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Beryl Carpenter (second from right) and her band of merry volunteers—Ian O'Neill, Janice Leaver and Kay Neumann—with boxes of items donated to help tsunami victims.

Tsunami aid flows from Perth

Perth, Western Australia

"It was the biggest outpouring of people's hearts that I have ever seen," was how Beryl Carpenter described the hundreds of people who descended on Advent Park in Perth on Thursday, December 30, to donate goods for those affected by the Boxing Day tsunami.

"At one stage someone counted 80 cars lined up waiting to drop off all manner of items such as clothes, food, medical supplies, blankets, toys and cooking utensils," says Mrs Carpenter.

By the next morning, 55 pallets, fully loaded with boxes of goods, were picked up and headed for Geraldton, where they were loaded onto a ship headed to Medan in Sumatra.

Geoff Davy, the ship's owner, had offered to transport emergency goods to areas affected by the tsunami in Sumatra and Indonesia, and had appealed for help finding a collection point for goods in Perth. Mrs Carpenter responded to this, and contacted volunteers in the area. They helped to pack the donated items into boxes, as did many of the people who came to Advent Park to give things to the appeal.

"It seemed that day, it did not matter what we needed, it turned up when we needed it. The Lord was coordinating the whole effort," says Mrs Carpenter. "No sooner had we asked for something than it arrived."

More goods continue to be donated from around the state, and another container was sent to Sri Lanka in late January. People have also held fundraisers and given the proceeds to the group.

"The experience has touched many lives. One lady, who had been with us from the start, said she had considered herself an atheist, but through this experience now says it's almost like there is a God warming her heart," says Mrs Carpenter. "God is using this tragic event to open the doors and touch people's hearts." —**NewsWest**

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More than a day for prayer

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God,¹ and this is what thousands of serious seekers of truth are doing. Prayer has become popular in many countries. Special days of prayer are being promoted and prayer power is an attractive subject.

But where God's Spirit is moving, other spirits are also at work. God has given us the opportunity to choose, and it is through prayer that we make this important decision. We can decide to know Him personally, "as to a friend."

There are many books, web sites, workshops and days of appointed prayer.

celebrated. These have been in existence for many years. The interfaith World Day of Prayer, the first Friday of March, started in 1887 and today has a special program prepared for 170 nations. The focus is on mission and peace.

The Adventist International Women's Day of Prayer, the first Sabbath of March, is a day set aside for prayer for strength and renewed focus on sharing a message of hope.

These two days have become significant for the women of the church in many places throughout the South Pacific

prayer ministry and poetry. She has won people to Christ as a result.

In Papua New Guinea the women are raising up prayer rooms or "prayer houses" everywhere. They have experienced the powerful prayer experiences in beautifully decorated rooms at retreats and congresses, and are copying the style.

In the Solomon Islands a large group of women met for their first retreat. They were afraid to sleep owing to the unsettled nature of their region, so they prayed. In the morning, they compared notes and no-one had sung but they had heard an angel choir as they settled into peaceful sleep.

Dorothy Eaton Watts writes that "a spirit of intercession will come among God's people before He comes."² If we are to be a church who wants to know, experience and share our hope in Jesus Christ, we need to be a people of prayer first. Every revival, every plan, every growth factor and every-one is dependent on prayer; we cannot hope to function without it.

The women of the South Pacific Division are recognising this and making the Women's Day of Prayer and every day a time to open their hearts to God because they know He is their best friend. They are persisting in prayer.

1. Ellen G White, *Steps to Christ*, page 93.
2. Dorothy Eaton Watts, *Prayer Country*.

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Praise God, we can see Him working, and people everywhere are emerging as true pray-ers.

In the early 1930s, a wave of revival occurred in the Adventist Church. Many older pastors and members remember this time when people in Australia, specifically in places such as Avondale College, Wahroonga and Warburton, were brought to confession, repentance and a commitment to God. The Spirit of God was evident and the church was alive. Soon after this, World War II broke out and many young people went to war, never to return. Others became ministers and leaders of the church. It all began because people prayed—either singly or in small groups—and persisted in prayer.

Is it time for this to happen again? What do we need to see and believe in an outpouring of God's Spirit among us? Is it already happening? What are we waiting for?

Every year in March, two special days of prayer—primarily for women—are

Division. The ongoing commitment of many women to prayer is creating a spirit of energy and a renewed call to hear God's voice amid difficult times. So many women want to see a stronger commitment to and focus on prayer. As a result, they are meeting together in pairs, in homes, churches, schools, at retreats and spending time seeking God. The movement of prayer is growing quietly yet surely. People are opening their hearts to God in prayer.

In Wollongong, a spirited leader, Noeleen, leads a dynamic prayer ministry, involving the whole church. They pray for and with the pastor, for the speakers, for the community. They have active prayer chains via telephone, email or post.

At Mountain View College (Doonside, NSW), mothers gather every week to pray for teachers and students. The school is being wonderfully blessed.

In Hobart, Anne meets with a group of dedicated women every week. Pauline, at 45 years of age, has found her calling in



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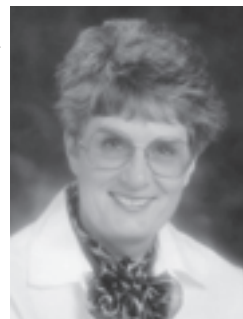
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Today is the Women's
Day of Prayer.

- Tree damages church renovation before completion
- Children learn to multiply their talents
- Popular evangelism methods surveyed
- Creation Museum built for answers
- and more

—Compiled by Scott Wegener—

● The \$A107,000 collected from church members in the South Pacific for the **Adventist World Radio (AWR) Offering** in 2004 will be used in conjunction with a new working policy approved late last year. “Funds received from the offering will now be used for projects around the world with AWR’s approval,” says **Don Upson**, Vice-President for Finance of AWR. “These projects will provide **new studios**, new language broadcast production and assist in starting new language programs. We will use the money to **sponsor, train and equip** studio personnel.” It is AWR’s aim to provide radio programs to the hardest-to-reach places on earth. Next week, March 12, is this year’s AWR Offering.—*Melody Tan*

● In the early hours of February 7, more than K40,000 worth of renovation came undone when strong winds caused a **pine tree to fall** on top of the Seventh-day



Adventist church in Lae, Papua New Guinea. The renovation to the church, built in the 1950s, was **almost completed**, only to be severely damaged with the interior **ceiling collapsed** and walls cracking from the force of the falling tree. Church members are now worshipping in a nearby public school.—*Thomas Davai*

Shop-window evangelism success

The Innisfail, Qld, church found it increasingly hard to get people to come to their evangelistic programs, so they decided to take the program to the people on the street.

Their ADRA op-shop has been running the 3ABN satellite feed in-store during business hours, as a preview of what can be seen on the videos available for loan. However, at closing time the television is turned around to face the street and, with a speaker outside, passers-by can view and hear the programs from the footpath.

An audience is almost guaranteed each evening as the op-shop is right next to a bus stop and a busy pizza shop. Since starting this shop-window evangelism six months ago, two people have already requested baptism.

As their evangelistic push for the year, Innisfail and Tully churches have decided to further utilise satellite ministry and have ordered 25 satellite dishes to place in the homes of people who have shown significant interest in spiritual matters—making Hope Channel and 3ABN a 12-month in-home witness.

“We have evangelist Pastor Geoff Youlden tentatively booked for a weekend visit,” says Innisfail’s minister Dana Howard. “This is to accommodate the possibility of the home-satellite service generating even more interest.”—*Scott Wegener*

● After reading the Bible story about talents, 24 Year 3 students at **Wahroonga Adventist School**, NSW, were each given a \$2 coin from their teacher, **Betty Rutter**, and challenged to **increase their talent**. Enthusiasm ran high as the students took on tasks such as cooking, babysitting, making crafts and selling plants. The project’s finale was a **lunchtime class market** where the whole school was invited to buy from various stalls that had been created and managed by the Year 3 students. Not only was the valuable lesson



of investing one’s talent conveyed to the students, but \$A1050 was raised and **donated to the Elim Orphanage** in India.—*Carmen Borrott*

● Burleigh Gardens, NSW, held a **day of mourning** for the Asian tsunami victims on January 15. Federal Parliament Member **Margaret May** spoke on behalf of the Prime Minister, and State Member **Christine Smith** called for a **minute’s silence** in remembrance of the victims. After a mourning segment, prayer for the victims and aid workers was held.—*Northpoint*

● On his previous trip to the **Ukraine**, retired minister **Arthur Bath** came up against challenging **hostility to his evangelistic campaign**. An opposed denomination took out newspaper advertisements denouncing his team as a



heretical sect and **used loudhailers outside his meetings** to warn people not to attend the “evil sect’s meetings.” Despite the fierce opposition, some still joined the church and **were baptised**. The Ukraine’s local union and conference has issued another invitation **for those “down-under”** to come over and help. In August Pastor Bath is looking to take a team on his eighth evangelistic campaign since his retirement in 1992. Contact Pastor Bath at <artbath@bigpond.com>.

● For many years the Adventist Church in Greece has been struggling for growth. However, eight years after Pastor **Apostolos Maglis**, Greek Mission president, and Pastor **Peter Roennfeldt**, ministerial secretary for the Trans-European Division (TED), helped Greece start **small-group ministry**, the membership has **grown by 375 per cent**, and

tithes by 650 per cent—90 per cent of membership growth coming from small-group ministry. “In this modern age, friendship evangelism and small-group ministries are the way forward,” says **Paul Cleo**, personal ministries director for the TED. “It makes more friends and contacts for the Lord than most other methods.”—*ANR*

Five days, 1100 ADRA sandwiches

At 4.15 pm on December 3, a phone call came in from the Rural Fire Network: “Your ADRA response team is needed. We have a major forest fire at Lee Valley, Nelson, NZ. One hundred and twenty firefighters and support crew and seven helicopters need you to supply food and drinks by 7 pm.”

The high-tech, totally self-contained Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) response caravan swung right into action. Each team of four did 12-hour shifts making 1100 triple club sandwiches, massive stews, 100 sausages barbecued, huge salads and answered many questions like “ADRA what?”

“Our tour of duty ended by pulling out at 1.30 am on December 8, very tired but praising God for the privilege of serving in a practical way,” says ADRA caravan search and rescue co-ordinator Avon Wasney. “It has been said it was the best-catered fire ever.”

Each month in Nelson, NZ, some organisation is given the “Mayor’s bouquet,” and in December the ADRA field kitchen was the recipient. The local Nelson City Council paper reported: “Congratulations and thanks are due to a group of volunteers who can take the heat. Several members of Nelson church continually staffed the ADRA field kitchen for four days during the recent Wairoa Gorge forest fire. They provided food and drinks to all the shifts of firefighters who at times numbered over 100. You can obviously take the heat and stay in the kitchen. A blooming great effort; enjoy the flowers.”

● The 9000-square-metre building that will house the **Creation Museum** is now complete, and the numerous displays are under construction. The **\$US25 million facility**, which sits on a major highway exit near the Kentucky-Ohio border, USA, is set to open to the public in the spring of 2007.

Ken Ham, president of Answers in Genesis, the organisation behind the museum project, says, “It’s going to be a walk through biblical history with **anima-**



tronics and computer technology, telling people the true history of the world, about Creation, the Fall of man,

the flood of Noah, the origin of races, marriage and more.” For a preview, visit www.answersingenesis.org/museum.—*AgapePress*

● According to a survey conducted by The Barna Group, the most **common forms of evangelism** performed (78 per cent) is offering a prayer with a non-Christian. Almost as common a form (74 per cent) was that of “lifestyle evangelism,” that is, living in ways that would impress non-Christians and cause them to raise questions about that lifestyle. The **least used methods** were distributing evangelical literature (35 per cent), sending evangelistic letters or emails to non-Christian acquaintances (21 per cent) and preaching in public places (11 per cent).—*AgapePress*

Days and offerings

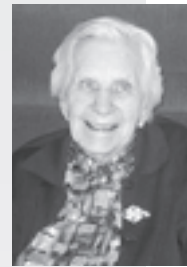
March 12—Adventist World Radio

Offering

March 26—Adventist Youth Offering

Off the record

● Several generations of family and friends of **Hellen “Nell” Victoria Deacon** gathered at the home of her nephew and niece in Nunawading, Vic, on February 6, to celebrate her 100th birthday. Mrs Deacon has lived at **Coronella Retirement Village** for the past 10 years. She received congratulatory messages from the Mayor of Whitehorse, the Governor of Victoria, the Governor-General of Australia, the Prime Minister and a greeting from **Queen Elizabeth II**.



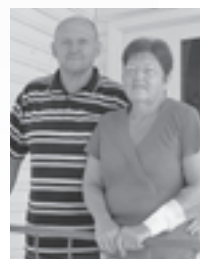
● **Ray Gibbons** of Maitland, NSW, church has been honoured by the Department of Community Service recently

for dedicating his life to the needs of children in **foster care**. “I am so humbled, shocked and **surprised by this award**,” says Mr Gibbons.

“My reward is definitely in the work that I do.” Mr Gibbons became a foster carer four years ago following a stint as a palliative care volunteer and after completing a diploma in welfare.—*Emma Swain*



● **Warren and Yvonne Hick** have been members of Lakeside church, NNSW, for more than 30 years, of which much of this time Yvonne has had kidney problems. Recently her husband Warren, epitomising true love, **donated a kidney** to Yvonne so that she could come off dialysis and live a normal life. Both Yvonne and Warren are out of hospital and have been recuperating at their daughter’s home. Yvonne says she is extremely grateful to her husband for his wonderful donation.—*Pam Hill*



World church affirms health mission

Orlando, Florida, USA

The General Conference president, Pastor Jan Paulsen, and other church leaders have taken the opportunity to encourage Seventh-day Adventists to use health to reach out to their communities at the International Health Summit held from January 30 to February 5 in Orlando, Florida (USA).

Around 500 church leaders, members and health specialists from around the world attended the summit, which had the theme of “empowering health leaders to reach the unreached.”

Experts were brought together to address the church’s ministry of health, which they believe must have its effectiveness evaluated, even though the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a 145-year history of practising health reform.

Dr DeWitt Williams, director of health ministries for the North American Division, and coordinator of the event, believes church members and their faith communities can follow Jesus’ method of meeting community needs before beginning outreach activities.

A focus on health is one way this can be accomplished, as there has been an increase in health awareness and interest in the general community, with more people exploring health alternatives the church can provide them with.

Pastor Paulsen believes health care to be one of the major Adventist essentials, and explained at the summit that the health message of the church is not for its members alone, but for everyone.

“Here we are, as a family of faith, living in the end-time, with a very specific identity, a very specific profile,” Pastor Paulsen told delegates at the summit. “As we grow, people become increasingly aware of who we are. Today, people by and large know Seventh-day Adventists well.”

Such recognition provides the church

with the means to witness to people more effectively. Pastor Paulsen believes the service of health care is specifically tied to the second coming of Christ, and cited Ellen White, who said that the church’s medical institutions are a means of bringing people to God.

Pastor Mark Finley, director of the church’s Center for Global Evangelism, explained that meeting people’s physical needs first is Christ’s method of reaching people.

“Seventh-day Adventists view the gospel as physical, mental, spiritual and social wholeness, therefore we cannot conceive the total health as being without spirituality,” says Pastor Finley. “This means leading people to an understanding of the God who created them, and His essential principles of life and health.”

“Understanding the spiritual component and putting it into practice wherever Adventist communities are will allow us to make significant changes not only in our lives but in the lives of those around us,” added Dr Williams. “That’s why we are talking about a holistic approach to our ministry as a church.”

Loma Linda School of Public Health’s Dr James Kyle II also stressed the need for the church to engage in a deeper role of leading people to discipleship, and not just conversion. For Dr Kyle, the health message is a way to meet people’s needs.

“It’s time for the church to confront the gates of addiction, injustice, intemperance and depression. We need to engage not only the communities where we live, but to systematically evaluate our areas for how we can be of help to vulnerable populations that are in the greatest need,” says Dr Kyle. “True success in the church’s health ministry can happen only when we are contextually relevant to the needs of our communities.”—ANN



Pastor Jan Paulsen.

Prayer focus for Avondale College

Cooranbong, New South Wales

Avondale College is calling on Seventh-day Adventists in the South Pacific to pray for its staff members and students as they begin the academic year.

College chaplain Pastor Wayne French says the support of local churches is vital. “It’ll make a huge difference to know Adventists all over Australia and New Zealand are joining with us to lift the college up to God in prayer.”

Pastor French has organised a prayer walk at Avondale on March 8 as part of the College church’s 24-hour-a-day Week of Prayer. He will lead staff members and students to each of the main buildings on the Cooranbong campus. The group will then pray for those who work and who will live and study in the buildings.

Pastor French says one of the aims of the walk is to remind staff members and students of the importance of prayer, but most important is to ask God for His blessing over the campus.

Church leaders approve of the initiative.

“What a marvellous opportunity for church members in our union to support the college through the power of prayer,” says Pastor Allan Walshe, president of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. “I encourage our elders and worship leaders to remember Avondale during the worship service today.”

Australian Union Conference president Pastor Chester Stanley says it is “imperative” to pray for Avondale because the institution is integral to the future of the church. “A positive spiritual tone at college benefits all of us.”—Brenton Stacey



ADRA helps Thailand recover

Wahroonga, New South Wales

The Australian Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has committed \$A500,000 to the long-term recovery and rehabilitation of Thailand following the tsunami disaster.

The Community Recovery and Development Program will provide water and sanitation rehabilitation, community and household recovery, and health and psychosocial support along the coastal area of southern Thailand.

Through this project, ADRA will work with communities on the islands of Koh Surin and Koh Pra Thong and in the Ranong, Phuket and Phanga Provinces, helping at least 20,000 tsunami-affected people.

One aspect of this project will address the long-term psychological effects of the disaster on children and youth.

"The Health Department and other agencies have raised concerns about the long-term effects of this disaster," says Greg Young, director of ADRA-Thailand.

To address these needs, a mobile child psychosocial-care unit will be deployed to



Greg Young, director of ADRA-Thailand, in front of the Phuket hospital.

the area to coordinate children's activities in the affected villages. "Fun and social activities within the familiar environment can assist the child to overcome the anxiety of the experience and minimise psychosocial distress," Mr Young explains.

To provide psychosocial support to youth, an adventure-based learning facility will be established. "This category of the population is often overlooked in

psychological support," says Mr Young. "ADRA will utilise its network experience in adventure-based learning techniques to establish a facility that can be used to support the medium- to long-term needs of the teenage population."

The three-year Community Recovery and Development Program in Thailand will also provide a mobile psychosocial-care unit for adults and a mobile medical unit. The program will also provide community recovery activities such as repair and construction of public buildings, fishing piers, bridges and canals, and funds to provide for other needs. As the project progresses, there will be continued assessment and evaluation of needs, to determine the best way forward for the people and communities.

The health activities of this project will be implemented by Phuket Mission Hospital, which has worked closely with ADRA since the disaster hit. Phuket Mission Hospital is well regarded in this region and collaborates closely with Thailand's Ministry of Public Health.—

Candice Jacques

Medical team chaplain returns from Banda Aceh

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Pastor Ray Southon has just returned from Banda Aceh, one of the areas worst hit by the Asian tsunami. He was the chaplain and a member of the first Australian medical team to go to the region.



The medical team that went to Banda Aceh, of which Pastor Ray Southon was a part.

"I had no hesitation about going when I received the call, even though they had not specified where they were going to send me," says Pastor Southon, a scrub nurse at the operating theatres of Westmead Hospital. "I knew I had the skills to do what I needed to do and I could contribute to the relief work. I gave in to my passion to help people in crisis."

The National Disaster Centre in Canberra commissioned a team of 28 health professionals from major teaching hospitals around Australia. Pastor Southon and the team arrived in Banda Aceh on the morning of December 30 with 17 tonnes of medical supplies and bedding. By the end of their two-week stay, the team had performed

hundreds of life-saving operations.

"We knew that there was going to be mass devastation, but the destruction was a lot worse than anybody could ever imagine. It choked all of us up deeply, but we were there to do our work and we had to do it," says Pastor Southon. "My own faith allowed me not to be traumatised by the destruction. Amid the tragedy, I saw God working through the stories of survival and the resilience of the people who have lost everything."

Pastor Southon feels honoured to have served others in this way and says, "It has been a privilege to serve, and I'm very proud to have been able to serve God in that way too. If I could, I would return to Banda Aceh without hesitation and would do it all over again. I sincerely congratulate the government in initiating and organising this medical response team."—**Melody Tan**

Support given for tsunami survivors

Penang, Malaysia

Recognising that tsunami survivors are suffering not just physically but emotionally, members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church offered a two-day trauma training seminar to pastors and chaplains in four countries in Southern Asia beginning on January 19.

Pastor Martin Feldbush, director of the worldwide church's Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM), was accompanied by his wife, Martha, an academic language therapist who works with children, and Pastor Jonathan Catolico, director of ACM for the Southern Asia Division.

"In these countries, pastors face the daunting task of ministering to a large number of traumatised people in hospitals and schools," said Pastor Feldbush. He contacted Pastor Catolico right after the tsunami hit and discussed the evident need for getting pastoral trauma response and grief ministries training in motion.

He said one pastor told him the training was not only for the people they would help, but also for themselves because they had lived through the same tragedy.

"Sixty per cent of the people who died were adults, which means thousands were left as orphans, grieving the loss of siblings and parents," he said.

Workshop participants discussed the nature of trauma, the nature of loss and grief, how trauma memories can last for years and learned pastoral methodologies for counselling trauma victims.

Methods taught in the workshops were developed by the National Organisation for Victim Assistance and are equally applicable to clergy from any faith group, said Pastor Feldbush. This helps to recognise the value of each person's faith as part of their coping and adaptive skills.

The four workshops trained a total of nearly 200 people in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Malaysia, and were a collaboration between the local and worldwide church's chaplaincy departments, local churches and the Penang Adventist Hospital.—ANN

Tsunami aid from the South Pacific

In response the December 26 tsunami in southern Asia, church entities, local churches and church members have contributed aid in a wide variety of ways. These are some of the stories collected from around the South Pacific Division.

- Riverland church (SA) has received more than \$A9200 in donations. Collections were taken at the Barmera Caravan Park, where one man decided to shave his hair off if people donated money to ADRA.

- The Regeneration Sabbath school class at Springwood church (Qld) collected more than \$A1000 for tsunami aid.



Sean Mattingley (right) and his brother.

- Eight-year-old Sean Mattingley of the Kallaroo church in Western Australia donated all his pocket money for tsunami aid. A young girl from the church also donated her bicycle for tsunami victims to use.

- Brighton church (SA) held a local offering on January 8 and donated the proceeds to ADRA for use in the tsunami-affected areas. More than \$A2500 was raised, which was more than 20 times the value of the regular offering.

- David Cooper, a member of the Papatoetoe church (NNZ), organised a five-kilometre Tsunami Fundraising Walkathon. Prior to the walkathon, he had raised more than \$NZ11,000 for tsunami victims.

- Melrose Park church (SA) raised \$A400 through offerings.

- Members of the Adelaide City

church (SA) donated \$A3255 to the ADRA–Australia tsunami fund.

- The Trans-Pacific Union Mission donated \$F20,000 to the Fiji national appeal. Money was also raised at the South Pacific Division Youth Congress, with \$F3,206.13 donated for tsunami aid.

- Tenterfield's (NNSW) church members have contributed \$A500 to ADRA. Church elder Frank Peters said, "We are there as a practical form of Christianity and help people regardless of religion, background or race."

- The Salisbury church (SA) collected \$A10,000 for the tsunami tragedy. At the beginning of January, 100 young people donated \$A1800 at the church's youth camp.

- Two Samoan churches in Brisbane (Qld) collected more than \$A600 each.

- Kempsey church (NNSW) collected \$A4890 for tsunami relief, and two Kempsey church boys, Alexander Stace and Ben Hanrahan, raised \$A130 by selling lollies at the local shopping mall.

- Members of the Murray Bridge church (SA) were given permission by their local Bi-Lo supermarket to collect donations there for tsunami victims. After a week, \$A6329.70 was raised.



ADRA volunteer Flo Cram, with Keith Lovell, at the Murray Bridge Bi-Lo store, South Australia.

AWR: A global mission

by Shelley Nolan Freesland

As Adventist World Radio (AWR) staff members travel to churches and talk to members, common questions often arise about our ministry. On this page, we take the opportunity to share answers with a wider audience.

How can I hear AWR programs?

AWR is the mission radio arm of the Adventist Church. Our mandate is to enter the hardest-to-reach places on earth, and we focus on broadcasting to different groups that are difficult to reach in other ways. There are countries where mission workers cannot be sent because of political, religious or geographic barriers.

Many countries do not have those restrictions, of course, and Adventist media ministries are already active in places such as Australia and the United States, so we concentrate on broadcasting to other areas. At the same time, more and more of our programs are accessible worldwide through Internet audio, at www.awr.org. Our shortwave program schedule is also available on the Internet.

Why do you use short wave? Isn't it obsolete?

AWR broadcasts many hours on short-wave radio because it is the most widely heard broadcast vehicle in the world. As well, the signals can travel for thousands of kilometres, unlike AM or FM radio waves, enabling our programs to reach into countries that are closed to religious broadcasts in local media.

More than 2.5 billion people, using 1.5 billion short-wave radio receivers, tune in somewhere in the world on a regular basis. Research shows that short-wave listeners are growing globally, with short-wave penetration at its highest level in



developing countries. For example, 98 per cent of households in Zimbabwe have short-wave radios.

In addition to short wave, AWR also broadcasts programs via AM and FM stations, direct-to-home satellite, and the Internet.

How many languages do you broadcast in, and how many countries do you cover?

We currently produce programs in more than 60 languages, such as Amharic for people in Ethiopia, Kirghiz for residents of Kyrgyzstan, Malayalam for listeners in India, and Spanish for the population of

Cuba. Our non-Internet broadcasts cover 70 per cent of the world, through short wave, AM and FM stations and satellite. It is a challenge to calculate the exact number of countries we reach, since signals fluctuate and radio stations access our downlinks throughout the year.

How are gifts to AWR used?

All gifts made directly to AWR go to advance our broadcast ministry. For example, AWR uses direct gifts to cover the cost of air time and add new languages in areas such as the Middle East, Africa, Russia and China. Operating expenses are covered by appropriations from the General Conference and other sources of income, such as investments, endowments and estate gifts.

How can I obtain more information about AWR?

- Write to 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904, USA
- E-mail info@awr.org
- Browse www.awr.org

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Radio delivers God's love

"It was when I thought I had hit the rock bottom of disappointment that I was cheered up by the AWR message. I am waiting for more of such messages. A million thanks to Jesus for AWR!"—*anonymous Malayalam listener from India*

"I cannot express how much I am enjoying your wonderful programs. Each morning, your programs bring me closer to my Creator. I am also inviting others to join me. Even though I do not attend any church, I am receiving enough blessings through your programs. God bless you."—*listener in Ethiopia*

Adventist World Radio Offering next week, March 12

Thoughts on tears

by Robert G Wearnar

News from the battlefield in Iraq is heart-rending these days. Explosives cause the death of Coalition servicemen and -women nearly every day. We think of their families who must burst into tears on being informed of the death of a son or daughter, husband or wife. Add to them the tears of the families of Iraqi soldiers and civilians of both sides of the conflict. Our hearts sympathise with them too.

Then suddenly we receive the sad news of an earthquake and tsunami that swept countless thousands to their death from South-East Asia to Africa. Many surviving children lost their parents, while other fathers and mothers mourn for their children swept away by angry waves.

The Holy Scriptures reveal to us a God who values human life. Jesus told His disciples that the Father even values the life of small birds. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31*).

The shortest verse in the Bible tells us a lot about the love of God. Jesus' friend Lazarus had died. Sorrowfully, He accompanies Mary and Martha to the tomb. "Jesus began to weep" (John 11:35)—but not because of the death of His friend. He was about to raise him back to life.

"It was not only because of the scene before Him that Christ wept. The weight of the grief of the ages was upon Him. . . . Looking down the years to come, He saw the suffering and sorrow, tears and death, that were to be the lot of men. His heart was pierced with the pain of the human family of all ages and in all lands. The woes of the sinful race were heavy upon His soul, and the fountain of His tears was broken up as He longed to relieve all their distress" (*The Desire of Ages*, page 534).



Television now brings into our living rooms tragic scenes of death caused by war and natural disasters. Thus daily exposed to violent events, I fear we may become callused to human suffering. We must remember that every loss of life brings sorrow to the heart of Jesus. We see a little of the terrible results of sin, but a loving Father above sees it all!

I think it was during the dark days of World War II that a poet penned a poem that I placed in my files. When I found it recently, it impressed me as fitting present world conditions. It is titled, *God Cried Himself to Sleep Last Night*. Space will allow me to quote only a part of it.

"God cried himself to sleep last night;
His heart was pierced with pain.
He saw ten thousand sons of his
On cruel crosses slain . . .
"He knew each hurt and heartache, and
He heard each piercing groan;
He felt each wound when terror struck
As if it were His own . . .
"God cried himself to sleep last night;
He sees much more than we;
He saw ten thousand lonely hills;
Each hill a Calvary."

—William L Stidger

How thankful we are that the Scriptures paint a picture of future joy. "May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy" (Psalm 126:5).

"He [the Lord] will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces . . ." (Isaiah 25:7, 8.)

When will our Creator-God fulfil that promise? Let's look at the last book of the Bible. Revelation 21:1 starts off with "I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away."

In this wonder world of the future, after Christ's coming and the final judgment, there will be no more tears! "He [God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

Can you believe it? God's plan for you and me is a world of peace without tears. Let's surrender all to Jesus so we can enjoy a place with Him. ®

**All Bible quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version.*

Robert G Wearnar is a retired minister and teacher and writes from Collegedale, Tennessee, USA.

Abortion: A mixed perspective

by Rodney Woods

It is with great hesitancy that I add my thoughts to such a sensitive and emotionally charged subject as induced abortions. Yet at the same time my belief that more contribution of opinion rather than less enables community rather than stifles it, drives me to my keyboard.

I am male

In *The Australian* on November 8, 2004, Barry Everingham made this comment: "It is impossible to imagine that Elizabeth II would utter a word on such a highly sensitive and political issue as abortion—even though as a woman she's well within her rights to do so." Everingham's unwritten thought appears to be that men have no right to add to the discussion. He is not alone in this view. Listening to radio, a number of talkback callers have held a similar view. The argument is this: it is women who are affected—emotionally, physically, psycho-socially and spiritually—and therefore it is not "men's business." I can understand how some might hold such a view. However, I do not. Let me illustrate.

Many issues around the world have no impact on Australians in the first instance and yet no-one would suggest we are not entitled to express an opinion. For instance, under the headline "Big thaw threatens Arctic" in *The Age* of November 10, Alister Doyle writes, "Global warming . . . could wipe out polar bears by 2100." Polar bears are not native to Australia. Most of us would probably never see a polar bear in their natural environment, and yet no-one suggests for a moment that people in Australia have no right to speak out for and on their behalf. But you say, "polar bears do not have a voice. Someone must speak for them." Yes . . . Mmmm.

Closer to home in terms of "women's issues," what of the mutilation of women's bodies that continues to the present day in communities around the world? Do



women cry foul when men stand up and speak against female circumcision, rejecting this form of cultural practice? Should men remain silent when other "tissue" is removed?

I am a father

When it was known that my wife was pregnant, there was much excitement in the family home. After having the second ultrasound, the technician left us as usual stating that the doctor would speak with us. The doctor arrived, and after further examination advised us of the presence of a white spot within the heart and that he would forward the results to the obstetrician. My anxiety levels increased at this point.

On meeting with the obstetrician, he advised us that there were some "soft signs" that our baby may have some abnormalities—so we were a little shaken. He was very supportive and positive, however, suggesting that these things happen from time to time but do not necessarily mean there is a problem. But, given my wife's age, he suggested we have some of the baby's cells tested.

Some risk is involved in this procedure, which ironically was greater than the chances of our unborn child having any abnormalities. The poignant question was this—by having the test, had we already decided the fate of the baby? We eventually concluded that the answer to this question was no.

But at least by having the test we would find relief from the unknown either way.

And that should there be an abnormality we could be given counselling that would provide us with realistic expectations.

While the word *abortion* was brought up in our discussions, neither Rochelle nor I felt comfortable with that as a possible outcome. In my mind no decision was made. Fortunately for us, the result of the test allowed us to turn our backs on our fears and the ethical dilemma.

I am a Christian

That statement, given our current sociopolitical climate, can generate much emotionally charged discussion. Including the word *abortion* in the same sentence creates still more heat.

As a Christian who values honesty and integrity, the Bible can be a source of angst. "Why?" you might well ask. Because some passages of Scripture at first look like they are quite contradictory. The problem is exacerbated when one looks a second or a third time and still the contradiction remains. We have many examples to choose from, but for those who may know what I am talking about, the relationship between faith and works is just one.

But let's consider something less esoteric. How does a Christian—for that matter, a minister of the faith—deal honestly with abortion and human life? If you are a Christian reading this, you may at this point think I have forgotten the commandment "You shall not murder."

But even among Christians (and I talk with many from different denominations) there is no consensus on the question "What is that tissue?" According to the Clayton's Christian party, it is life that needs to be preserved. But for many faithful Christians it is not "human life" unless there is a heartbeat, or until survival outside the womb is achieved or until birth.

But there is worse to come for the Christian. If one were to read Exodus

21:22-25 in Hebrew one might conclude that the Scriptures suggest a different value between the life of an unborn child and the life of the mother. That is to say, the punishment for the death of an unborn child is a damages claim, whereas the punishment for the death of a woman is death of the perpetrator. The Septuagint differs slightly and distinguishes between a fully formed and not fully formed baby, meaning if the baby is fully formed and dies, it is considered murder and punishable by death.

“So are you telling me the Christian position is not as black and white as is often reported?” you ask. Yes. For some, not having a clear scriptural mandate on induced abortion and other ethical issues can be unsettling—for me, however, it is affirming. For it tells me that the complex issues our communities face today were just as complex for the patriarchal mothers and fathers.

To impose a simple solution upon the Scriptures would be just as erroneous as to impose a simple solution upon the mothers, fathers and the unborn today.

I am a minister

I have ministered to a number of women who had an unplanned pregnancy. The first question I asked myself was, “Where is the man/boy? Why isn’t he sitting at the table with us?” What I did was affirm God’s love for them and then gently work through all the options—including abortion—promising support whatever the decision. I remember one particular young Christian girl who chose to keep the baby. She received support from her parents, family and church.

Sadly, though, this is not always the case. Is this a factor when young women are making their decision? You better believe it! How they perceive the way their family, their friends, their church will respond plays a significant role. Could it be that the church community, who would traditionally take the position to preserve life, may be the very the reason why a person might choose to take life instead? Now that is worth thinking about.

I am a member of the community

I knew that the number of abortions had

been on the rise, but when I read that the figure in Australia was around 100,000 per year I found it distressing. Some seem little concerned about the numbers per se, but are more interested in ensuring the right of the woman to choose. Others would consider that one induced abortion is one too many.

For those who aren’t concerned about the number of abortions each year, I ask the question, How many abortions would it take for you to be concerned? Perhaps 500,000 per year, 750,000 per year, 1,000,000? And if you do accept that you come to a number that is a concern for you, can you understand if for some that number is 100,000? While at that point along your scale, how would you consider decreasing that number?

What is an appropriate community response? Withdrawal of financial aid—Medicare—has been touted. Financial motivation has made little impact in Victoria with regard to driver behaviour. It seems naive and overtly simple minded to think that this approach would reduce induced abortions.

For those who consider one induced abortion one too many, can you think of any circumstances for which an induced abortion is an appropriate response?

If you can, could it be that other people may also have a list—only it may differ from yours? Can we respect each other enough to allow differences in our community?

Yes, it is easier to allow someone to wear different coloured socks from me or enjoy a different flavoured ice-cream, but for community to exist this is where the rubber meets the road. How we respond in times of disagreement says more about us as a community than at any other time.

Being a male, a father, a Christian, a minister and a member of the community forces me to hold within me, thoughts that differ and are contradictory. How I order my thoughts is very much related to my system of values. I have shared from my heart in the hope that others might feel confident to share from theirs and in so doing, we might be a step closer to creating a community of love and trust that might unite us rather than divide. **R**

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Prayer keys

by Joy Butler

The *Uplink* newsletter is a resource that you can use in your local church. It is filled with news about what is happening around the division in Prayer Ministries. The February issue features “Church alive with pray-ers” and tells of various groups and initiatives that are taking place everywhere.

The following items are mentioned in the February edition: Avondale College has a new designated prayer room and exciting things are happening there. A student revival has taken place at Macquarie College in Newcastle because of prayer. Full details about the Wollongong church prayer ministry is included.

This *Uplink* is available for your church, and if you have not seen one, ask the pastor or contact your conference or mission office. It is also available on the web site <www.adventist.org.au>. *Uplink* will help you grow a strong prayer life. The world needs pray-ers. God is calling us to pray. **R**



The humble sausage roll

by Christine Miles

Twelve weeks ago, our church announced an investment project. Each person who registered would be given \$10 with a challenge to make it grow. If I signed up, I knew what I'd do with my \$10. I'd make sausage rolls; homemade wholemeal flaky pastry using a low-fat butter with a tasty filling. The kind my meat-eating relatives never dreamed of being vegetarian. They'd go like hot cakes.

But I was too busy. Busy holding down three part-time jobs, raising three children, being involved in children's ministries at church, teaching Religious Education at school...

But God and I chat, and this time it was Him who came to me. It went like this:

God: "Investment project, Christine. Make sausage rolls."

Me: "Now, God, where will I fit that into my day?"

God: "I will provide time. Make sausage rolls. Glorify my name."

Me: "But God, I'll be inundated with orders. I won't be able to keep up."

God: "I am in control. Make sausage rolls. Glorify My name."

Our chat did several circuits with minor variations, but God knows and I know that our silly conversations won't go on forever. He knows that I have learned it is better to bow to His will than to produce a million arguments against it. But He also knows I have to state my case. Finally:

Me: "OK, God. I'll make sausage rolls. I'll donate my time. I need You to provide me with the energy and the orders. Remember, I hate to get behind, so please only send enough orders for me to keep up with."

Challenge God. Challenge yourself.

I told five people about the fundraiser. The word spread rapidly. The first day I sold 24 dozen sausage rolls.

Each week for the next 10 weeks I supplied between 24 and 30 dozen sausage rolls. It became a time of meditation, prayer, and songs of praise to God as I kneaded the

pastry, made the filling and formed the rolls. Sometimes I got up early. Sometimes I stayed up late. By the end of 10 weeks I couldn't stand the sight of butter, pastry or sausage rolls. By the end of 10 weeks my 10 dollar note had multiplied 58 times.

God is good. God cared for me.

One week we had friends come to stay. As is my habit, I talked to God.

"God, I've got people staying next week. I think I need a little break, if it's in Your plan."

That week I had orders for 10 dozen sausage rolls. I praised God.

God used our sausage rolls to open doors.

I took sausage rolls to neighbours who lived alone. It provided an opportunity to share God with them.

Glorify My name.

I shared "leftovers" with a friend who has an ailing mother. She asked to come to church with me. She returned home,



exclaiming over the "modern-ness" of our church facility and program.

Glorify My name.

There's a theory that states the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. God knows this. As my agnostic husband ate a "scrappy" sausage roll, he commented: "You must really believe in your church a lot to do this."

Glorify My name!

"I do. But I believe in my God more."

Two days later the conversation continued. Derek said, "I've decided I'll come to church with you once a month."

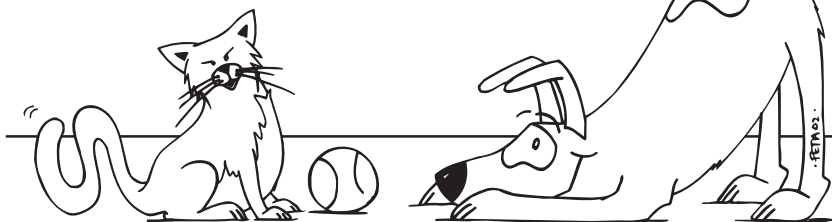
Oh, God, You have been revealed to those who don't know You... through a humble sausage roll. ☘

Christine Miles writes from Auckland, New Zealand.

Just for children

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.

Matthew 5:44



Peta Taylor

Let's rejoice!

Bruce Thompson, NSW

If every one of the thousands of in-service RECORD readers is really "disinterested" (Editorial, February 5), let's rejoice! Their lives are about to become "a power in the world," and "one of the most effective ways of winning souls." *The Desire of Ages* says, "Our influence upon others depends not so much upon what we say as upon what we are. Men may combat and defy our logic, they may resist our appeals; but a life of disinterested love is an argument they cannot gainsay" (pages 141, 142).

But we can look further than hope, faith and confidence, to assurance—full assurance—which Paul emphasises at least four times.

Give us a fair go

Bernard Beal, SNZ

In recent years many Adventist churches have adopted what are known as "song leaders." And they have become endemic to large church gatherings such as camp-meetings. But are our "song leaders" desirable or necessary? My answer is no!

I say that because they usually sing through the sound system, their artificially amplified voices—accompanied by artificially amplified music—dominate the congregation's unamplified singing, reducing it to little more than a dull, colourless, background rumble, or even drowning it out. And virtually all the vocal colour is dictated by the song leaders.

It appears to me that the joy of participating in the worship experience—through singing—has now become the preserve of the select few armed with microphones, amplifiers and batteries of speakers. Now that is not a fair go!

To me that is selfish and elitist.

However, the solution to this inequality is simple—prioritise the congregation's participation by:

1. Banning singing through the sound system, except for dedicated items;
2. Turning down the volume on the instrumentation;
3. Educating and encouraging everyone

to sing their best.

This letter is not an attack on "song leaders." It is questioning an inherently flawed concept

Recognise the efforts

Adrian K Muir, NNZ

In response to "A penny for your thoughts" (Letters, February 12), in the matter of whether or not it is acceptable to God for helpers of the Asian tsunami victims to continue their efforts through the seventh day, surely the reader will quote Jesus' words about rescuing the

sheep stuck in a pit (Matthew 11, 12).

The most important thing is that those we help recognise that while human efforts will rebuild houses and even lives, they need to see us standing before God, acknowledging Him who not only helps us rebuild, but is the One who preserves us just as he preserved them from the devastating floods.

Surely it is not in their suffering that they will see this, but in their rest from suffering that they will learn about God's holy day of rest for the people of God.

If it was acceptable for Jehoiada the priest to recall his guards for duty for the anointing of a king on the Sabbath (2

Kings 11:5-7), how much more should we be willing to rescue those who need the help of the living God on the Sabbath!

Full assurance

Barbara Wood, NSW

We often refer to "that blessed hope"—of total forgiveness of sins (on repentance), of salvation, of God's provision for our daily needs, and the needs of others, of strength to cope with life's struggles and help others to cope also (with the aid of the Holy Spirit), and of our risen Saviour's return to take us home to His and our heavenly home, to meet up with our departed loved ones again.

But we can look further than hope, faith and confidence, to assurance—full assurance—which Paul emphasises at least four times in the contexts of understanding (Colossians 2:2), in the disciples' presentation of the gospel (1 Thessalonians 1:5), in "hope unto the end" (Hebrews 6:11) and in faith (Hebrews 10:22).

Let us cling to this assurance and find even greater comfort and strength in our hope and faith, and be able to sing that wonderful hymn "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" with even more enthusiasm than ever.

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Just a coincidence



Volunteers!

Fly'n/build Teams (Lae and Rabaul, PNG)—to construct new ladies hostel and new mission office. Carpenters, blocklayers and labourers. Accommodation provided. Term: 2-6 weeks, commencing August.

Youth Worker—South Brisbane SDA church (Qld)—to be involved in all aspects of ministry with particular emphasis on the older teen and young youth age group. Youth leadership experience and one year minimum of tertiary education required. Accommodation, stipend and vehicle provided. Term: 12 months, commencing immediately.

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Appreciation

Mills, Valerie and family sincerely thank all who visited, phoned and sent flowers and cards during the illness and passing of Carvell, their dearly loved husband and father.

Weddings

Cavilla—Stafford. Captain Christopher Derek Cavilla, son of Derek and Janet Cavilla (Maida Vale, WA), and Dr Wendy May Stafford, daughter of Pastor Gordon and Mary Stafford (Carmel), were married on 23.1.05 in the Bickley Adventist church.
Gordon Stafford

Hokin—Coltheart. Dale Hokin, son of Bevan and Di Hokin (Chittaway Bay, NSW), and Anneli Coltheart, daughter of Alvin and Pirjo Coltheart (Tewantin, Qld), were married on 4.2.05 on Rocky Point Island, Balmoral, NSW.
Garth Bainbridge

Humphries—Clark. Christopher Luke Humphries, son of Darrell and Pamela Humphries (Burlough Waters, Qld), and Rachel Jeanette Clark, daughter of Colin and Gail Clark (Cooranbong, NSW), were married on 30.1.05 at Brunkerville.
Wes Tølhurst

Shaw—Allen. Kevin Raymond Shaw, son of Geoff and Shirley Shaw (Quirini, NSW), and Heather Joy Allen, daughter of Glenda and the late Clifford Allen (Gatton, Qld), were married on 23.1.05 at the Central Adventist church, Toowoomba.
John Rabbas, Frank Cantrill



Obituaries

Brown, Dorothy (nee Baker), born 29.6.1913 at Timaru, NZ; died 18.3.04 at Christchurch. On 26.12.32 she married Bert. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Kathleen and Stanley Mills, Lorraine and Brent Rundle-Valentine (all of Christchurch), and Malcolm (Brisbane, Qld); her 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Dorothy was a member of Papanui church for 65 years and very active in welfare work during this time.
Ricky Howe

Brown, Philip Albert John (Bert), born 12.4.1911 at Christchurch, NZ; died 22.12.04 at Christchurch. On 26.12.32 he married Dorothy, who predeceased him on 18.3.04. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Kathleen and Stanley Mills, Lorraine and Brent Rundle-Valentine (all of Christchurch), and Malcolm (Brisbane, Qld); his 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Bert served in WWII in Egypt and Italy, and worked for Sanitarium Health Food Company for 26 years.
Ricky Howe

Fisher, Mayven Joan (nee Matthias), born 12.5.1917 at North Adelaide, SA; died 28.1.05 in the Reynella Lodge Nursing Home, Reynella. On 17.2.44 she married Frederick, who predeceased her 1.7.97. She was also predeceased by her brother, Ralph; and her stepsister, Paula Sharley. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Cristina; her brother, Lionel (Victor Harbour); her stepsister, Carolyn Matthias (Adelaide); and her two grandchildren. Joan's family had early links with the Murray Bridge church, where Joan taught the children's Sabbath school class for many years. Joan and Frederick were active members of the Brighton church.
Morrie Munyard

Griffiths, Edna (nee Simpson), born 12.12.1915; died 10.1.05 at the Adventist Retirement Village Nursing Home, Victoria Point, Qld. She was buried beside her husband, Bill, in the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong, NSW. She is survived by her son, Peter; her son

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and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Loretta; and her two granddaughters.

Rex Cobbin

Hammond, Charles William, eldest son of the late Pastor and Mrs T W Hammond, born 13.7.1912 in Auckland, NZ; died 27.12.04 at Brisbane, Qld. He was predeceased by his wife, Vera (nee Ridgeway); and his brother, Dr Brian Hammond. He is survived by his daughter, Pamela Farrington; his sons, Charles, Peter and John; his siblings, Pastor Wal Hammond (Morisset, NSW); and Joan Landgren (Melbourne, Vic); his nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. A graduate of Sydney University, he spent most of his life in private medical practice.
Joan Landgren, Wal Hammond

Keegan, Mary Barbara, born 7.8.1922 at Hokitika, NZ; died 3.2.05 at Maraetai, Auckland. She was predeceased by her husband, Roy. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Chris and Christine, Annette and James, and Janice; and her grandchildren, Shane, Jasmine, Reece and Josh. She loved Jesus and her church family. "Her bright smile and gentle nature will be remembered in our hearts forever. Meet you on that golden morning."
Grant Burton

Geoff Garne, Ben Timothy

Lewis, Annie Phyllis Lewis, born 6.2.1914 at Taralga, NSW; died 4.2.04 in Goulburn Base Hospital. She is survived by her children, Keith, Norma, Roger, Russell, John, Colleen, Wendy, Lesley and Victor; her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Phyllis's love for the Lord and her strong faith to the end was a witness to all her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.
Nicu Dumbrava

Menzies, Olive Jean (nee Jerrett), born 21.7.1922 at Dangers Creek, Armidale, NSW; died suddenly 29.1.05 at home in Cooranbong, after feeling unwell at church. On 17.12.55 she married Ian, who predeceased her on 10.7.78. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Judith and Pastor Alvin Schick (Central Coast), and Philip and Janice (Cooranbong). Olive was much loved by grand-children, Arron, Jordan and Olivia-Jade Schick and Steven and Erin Menzies.
Ross Goldstone, Mel Lemke

Lyndon Schick, Alvin Schick

Merritt, Frank, born 6.10.1923 at Sheffield, England; died 21.12.04 at Coffs Harbour Health Campus, Coffs Harbour, NSW. He was predeceased by his first wife, Janett, in 1975. On 23.2.87 he married Anne Walsh. He is survived by his wife

(Coffs Harbour); his daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Mike; his daughters Susan and Ann; his stepson and spouse, Stephen and Paul Walsh; and his stepdaughter, Judy Walsh (all of Sydney). Sadly missed by all who knew him.
Eric Greenwell

Muir, David Bowman, at Albion, Qld; died 28.1.05 at the Adventist Retirement Village Nursing Home, Victoria Point. He was predeceased by his wife, Flo. Dave, a carpenter, and Flo, a nurse, worked for some time at Mirriwinni Gardens; he as a carpenter and Flo as a cook. They retired to the Adventist Retirement Village in 1995.
Selwyn Bartlett, Judy Fua

Waring, Abigail (Ida, nee Setters), born 10.12.1923 at Auckland, NZ; died 1.1.05 at the Adventist Retirement Village Nursing Home, Victoria Point, Qld. On 4.5.46 she married Jack. She is survived by her husband; her children, Gail, Glenys, Richard (all of Melbourne, Vic), John (Albany, WA), Philip (Collie), Lindsay (Sydney, NSW); their spouses; his 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Ida bore adversity bravely, including a fall in hospital resulting in many bone fractures. While a member of the Longburn College church from 1968 to 1972, she was regarded by many students as a mother for her care and hospitality. She is well remembered also for her kindly nature and good humour.
Miroslav StilinoVIC

Orm Speck, Ken Davey

Wiesbauer, Franz Adolf (Adi), born 3.3.1934 at Moosham, Austria; died 29.1.05 while attending the East Prahan church, Vic. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; and his daughters, Gabriele Bujor and Irene Kocur (all of Melbourne).
Brian Lawty

Wynstra-Elgar, Sjoertje (Joy), born 24.8.1917 at Friesland, Netherlands; died 24.1.05 in John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle, NSW. In September 1941 she married Alle Wynstra, who predeceased her in 1968. In 1972 she married Bill Elgar, who predeceased her in 1994. She was also predeceased by her son, Peter Wynstra, in 1984. She is survived by her daughters, Maaike Craig, Les Wynstra, Jann Gibbs and Aleida Puller; and her stepchildren, Glenn, Lesley Wilmott and John Elgar; her 12 grandchildren; her 10 step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren (all of NSW).
Bryan Craig, Russell Gibbs, Graeme Loftus

Yates, Nancy Jean, born 11.2.1923 at Footscray, Vic; died 10.2.05 in John Curtin Nursing Home, Creswick. On 30.6.45

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she married Edward (Ted). She is survived by her husband (Creswick); her daughter, Beverley Chamberlain (Bendigo); her brother, Pastor Graeme Bradford (Kariang, NSW); and her sister, June Burnett (Melbourne, Vic). Nancy was an active member of the Ballarat church for many years and became an early member of the Grevillea Chapel church when it was formed. Ill health unfortunately forced her into a less active role, but didn't diminish her faith and love for her Lord.

Mike Francis, Tom Arnold

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