heritage

This year, 20 of the 30 students from Heritage College who participated in the Christian Schools' Book Writing Competition received recognition and prizes for their efforts.



Rebecca Shuttleworth (pictured, right), from Year 5, won first prize in the "Senior primary picture book" category. She wrote *Oscar's story*, and explains, "It is about a three-legged puppy that got teased by his brothers and sisters." Rebecca wanted people to think about what effect their words have on others—encouraging the reader not to tease people who are less fortunate than themselves.

A book created by Year 1 titled *What do you want to be when you grow up?* won "Best illustrated book" and "Best class book" in the junior primary section. Year 1 have been studying occupations and decided to use that as a base to write their class story. Each student chose a unique job they wanted to do when they grew up, and made a page with a picture on each.

"All those involved had a great time and felt rewarded for their efforts," says Heritage's competition coordinator Maleesa Pascoe. "We recommend the competition to everyone."—*Chantal Tompson*

● Each year the Blue Hills College, NSW, participates in the "**Shave 4 a cure**" fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation



in honour of classmate **Nathan Thompson** who passed away from the disease four years ago. Students not going the shave could colour their hair or arrange their own "mad hairdo" and contribute a gold coin toward the fundraising. A total of **SA650** was **raised**.—*Northpoint*

● On Sabbath, November 6, **six female students at Fulton College, Fiji, were baptised**. The weekend included Friday and Sabbath worship services held by Dr **Paul Petersen**, field secretary for the South Pacific Division. At the conclusion of the Sabbath service the congregation moved to the outdoor setting of Fulton's baptismal font where two local pastors, **Narayan Gounder** and



Wame Sausau, baptised **Sisilia Drelinavai**, **Fane Temo**, **Sera Nabukabuka**, **Jane Peckham**, **Katalaini Lesivou**, and **Sokoveti**

Naborisi. Following the baptism a call was made for those who planned to be baptised sometime in the future, and three young girls took their stand.—*Ray Wilkinson*

● In support of their "**natural church development**" focus, **Brentwood church, NZ**, have recently celebrated a number of **cultural days**, learning to appreciate the many diverse nationalities represented. So far they have held a Filipino Day, including participation by the Filipino church choir (pictured), and have also recently learned more about their Cook Island and Caucasian families' cultures.—*Pip Chandler*



● Preliminary reports—only 10 per cent of the 1600 downlink sites have reported so far—show that **NET 2004** has led to **2000 baptisms**. The “Experience the power” series was uplinked October 2-30 from the Miracle Temple church in Baltimore, Maryland.—ANN

● More than 80,000 people gathered in the Rose Bowl in November to hear evangelist **Billy Graham**, 86, preach on the last day his **416th crusade**—probably one of his last. About **312,500 attended** his four-day crusade in Pasadena, California, which marked the 55th anniversary of the Los

Angeles revival that propelled Graham to national fame in 1949. The crowds nearly filled the 92,000-seat stadium, the largest US venue ever booked for a Graham crusade. More than **20,000 volunteers** and pastors from some 1200 local churches worked for months to plan the \$US5.4 million crusade.—*Charisma News Service*

● In November an **international volunteer crew** of more than 450, including a dozen Australians, began a **three-month outreach** on board the “mercy ship” *Anastasis* at a port in the voodoo-practising West African nation of Benin. Made up of professional doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, cooks and other staff, since 1978 the **growing fleet of hospital ships** have reached more than 2.5 million people, conducting services such as 18,000 medical surgeries, 110,000 dental treatments and construction of schools, clinics, orphanages and water wells. Visit <www.mercyships.org.au>.—*Amos Bennett*

● Muslim militants have **threatened to kill Christian nurses** working at the Federal Medical Centre in the town of Keffi, Nigeria, unless they **stop conducting worship services** at their hospital. The medical director and chief executive at the hospital subsequently banned Christian-related activities at the facility. “How can they ban us from praying or worshipping here,” asks Fellowship of Christian Nurses secretary **Christiana Shiaki**, “when the Muslims have two mosques built with public funds for them here in the hospital?” Violence between Muslims and Christians in central Nigeria over the past three years has left more than 53,000 people dead, most of them Christians.—*Charisma News Service*

● **June Nafziger** recently finished sewing her **1000th baptismal robe**. Since 1972 June has continued to sew robes, sending them out for use in 20 US states and 10 countries worldwide.—*Lake Union Herald*

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Off the record

● More than 300 people attended **Strathfield Chinese church's 30th anniversary** celebration in Sydney on November 13. Previous pastors of Strathfield, **Ken Low, Des Mowday and Trevor Rowe**, were present as was conference president Pastor **David Blanch**, who opened the day's worship with prayer. The guest speaker was



Pastor **John Chan**, who is to become the church's new pastor.—*Nick Brightman*

● **David Samarasinghe** climbed Mount Cooroora, a 438-metre volcanic plug on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, **12 times in 12 hours**, raising more than \$A4000 through sponsorship so he can attend the South Pacific Division's **youth congress** in Fiji this summer. Mr Samarasinghe says, “My brother, Nalin, went to the World Youth Congress in Thailand last year and when he came back he was so on fire for the Lord. It inspired me to get involved with the Fiji one.”—*Kellie Hancock*



● Landsborough church member **David Wilson** (pictured, with his wife, Norma) was one of 15 people recently presented with the 2004 **Premier's Award** for Queensland seniors at a dinner at **Parliament House** in Brisbane. For more than 30 years Mr Wilson has been **volunteering his time** to many community services.—*Steve Woods*



First Albanian pastor ordained

The first Albanian to be ordained as a pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church was ordained on November 20. Alban Matohiti (pictured, right), a 29-year-old from Albania's capital city, Tirana, was in the first group of Albanians to join the Adventist Church. Participants in the ordination service included Australian expats Pastor David Currie (centre), former Trans-European Division ministerial secretary, who pioneered the work in Albania following the fall of communism, and Joseph Maticic (left), Albanian church ministerial secretary.



Pastor Matohiti was a high school student and attended the 1992 evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Currie in the former Congress Hall. Baptised with friends in April of that year, Alban chose to attend worship services rather than school classes on Sabbath. After completing high school, Alban was encouraged by Pastor Currie to consider a call to ministry and was invited to work as a trainee pastor.—*Leigh Rice*

24: Worship marathon on Central Coast

Erina, New South Wales

From sunset to sunset, November 19-20, almost 300 people packed into the Central Coast Adventist School (CCAS) for 24 hours of nonstop praise and worship.

The group, made up mostly of students from Newcastle and the Central Coast, set

up camp and sang through the night in the Naomi Frew Hall. Rotating throughout the 24 hours, six different bands took turns leading the committed group of worshippers.

"The idea was that you could walk in at any time and be able to meet God," explains event coordinator Craig Allum.

24 is an initiative of CCAS run in conjunction with the ministry of worship band The Pure Addiction. This is the second year that the 24-hour worship marathon has been run at CCAS, and, according to Mr

Allum, involvement has grown significantly since last year. "Last time it was pretty much the one band split into smaller units, with help from The Haven church and our schoolies. This year the schoolies have led the way with Charles-town and our school band, Zealos, taking most of the load."



Worshippers at 24 were thirsty in more ways than one.

Participants found that praise and worship gets very interesting around 3 am. One commented, "Your body is racked with fatigue, you'd love to sleep but instead you're singing songs you've sung 10 times already!"

The obvious question is why? He said, "There's no show, no-one to impress, you look terrible and probably don't smell that great either. All that's left is your relationship with God and your commitment to praise Him, no matter what. It's just you and God at the heart of what worship is all about."



Hayley Ferris

All the tables were covered with paper so marathon participants could draw as they were inspired while worshipping God.

Student Dani Salt summed it up nicely: "I learned that who cares what anyone thinks? I'm not out to impress anyone; my job in those 24 hours was to worship my God. He taught me that He will provide, as long as I am willing to give my all."

The worship marathon also served a unique community function. You can't help but be drawn closer to people after spending 24 hours straight with them in a confined space. Put that phenomenon in the context of worship and it becomes a powerful tool for church growth.—
Andrew Robartson

Young adults invited to get the big picture

The South Pacific Division (SPD) has extended an invitation for 15-20 young people to participate in Impact St Louis 2005—a youth evangelism training event running concurrently with the General Conference session. The session is a business meeting of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church that happens every five years.

Pastor Gilbert Cangy, SPD Youth Ministries director, says, "This project is driven by the North American Division (NAD), and I am sure it will be very well organised. It represents a unique opportunity for some young adults from this division to see the world church in all its colours."

Some 400 young Adventists from around the world will participate in Impact St



The Impact St Louis logo has three orbits. The first orbit represents the 400 young adult delegates, the second orbit represents them returning to their respective countries to share their new ministry skills with others, and the third orbit represents the trip to heaven at the Second Coming.

Louis. They will choose from a variety of ministry-training options such as building projects, cafe ministry, orphanage outreach, food banks, sport and tutoring ministries.

Not only will they receive training, but there will be plenty of hands-on experience as they head out into the community.

Participants will need to find their own airfare plus the cost of participation [which has been set at \$US500 per participant]. This will cover accommodation on a college campus and two meals (breakfast and lunch) as well as transportation to and from the location of ministry in St Louis.

Detailed information about Impact St Louis is on the NAD web site at <www.adventistyouthministries.org>.

If you are between 16 and 35 years of age and are interested in attending, print out the application form on the web site and forward it to your local conference youth director. Applications close February 1.—
Kellie Hancock

Hope now on free-to-air satellite TV

Wahroonga, New South Wales

The Seventh-day Adventist Church's Hope Channel is available on free-to-air satellite television until January 20.

Satellite service provider GlobeCast is including Hope in its bouquet of broadcasters—which includes the Adventist independent, supporting ministry, 3ABN—during a two-month trial.

GlobeCast leases transponder time off the Optus B3 satellite. This gives Adventists in Australia and New Zealand the option of

receiving Hope direct to their homes via the small Ku-band dishes rather than via the large C-band dishes on many local Adventist churches.

However, the church must raise \$A30,000 a month to keep Hope on Optus B3. Satellite ministries coordinator Pastor Calvyn Townend reports receiving 120 responses to an initial call for support, but says the church needs more. "We need 3000 homes to give at least \$10 per month to ensure Hope stays on Optus B3."—

Brenton Stacey

Contact Sue Robinson by phone: +61 2 9487 1844, or email: sue@amcdiscovery.com.au or post: PO Box 1115, Wahroonga NSW 2076, or PO Box 76281, Manukau City, New Zealand, if you are interested in supporting this project.

Student found dead after rally against violence

Mandeville, Jamaica

Four days after more than 10,000 Seventh-day Adventists marched against violence through the streets of Kingston (Newsfront, December 4), a student from the church's Northern Caribbean University (NCU) in Mandeville was found dead. His body was found abandoned near the main highway leading into the city.

Joseph Burrowes, 22, a third-year student from the Bahamas who lived near the campus, went out on Saturday evening of November 6 to a nearby fast-food restaurant to buy corn for his young daughter, reports Rhoma Tomlinson, public relations director for NCU. He made a call to his wife, which made her suspicious and concerned. The next day his car was found abandoned two kilometers from the restaurant.

"So far the police have not made any major breakthrough in the case, so it's quite a mystery what has happened," said Ms

Tomlinson. "This has been terribly devastating for our university, faculty, staff and students."

After news of Mr Burrowes's death reached the campus, university president Dr Herbert Thompson held an impromptu worship service on November 10. He urged students to pick up where Mr Burrowes had left off. "The lesson in all of this is to make certain that is the privilege of you being here translates into a readiness to do what God calls you to do. It would be a terrible waste if his passing has taught you nothing."

NCU has not seen this type of crime affect any of its students in its 70-year history. Even though the tragedy did not happen on campus, the university has employed additional security.

Dr Patrick Allen, West Indies Union Conference president, has urged students and faculty to get up and take a vocal stand against crime and violence.

Mr Burrowes is survived by his wife, Tammie, who is also a student at NCU, and their two-year-old daughter.—**IAD/ANN**



Adventist student Joseph Burrowes was found dead on the side of the road four days after a march against violence in Jamaica.

NCU File Photo

FAQs on Hope Channel on Optus B3

If Hope Channel is free to air, why are you encouraging us to make donations?

Hope is free to those with Ku-band dishes, but it costs \$A30,000 per month to keep the channel on the Optus B3 satellite providing the signal to those dishes.

Why does the church want to keep Hope on Optus B3?

Optus B3 offers the only free-to-air, direct-to-home satellite television service on the Ku-band.

I have a Ku-band dish pointed to another satellite. Can I use the same dish to receive Hope Channel?

No. You can point a dish at only one satellite at a time.

Does Hope include any local programming in its schedule?

The international feed of Hope features two specifically produced programs from the South Pacific. The magazine-style program, South Pacific Connections, airs on Fridays at 7.30 pm,* while the music program, Pacific Praise, airs on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.

Where is the Hope Channel program schedule?

Visit <http://hopetv.org>, choose "Schedule" from the menus on the home page and then choose "Pacific Rim" from the drop-down box. You can print or view a daily or weekly schedule.

* All times Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time

Health professionals say smoking cessation takes complete program

Nampa, Idaho, USA

Churches and hospitals alike used the new stop-smoking booklet, *Tobacco: You can be free* developed by Pacific Press in consultation with the Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Medicine and School of Public Health in Loma Linda, California, to promote smoking cessation as part of American Cancer Society's 26th annual Great American Smokeout on November 18. More than 25,000 booklets were distributed.

The booklet is a comprehensive guide to understanding the health impact of



Dr Linda Hyder Ferry.

doctors, using medications, tips for coping with cravings, trusting in a higher power, and building a support group.

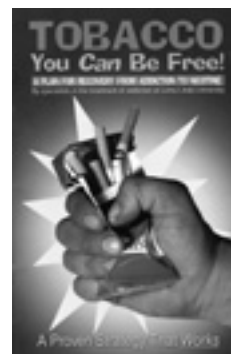
smoking and why people smoke. It also offers various resources to help stop the habit and suggests consulting

Dr Linda Hyder Ferry, associate professor of family medicine and preventive medicine at LLU, was the primary consultant for *Tobacco: You can be free*. "The booklet is patient-centred, but the focus is not to quit smoking by yourself, but to help others realise the seriousness of smoking," she says.

"With many options for ending the fatal habit of smoking, millions have found that trying to quit using only one of the following methods: support groups, taking medicines, or using nicotine replacement aids such as the patch or gum, is not enough." Dr Ferry adds that only 3-5 per cent of those who try to quit smoking on their own actually succeed.

In 1959, Adventists were one of the first to have a stop-smoking program with BreatheFree, a five-day program. The program focused on changing the habitual or behavioural aspects of smoking. The now nine-day program acts as a combination support group and education centre for smokers. In the meetings, members discuss the health benefits of quitting, and they go through the process of preparing to quit mentally and physically.

Dr DeWitt Williams, director of health ministries for the North American Division, says BreatheFree is different from other programs because, "We have a spiritual component. We offer prayers . . . and tell people God can help them quit smoking."—**Nicole Batten/Taashi Rowe/ANN**



Tobacco: You can be free is inexpensive enough to give away in mass quantities.

Separate programs now a single resource

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Dr Erika Puni, director of personal ministries and Sabbath school for the SPD, says providing a resource that offers more stories per dollar is appealing. "Affordability and value for money are important factors in the success of church resources, particularly in the islands."

Mission Spotlight subscribers will pay no more for the new resource. Those who subscribe to *Adventist News* will receive the next two editions of the resource at the same price as their current *Adventist News* subscription.

Mrs Mison says the mission focus of the programs helped make the decision to offer them as a single resource easier. "Mission is an important function of the Adventist Church. Both programs complement this. And offering them as a single resource gives our church members easier access."

The DVD copy of the new resource will include support materials, such as electronic files of advertising brochures and news articles, links to web sites and scripts for the stories featured on *Mission Spotlight*. It will appeal to Sabbath school leaders at local Adventist churches.

Pastor Jim Zackrison, director of the General Conference's Sabbath School Department, encourages leaders to use resources that will bring variety to Sabbath school. "All research . . . shows us the main complaint people have is that Sabbath school's so routine and boring. They don't want to go."

Gary Swanson, editor of the church's *Collegiate Quarterly*, says he and Pastor Zackrison are encouraging more emphasis on affective learning. "[It's] heart knowledge versus head knowledge. People come together for Sabbath school and exchange information and leave. We don't ask, 'So what?'"

Pastor Zackrison says the key word is *participation*. He lists a focus on mission as one of the ways to make Sabbath school more personal.

"Mission is about real people doing real things," says Mrs Mison. "Our church members will be inspired to get involved when they see how easy it can be."—

Brenton Stacey with Wendi Rogers/ANN

The cost of the new combined *Adventist News* and *Mission Spotlight* resource is \$A25. Contact your local conference Sabbath school director to place your order.

Tobacco: You can be free is available at your local Adventist Book Centre (\$A1.95 or \$ NZS2.50).

An upside-down Christmas

by Jeff Crocombe

Here in the Southern Hemisphere, we have an upside-down Christmas—at least when compared with the snowy, Northern Hemisphere, storybook Christmas. For us, Christmas is the middle of summer, not winter. Christmas is going to the beach and playing backyard cricket, not snowmen and sleigh rides. Christmas is sunshine, not snow and ice. Christmas is swimming and watermelon, not log fires and roasted chestnuts.

I was prompted to these reflections after reading the lyrics to a Christmas carol written by New Zealander Colin Gibson, titled “Carol our Christmas” (see box below). Compared with the popular portrayal of Christmas as practised in the Northern Hemisphere, our Christmas is indeed upside down.

But you know what? The first Christmas—the biblical Christmas we find in Matthew, Mark and Luke—was also upside

down.

According to the Gospels, that first Christmas wasn't about a typical mother caring for a conventional baby—it was about Mary, an unwed mother, pregnant in a very unconventional, upside-down way. It was about a Baby born in a shed, among animals—because there was no room in the motel.

The announcement of His birth came not through the official or mass-media communication channels—it was delivered in

song by a massed choir of angels. This good news came not to the educated, wealthy or powerful—shepherds working the night shift were the first to hear. It was not to Jewish scholars pouring over the sacred texts in Jerusalem, but to the Magi—gentile outsiders, pagan astrologers—that the star appeared. The Baby lay in a cattle feed trough, not an expensive, hand-carved, ornately decorated cot. It's an upside-down Christmas indeed.

A pre-Christmas carol

When Mary got the news from the angel, telling her she was going to have a baby—“Immanuel, God is with us”—to bless the world, she also sang a Christmas carol. It is found in Luke 1:46-55, and could appropriately be titled “An upside-down Christmas carol.”



It goes like this: “With all my heart I praise the Lord, and I am glad because of God my Saviour. He cares for me, his humble servant. From now on, all people will say God has blessed me. God All-Powerful has done great things for me, and his name is holy. He always shows mercy to everyone who worships him. The Lord has used his powerful arm to scatter those who are proud. He drags strong rulers from their thrones and puts humble people in places of power. He gives the hungry good things to eat, and he sends the rich away with nothing. He helps his servant Israel and is always merciful to his people. The Lord made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his family for ever!”*

Mary sings of a world turned upside down, of those who are high and exalted being brought low, of those who are poor and hungry being filled, all by the birth of a baby. Mary had her life turned upside down by the angel Gabriel; she sings of a child who was going to dislodge, disrupt and disturb.

Carol our Christmas

Carol our Christmas, an upside-down Christmas;
Snow is not falling and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ Child,
Warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.
Carol our Christmas, an upside-down Christmas;
Snow is not falling and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ Child,
Warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.
Sign of the gold and the green and the sparkle,
Water and river and lure of the beach.
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,
Sing a nativity summer can reach!
Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,
Finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;
Wise ones make journeys whatever the season,
Searching for signs of the truth to be born.
Right-side-up Christmas belongs to the universe,
Made in the moment a woman gave birth;
Hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,
Everywhere, anywhere here on the earth.

—Colin Gibson

The disturbance spreads

Years later, we find that one of the charges against the first Christians, followers of this child Jesus, was, "These [people] have turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6, KJV). So think of the first Christmas as a time when God began turning things upside down.

Consider the possibility that maybe—just maybe—that is why we are called by God; because our world right-side-up is not all it could or should be. Consider also the risk we take by coming before this baby in Bethlehem. Consider the risk of your right-side-up world being turned upside down.

The Bible is full of stories of people like Mary who had their world turned upside down and inside out when they came face to face with God.

Think of the rich young man: "Go and sell everything you own! Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come and be my follower" (Matthew 19:21).

Think of Abraham: "The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you'" (Genesis 12:1).

What about Jonah? "One day the Lord told Jonah, the son of Amittai, to go to the great city of Ninevah and say to the people, 'The Lord has seen your terrible sins. You are doomed!'" (Jonah 1:1, 2).

The danger of the manger

We should remember that coming close to the manger is dangerous. Ours is a God who loves to invert, to turn our world upside down. Think before you commit your lives to Christ; you never know what might be in store for you.

Remember Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount?

"God blesses those people who depend only on him. They belong to the kingdom of heaven!

"God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort!

"God blesses those people who are humble. The earth will belong to them!

"God blesses those people who want to obey him more than to eat or drink. They will be given what they want!

"God blesses those people who are merciful. They will be treated with mercy!

"God blesses those people whose hearts are pure. They will see him!

"God blesses those people who make peace. They will be called his children!

"God blesses those people who are treated badly for doing right. They belong to the kingdom of heaven.

"God will bless you when people insult you, mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. Be happy and excited! You will have a great reward in heaven" (Matthew 5:3-10).

Take care, there is a risk. But there is also a great reward. Remember Acts 17:6, and its reference to the first Christians? "These people have turned the world upside down." **R**

**Unless otherwise indicated, Bible quotations are from the Contemporary English Version.*

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A Christmas prayer

by Reuben Hope



so humble and so low
that few men knew that Heaven's gift
in a stable had been born—
a gift of love from Heaven
to the world that Christmas morn.

Yes, You, the great creator
of the world, came here to Earth.
The prophecies within Your Word
that had foretold Your birth
were fulfilled in every way
that all the world would know—
the Saviour of the world had come
through whom God's love would flow.

As I sit here, Lord, and think,
I hang my head in shame
for how the world has treated You,
how they blaspheme Your name.
But I know that You still love them, Lord,
You came and died for them—
You are offering salvation
as Heaven's gift to men.

So, Lord, I want to praise Your name.
I accept Your gift to me,
Your love, the sacrifice You made
for me on Calvary's tree.
As I surrender, Lord, will You
please set my heart on fire?
I give to You my life today—
a gift that You desire. **R**

Lord, I sit here in my chair and think,
"It's Christmas time again."
The streets and shops are noisy
with the sounds of rushing men
buying gifts for family,
eating, drinking too—
but few of them will spare the time
to even think of You.

So I sit and wonder, Lord,
just how You feel today
as they play their rowdy music
and the people dance and sway,
while they give their tawdry presents
to their children on Christmas morn—
and never even mention
how the Saviour had been born.

You left the splendour of Your throne
two thousand years ago
to come and be the "Son of man"

Reuben Hope writes from Auckland, New Zealand, and attends the Papatoetoe church.

Thinking evangelism

compiled by Nathan Brown

Throughout this year, RECORD has been able to bring you many good stories from the Year of Evangelism. But as we come to the end of this year of church emphasis on evangelism, we must remember evangelism is not a special event—or a designated year—it is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian and a church, each year and even each week.

But with that realisation also must come the recognition that there are many ways to be evangelistic, to “move someone a step closer to God.” So earlier in the year, we asked for your stories of—and ideas for—

evangelism (“Evangelism brainstorming,” July 3). We have printed a number of the evangelism stories in RECORD over the past few months.

But we also received a variety of ideas and suggestions, of which these pages are a selection. Perhaps there is an idea you could try in your church or community.

Perhaps as we continue to dream, to brainstorm, to pray, to plan, to try and fail, to try and succeed, the 2004 Year of Evangelism will be only the beginning of a continuing focus on connecting people in our communities with the God who loves them.—Nathan Brown



A model witness

Twenty years ago I designed a Daniel 2 statue, made of marble, and airbrush painted. It looked great and it had a sign on it that read: “Ask about me. Knowing what I represent can give you peace of mind now and a great hope for the future.”

It was designed to sit on a coffee table or mantelpiece in a lounge room to solicit inquiry from non-Adventist visitors, such as: “What is this?”

I think the last one sold to the Hong Kong–Macao Conference office. I stopped making them because I was not in control of the price and it became expensive.

Because I still have the prototype from which the moulds were made, I would dearly like someone who has the expertise to perhaps make these out of plastic instead of marble and to also consider making a children’s version.

The children’s version, being made as separate pieces, requires the child to put it together like building blocks.

I also had a scroll printed, setting out the full story. It was quite a big hit when it was put on display at an up-market shop in Auckland.—Bill Gates



Working together

If we combine the resources we currently have, such as Adventist Media and Signs Publishing Company, imagine the possibilities for Australian Christian television programming where our literature can be promoted and free literature given away. Not only that, we could use it to promote our schools, health-care system, camps, anything!

I believe the only limitations we have are those that we put in place. The publishing work was to be small at first, according to the vision given to Ellen White, but from this small beginning would come “streams of light that went clear around the world.” The book work was intended to be the “means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world.” What better way of speeding up this process than through satellite TV?

This may seem like a mammoth project, but so was conquering Canaan and slaying Goliath. We can accomplish anything if it is God’s will and we are connected to Him through a vibrant, living faith. I am excited about the prospects and am looking forward to see His plans for the fulfilment of His commission.—Vivienne Fowler

A recorded message

For some years, I was involved with a highly successful international organisation. Their method of distributing information about their worldwide company was through audio cassettes. The attraction of this medium is that information can be easily distributed to people.

If we want people to hear our message, I think cassettes and CDs are a way of exposing people to our "product." These

formats are inexpensive to produce, easy to share and it's simply people talking to people.

We could produce so many different content styles—lectures, sermons, stories or book readings. Each recording could come with a label: "Don't take time to listen to this. Listen to it while you are doing something else—in the car, doing the housework, at the gym, taking a walk." We may be able to offer subscriptions through which people receive a new tape monthly.

Because people are so busy, I would find it easier to say to someone, "Listen to this and see what you think," than to offer them a book they may never get around to reading. People spend a lot of time in their cars or doing chores around the house with the radio on. It's amazing what people retain in their minds from just listening to something in the background, and we need to reach people where they are.—Carolyn Tobin

Tobin

Backpackers?

Travelling in Amsterdam, I saw an excellent example of what our church should be doing to witness to the half a million foreign backpackers who travel up and down the east coast of Australia each year—the Amsterdam Christian Hostel.

The hostel's 100 beds were usually booked out in advance because it was the best and cleanest hostel in the city. This was a witness for God in itself, but more importantly the hostel was set up for evangelising or "influencing" the travellers for Jesus Christ.

There were Bible texts on the walls, they had a cafeteria much the same as many other hostels but all the staff were Christians. The bookcases were filled with Bibles and Christian literature for the guests to read, because travellers usually have time to read. And they advertised free Bible studies to be held each night on selected Bible subjects.

As I attended I was amazed to see people there who had never read from the Bible. I stayed there for five days, marvelling at the concept. I even thought of ways to improve the centre, such as having a video machine in the lounge room with free Christian videos for the guests to watch.

There is a golden opportunity for churches to begin to minister to these travellers. Consider the advantages: once it is up and running and has a reputation of having good service, the travellers will actually search for it. Then it could be self-supporting, and maybe even making money.—Steven Groom

Card = seed

We meet new people every day. Often religion and world issues come up in conversation, but we walk away without offering them anything and afterwards we think we should have offered them something. So why not offer free videos or literature?

We all carry around wallets filled with cards—from credit cards to business cards. Business—card outreach is low-cost, non-threatening, easy to carry and the back of the card (like that pictured below) can be used as notepaper.

How to use a card like this:

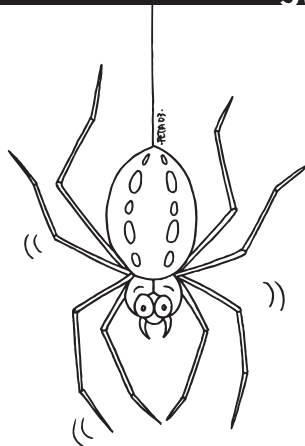
1. Give to visitors and friends
2. Give to anyone who visits your door
3. Put on shopping centre notice-boards
4. Leave on public transport
5. Include one when posting a letter or paying a bill
6. Leave on a shop counter
7. Letterboxing.

If conference office phone numbers could be used, they could refer the request to the nearest local church to follow up, wherever the card ends up. Printing a large volume would make these cards much cheaper.

If we gave away just one card each week, that would be a lot of seeds blowing around. Who knows where a seed such as this may grow?—Roger Goodwright



Just for children



"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

I Corinthians 15:58

Peta Taylor

Our future starts now

Eddie Erika, NZ

If we take the advice in “Learning to take time for kids” (Newsfront, October 23), 10 to 15 years from now we will have a church of transformed, “positive and resilient” adults. Even if we don’t have money, we all have time. Hopefully, we have vision and Adventist Christian values as well. If some have been wondering what to do in life, here’s a positive suggestion: Invest *time* in our children.

Information is useful, “But . . . information alone has no impact at all. . . . Information will never change you or protect our kids . . . but your action will.”

Any group that can’t give 10 minutes of Sabbath school time to the spreading of the gospel . . . is less than serious about the gospel commission.

The action suggested here is to “build positive and resilient kids through relationships.” Fortunately, this principle is not restricted to children. The same is true for adults as well. The ideal environment where this can be implemented is through relational, small groups.

True source of real education

Scott Charlesworth, NSW

Browsing through a discarded RECORD, I came across “Values of continual learning” (Feature, September 11.) There I read: “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.”

In my opinion, the “education” referred to can come only from the experience of repentance, from seeing the deceitful filthiness of our own hearts at the foot of the cross.

Many have used religion as a rationale for attacking the character and integrity of others. A refusal to personalise issues—to disagree without being disagreeable—is essential not only to the healthy functioning of the church at every level, but also to growth in truth. There must be

room for church members to speak and act from conscience based on biblical imperatives without recrimination of any kind.

Wrong analogy

Ian Johnston, email

In answer to John Ralston’s analogy that grace, like an elephant’s trunk, is only part of salvation (Letters, November 13), I say grace is not the elephant’s trunk. Grace is God’s complete provision—food, water, air, sunshine—for the elephant’s whole life, from birth to death. “For by grace are ye saved through

I saw this highlighted a few years ago, on the previous occasion when the Euro-Asia Division was the beneficiary of this offering. The only mention it received in one major church during the whole quarter was a casual announcement immediately prior to the collection of the offering. (Had people forgotten that the worldwide church had been praying for Russia for almost a century?)

The appointed Sabbath school leader professed knowing nothing of either the *Mission* quarterly or *Mission Spotlight*, an indication of a sad trend. Any group that can’t give 10 minutes of Sabbath school time to the spreading of the gospel in less fortunate lands is less than serious about the gospel commission. These reports from around the world are powerful and thrilling to any gospel-oriented person.

God rules

Bronwen L Ford, Qld

I appreciated Nathan Brown’s “A victory for greed and fear” (Editorial) and Jeffery Crocombe’s “How would Isaiah vote?” (Feature) of October 30. It isn’t easy to cast your vote; indeed, it is comforting to know that “no plan . . . can succeed against God” (Proverbs 21:30, NIV).

faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8, 9). And my God “[will] supply all your need[s]” (Philippians 4:19).

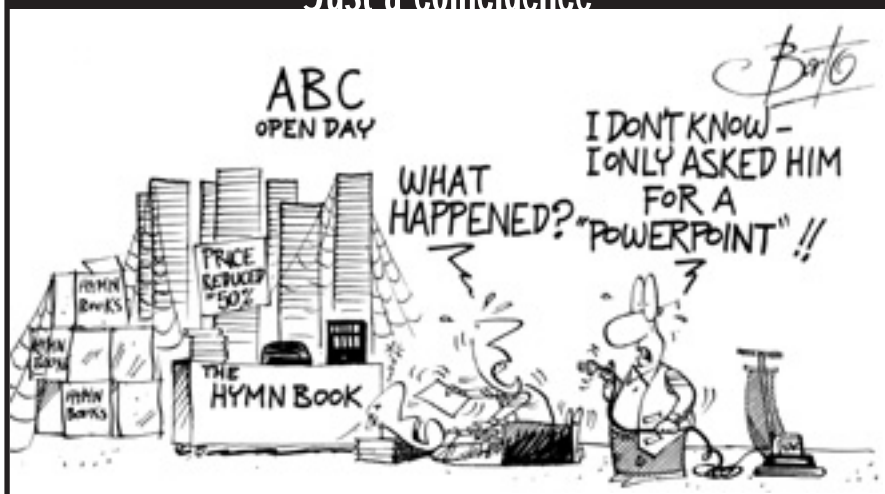
Living giving

M P Cozens, NSW

The November 20 RECORD highlights the paucity of giving for missions. I see as a contributing factor the Sabbath school that eliminates the mission news segment and reading, giving time to other matters.

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Just a coincidence



Appointments

Avondale College appointments 2005:

●**Belinda Ackland**, to teach Infants to Grade 2, Gold Coast Adventist School, South Queensland Conference (SQ), Australian Union Conference (AUC). ●**Chantelle Benard**, to teach maths and science at junior level, and food technology at all levels, Auckland SDA High School, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC). ●**Luba Calculli**, to administrative assistant, Risk Management Service, South Pacific Division (SPD). ●**Nathanael Capon**, to teach secondary maths and science, Carlisle Christian College, Northern Australian Conference (NA), AUC. ●**Tiani Christian**, to teach Avondale High School, North New South Wales Conference (NNSW), AUC. ●**Angela Dennis**, to teach lower primary, Border Christian College, South New South Wales Conference, AUC. ●**Lynelle Dobson**, to teach lower primary, Castle Hill Adventist Primary School, Greater Sydney Conference (GS), AUC. ●**Peter Eddy**, to teach English, Central Coast Adventist School, NNSW, AUC. ●**Rachel Foo**, to teach secondary home economics, Mountain View Adventist College, GS, AUC. ●**Jessica Foster**, to teach senior English, Carmel College, Western Australian Conference, AUC. ●**Clifton Glasgow**, to ministerial intern, Wairoonga church, GS, AUC. ●**Alysia Greive**, to teach home economics, Lilydale Adventist Academy, Victorian Conference (VC), AUC. ●**Benjamin Green**, to teach Bible and history, Avondale High School, NNSW, AUC. ●**Simon Green**, to teach PE and biology, Darling Downs Christian School, SQ, AUC. ●**Anthony Gredig**, to teach middle/upper primary, Christchurch Adventist School, South New Zealand Conference (SNZ), NZPUC. ●**Hugh Heenan**, to ministerial intern, North New Zealand Conference, AUC. ●**Elizabeth Hergenhan**, to teach primary, Hilliard Christian School, Tasmanian Conference, AUC. ●**Kasey Howard**, to teach SOSE, English, Bible, Gilson College, VC, AUC. ●**Heidi King**, to teach middle primary, Gilson College, VC, AUC. ●**Faafu Levi Lagaaia**, to field ministry, Samoa Mission, to care for A'fao and Mala'eloa churches. ●**Chantelle Lamplough**, to teach PDHPE, Bible and HSIE, Mountain View Adventist College, GS, AUC. ●**Letrica Lucas**, to secretary, Communication and Public Relations Department, SPD. ●**Neru NHuialii**, to field ministry, Samoa Mission, to care for Satala and Aua company churches. ●**Joanne Parker**, to teach primary, Carlisle Christian College, NA, AUC. ●**Ben Rea**, to ministerial intern, SNZ, NZPUC. ●**Kyle Richardson**, to ministerial intern, SNZ, NZPUC. ●**Jessica Scaglione**, to teach primary, Cairns Adventist Primary School, Northern Australian Conference (NA), AUC. ●**Carly Smoker**, to teach art and Bible, Gilson College, VC, AUC. ●**Heather Taylor**, to teach years 7 & 8, upper primary, Longburn Adventist College, NZPUC. ●**Ernst William**, to ministerial intern, NA, AUC. ●**Jodie Williams**, to teach PE, history, geography, Bible, Blue Hills College, NNSW, AUC.

Appreciation

Brown, Vera and Alison Ashby express heartfelt appreciation for the letters and floral arrangements that were sent at the time of their sad loss of Robyn. Robyn was a much-loved daughter and sister, and also a loving and generous person.

Anniversaries

Caldwell, David married Joy Heaton on 28.11.44 in the Avondale Village church before he headed off to serve with ANGAU Medical Services in Papua New Guinea. They have celebrated 60 years together this year. Circumstances have been such that there were several small celebrations rather than one large function, but this did not lessen the significance of the happy occasion. There



are four children living; eight grandchildren; and a growing group of greats.

Gillies, Bruce and Lorna joined with family and friends to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Mont Albert church, Vic, on 23.11.54 by Pastor Munter. Bruce and Lorna raised four children, Brian, Graeme, Len and Nerolie. They spent most of their lives in Victoria, where Bruce worked for SHF stores. In 1985 they retired to Port Macquarie.

Langsford, Edgar and May (nee Maunder) were married on 4.9.44 in Tauranga, NZ. Friends and family travelled from overseas and interstate to attend a luncheon held in their honour on 29.9.04 at The



Royal Sydney Golf Club, hosted by their two children and partners. The entire original wedding party was present. Messages of congratulations included those from the Queen, Governor-General, and the Prime Minister of Australia and his wife.

Patrick, Joe and Lil (nee Everett) were married on 18.9.44 by Pastor F A Allum, in the public hall, Pappinbarra Junction, NSW. They celebrated their diamond



wedding anniversary at home on 18.9.04 with a special meal provided by their family. It was an enjoyable evening with much laughter and fun. Joe and Lil live at home in Pappinbarra.

Peries, Anton and Luba were married in Sri Lanka on 26.10.44. They both came from a Roman Catholic background and became Adventists in 1955. In 1988 they migrated to Australia and joined the Morley Seventh-day Adventist church in Perth,



WA. A service of thanksgiving and celebration was held at the church, and was attended by their children from Sri Lanka and Melbourne, together with many friends. The service was followed by a special reception in the church hall.

Weddings

Butcher—Scarfe. Kenneth Butcher (Cooranbong, NSW) and Eleanor Scarfe (Morisset) were married on 31.10.04 in the Avondale Memorial church, Cooranbong. *Clive Butcher*

Mercer—Hunt. Bradley Mercer, son of Brian and Sue Mercer (Longburn, NZ), and Sarah Hunt, daughter of David and Pam Hunt (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 24.10.04 in the Anglican church, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. *Trafford Fischer*

Roach—Tsanov. Ashley Richard Roach, son of Patrick and Carolyn Roach (Roleystone, WA), and Athena Tsanov, daughter of Mark and Carolyn Tsanov (Lindendale, NSW), were married on 2.12.03 in a beautiful chapel at Mount Tamborine, Qld. *John Wells*

Siulai—Halaevalu Penese. Lupeli Siulai, son of Saisaofai and Olevia Siulai (Brisbane, Qld), and Sandra Halaevalu Penese, daughter of Rockylane and Lagifaatafa Penese (Brisbane), were married on 31.10.04 in the Springwood Adventist church, Springwood. *Steve Stevenson, Leti Ah-Shiu*

Vivian—Galwey. Don Vivian (Adelaide, SA) and Dawn Galwey (nee Courtney, Millicent, SA) were married on 3.10.04 in Millicent. *Bob Louk*

Wong—Yeo / Ng—Yeo. Andrew Wong, son of Mr and Mrs Yiu Ming Wong (Hong Kong), and Pey Yeo, older daughter of Mr and Mrs Siew Yong Yeo (Sydney, NSW); and Heong Ng, son of Mr and Mrs Chong Hah Ng (Malaysia), and Esther Yeo, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Yeo, were married in a double wedding on 24.10.04 on the Showboat on Sydney Harbour, NSW. *Channing Ing*

Zenni—Jamieson. Mat Zenni, son of Marek Zenni (Poland) and Colin and Lidia Ashton (Perth, WA), and Kristina Jamieson, daughter of Noel and Rita Jamieson (Perth), were married on 24.10.04 at Kings Park, Perth. *Andrew Skeggs*

Obituaries

Harris, Lilian Beatrice, born 1.4.1910 at Cambridge, England; died peacefully in her sleep 24.10.04 in Canberra, ACT. On 6.9.38 she married George, who predeceased her in 1962. She is survived by her children, Miriam Gilder (England), Lydia Schleifer (Austria) and Hazel Rath (Canberra, ACT). Lilian was an active member of the Cambridge church in England for many years until she migrated to Australia in 1979. During the last 25 years she was a member of the Canberra National church and South Canberra. *Dale Arthur*

Hunter; Andrew, born 21.3.1924 in Northern Ireland; died 3.11.04 in St Vincent's Hospital, Lismore, NSW. In 1944 he married Eileen, who predeceased him on 15.3.02. He is survived by his children, Jim (Quilpie, Qld), Allen (Dubbo, NSW), Eileen Wilmoth (Lismore), Jean Maddock (Cooroy, Qld), Hazel Hunter (Murray Bridge, SA) and Ian (Mudgee, NSW). Andy was a man who stood tall, served faithfully, loved God, his family, and also his church family. He was much loved by all and will be greatly missed. *Colin Dunn*

King, Jocelyn Rose, born 20.9.1986 in Brisbane, Qld; died 3.11.04 in a car accident on the Toowoomba Range. She is survived by her parents, Andrew and Jenny (Toowoomba); and her two younger sisters, Phoebe and Bethany. Jocelyn, though just 18, had touched countless lives with her passion for people and her ability to pursue excellence. She achieved more in bridging to the Toowoomba Sudanese refugee community than most other Australians, and was commencing a medical degree in 2005 to further serve in the Sudan. Jossy's passion and love for God will live on in the hearts of her friends. *Chris Foote, Clifton Maberly*

Krissansen, Raymond Bruce, born 14.1.1908 at Riverhead, Auckland, NZ; died 12.9.04 in Bethesda Rest Home, Auckland. He was predeceased by his wife, Molly (nee Giles). He is survived by his children, Graham and Margaret; his sister, Ethel; his seven grandchildren; his eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter born this year. It was during World War II that Bruce and Molly became Seventh-day Adventists. During their Christian walk they served the Lord faithfully and were members at the Huntly, Otahuhu and Pakuranga churches. Bruce also helped to build the Pakuranga church and the new hall at Longburn College. They were also regular cooks for a number of years at camp-meetings. *Kayle de Waal*

Milne, Audrey Joan (nee Pullen), born 4.6.1932 at Hastings, NZ; died 15.9.04 after a short illness at Hastings. She was predeceased by her husband, Ian. She was also predeceased by her son-in-law, Stuart. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Brent and Sandy, and Craig and Debbie; and her grandchildren, Scott, Ian and Benjamin. Audrey belonged to the Hastings church, NZ, for many years. She faithfully served her Lord and Master until her death.
William Strickland

McMahon, Paul James, born 20.9.1944 at Orbost, Vic; died 8.8.04 at Port Macquarie, NSW. In 1967 he married Dawn Livingstone, who predeceased him in 1972. In 1986 he married Noelene Thomas. He is survived by his wife; his children, Andrew, Louise, Troy and Tara. Paul was thankful to God for his life and family and had assurance of salvation until the end.
Justin Lawman

Reynolds, Julian Alexander Grafton, born 22.6.1926 at West Maitland, NSW; died 11.10.04 at Macksville. In 1951 he married Audrey Salmond; was baptised on 19.11.60, and served the church faithfully until he died. He is survived by his wife; his children, Barbara Radzevicius (Bondi), Geoff (Katoomba), Evelyn Hoey (Inverell), Colin (Taylors Arm), Alan (Newcastle) and David (Macksville); their spouses; his 20 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Julian was known widely in the area and for many years fixed kids' bikes and lawnmowers, more for the love of helping others than for any financial rewards. He was an avid reader and loved to share his faith with those who entered his workshop. He will be missed by all who knew him.
Gavin Rowe

Rourke, Frederick John, born 3.7.1927 at Murrumbidgee, Vic; died 13.10.04 in Bendigo Hospice. He is survived by his wife, Lorna (nee Wilson); his children, Lynda Fish (both of Bendigo), Russell (Peachester, Qld), Kerryn Patrick (Pappinbarra, NSW), Michael (Telegraph Point, NSW), Jeffrey (Beechworth, Vic), Rodney (Lismore, NSW), Andrew (Ashburton, Vic), Jodie Petersen (Boronia) and Janine Mitchell (Gwandalan, NSW); and his 16 grandchildren. Frederick formerly lived in Oakleigh (Vic), Mulwala and Port Macquarie (NSW). He worked as a truck driver, delivering bricks for building many SDA churches around Melbourne, the buildings on the Nunawading campground, and also the Signs Publishing Company. Resting until Jesus comes.
George Rappell

Siddle, Arthur Ingram, born 8.11.1920 at St Kilda, Vic; died 23.10.04 in Yarra Valley Retirement Village, Warburton. On 27.9.48 he married Edna, who predeceased him in 1993. He is survived by his son, Warwick (Ringwood); and his three grandchildren, Cameron, Travis and Felicity. His family was his life and he took great pride in the achievements of his grandchildren. During World War II Arthur served in the Air Force at Darwin, NT. After the war he worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company in Warburton, Vic, for 37 years.
Darrell Croft

Townend, Pastor Walter Austin, born 2.2.1914 at Wellington, NZ; died 27.10.04 at Cooranbong, NSW. He was predeceased by his son, Wayne. He is survived by his wife, Irene; his children, Pastor Calvyn, Leonee Allum, Colleen White, Pastor Bill, and Glenis Dickins; his 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Austin served the church in business management, as a conference and union departmental leader, as a conference president, and for 21 years as a theology teacher at Avondale College. He was made honorary Master of the college in 2000. He will be remembered as an insightful leader, a widely published author, and a mentor to hundreds of young adults who met Jesus through his Bible teaching.
*Lyell Heise, Bruce Manners
Calvyn Townend, Bryan Ball*

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