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ADRA's tsunami appeal closes

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Having raised more than \$A2.1 million for the tsunami relief and reconstruction effort in countries affected by the Boxing Day tsunami last year, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)-Australia has closed its Asian Tsunami Appeal. The work in affected countries will continue, however, as many communities have requested and authorised the continued assistance from ADRA.

"Support for communities affected by the tsunami has been tremendous," says David Jack, chief executive officer of ADRA-Australia. "This is a record response by both Adventist church members and the community, and represents the

great compassion and caring spirit that people have toward others in need."

Monica Spedding, ADRA-Australia's international program manager for tsunami reconstruction projects, says, "The response of the Australian public has been amazing, and through their support we have been able to make a real difference in tsunami-affected countries. We are so thankful for all the donations, which means we have sufficient funds for our commitments in affected areas."

ADRA has now moved out of the relief phase of our response and has moved into reconstruction and rehabilitation. Long-term projects are in the worst-affected

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The systemic exploitation and senseless destruction of the natural world is a sin.

Believing green

RECENTLY I WAS CHALLENGED BY an SBS *Cutting Edge* documentary, “The end of the world as we know it,” in which Marcel Theroux explored how the problems being created by climate change and global warming should be a wake-up call for us to change our priorities, attitudes and behaviours in regard to the environment. Polar icecaps are thinning, forests are being destroyed at a rapid rate either through logging or human-caused environmental factors, sea levels are rising, the Gulf Stream is slowing and species of plants and animals are being pushed into extinction.

In the documentary, scientists estimated we need to slash our carbon dioxide emissions by at least 60 per cent to ensure that we avoid an environmental apocalypse, but it seems like even these dire warnings aren’t being taken too seriously by many individuals, companies and governments. Many people actually deny that there are problems, which equates to sticking one’s head in the sand (taking care to avoid any hypodermic needles, chip packets and other rubbish that may be lurking there). However, Sir David King, chief scientific adviser to the British Government says, “Global warming is the biggest problem facing us this century . . . bigger even than the problems of global terrorism.”

At the rate we’re currently destroying, we really won’t have that much to give to our children, let alone our grandchildren.

So is this what God had in mind when He said that we were to have dominion

over the earth? Or has our sinful nature had more of an influence on how we’re treating the world, rather than our relationship with God who created us and everything else? And what part does sin play in all of this?

Sin is often just seen as something that’s human-to-human, rather than being something that has a broader spectrum that does include the environment. The systematic exploitation and senseless destruction of the natural world is a sin. Overconsumption, wastage and a general disregard for the welfare of our planet and its inhabitants has a lot to do with greed, pride and selfishness.

Sin is something God is ultimately going to destroy, and it’s important to note that in Revelation 11:18, John says, “The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead . . . and for destroying those who destroy the earth” (NIV). As with all of our other sins, we’re answerable to God for the things we do to the earth that damage it. Therefore, as Christians, we shouldn’t be hanging back or making excuses when it comes to looking after the earth, and not just because it means we sin less.

Unfortunately, an interest in environmental care isn’t always popular. Instead of working together on preservation and improvement, Christians have typically been at loggerheads with environmentalists. Environmentalists say Christian beliefs have encouraged the exploitation of the earth and its resources because we’ve taken

God’s gift of “dominion” to a destructive extreme. On the other side, environmentalists are too often perceived as being “hippies,” “neo-pagans” or “tree-huggers” and their calls for action dismissed as being extreme or even foolish.

This ignores the fact that many Christian denominations have statements about care for the environment included in their beliefs. As Seventh-day Adventists, we are charged with a responsibility to care for creation in our sixth Fundamental Beliefs statement. Our faith should influence our attitudes and actions toward the environment.

If we are approaching it with the belief that “dominion” over it means that we can do whatever we want with it, degrading and destroying things, using up resources without considering how we can replace them or find alternatives, we’ve missed the point. Christians should view Genesis 1:28 as a call to be representatives of God in caring for the earth He made.

We should be carrying on what Adam was told to do in Genesis 2:15 in caring for the earth as stewards of it. This might mean we have to make radical changes in our attitudes or behaviours, but they are necessary—and it won’t kill us to do so.

In fact, it might do the opposite and help bring us closer to God as we see Him in action through the truly wonderful world He has made.

Adele Nash



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Adventist law graduate named Young Queenslander of the Year

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

Seventh-day Adventist Church member Alen-Igor O'Hran was presented the 2005 Suncorp Young Queenslander of the Year award by Premier Peter Beattie at a ceremony on June 6.

Mr O'Hran impressed the judges with his desire to start a new life after coming to Australia to escape the war-torn former



Alen-Igor O'Hran and his mother Julia O'Hran-Tesic after he was presented with the Young Queenslander of the Year award.

Yugoslavia.

"Alen is an inspiring Queenslander who has overcome extraordinary hardship, as a refugee from former Yugoslavia, to start a new life in Australia," says Mr Beattie. "Just arriving and settling in Australia would have been an achievement for Alen and his mother. But Alen has worked hard and pursued his goals and has now graduated with First Class Honours in Law as well as a Distinction Degree in Business and the Dean's Award for Excellence."

Mr O'Hran, 24, has been a member of the Garden City Seventh-day Adventist church in Brisbane since he arrived in Australia in 1996 with his mother, to whom he dedicated his award.

"I believe that God puts people in various positions so that they can be salt of the earth, and I can clearly see God's leadership in my life," says Mr O'Hran, who was appointed an Associate to the Honourable Justice Dutney, Central Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland in January. "Winning the award has shown me what one can achieve through faith."

Mr O'Hran says his main motivation in



The Hon Peter Beattie (Premier of Queensland), Alen-Igor O'Hran and Mr John Mulcahy (CEO and executive director of Suncorp).

life has been spurred by an old saying in his native language, "What you must do is not hard."

"I don't give up doing something just because it's hard," he says. "I may go through a hard time, but I get to grow spiritually as well. There is a certain thrill and excitement in the challenge."

Now living in Rockhampton, Mr O'Hran says his next step is to make sure he "does not become a pompous airhead after winning this award. I will carry the title with a humble heart and continue to be—in the words of my grandmother—a faithful servant of God."—*Melody Tan*

◆ Members of the **Levin**, NNZ, church are heartbroken as almost a year of renovations have gone up in smoke. Shortly after 3 am on June 8 the church was gutted by a fire that police are treating as suspicious. This comes four years after the church's hall was torched in another suspicious fire. Church members have been meeting in the rebuilt hall as the church was undergoing substantial renovations. **Sheila McNabb**, church secretary, says the building was restumped, the walls replastered and painted, and the church had new carpet and lino. "We were talking about moving back in—it was

basically finished," she says. The church also lost its library, which included books, videos, cassettes and a small food bank. Wellington-based pastor **Joseph Afoa** says he believes the church will have to be demolished.—*Manawatu Standard*

◆ **Southland Adventist Christian School**, Invercargill, SNZ, has a group of parents who meet once a week to pray for the success of the school. The school also has a free-fee scheme that is funded by the Bainfield Park Trust, which is owned by the Invercargill church. Currently, this school situated at

the very bottom of New Zealand has two teachers and 36 children.

◆ On April 16 some 170 people attended the **Taree**, NSW, church's 70th anniversary. The celebration included orchestral music, projection of historical photos, a report of the major contributions made by the church to the worldwide mission of the church, a colourful and tasty feast, messages shared from those near and far, and the cutting of a cake by one of the oldest members present, **Lionel Marshall**, and the current minister, Pastor **Raymond Jerrard**. A letter of congratulations was shared from the

Mayor of Taree, **Alderman Eddie Loftus**.—*Dawn Jerrard*

◆ **Ferntree Gully church**, Vic, working through the **Natural Church Development** process, designated May as **Building Loving Relationships month**. Commencing with a Mother's Day breakfast, other events included a two-part seminar by Dr Merrill Jackson, bike ride along the Warburton Trail, **bus mystery-progressive tea**, church-hall picnic, indoors due to inclement weather, and a sermon, "The final word on BLR," by Dr Wayne Piez.—*Elayne Stanford*

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WA schools focus on healthy eating

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

There seems to be a healthy-eating revolution taking place in the Christian schools of Western Australia. Independently of one another, most schools in the Adventist Christian Schools WA system are now actively promoting a more healthy eating lifestyle to students and parents.

According to Riverside Community School teacher Karyn Stanton, the school wanted to do something a little different and special to help students become aware of the best foods for health and to help break bad habits of wanting sweets and highly processed foods at every meal.

"To achieve this, we have made Mondays our "Super health day." The canteen offers a package deal of a delicious vegetable and bean combo, using at least five different vegetables and two legumes or beans served with brown rice and/or wholemeal bread. Fresh fruit and raw vegetable snacks are available at recess and lunchtime.

"If parents wish to pack their own lunch for children on Mondays, they are encouraged to make them super-healthy by leaving out the lollies, chips, chocolates and highly processed foods, and by adding some extra fruit or vegetables. The use of wholemeal bread for extra nutritional value

and fibre is also encouraged."

Mrs Stanton adds, "We've had a really positive response from students who are enjoying trying these new foods, such as hummus and cooked beetroot. It's also been a great way of reinforcing health lessons in the classroom."

Specialty bread supplier, Bodhi's Bakehouse, which developed a low-salt, high-fibre wholemeal bread for the recent Coronary Health Improvement Project program, has donated a number of loaves of their new bread to Riverside for its "Super health days" and students enjoy it.

Esperance Christian Primary School participated in the West Australian Health Department's "Crunch and sip program" as part of the recent fruit and vegetable week. Anne Tonkin, principal, said students were awarded a prize at the end of the week for having only fruit and vegetables at recess. Students also received free bottled water from the Water Corporation, which they could keep on their desks and sip during class.

"We are very conscious of promoting a more healthy eating lifestyle at our school and each week I encourage parents, through the newsletter, to only give children a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks for recess snacks," says Mrs Tonkin.

Landsdale Gardens Christian School fol-



Madison Robinson from Riverside Community School tucking in to an orange.

lows a similar policy, where the consumption of fruit only is encouraged at recess. Earlier this year, the school ran a "Healthy breakfast week" during which students were given breakfast each day at school. According to principal Mark Campbell, this encouraged upper primary students to get into the habit of eating breakfast.

At Carmel Adventist College, a long-term plan is being developed to provide healthy eating food from the canteen. "We have asked experts in the area of nutrition to help us, as we want Carmel to be known as best.—*NewsWest*

◆ The children's ministries department of Papatoetoe, NZ, church initiated a **TV-free week** from May 7 to 14. More than 50 families from Papatoetoe, NZ, church signed up for the no-screen-entertainment. Most who signed up noticed a **remarkable change** in their family environment, with more time for talking to each other, and more time to spend with God. A few families captured the screen-free week on camera, and pictures were displayed at the **celebration party** at the end of that week. One family at Papatoetoe had already removed their TV years ago while another family has a

TV-free week every month. **Katie Harman**, aged five, says, "I liked talking to my family at the dinner table and not having to be quiet during the news. My friends at school asked me what my badge said and I said it was for TV Turn-Off Week because TV makes your eyes sore."—*Jacinda Turnbull-Harman*

◆ Mrs **Laura Kent** celebrated her **106th birthday** on May 14, National Thanksgiving Day, and was honoured at the Avondale Memorial church, NSW. She is the **oldest sustentee** in the South Pacific Division and, with her



beloved husband of more than 60 years, Pastor **T R Kent**, has lived in 35 different homes during their ministry in New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia. Mrs Kent has five children, 16 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.—*Glenda Hansford*

◆ Delegates from North New

South Wales, South Queensland and South New Zealand Conferences attended the inaugural **"Conference of worship and ministry"** held at Kingscliff, NSW, church recently. The conference—aimed at **building spiritual leadership teams** at local church level—"wasn't about music, instruments or styles of worship," says Pastor **Adrian Rathel**. "It was about developing spiritual leaders grounded in Bible study and prayer." The theme of the three-day event was "One" based on **Jesus' prayer of unity** in John 17. Plans are already under way for a 2006 conference.—*Northpoint*

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Pathfinders help clean town

APIA, SAMOA

While most people were in bed at five in the morning on May 31, close to 800 keen Pathfinders were working on making Apia a cleaner place ahead of the town's 43rd Independence Anniversary celebrations. They worked on cleaning the seawall from Matautu to Mulinu'u in four groups and had the job done by 6 am.

The Pathfinders had been camping at Lalovaea, and Pathfinder assistant director Pastor Levi Mote said the organisers of the camp thought that cleaning up Apia would be a fitting way for the children to show that they care for the community, and showed the way that Adventists have a community-service focus. "It was basically part of developing our youth," says Mr Mote. "The children are taught how they can take care of their community and be proud of it, and so we saw the rubbish collection project as a fitting way to help build up to the independence celebrations. The kids enjoyed it very much."

The children then joined with the thousands of people celebrating Samoa's Independence Anniversary celebrations at Ti'afau, and marched in uniform at the celebrations.—*Samoa Observer*

ADRA's tsunami appeal closes

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countries of India, Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka, and ADRA is making plans for other long-term projects.

"Reports back from the field are showing how much our work is really helping," says Ms Spedding. "For example, we have been able to employ a refugee in Sri Lanka in our emergency dental project. This gifted woman was so keen to just get involved and help that she offered to work for free—she simply wanted to do something worthwhile for herself and her community. ADRA has employed her, which means she's earning a wage and helping fellow survivors. ADRA's work is not just about providing water, food and shelter. It's about helping individuals such as this woman."

Funds for relief and reconstruction assistance have been distributed to Thailand (more than \$A460,000), Indonesia (more than \$A320,000), Sri Lanka (more than \$A290,000 with \$A159,000 pending) and India (more than \$A250,000). The money has been used to provide things like food relief, housing and shelter, water filtration systems, health services and education.

One of ADRA–Australia's most recent rehabilitation projects has been undertaken in Sri Lanka. Following the tsunami, the people of the towns of Pottuvil and Thirukkivil were left without dental care,

so ADRA's Ampara Emergency Dental Project provides a mobile dental unit for these people. The unit comprises two dental surgeons, two interpreters, three dental assistants and all of the necessary equipment. ADRA–Australia has allocated more than \$A123,000 for this project.

Money that has been collected for the tsunami appeal but hasn't already been sent in to ADRA–Australia can still be sent to them for use in the tsunami-affected areas. "If you have already held fundraising events for this specific disaster and still need to send your money to ADRA, we are happy to accept your donations for tsunami reconstruction projects," says Candice Jaques, ADRA–Australia's marketing and public relations coordinator. "ADRA ensures donations still received specifically for our tsunami response will be directed to tsunami reconstruction projects."

ADRA–Australia recently featured in a documentary about the tsunami on the Australian Christian Channel. The 45-minute documentary, produced by ADRA and Adventist Media, featured the immediate response of ADRA and other aid agencies following the tsunami, and was filmed just weeks after the disaster. The documentary focused on the response, but also on the challenges that aid workers saw for the future.—*Adele Nash*

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◆ The Adventist Development and Relief Agency–International (ADRA) has launched a **new interactive web site**. "Our new site is designed to better connect people with what we are doing worldwide," says Tereza Byrne, bureau chief for marketing and development at ADRA–international. The new web site enables people to **view photos** from ADRA's exten-

sive photo library, read current news updates, **listen to ADRA's World Radio** and view ADRA's World Presents video segments. The site also allows online donations and has **free resources** for schools and churches.—*Nadia McGill*

More @ www.adra.org

◆ Adventist church member Dr Lidija Odorcic in Slovenia has recently been honoured for her work with the title "**paediatrician of the year 2005**." Dr Odorcic received the recognition at a special banquet, held in Ljubljana Castle. Zmago Godina, president of

the Slovenian Conference, says, "It is **not the first time** an Adventist doctor has gained the top award in this campaign. Six years ago another female doctor, **Mila Saftic**, was named "doctor of the year 1999."—*Zvonko Virtic*

◆ "Giving Australia: Research on philanthropy in Australia" is a research project that is discovering **trends in giving** by people in Australia. Members of the **Baptist Church are the most generous** givers of the six largest denominations with an average annual donation of \$A411. Of the other five denominations: Anglican,

Catholic, Presbyterian, Uniting and Methodists, Uniting church members were the second highest donors with \$A256 per year. Other Christians outside the six major denominations gave \$A378 per year. The research also shows that Australian residents **born overseas tend to give more** than those born in Australia, donations to the major Australian charitable welfare agencies **has declined** from 1999 to 2003 and the trend of giving donations to overseas aid agencies has been growing.

More @ www.partnerships.gov.au/philanthropy/philanthropy_research.shtml

Adventists join religious leaders in call for reduction of worldwide hunger

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

I ncreasing worldwide hunger rates—some 852 million people across the globe are going hungry, including nearly 6 million children who die each year from hunger-related causes—are of great concern to religious leaders from various faith communities.

Representatives from religious backgrounds that included Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist, came together with 1000 participants for the first Interfaith Convocation on Hunger at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC, on June 6.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church joined the voices of concern, who petitioned the US Congress and administration to act on the goal of decreasing hunger. "It was a privilege for us Adventists to be invited with all other Christians and believers in a great action," says Dr John Graz, public affairs and religious liberty director for the General Conference. "And we share the wish of doing our best in encouraging the government to do their best to help poor people around the world.

"For us as Adventists, giving bread to the

poor is the most practical message we can share about our faith. It's the core of the gospel. It's the centre of our faith. If we don't share with those who are dying, we are not really faithful to God and to the message of Jesus," Graz added.

Organised by Bread for the World, a 54,000-member Christian citizens movement that lobbies the US Congress and administration for prevention of hunger, the meeting marked the first for such a large representation of faith leaders.

Participants of the convocation, held on the eve of National Hunger Awareness Day, June 7, joined in song and reading from the sacred texts of many faiths.

According to Bread for the World, hunger is on the rise. The number has risen by 10 million people in the last year, Graz says.

Poverty is a principal cause of hunger and reasons for this include poor people's lack of resources, an unequal income distribution in the world and conflict within certain countries. There are an estimated 1.08 billion poor people in developing countries who live on \$US1 a day or less.

Many Christian organisations around the world are working to reduce the cur-



Dr John Graz (right), with Bishop George Walker of the AME Zion Church and Dr Stanley Noffsinger of the Church of the Brethren, participating in the Interfaith Convocation on Hunger.

rent problem of worldwide hunger, and Dr Graz says, "Every time we do something practical to feed the hungry, we are practising our faith."

The convocation was part of a four-day event, "One table, many voices: a mobilisation to end poverty and hunger."—Wendi Rogers/ANN

◆ The **Australian Gospel Music Festival (AGMF)** has opened the **application process** for artists wishing to perform at the 2006 AGMF, April 14 to 16. The AGMF attracted more than 30,000 people to its 2005 event earlier this year and is now regarded as the **largest event of its kind** in Australia. AGMF attracts visitors from all over Australia and throughout the world to its annual three-day event over the Easter weekend. Applications close on August 31.

More @ www.agmf.com.au

◆ **Internet church**—or virtual, Web or cyber church—may be in

its infancy and largely experimental, but some believe the Internet has the potential of being at the **forefront of church growth** in the next decade. "All churches need to have a strategy for the Internet because people's spiritual needs do not fall into a neat slot," says **Alyson Leslie**, former pastor of i-Church, set up as an experimental forum for 20-50 people to study the Bible and pray together online. But within weeks, the church, fuelled by publicity, mushroomed to **900 core members** and 1000 "inquirers" from around the globe.—*Charisma News Service*
More @ i-church.org



◆ Evangelist **John Edwards** has completed his **walk across America** carrying an **3.3-metre wooden cross** with a wheel on the end. His "Crosswalk USA 2005" started at the Santa Monica, California, on April 5 and reached New York on May 13. Walking and cycling for **190 kilometres** a day, in a team of eight, the aim was to bring hope to the addicted and their families, and also to preach the gospel to

the lost and whoever we happen to come across along the way. "We spoke on many radio and TV stations as we went. **People stopped us on route** to say that they had seen us on TV, heard us on the radio or read about us in newspapers. Everywhere we went there were **people who wanted prayer**, and needed help and hope. It was a great privilege to be able to reach these people. Who can tell what difference our walk has made to them?" Mr Edwards's **next walk** is scheduled for September in Ireland.—*Jeremy Reynolds*

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Adventist duo produce praise and worship book

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

An Avondale College lecturer and church member have produced a music book to encourage new pianists to join praise and worship bands.

Pastor Lyell Heise and Valmai Hill's *Play Today* contains 12 worship songs with arrangements for beginners and intermediates. "There's nothing in Christian bookstores that includes contemporary pieces for beginners or that combines beginners pieces with intermediate pieces," says Pastor Heise. "We've doubled our market!"

Pastor Heise, a musician since childhood, coordinated the production of the book in his role as director of the South Pacific Division's Institute of Worship. Mrs Hill, a piano teacher and former director of music at the college, arranged each of the songs. "This book is a major contribution to seeing that dream realised," she says.

Play Today includes notes for piano teachers and worship leaders. Each song in the book comes with words formatted for worship leading, a note about the song's origins and a Bible reference.

"The research says that participating in worship is critical, fundamental, to fulfillment in worship," says Pastor Heise. "The more people participate, the more worship becomes an activity in which people value one another." —*Brenton Stacey*



Pastor Lyell Heise and Valmai Hill trial their new music book.

"Gurl 31" weekend connects with teens

PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

The weekend of June 10 to 12 was a first for 23 teen girls, five women and one boy (four-month-old Griffyn Kapao) from the Palmerston North church. Girls aged from 13 to 19 joined youth leader Tracey Taylor and the four women elders of the contemporary service at Sixtus Lodge for "Gurl 31," a weekend aimed at inspiring, influencing and encouraging young women in our church. "Gurl 31," based on Proverbs 31, "A Woman of Noble Character," was a joint venture between the Palmerston North youth department and the contemporary service female elders.

"It isn't always easy to connect in a large church community. The "Gurl 31" weekend provided a space for young women and a group of women leaders in the church to connect. In this space we were able to connect socially and spiritually," reflects Tracie Mafile'o, one of the leaders.

"A spiritual highlight for me was being able to pray with a small group of young women and to witness them uplifting each

other before the Lord—to entrust not only their burdens and worries but also their gifts, talents and futures."



Girls at the "Gurl 31" weekend having fun.

Features of the weekend were gift bags, Bible study, "tough questions" where girls could ask anything on the heart and the leaders would attempt to answer through their own journey, a candlelight dinner, fashion parade looking at what fashion will be like in 10 years time, and letters of encouragement written by individuals in each girl's life.

The weekend was a huge success for all involved. Tracey Taylor is excited about the positive feedback and general excitement and says, "The weekend was full of stories of fun, inspiration, spiritual knowledge, girls reporting a positive change in the way they view Christians and view God, and all sorts of things!" —*Julene Kapao*

Response to Red Shield Appeal brings smiles to Salvos

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Forty-eight students from Avondale College's Lake Macquarie campus have collected almost \$A3500 for the Salvation Army during its Red Shield Appeal.

The students divided into 25 groups and doorknocked all of the homes in Cooranbong and even some in neighbouring Dora Creek in a single day—Saturday, May 28.

Director of student services Craig Vogel says the response amazed him. "It's the best Red Shield Appeal I've seen in the four years I've been at college."

Joshua Brown and Phil Evans collected the most money—\$A428.90—although a single \$A250 cheque donation helped.

The local Salvation Army branch in Bonnells Bay aimed to raise more than \$A25,000 during the appeal this year to



Avondale College students Anthony Da Rocha, Kimanh Briden, Marilyn Cvejic and Hiro Minami helped to collect money for the Salvos.

meet the budget needs for their many community service programs.

This year's appeal celebrated 40 years of the Red Shield Appeal, in which time millions of dollars have been raised and spent on helping the less fortunate, as well as those affected by natural and man-made disasters.—*Braden Blyde*

TNIV “as it reads”

REVIEW BY PHIL WARD

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV) of the Bible has sold an incredible half-million copies each month since it was first published in 1973. But this outstanding sales success has created a problem for its publishers. The English language is constantly changing and the NIV wording is now a little old fashioned. It needs to be updated, or its sales will gradually fade. But the “simple solution” of modernising the language creates a serious risk of losing existing loyal customers.

The solution is to have two versions. Give one version the traditional wording; give the other the updated language. And that is what has happened: the New International Version of the Bible has spawned an offspring. It’s called Today’s New International Version (TNIV).

Zondervan says the TNIV is aimed at the under-35 market, but in truth it’s probably written for all age groups. However, by marketing it to the younger market, its older readership will not feel the Bible version they have used for a generation is being taken away from them.

Most differences between the TNIV and NIV are too subtle for most people to notice. The most frequent is the removal of sexist language. Many times the old NIV used words like *he* and *him* when the original Greek language did not specify the sex of the person. This type of sexist language has been removed from the TNIV.

Another example is the word *brothers*. The old NIV uses this word 339 times in the New Testament alone. However, in most cases the original Greek word means “siblings.” So the new version usually replaces *brothers* by the more cumbersome, but more accurate term “brothers and sisters.”

Other subtle alterations add to the accuracy of the translation. The past 50 years have seen a stunning 30,000 per cent growth in the amount of scholarly material examining the meaning of New Testament words. The translators have dug into this huge new resource to try to make the TNIV more accurate. Where necessary, these improvements in accuracy are found in the

new version. Weights and measures are also updated in the TNIV.

Do these changes mean there is a significant difference between the old NIV and the new? Not really. I took a section of the New Testament and counted the number of words changed. There were only 4 per cent. So reading the new version gives almost exactly the same impression as reading the old. The main difference is that if people are offended by “sexist” language, the TNIV will not offend them.

However, I feel that the new TNIV needed three more major changes.

The first change I would have liked is shorter sentences. On almost every page the TNIV has sentences between 30 and 40 words long. By dividing longer sentences into two shorter ones, the TNIV could have been much easier to understand.

The second change I would have liked is less verbosity. The TNIV New Testament has almost 20 per cent more words than the Greek original. Some of that increase is necessary, but not all of it.

The third change I would have wanted was replacing more of the NIV’s obsolete words. For example, the word *disciple* has changed its meaning since it became part of the English language 800 years ago. It originally meant “student,” which is what the Greek also means. However, the new version uses *disciple* 315 times.

About 60 times the writings of Ellen White say to take the Bible “just as it reads.” She was not talking about a specific translation; she was talking about the Bible.

So take either the old NIV or the new one “just as it reads.” Or take the KJV, NKJV, RSV, NRSV, NASB, CEV, TEV or any other combination of letters that means “this book is a Bible.” What Ellen White said is true: “The Bible, just as it reads, is to be our guide” (*Mind, Character, and Personality*, Vol 1, page 93). **R**

Phil Ward writes from the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, where he is working on his own Bible translation.

Prayer keys: A prayer coordinator in your church?

BY JOY BUTLER

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED A PRAYER coordinator? How can prayer be coordinated? A prayer ministry undergirds all other ministries and programs. A specific prayer ministry provides opportunity for the church to be more intentional about prayer. Jesus said that in the last days, in the days of the harvest, we should be praying.

A prayer coordinator is one who has a passion for prayer and has experienced what it means to be a Christian who loves to connect with God personally. This person is also one who is able to assist others and lead people to times of corporate prayer within the church.

Job description: The prayer coordinator will help to integrate prayer into the total life of the church and church calendar.

Qualifications: The person or persons appointed to this position should possess a strong personal prayer life; spiritual maturity; gifts to organise, encourage and give leadership in prayer emphases; a good reputation in the church; the confidence of church leaders; and enough time to attend key prayer events.

Suggestions for the work of a prayer coordinator or team:

- Identify people in the church who have an interest in intercessory prayer.
- Research and evaluate the church’s current prayer ministries.
- Establish a prayer group to pray, plan and communicate prayer initiatives.
- Provide opportunities for members to share their experiences.
- Organise prayer partners to pray for specific people or groups.
- Plan prayer for worships, prayer chains, prayer retreats, evangelism prayer groups, day of prayer activities, prayer walks and numerous others.

The church needs more prayer. **R**

Joy Butler is prayer coordinator for the South Pacific Division.

Why lend a hand?

BY CANDICE JAQUES

IT'S BEEN A LONG, HARD WEEK. YOU'VE met deadlines, made profits and fulfilled company objectives. But you're tired, and wondering if there is more to life than the Monday-to-Friday daily grind.

You're not alone. Many Australians feel the same way.

Many people, when they are honest, find some aspect of their daily work boring and unfulfilling. A higher salary for some may help justify longer hours, higher stress levels and the impact on family life, but at the core they would like something more. People yearn to contribute, participate and make a difference in some way. For many, there is an answer: Giving.

The paradox that giving means receiving was expressed by Jesus when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts

20:35, NIV).

When we give, we are blessed. And the one thing we all have to give is time (yes, we do all have it, even if it means a little rearranging!).

Giving time through volunteering can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience. Here are some of the greatest benefits:

Significance instead of meaninglessness

Who doesn't want to be special? Who doesn't want to make a difference? Helping others provides a way for us to actually matter in this vast, busy and often chaotic world. Volunteering suddenly means that our contribution means something. Through lending a hand to others, we become significant.

Connection instead of crowded loneliness

Australia is becoming, in many places, over-populated and under-connected. We meet more and more people, but know others less. For many, loneliness has become the norm. And yet we were created for relationship. Making a contribution in an area of our interest often provides a place to meet like-minded people, with whom we can build deep and long-lasting friendships. Joining with other volunteers and chipping in together can nur-

ture and grow relationship.

Community instead of individualism

Popular culture these days is all about me. Individualism leads us to believe that what I want is what really matters. Unfortunately, this means I get what I want, and lose what I need. Today's lack of community means I don't know my neighbours, I've forgotten to care about others and I know me less. I don't need more of me, I need people and community. Volunteering provides an environment where people get to know each other, work together and form bonds for life.

ADRA-Australia has a strong focus on community and giving. We help people help themselves. Which means our help goes both ways. Those who provide the support often find themselves supported as well. Our volunteers gain deep satisfaction from helping in their local area. They enjoy making a contribution that counts, connecting with others and bringing "community" back to Australia.

ADRA-Australia's "Lend a hand" advertising campaign is all about this volunteer spirit and connecting with community. We hope that through this campaign we will inspire and motivate Australians to share themselves with others, and reap the benefits of service. **R**



Candice Jaques is marketing and public relations coordinator for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency-Australia.

Being a creative missionary?

BY BRAD KEMP

Alex and Maria felt deeply impressed to use their training for God. Maria had been trained as a teacher and had specialised in Teaching English as a Second or Other Language (TESOL). Tony has an engineering degree. He also wondered if he could be of any help to the work of God. Perhaps their role was in the local church giving leadership and support where needed? Or perhaps there were other avenues for mission that needed to be explored if the work of God is to be finished?

During the past decade the church has focused its attention on reaching the world's "unreached people groups." The office of Global Mission at the General Conference was established for this purpose. Considerable effort and money has been expended in identifying these groups and developing strategies to reach them.

Today, there are estimated to be more than 3.5 billion of these unreached people in many different ethno-linguistic groups who have not yet even heard the name of Jesus and who have no-one living anywhere near them to tell them the gospel. These people live predominantly in what has been termed the "10/40 window," that area north of Australia that covers Asia and stretches across through the Middle East to northern Africa.

This work has seen some success. Today there is an Adventist presence in Mongolia. The church's work in parts of India is flourishing and the church has a foothold in several other parts of Asia. But much of the 10/40 window remains unentered.

This focus on unreached people groups brings challenges. No longer are we looking at going to places where professional missionaries with missionary visas are welcomed or invited.

We are now considering countries with "restrictive access." These countries keep their borders closed to Christian missionaries. They have other belief systems and do not tolerate what they consider a false religion.

The questions therefore are, How can we access the world's unreached peoples if professional missionaries are not allowed to live among them? How can we preach and teach the gospel in such lands where the bamboo curtain or Islamic belief prohibits it? How can we plant churches in the heart of these worlds?

Creative access

What we need are creative approaches, different from the traditional missionary model. These approaches need to provide a legitimate reason to be in a place long-term but at the same time provide opportunity to build relationships, identity and a foundation for sharing the gospel.

Paul's model of ministry provides the church with clues to a possible creative approach. The Scriptures show that Paul used his training as a tent maker to support himself in ministry. For example, when in Corinth, Paul worked to support his ministry by making tents. He reports, "I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands

of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions" (Acts 20:33, 34,* compare Acts 18:3). He was a self-supporting missionary.

He later described his philosophy of ministry in 1 Corinthians 9:13-19, 22: "Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. But I have not used any of these rights. And I am not writing this in the hope that you will do such things for me. I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of this boast. Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. . . . If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. . . . Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. . . . I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some."

God had placed the burden of saving the souls of people who lived outside the Jewish people on his heart. And Paul used whatever possibility existed for doing this. Today the church needs tent-maker missionaries: men and women who have a burden for working in places outside the Christian world.

Considerations

So what would you need to consider if you were looking at becoming a tent-maker missionary?

1. Accessibility

What jobs are available? How do I find them? Does the opportunity provide you the accessibility to people you need? There are a number of web sites that specialise in this type of ministry opportunity.

2. Legitimacy



Can you do the job? Can you provide the expertise required? Does it offer a real, credible activity that validates the reason for staying? Is there any “value added” component? In other words, are you adding value to the community to whom you wish to minister?

3. Identity

Are those you wish to reach for Christ able to observe your true character? This opens the door for the local people to hear you. It lays the foundation for bridges to be built between cultures and world views. One of the things Jesus began when He lived among the human race was the restoration of the kingdom of God. He did this by showing what God is like through what He taught and the way he treated people. He taught peace and life through faith in Him. He demonstrated the values of human worth. As His followers, we are called on to live out the same values of Christ's kingdom and often it is these values lived consistently that have far greater impact than anything we might say.

4. Strategic viability

Some opportunities for tent-maker ministry are more viable than others. What you need to consider is: Does the opportunity provide you with the possibility of connecting with local people in a meaningful way, or will you be surrounded by other English-speaking expatriates and shut away from the local community most of the time in a Western enclave?

5. Intelligence

Sharing the gospel in countries closed to missionaries is not always safe or wise and so care and wisdom needs to be applied. It would be foolhardy to run a public meeting or hand out leaflets when state law or local conditions prohibit this. Martyrdom is not going to help. However, there are other ways of being a Christian witness in these situations. Often a small house church or a simple one-on-one friendship is all that is needed to make a difference.

6. Integrity

Does the opportunity for tent-maker ministry provide you with the possibility to show who you are and establish a witness for discipling new believers?



Types of tent-maker opportunities

Tent-maker ministry opportunities come in all shapes and sizes and require a huge commitment. Therefore, selecting the right one for you is critical. Here are some possibilities for you to consider:

1. Become a student

With everyone going everywhere these days, becoming an exchange student or studying at an overseas campus is widely accepted.

2. Taking up TESOL (Teaching English as a Second or Other Language)

There is a huge interest in learning English in many “closed” countries. Getting training in TESOL and applying for a full-time or volunteer position provides a legitimate reason to enter and stay. This is one avenue Alex and Maria could explore.

3. Professionals and business

Possibilities also exist for work in these “closed” countries in a wide range of professions. Engineers, medical personnel, teachers, accountants, and similarly qualified people are often needed. Business opportunities may exist—however, these provide limited possibilities if a residency component is not involved. Tony might also like to look into this possibility.

4. NGO/aid/development agencies

Another area that has promise for the tent-maker missionary is development work. ADRA, World Vision, UNICEF, WHO—to name a few, many of which have no church-based affiliation—often advertise positions in these “creative access” countries.

Becoming all things

The question has been asked, Are these illegitimate attempts to provide a “cover” for missionary work? Are they covert ventures relying on subtlety?

Or are they legitimate, strategic opportunities for bringing the gospel to isolated and closed communities and planting churches?

The Great Commission does not have any such concern. Our mandate is to “become all things to all men

so that by all possible means I might save some.” However, it is important that we create for ourself a genuine reason for working in these countries. In so doing we maintain integrity and create the right to share Christ.

There is a wide range of possibilities for doing mission work in closed countries. If we take Paul as an example, we have a biblical, God-given way of effectively reaching the otherwise untouchable peoples of the earth. What was once considered “restricted access” can now be reached through creative means.

What is needed are committed men and women who will seek the opportunity and be willing to pursue it.

Are you up to the challenge to go out on the edge with God, to step into uncharted waters, to live each day in faith? Are you prepared to face hardship, isolation from the familiar, even opposition, to find meaningful ways to share Christ? Tent-maker ministry will call on all your available resources—and more—but it's worth it. **R**

If you have an interest in exploring tent-maker missionary opportunities, please contact Dr Mel Lemke, director of Volunteer Service for the South Pacific Division, <mlemke@adventist.org.au>, or Dr Brad Kemp, <bkemp@adventist.org.au>.

**All Bible quotations are from the New International Version.*

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Only a bird?

BY TANYA FULWOOD

ONE DAY A LITTLE GIRL WAS OUTSIDE PLAYING WHEN A bird hopped up to her. The little girl patted it. The bird was happy and enjoyed the strokes.

As the day went on, the little girl and the bird became friends. The little girl decided to keep the bird as a pet and feed it, but let it fly around freely.

But no sooner had she decided on this plan, when an older boy with a group of his friends came and started throwing rocks at it, saying, "It's only a bird, it doesn't matter."

The bird flew away. The little girl felt sad and sorry for the poor bird and started to cry. She thought of the boys as giants picking on something that had a nice heart and was never mean and hurtful. She thought the boys were disrespectful and didn't care about her or the bird.

She wished a giant would come up to the boys and throw rocks the size of his hand at them, saying, "They're only disrespectful boys"—in the same way as they had been saying, "It's only a bird."

The bird didn't come back and the little girl was upset.

But then she thought about God. People might be able to say, "It's only a bird," or a giant might be able to say, "They're only disrespectful boys," but God could have said, "It doesn't matter, they're only sinful people." He could have destroyed us.

But He didn't. Instead He said He will forgive those who have hurt Him, if they ask for forgiveness. And Jesus said we should pray, "Forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us" (Matthew 6:12, NLT). **R**

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Record Roo's Kids corner

Hi kids,
Do you ever get frustrated with your school work and think that it is impossible? Well this weeks story shows you how what seemed impossible wasn't. Have a read in Genesis 21 : 8-21 and see how with God all things are possible! RR

Fill in the Blanks

For with _____ nothing will be _____ .
Luke 1: 37 NKJV

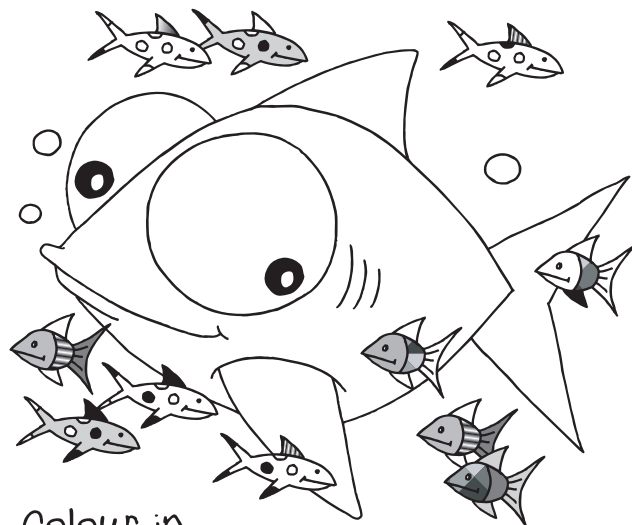
Unscramble...

Try and unscramble the letters to get the names of some mothers that can be found in the bible.

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ocjbade _____	israa _____
hacler _____	herbkea _____
bhstebhae _____	vee _____
hrgaa _____	heal _____
hrtu _____	oanmi _____

Spot the difference...

See if you can help the mother fish find her twin baby fish, obviously they both look the same. When you have found them circle them.



Colour in...

After you have found the twin fish why not colour them in and make the other fish look bright and colourful.

Tell the whole story

BARB SADLER, NSW

I read with interest the news article “Growth of church reflected in GC Spring Meeting resolutions” (News, May 7) containing a small paragraph noting that “it was suggested that the nine departments from the world headquarters be moved to divisional offices.” What nine departments, and why would they be moved when all are already represented at divisional level?

I ask that we members of the worldwide church be more informed of decisions that affect all of us, rather than statements in news articles that do not tell us what has been resolved at GC level, especially when such decisions have an impact on our ministries right down to the local church level.

The reason no decision was reported was that no decision was made. The General Conference has established a standing committee to review GC departments and organisation following the sessions this year.
—Editors

Character of Christ

PAUL RICHARDSON, NSW

Recent letters (referring to “Prayer for Catholic friends,” Editorial, April 16) have unwittingly spoken for and against mercy. Mercy or compassion is an important attribute of those who aspire to be part of God’s kingdom. Compassion is an attribute of the Father—one from which we all benefit.

Therefore, it is good to also remember

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that the fulfilment of the law involves loving our Catholic bothers and sisters as much as ourselves. This isn’t in any way a compromise. Further, as love is the essence of the law, we would want to extend the kindly arm of compassion when they are grieving the loss of their spiritual leader.

A time of grief isn’t the occasion to raise compelling differences but an opportunity to show Christian compassion. I commend the editor for reminding us of this.

Berto . . . became the most loved and most detested aspect of the paper’s format change.

“Eulogy” for Berto

JAMES COFFIN, USA

A picture is worth a thousand words, they say. And a cartoon may be worth even more. Cartoons certainly make their point quickly, powerfully and inescapably. Not altogether different from a parable—which at least one highly esteemed spiritual leader used quite effectively.

When in 1986 we began reformatting RECORD, the oversight body approved the inclusion of a cartoon. Someone told me about Berto, who worked for a Sydney newspaper. We discussed the possibilities, and he came on board. “Just a coincidence” (which was the label he conceived) quickly became the most loved and most detested aspect of the paper’s format change.

Some felt that a church paper should always be serious. Others felt that the cartoon was inappropriate because RECORD was distributed and read on Sabbath. But others viewed it the same as those who approved the concept—that recognition

and acknowledgement of our foibles and blindspots (both personal and corporate) is the first step toward improvement. It’s also a form of insurance that we not think more highly of ourselves than we ought, to paraphrase the apostle Paul.

Berto was a delight to work with. Since leaving RECORD, I’ve continued to enjoy his “commentary” on Adventist life. The *Best of Berto* collection still adorns my office and causes chuckles from people waiting to

see me.

Thanks, Berto, for using a light-hearted medium to force us to take a serious look at ourselves. I believe I speak for many when I say we’ve been blessed by your effort.

Good observation

G D GILES, VIC

“Semantics lesson” (Letters, June 18) draws attention to a significant line of study, one with immense ramifications. The writer is to be commended for introducing this.

The letter concerned Jesus’ time in the wilderness prior to beginning His ministry, stating that “Jesus didn’t eat for 40 days, but the accounts don’t say he didn’t drink.” I wish to draw attention an account that indicates He didn’t drink. It’s a statement originally published in *Signs of the Times* (August 7, 1879), reproduced in the *Review and Herald* (April 5, 1979), and it is this: “For forty days He ate and drank nothing. This made His suffering greater than anything which man would ever be called to endure.”



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Appreciation

Turner, Veronica, Karen, Trevor, Brian, Max and Dianne would like to express their thanks to all those who shared their grief by sending cards and flowers, giving words of comfort and upholding them in prayer, at the loss of Barry, loved husband, father and brother.

Anniversary

Knight, Dr John and Noreen of Epping, NSW, celebrated 50 years of married life together on Thursday, April 7, 2005. Many lifelong friends, including schoolmates and members of the original bridal party, were on hand to help the family celebrate this momentous occasion. The Knights have worked tirelessly in the arena of public health, successfully operating a private medical practice while pioneering a career in the media. The Knights also founded Medi-Aid, a nonprofit organisation that operates retirement villages and looks after hundreds of financially challenged senior citizens. Dr John was recognised for his philanthropic work in 1999 by receiving the Order of Australia Medal. In their spare time the Knights managed to raise four successful children and are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren. They currently reside in Epping, where they have lived for 45 years, and occasionally head north to the warmer-climes of Surfers Paradise for some well-earned R and R.

Weddings

Byrne—Allen. Joseph Williams Byrne, son of John and Susan Byrne (Brisbane, Qld), and Kelly Sandra Allen, daughter of Lindsay and Valmae Allen (Wishart), were married on 5.6.05 at the Avica Centre Chapel, Gold Coast. *Jorge Munoz*

Motu—Saluni. Stephen Elia Motu, son of Laulanga and Vaeva Motu (NZ), and Julianne Saluni, daughter of Clem and Sepuita Gestro (Levin), were married on 29.5.05 at Springwood Park, Brisbane, Qld. *Jorge Munoz*

Presecan—Anderson. Zlatka Presecan, son of Petar and Ljubica Presecan (Brisbane, Qld), and Jodi Dianne Anderson, daughter of Jack and Dianne Mitchell, were married on 20.2.05 on Coochiemudlo Island. *Jorge Munoz*

Price—Jones. Jeremy John Price, son of Tom Price (Karragullen, WA) and Glenys Poletti (Lowden), and Rochelle Mary Jones, daughter of Derek and Raewyn Jones (Donnybrook), were married on 29.5.05 at Meadowbrooke Estate, Boyanup. *Robert Kingdon, Annette Johnston*

Reed—Taylor. David Evan Kirkus Reed, son of Hazel (Eight Mile Plains, Qld) and the late John Reed, and Brie Taylor, daughter of David and Judith Taylor, were married on 20.3.05 in the Kingscliff Adventist church, NSW. *Jorge Munoz*

Obituaries

Ashdown, Westley Charles, born 3.1.1912 at Beckenham, Kent, England; died 30.5.05 at Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide, SA. On 17.12.38 he married Violet. He is survived by his wife (Morphett Vale); his children and their spouses, Douglas and Carol, Norma and Bob Kemperman; his granddaughter and her husband, Cherie and Rob Kitto; and his great-grandson, Michael. *Allan Croft*

Carruthers, Doris Rhoda, born 12.11.1913; died 30.5.05 in the Malany Hospital, Qld. The funeral service was held in the Landsborough Adventist church on 2.6.05. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara and Cecily; her sons-in-law, Brian and Barry; and her granddaughters, Jacinta and Aleta. Aleta rendered a beautiful violin solo in memory of her lovely grandmother, and Jacinta read one of Doris's favourite scripture passages, Psalm 23. Doris will long be remembered for her music, art, her gentle nature, her loving acts of kindness to the lonely, her wittiness, and perhaps most of all for her sincere love for her Lord Jesus, her family and her friends; also her dedication and faithfulness to the Advent message. *Keith Grolimund*

Gibson, Violet Millicent, born 22.7.1919 at Rosebrook, Port Fairy, Vic; died 23.5.05 in the Winchelsea Nursing Home, after a long illness. She was predeceased by her husband in 2001. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Stuart; her son, John and his fiancée, Carolyn; and her grandchildren. Violet was a member of the Geelong church and will be sorely missed by her family and friends. *John O'Malley*

Hagg, William Henry, born 24.1.1915 in Melbourne, Vic; died 4.6.05 in Ringwood. On 7.12.49 he married Dorice Learmonth. He is survived by his wife (Yarra Junction); his daughters, Cheryl Rule (Berwick) and Diedre Bicknell (Lowood, Qld). Well known in the Warburton area over many years, Bill had a significant impact for good on both the church and the community. *Eric Kingdon*

Johnston—Chan, Graham Fredrick, born 21.1.1953 at East Melbourne, Vic; died 29.5.05 at Fraser Island, Qld. On 21.5.95 he married Debbie Chan. He is survived by his wife; his children, Yasmine, Alana and Declan (all of Warburton, Vic); his mother, Nancy Neal (Yarrambat); his parents-in-law, Pastor John and Yvonne Chan (Kilsyth). Graham was a loving husband and devoted father. He died doing what he loved best—spending quality time with his family and friends. *Eric Kingdon*

Lampough, Wendy Louise (nee Levett), born 9.3.1972 in Albury, NSW; died 16.5.05 in Westmead Hospital, Sydney. She is survived by her mother, Doreen; and is also fondly remembered by Ron, Allen and David, her closest relatives. Although confined to a wheelchair for most of her life, Wendy exhibited a wonderful positive influence on all who knew her. Her smile and outgoing spirit touched countless lives. *Alex Currie*



Moore, Joshua Gregory, stillborn 3.6.05 at 31 weeks. He is survived by his parents, Ian and Danielle Moore, who have recently moved from Newcastle, NSW, to Adelaide, SA. "We shall carry you with us forever, our precious child, and look forward to raising you in heaven." *Colin Renfrew*

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