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The newly elected ASA executive team. Front: Justin Brown, Lauren Norman, Kylie Ward, Wendy Sexton and Maree Sexton. Back: Matthew Hunter, Sven Ostring and Philip Rodionoff.

ASA elects new executive team

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

University students from around Australia and New Zealand met at the Crosslands Convention Centre in Sydney for the annual Adventist Students Association (ASA) Convention, which was held during the week of July 11 to 17. This event provided an opportunity for ASA members to focus on spiritual growth and to enjoy fellowship with other Adventist students.

The convention also provided ASA with an opportunity to determine the future direction of the association with the election of a new executive team. They also examined the achievements of ASA in the past year and made plans for the future.

Dr Sven Ostring, who was re-elected as

president of ASA, says, "The vision of ASA has been rapidly expanding, from being content as a social group to striving to be a strongly mission-focused organisation that seeks to reach out to high school students, and universities around Australia and New Zealand with no Adventist presence, and by organising mission trips to international university campuses in the Asia-Pacific region and Europe."

To reflect this new drive, four new positions were created within the ASA executive team. These positions are missions director, Year 12 survival pack coordinator, Year 12 survival pack adviser and careers development adviser.

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STORM Co trips storm country



But . . . having all this knowledge, we still slip up in full view of our Judge.

The *Big Brother* disgrace

LIKE IT OR NOT, MILLIONS HAVE BEEN watching the day-to-day antics in the months past. Though knowing full well that nothing is hidden, it's been noticeable how easy it has been for people to forget (or not even care) that everything is heard, seen and recorded—even in the dark! After months of drawn-out viewing, the finale comes, with a huge prize for the winner. For whoever wins, after such a long time of being scrutinised, and after every task and personal conflict that's gone on during this time, you cannot deny what a courageous effort it will have been to make it all the way to the end. It must also be nice to finally go home after such a long time in confinement.

But will the whole ordeal have been worth it? One thing is for sure, it will have been life changing!

And come to think of it, what I just said sounds just like that controversial TV show *Big Brother*.

It defies logic to think we humans still continue on "sinning," all the while knowing that God, who ultimately makes the decision of who can and can't receive eternal life, is watching every action we take.

We know what is right and what is wrong. We know the rules that God provided for our best living. We know what pleases and upsets God. We know He watches every move we make. But our human weakness is shown when, having all this knowledge, we still slip up in full view of our Judge, time and again.

And there's another dimension to this

constant surveillance: not only are our actions being observed and our words monitored, but even our *thoughts* are being read. So for those who think they can steer clear of physically committing a "note-worthy" and observable sin, this is where you'll come undone.

It certainly doesn't take much to think a sinful thought. Many times we don't even notice how our thoughts are sinful. Pride, judging, desire, hate and curses can cruise through our thought process in an instant. One tiny thought and *taa-daa*—you're nominated for eviction from heaven even before you get a glimpse of glory.

What a disgrace we must be to our God! The things we think and do in blatant full view of our Creator.

One day, after reading Matthew 28:20—"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"—I mused to myself, *Is this a promise, Lord, or a threat?* Sure, we want protection 24/7. But to gain protection means surveillance 24/7 too. We simply don't get any personal time to relax and live "off the record." How can we live under such constant scrutiny and still come out looking even half-acceptable to God?

I can imagine why Adam and Eve wanted to hide after they first felt guilt, right after their first sin, which really hit home when the Lord came walking their way.

What if the Lord came walking your way as you were in the midst of sinning? I can imagine feeling embarrassed, apologetic and defensive, trying to shift the

blame. I'd certainly rather hide and not be noticed. But the point is there is no hiding place. There is nowhere to run. Nothing we do is in secret.

But beyond seeing our actions and thoughts, God goes a step further. He looks as deep as is possible into our personal lives—past our superficial actions and words, in past our thoughts, and delves straight into our hearts. Thankfully, this is where we finally start to look good in God's eyes.

In our hearts, He sees our intentions—what it is that's going on in our hearts that drives our actions. He sees our heart's remorse over the sins we carry out again and again. He sees that our hearts long to be made new. He sees that our hearts are crying out to be home with Him.

It is the intentions of our hearts that overrule any of our sinful thoughts and actions for which we feel remorse. In our judgment, good and bad deeds are put aside and good and bad thoughts are put aside. It's the good and bad hearts that are dealt with, a job no human could ever accurately judge. (Remember, a good heart always brings good deeds, but good deeds don't always mean a good heart.)

Basically, the scrutiny of our entire lives comes down to our heart's feelings for God, and nothing else. If this is what God sees in us, even as He sees us stumble, then we actually have a chance of winning.

Scott Wegener



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Church leaders reflect on challenges and changes facing Adventist Church

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

Following the General Conference (GC) session meetings last month, leaders of the Adventist Church have looked at the changes and challenges that are likely to occur for the church over the five-year period until the next GC session in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

In a random survey by the Adventist News Network following the GC, several church leaders spoke of what they considered to be the most important change in the church in the past five years, as well as what lies ahead. All agreed the church is highly adaptable, but at the same time still committed to the fundamental beliefs that define it.

The most important change, some said, was the church's renewed emphasis on reaching out to those in countries not friendly to Christianity; others said it was its use of technology; and still others said it was the make-up of the church itself. But almost everyone agreed that including greater numbers of women leaders in the top tiers of the church is one of the most important. For the first time, a woman, Dr Ella Simmons, was elected to be a vice-pres-

ident for the world church. Veteran Global Mission coordinator Daisy Orion was elected an associate treasurer of the world church, while Dr Rosa Banks, director of Human Relations for the North American Division, was elected associate secretary for the GC.

"That should have happened a long time ago," said Dr Peter Landless, associate director in the Health Ministries Department. But, he explained, including women in leadership "is easier said than done. Cultural issues around the world often prevent that. In some places women are still repressed, sadly even within the culture of the church."

"We are more open to women in leadership and need to be," said Pastor James Cress, secretary of the church's Ministerial Association. Including more women in leadership, he says, "is the first major step in the past 12 years."

Some said the church must start opening its ranks to younger people. Reports state that 70 per cent of the church is young, especially in places like Africa, South America, Inter-America and the South Pacific. Baraka Muganda, Youth Ministries director for the GC, does not believe church

leadership is trying very hard to include more young people.

"The make-up of the church is youth and the church is not reflecting that in all its decision-making," said Muganda. "Youth still feel they are not part of the church. We've got to empower them! The church is not doing that. I am sure if we had more youth at this past session, we would have made some very different decisions."

What is the church's most pressing challenge? Reaching out to the world in non-traditional ways and meeting the needs of a very international community in the pews, the leaders said. Issues include the HIV/AIDS pandemic in countries such as Africa and Papua New Guinea, caring for and ministering to those of other faiths and reaching the postmodern population.

However, they agreed that the church is reacting positively to these changes. Ted Wilson, general vice-president of the GC, said, "The church itself isn't successful because of individuals from different areas, but because of the Holy Spirit. That is the one constant—not the administration, not policies or Bible-study lessons. These all help, but what doesn't change is our reason for being here."—*Taashi Rowe/ANN*



◆ The Kulikup, WA, church, in the heart of the WA wheatbelt, was originally built with monetary gifts and a voluntary levy of £1 per bale of wool from members' yearly shearing. This, combined with many volunteer labourers, meant the church opened debt free on May 28, 1955. Exactly 50 years on, amid birthday balloons, bubbles and blessings, they held a birthday party, with more than 200 people attending. Pastor Glenn Townend,

the WA Conference president, presented the Sabbath service. After Sabbath, visitors enjoyed a huge bonfire at a local farm.—*Lavella Chambers*

◆ After a recent evangelistic campaign for Indian Fijians, the island of Taveuni—the "garden island" of Fiji—now has a small company of Indian believers. After initial difficulty in securing a venue for the meetings—it changed four times—the meetings eventually started under the veranda of the South Taveuni Indian Primary School. Initial attendance was 50, but this grew to 110 at the concluding



meeting. At the series' completion, eight people were baptised. A shed was erected adjacent to the school for worship services, housing the new company. The land is under a deal to be transferred as church property and a church is to be constructed as a multi-ethnic church.—*Peter Mundu*

◆ In recent RECORDS ADRA-Aus-

tralia has advertised its "Lend a hand" campaign with reference to the <www.lendahand.org.au> web site. ADRA wishes to advise that the campaign is now entitled "ADRA lend a hand," with the web site address changed to <www.ADRAlendahand.org.au>.

◆ *Signs* apologises to any who may have received their *Signs* magazines renewal invoice late. The Subscription Department recently installed new subscription software, which hasn't performed as well as it should. The *Signs* team thanks you for your patience.

Church members to shape future direction of church

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

For the first time, Adventist church members in the South Pacific Division (SPD) will be able to participate in an interactive forum that will influence the future direction of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific.

The SPD has designed a specific web site, <<http://adventist.org.au/spdsession>>, to coincide with the 13th South Pacific Division (SPD) session to be held in Melbourne from August 30 to September 3, 2005.

Members can go to this web site and will be able to speak about subjects that may shape the future of the church.

“The forum page is probably the most exciting feature of the session web site,” says Peter Brewin, associate general secretary of the SPD. “It offers church members the opportunity to provide feedback on a variety of topics that may help as church leaders formulate strategic plans for the next five years.”

Visitors to the web site before August 30 will also be able to read a historical overview of sessions the church has held



The new SPD web site, designed to coincide with the 13th SPD session.

since its beginnings in Australia in 1885, as well as further information on the SPD session exhibition.

Delegates to the session will also be able to obtain helpful information as they prepare to attend the session.

“We will update the news and photos section of the web site daily when the session commences,” says Jeanelle Isaacs, the SPD’s electronic media assistant. “Visitors can read about the officers elected and the decisions made during the session.”

—Melody Tan

More about the SPD session @ <http://adventist.org.au/spdsession>

Noosa CC growth continues

COOROY, QUEENSLAND

The Australian flag flies proudly from the flagpole not far from the new classrooms of Noosa Christian College, Queensland. The new gates do much more than just welcome 120 students and their families as they pass through them every morning—they symbolise the growth the fledgling Adventist school has experienced.

Since opening in 2003, the school has increased its numbers by more than 220 per cent. Principal Ross Reid says he is humbled by the the response of the Cooroy community to the growth and support of the school. “The prep enrolment is exceeding all our expectations,” he says. “We have already filled one class for 2006, with only 12 places left in a second class. The school has a wonderful “try-before-you-buy” way of introducing prospective students and their parents to the school. The kids can sit in on a day’s classes, to see how they feel about their possible new school. They are usually so keen by the end of the day they don’t want to leave.”

A number of building projects are planned for the coming year to help with the expansion of the school and development of the high school.—Cherie Harrop

◆ Selected programs from the **General Conference Session (GC)** are available in **DVD** and **CD** formats from AdventSource, a ministry of the North American Division. DVDs feature the GC morning and evening **devotionals**, world **division reports**, **Sabbath programs**, and **praise and worship music**. The CDs feature devotionals only. For more information or to **purchase complete sets** or programs for specific days, visit <www.adventsource.org>.

◆ An **Order of Australia** medal has been awarded to **Stephen Peers** of Alice Springs, NT, church, for

his 26 years of work as a **St John Ambulance officer**. “I feel pretty humble about the award,” he says. “I never expected one.” Mr Peers, who was also made a **Commander Brother of St John** two years ago, is now the southern region operations manager. He oversees volunteers in remote locations.—**Eric Tlozek**

◆ Nearly **20,000 handbills** letterboxed in the Port Macquarie, NSW, area resulted in 44 non-Adventists attending **Port Macquarie church evangelistic meetings**. Entitled “Journey into eternity,” the series took guests to sites of archeologi-

cal significance in Egypt, Israel, Iraq and Italy. A **follow-up Revelation Seminar** has begun with 28 non-Adventists attending the first program.—**Bob Donaldson**

◆ It seems **Avondale School**, NSW, has some talented athletes among them. More than 40 Avondale Primary School students participated in a Hunter region inde-



pendent schools **cross-country** event. **Lachlan Lawrence**, **Ally Moxham**, **Courtney Mallon**, **Richard Tompson** (left) and **Courtney Lawrence** (right) were age champions. These students went on to represent the Hunter region at the Combined Independent Schools Championships at Eastern Creek, NSW. As well, Avondale Schools junior and senior boys recently won the Hunter Region Independent School’s **basketball tournament**—despite being disadvantaged with a number of key players injured. Also, Avondale Primary’s **rising soccer star**, **Adam Murray**, was recently chosen as

Northpine students help Fijian primary school

DAKABIN, QUEENSLAND

As a result of two fundraising events held by the Northpine Christian College (NCC), students collected \$A4000 to go toward helping the Suva District Primary School, which has a number of desperate needs, including the repair of the school's roof.

The 358 NCC students and 10 teachers paid for the privilege of wearing "casual dress" day on a school day, as well as a "gold coin" donation day. These helped to get them close to their \$A5000 aim. Volunteers in Action then contributed a further \$A1000 to make up the difference.

The re-roofing has now been completed and Joeli Nukunawa Dakai of the school there says, "We are grateful to Northpine Christian College and Volunteers in Action for their assistance in improving the condition of our school."

Each year the Student's Representative Council (SRC) and the school works to raise funds for their college, but in the second half of 2004, the SRC voted to support the school in Fiji to ensure that the students there have facilities and equipment to help with their education.—*Katy Bidmead*



the Best and Fairest player while playing with the Combined Independent Schools Soccer Team—making Adam one of the best players in his age group within NSW.—*Karen Zeuschner*

◆ Henderson College, in Mildura, Vic, is working to **develop resilience** in its students. One project involves 14 Year 10 students working with the **Mildura Youth Hot Air**

Balloon Club to experience training in an adult environment, learning life and social skills and building self-esteem while having fun. Students learn how to crew a hot-air balloon over five sessions. The school is also hoping to **"buddy" each student with an adult mentor** with the hope that contact will be maintained after the event in order to continue to grow resiliency.—*Intravic*

◆ At the request of the Ministry of Public Health of **Yemen**, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency is heading a campaign aimed at eradicating **polio**

ASA elects new executive team

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The full ASA executive team that was elected at convention 2005 is:

President: Sven Ostring

Vice-president: Matthew Hunter

Treasurer: David Vincent

Secretary: Lauren Norman

Missions director: Matthew Hunter

Computer officer: Justin Brown

Public relations: Darren Keyes

Convention convenors: Wendy Sexton and Maree Sexton

Symposium convenors: Sven Ostring, Krystle-Rae Brooks and Philip Rodionoff

Year 12 survival packs coordinator: Lauren Norman

Year 12 survival packs adviser: Kylie Ward

Careers development adviser: Leighton Cantrill

Graduate adviser: Philip Rodionoff

The newly elected executive decided to meet in August for building the team spiritually and to lay out a road map for ASA into the future, a journey that will include a UNICO trip to the University of New England in Armidale, an international UNICO mission trip to Zhejiang University in China, and a major ASA leadership training event to be held on the Gold Coast in February 2006.

"Church leaders who are involved in stu-



ASA members having fun at the fancy dress night held at the ASA convention.

dent ministry in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Poland, the United Kingdom and the United States have shown an interest in the vision of ASA," says Dr Ostring.

"The association will be developing effective ways of building international relationships with these ministries. At home in the South Pacific Division, the ASA team has a dream of planting university churches across Australia and New Zealand and establishing the ASA Foundation for the financial support of a larger university student ministry."—*Adele Nash*

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in Yemen. The project will **vaccinate** approximately **80,000 children** under the age of five and is also meant to stop an ongoing polio outbreak that began in late February, affecting approximately 179 children. Teams deployed by the ministry will complete the vaccination, going house to house to vaccinate the children in the community. The \$US70,000 project is funded by USAID.—*Nadia McGill*

◆ On June 25, young people and families from a number of churches in both the **North and South England Conferences** came

together at the Leamington Spa for a day of worship and fellowship, focusing on **contemporary Christian music**. **Robert Glinton**, elder of the Leamington Spa church and principal organiser of the day, says, "Initially we had just planned to invite our friends from St Albans. However, there was a lot of interest, so we opened it up to the wider public." Both the Leamington and St Albans churches have worship bands. Says 12-year-old **Emily**, "The music is really good because it includes the youth." An evening concert opened with the **doxology on guitar**.—*BUC News*

Church helps local community clean up

KAROONDA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Recovering in the aftermath of a mini-tornado, the South Australian town of Karoonda was grateful to receive help from the South Australian Conference's ADRA services in the form of a cheque for \$A10,000.

The small farming community in South Australia, some 50 kilometres east of Murray Bridge, was devastated by a mini-tornado on June 10 and declared an official disaster area by the South Australian Government.

Director of ADRA services in South Australia, Garry McIver, presented the cheque to the Karoonda Storm Recovery Committee, saying, "We are more than happy to respond, with financial support, to the Government's declaration of Karoonda as a disaster area."

Committee Chairman, Vince Monterola, says, "This small community has suffered tremendous damage. It is encouraging for us to see an organisation the size of the Adventist Church supporting our community in this way."

The contribution will become part of a larger pool of funds set aside to help rebuild destroyed and damaged buildings in Karoonda. Pastor Robert Porter, of the Riverland and Copeville churches, says,



(From left to right) Vince Monterola, Kevin Burdett and Garry McIver, who presented the cheque for \$A10,000.

"This cheque represents the gifts of members of the church and the local communities that give annually to ADRA."

"The community is overwhelmed," says Kevin Burdett, Mayor for the Karoonda East Murray District Council. "We most graciously receive this assistance from the Seventh-day Adventist Church." Mr Burdett, who grew up in nearby Copeville, has a long association with Adventists. "There was always an active group of Adventists [in Copeville]," he said, "many were my friends and it comes as no surprise that the church would offer this support."

The tornado caused more than \$A2 million worth of damage, affecting 24 homes, the local hospital, football club and Country Fire Service headquarters.—*Linzi Aitkin*

Community builds care and counselling centre

DAULO PASS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Konigi Village community in the Daulo Pass in the Eastern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea has been motivated by an Adventist youth leader to build a community day-care and counselling centre for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Youth leader Moses Irafa initiated the concept of a community centre after he was motivated by attending an HIV/AIDS basic training workshop conducted by the Papua New Guinea Union Mission health program manager, James Gahare.

Mr Irafa started his awareness campaign in the village about the dangers of HIV/AIDS and how to deal with and treat people living with the virus. People in the village were inspired by this and decided to work together to set up the community-care and counselling centre.

"We want to look after our own people within the community and also inform our young people on the dangers of HIV/AIDS," said a community leader.

The centre is now almost complete and the community plans to open it in September.—*Adventist Health Forum*

◆ The **Tulsa Zoo** in Oklahoma is being accused of **censoring an exhibit** that explains the Genesis account of Creation. A month after approving a creation display (RECORD, July 16), the Tulsa Park and Recreation Board has reversed course and voted 3-1 to **disallow the proposed biblical creation exhibit**. The board cited public outcry over the display as one reason for the reversal.—*Jim Brown*

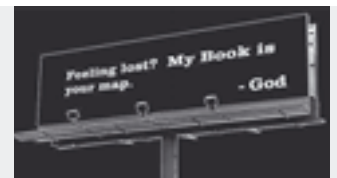
◆ Controversial TV show **Big Brother** producers in Germany had invited some of the 600,000 people set to attend a **Catholic youth conference** to stay in the village,

thinking a bit of healthy theological debate might be just the thing to bring back waning viewers. But organisers of the World Youth Day in Cologne decided an appearance on the program would **not be appropriate**. "An inhuman concept like *Big Brother* is hardly suitable for the transmission of the World Youth Day's ideas and goals," says spokesman **Matthias Kopp**.—*Ananova*

◆ **A hug** to "help you get through the day" has recently been **sold on eBay**. The 24-year-old male was offering a 100 per cent non-sexual hug for up to one minute to anyone

in the Sydney metropolitan area. After some **1400 visitors** viewed the online auction, three people bid—ending at \$A17.50. "Of the profits I will give 50 per cent to charity," he says.—*Scott Wegener*

◆ The "**Messages from God**" billboards across the USA that drew media attention nationwide six years ago are back with **new one-liners and a web site**. Launched in 1999, the GodSpeaks campaign began with a handful of outdoor signs featuring disarming phrases "signed by God" that quickly mushroomed to **10,000 billboards**. Now, GodSpeaks is back with new mes-



sages to entertain and inspire motorists, including, "As my apprentice, you're never fired" and, "**Life is short. Eternity isn't.**" With the same anonymous sponsor behind it, the latest nondenominational campaign has an enhanced interactive web site that provides more information to those seeking to know more about God and the messages.—*Charisma News Service*

More @ www.GodSpeaks.com

Youth host “exciting” regional in Esperance

ESPERANCE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Esperance Adventist church’s normal youth numbers of around 15 were boosted to over 100 for a recent youth regional, held on the weekend of July 15 and 16.

The program started with vespers on Friday night, when Jo Darby, the guest speaker from New South Wales, spoke on the subjects of celebrations and heaven. She then led out in a sharing time when people spoke about things that made them feel blessed. On Saturday, the youth were treated to music from the Carmel College band and were encouraged by Mrs Darby, who gave an inspiring message on heaven and what it will be like.

People came to the church from Perth, the surrounding areas and locally. Among those attending were 25 youth from the Esperance community who had never attended an Adventist event before.

In addition to the meetings that were held, there was a church lunch and a bonfire for the youth on the Saturday night.

Esperance church minister Pastor David Kelsey is excited by the passion shown by the youth in Esperance. “The church would be lost without the youth,” he says. “They are making such a large-scale impact with their drive and enthusiasm.”

Jonno Lis, the youth leader at Esperance, says, “The reason we held the regional was to promote some form of unity among Christian youth in Esperance. Adventist youth are left out a bit, because a lot of people just don’t understand what Seventh-day Adventism is about, and they think we’re weird!”

He adds, “We also wanted to subtly approach the concept of heaven and its focus as our main purpose—that’s really what we’re doing as Christians—heading to heaven and getting as many people to join us as possible.”

The success of the program will be followed up by a number of the Esperance youth starting weekly cell-group meetings in their homes with friends who don’t attend church.—*Adele Nash*

STORM Co trips take country by storm

NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES

July was a good month to be a part of Service To Others Really Matters (STORM) Co, with a number of teams going out around Australia to provide holiday entertainment and education for children in rural communities.

In the North New South Wales (NNSW) Conference, 271 youth in 14 STORM Co groups went out to various rural communities, including Toomelah, Brewarrina, Gwabegar and Narrabri. One group went as far as Arnhem Land, where Adventists have had little or no impact.

Although it is usually difficult to obtain a permit to visit the area, the local town of Maningrida supported them and helped to get the STORM Co team there, including chartering a 21-seat plane to fly the team from Darwin. The local group has no church, but welcomed the group warmly and the Kids Club activities were attended by more than 60 children each day. The team has been invited to return next year.

“STORM Co continues to impact the community and youth of our conference,” says Pastor Jeff Parker, co-director of NNSW youth ministries with Pastor Bevan Craig. “Some communities like Toomalah, on the New South Wales–Queensland border, have had a STORM Co group from Lismore visit for nine years now and have seen a positive change.”

Western Australia also saw three STORM Co trips being made in the July

school holidays. Cue, Meekatharra and Wiluna all had groups run Kids Club activities for the local children, which included face-painting, clowning and various games.

“The Wiluna STORM Co was a great success this year,” says Zane Van Ballegooyen, the Wiluna team leader. “All the children and the community were awaiting our return, and it was great to see familiar and new faces and build continuing friendships.”

Alycia Hiscox, leader of the Meekathara STORM Co group, headed up a group of 24 people who looked after more than 70 children each day and entertained them with singalongs, quizzes, object lessons, clowns, puppets, craft and “happy snaps,” where they took “fun” photos.

The Meekathara team noticed a number of changes to the town since their last visit, including a reduction in the amount of graffiti found around the town. “Over the past few years, we have been painting over graffiti,” Ms Hiscox says. “But this year we noticed something unusual—we were running out of fences to paint. It seems as though the locals don’t graffiti over what we have painted, and so we seem to have gotten rid of the majority of the graffiti. We believe this is a good sign, and perhaps reflects the positive spirit we are trying to bring to the town.”

Another unexpected surprise was a plaque presented to the STORM Co team by the Meekathara Shire CEO. On it is the inscription: “To STORM Co. In appreciation of your service to the Meeka community.”

“We were blown away by this—we would never have expected it,” says Ms Hiscox. “We could never have done it without God.”—*Adele Nash*



Local kids really don't want the STORM Co teams to leave after they visit their rural communities.



The NNSW Conference STORM Co team was well received in the Ramining, NT, community.

A man talks mission

BY BRADEN BLYDE

EVERY FIVE YEARS, TWO LETTERS evoke awe, glee, resentment and, at times, strike fear, in the hearts of many Seventh-day Adventists. Two letters that every five years are plastered on church noticeboards and bandied around in post-service conversations. Two letters that, well, I knew nothing about until June 29 this year.

GC!

Friends gathered, business suits were donned and behind the scenes of the quinquennial General Conference session, as I discovered, papers flew. From press level six of the Edward Jones Dome, St Louis, Missouri, I observed the deliberations of delegates “on the floor”; the questions, opinions and, at times, angst of those who will determine the direction our church.

**Ultimately we are
God’s children, and
ultimately the work of
God was completed.**

The formalities seemed alien to me. No longer was church about three hymns and a sermon or the smiling lady greeting visitors at the door. Rather, church was business, God’s business.

Whether it was the re-election of Jan Paulsen as leader or the—what some may call trivial—amendments to the constitution and by-laws, there was never a moment when I doubted the spirituality of our leaders. As every day passed, I became more and more convinced that while our church faces problems, it is a Spirit-led church. Sure, to my young mind, things did move slowly, but then, the delegates all seemed to be older than me.

With what is reported to be a 60 per cent majority of under-30 church members, it

was disheartening to see so little of the same demographic involved with the decision-making process on the floor. Granted, there is movement to rectify this phenomenon, and the passion some have for this cause is inspiring.

Surrounded by “foreigners,” I began to think why people came to these meetings. We have the delegates (they’re required to come); the staff (also obligated); and the guests (they chose to come). No matter the motivation, the fact is that we came together as family. The Americans and the Canadians, the Iraqis and Iranians, the Enzedders and

Aussies—as one. Differences were put aside for the greater good. Open, honest and sometimes heated dialogue was initiated and encouraged, but we met as one—at least for the most part.

Unfortunately, there were instances when pleasantries *were* forgotten; times when volunteers were confronted by irate delegates; staff treated impolitely; and ego put ahead of others. Whether because of cultural misunderstandings, stress-related reactions or disgruntled for good reason, the fact was our humanity sometimes prevailed. But ultimately we are God’s children, and ultimately the work of God was completed.

Outside of the formalities, St Louis played a wonderful host. The mid-South city turned on hot, but beautiful weather for all but a few hours of July 4, when we were treated to a display of the power of a summer storm. As the sun glistened off the Gateway Arch, a monument to the city’s tag “The gateway to the west,” we gathered together with the natives to celebrate Independence Day, celebrating



the creation of a new American nation.

In much the same way the gathering of the Seventh-day Adventist family celebrated a renewed identity. While our leadership—both heavenly and earthly—may be the same, decisions were made that will have an impact on the face and future of the church.

Although distanced from the decision-making floor by five storeys, I have gained a new and intimate knowledge of the church. No longer was the fact that I belonged to the Seventh-day Adventist Church a mere alliance with a local community; it was a global one. I realised that we may be Nigerian, Serbian or Australian; we may be a division president, an educator or a newsroom gofer, but each of us is a part of God’s church and each has an important role to play. **R**

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Journalling your prayer journey

BY CHARLINE BAINBRIDGE

DO YOU EVER WISH THERE WERE A way in which you could experience more meaningful prayer? If so, then prayer journalling is for you.

What is prayer journalling? It's recording your inmost personal prayers, your impressions from Bible study and from the Holy Spirit speaking to your soul. It is talking to God honestly and freely. It includes intercessory prayer and rejoicing over answered prayer. Prayer journalling can be a valuable means of personal expression and dialogue between you and God.

You can find many ways in which to do prayer journalling. If you are artistic, why not do simple sketches to illustrate your prayers? You can paint your prayer life adding comments on the side. Or consider a photo journal, with pictures of friends for whom you're praying. Try a scrapbook containing photos and notes, your blessings or encouraging verses of Scripture. For the highly organised, write down dates, times and places of prayer.

What are some benefits of prayer journalling? I've found it's rekindled my spiritual fervour and deepened my prayer life. It's been a tool for spiritual focus and discipline. Journalling in this way has led me to be more honest with God and allowed Him to sweep away pretence and wrong motives, enabling Him to gently speak healing into my sometimes distraught mind. It has brought my faith and convictions together. It's a source of encouragement to look back in my journal and see where He has intervened and led me. I've had a place to give thanks. By prayer journalling I've kept the needs of other people continually before me. It holds me accountable for my spiritual growth.

Why not give prayer journalling a try? The intangible act of prayer will open up new meaning and personal growth for you as you take up pen and paper and journal your journey. **R**

Charline Bainbridge writes from Sydney, NSW.

Jesus, I know how You feel!

BY ANTHONY WHYATT

IT IS JUST FIVE MINUTES FROM THE school on the morning run for the red, white and blue 62-seat Mercedes school bus. The passengers are behaving well, the engine is purring, and the warmth of the Queensland winter sun is streaming through my window.

Two kilometres ahead, the left lane will congest with commuters entering the freeway, and another couple of hundred past that I need to make a right turn. For that reason I usually move over here where the traffic is more spread out. A check of the mirrors and a sideways glance reveals a clear passage for a considerable distance, so down with the indicator stick and I begin to cross the broken white line.

Beeeeep! Screeeeech! And there emerging from a blind spot is a low-slung red Mazda sports car with its sunroof open. Quickly I draw back left, avoiding an exchange of paint.

The lights ahead change to red, the colour of my face. As I stop the red Mazda pulls alongside. I salute the driver and mouth a "thank you" for avoiding contact, but my conciliatory words and friendly actions fail to penetrate the barrier of abuse he hurls up at me through his sunroof. Although still moving himself, he fumbles for a pen and paper and writes down the details written on the side of the bus.

So I wasn't surprised when a phone call came to the school administration, the first for me in eight years. But I was surprised as to what he said.

OK, I did cut him off and there was an incident, but for some reason he took this incident and converted it to a disaster. With lies he assassinated my safe, law-abiding record as a bus driver. He claimed he followed me most mornings and that I regularly went through red lights; that I gave poor indications of my intentions; that I turned from the wrong lanes; that I lane swapped continuously.

When, the next morning, he went on talkback radio repeating his garrulous

claims to the whole city, I was deeply disturbed. Continually my mind was agonising over the incident. I was concerned that people would be thinking ill of me. I was concerned that some people might actually believe my accuser.

I wondered where the other people I share the road with were, who might defend me. *Why aren't they coming to my defence?* I asked God. *Why did You allow this to happen to me? Don't You know what I am going through?*

Then the penny dropped. *You do know what I'm going through,* I realised.

Jesus stood before the angry mob accused of things He hadn't done. He was taken to Annas, who was also the father-in-law of Caiaphas the high priest, but neither wanted to be bothered with Him, so he referred Jesus to Pilate. Pilate didn't want to inflame the situation, so he avoided

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defending Jesus even though he found no fault in Him. The disciples, and others who had travelled life's journey with Jesus every day, also failed to come to His defence, and Jesus, when confronted, stood in silence and shouldered responsibility for the sins of the whole human race alone.

Jesus, I know how You feel! But more importantly, *Jesus, because You have been here and done that, You know how I feel!* **R**

Anthony Whyatt writes from Brisbane, where he still drives the school bus.

Courage:Connect

BY LEE DUNSTAN

THE WORDS ABOVE ARE SUCCINCTLY defined on the poster. That's the one in your foyer noticeboard. Or the one on the back page of last week's RECORD. And if you didn't see that either, it's the one highlighting *Signs* 2005 promotional campaign, which kicked off on July 30.

As a slogan, *Courage:Connect* may appear too abstract, but it is short and memorable. However, what does it *mean*?

Searching for a theme/slogan that embodied as a slogan, we threw words and slogans onto a whiteboard. Of the dozen or so that stuck, "Courage:Connect" remained glued, resisting all effort to erase it (metaphorically, that is).

"But does anyone know what it means?"

We looked vacantly at each other. "We'll think about it!"

The *Courage:Connect* concept grew out of the "Circle of courage" cycle tour across Australia. *Signs* had been a sponsor, and riders gave out *Signs* in towns along the way.

The dictionary definitions of *courage* and *connect* on the poster are verbatim and, serendipitously, embody what *Signs* ministry is about. *Signs* ministry is about people courageously investing their personal and church resources in expensive projects. *Signs* ministry is also a long-term commitment.

It takes nerve to sponsor *Signs* to someone for 30 years without any observable result. But at the recent Christian Resource Exhibition in Sydney, while handing out *Signs*, I spoke with a man who'd received sponsored *Signs* for just that long. Being of a differing persuasion, he wouldn't pay for it himself—that would've been disloyal—but he was happy to receive and read it.

Courage:Connect. What's it mean? I asked the promotion team what they thought.

Adele Nash, who edits *Edge*, says to her it's "about being a part of something greater than ourselves—connecting with others and the world around us to make a difference—and to be brave enough to let God lead us in new directions."

Scott Wegener, *Signs* web-site editor, says,

"Connecting with people is what we're all about. It's our mission. Jesus could have said 'Go and *connect* with all nations' [Matthew 28:19]. It's our purpose to connect.

"But is it easy? Often, no! Connecting with people involves risk. It takes our 'valuable' time; it dents our pride and even drains our purse. It takes courage to look beyond these risks and step out of our comfort zone. We want courageous people. Where there's courage, connections are made."

Ray Portbury, *Signs* production manager, says to him "*Courage:Connect* means to reach out to people in the way of helping them to see a better way to live the lifestyle they presently enjoy."

But at ground level (that's where the rubber meets the road), what does it *really* mean?

Mike is elder of a small church with fewer than 10 regularly attending members. His church pastor, who cares for a number of churches, got him into a *Signs* round last year, showing him how to reach out with friendship and, as he told him, "let the *Signs* magazine give the gospel message."

That's what Mike did. He says it was an approach that made connecting so easy. "When I go on my *Signs* round, I'm simply visiting friends!" he told me. One is a single and lonely man.

"When I visited, he'd been drinking. When I knocked on his door, he told me, 'Go away, I don't want to see you again.'

"I sympathetically listened to him, and, after five minutes, he invited me in. I continued to listen and attempted to show him the love of Jesus. After 15 minutes, I went to leave and asked if he wanted me to come again. He said yes. He's been receiving *Signs* for about six months now."

Mike has more stories. When a visitor came to his house and saw a *Signs*, she told Mike of a woman who might be interested, so he made a note. A few days later, with a *Signs* in his hand, he visited her. She opened the door and upon seeing what Mike was offering, exclaimed, "Come in; this is an answer to prayer!"

"She told me that for many years she'd received a gift *Signs* from an Adventist uncle. When he passed away, the *Signs* stopped. She said she missed her magazine, especially the articles on prophecy, but recently felt the desire to once again receive it, so she had prayed about it.

"Within a few weeks, God led me to her door," says Mike. "She was so happy to get this magazine. She commented that it was now a 'different size,' which suggests how long since she'd received her last one. I'm enthused about *Signs* ministry when things like this happen."

Mike's church of 10 finds it difficult to sponsor all of Mike's *Signs*, so some anonymous person does. Mike doesn't know who they are, but passes on his thanks to them.

So, beyond the slogan, *Signs* is about real live connections to real alive people.

Andrew Irvine, assistant manager of *Signs* and who oversees the annual August *Signs* Month campaign, sees it this way:

"Have you ever been hesitant, nervous or scared? I have. We all have been at some time. The apostle Paul, when he arrived in Rome to face the emperor Nero and his own death "thanked God and took courage" [Acts 28:15] when met by fellow believers. We each can bring joy to the lives of others. In our dark world, *Signs* is an avenue of hope—hope that provides a closer connection with Christ and gives courage to face whatever our future holds. Paul's courage when witnessing before Nero can be ours when we're fully connected with Christ.

"Strength and courage come when we connect with our Maker and encourage others to do so too. To me, that's what *Courage:Connect* means. That's what *Signs* magazine does. But do you?"

If you forget all else you read in RECORD this week, remember courage, and don't forget to connect. **R**

Lee Dunstan is senior assistant editor of Signs of the Times and the Signs campaign coordinator.

Snapshots from a Christian school's classroom

BY MARION SHIELDS

H EY, WOULD YOU LIKE A JOB WHERE you get to share Jesus *every* day? Where you also get paid to do it plus 10 weeks annual leave? Where you have the delightful opportunity of watching young minds develop?

At this moment we are witnessing an unprecedented situation in many Seventh-day Adventist schools around Australia. For the first time members of the community in substantial numbers are asking to enroll their children in our Seventh-day Adventist schools. In many cases we have to say: "No, not this year, but we'll put your name on the waiting list, and let you know as soon as there's a vacancy."

Wonderful, isn't it? Non-Christian parents want their children in our schools and are happy to pay not only for a good education but for their children to learn about Jesus Christ and Christian values.

But we have a problem. There just aren't enough Seventh-day Adventist teachers to go around.

Why? Isn't teaching seen as a good career choice? Isn't teaching seen as an opportunity to work for Christ?

Here's what some current teachers have to say.

"I really enjoy teaching," says **Callie**



Piszczuk (Grade 6), who graduated from Avondale in 1997. "I enjoy the kids, especially the ones who find life tough. I like to help them work through their problems, to encourage them and see them come through. I feel I've left that mark of Jesus with them. I've taught in the state and for the church, and I'd say the support network you find in an Adventist school far outweighs anything you find elsewhere."

Colleen Hodgkin (Grade 3) sees teaching as a lot of work, but says, "At the end of



the year when you all collapse at the teachers' breakfast, you know you've made a difference in children's lives! The influence you can have on kids who don't have God in their homes or lives is incredible."

Clayton Richardson (health, physical education and drama) teaches in the high-school, while his, Heidi (Grade 4), teaches in the primary.

Clayton says, "I like to see kids grow up and mature into smart, intelligent thinking kids—seeing them develop from scared little Year 8s, when they start in high school, to confident young adults in Year



12. And to see them accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour is just wonderful. In many ways, school is a mission field."

Heidi says she became a teacher because she liked children. "Every morning when I wake up, I go, 'I love my job; I love what I do!' I never wish I'd done something else as a career. I love the kids. You can always see the potential, even in the naughty ones, and you can talk about things. The other day we had the best discussion about Christianity, about heaven and about God. Their minds are so curious, and they get so excited and you don't want to stop. It's a great job!"

Tim Borgas (Grade 7) says: "I had three or four teachers who mentored me, and



encouraged me to go into teaching. I have Grade 7. I get to pray with my kids. Having a kid come up to you and say, 'My Mum is sick. Would you pray for her?' That's something you just don't get in state schools.



David Peterson was the principal medical scientist in charge of the haematology and transfusion laboratories at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide, but now teaches science and IT at both Prescott Primary and Prescott Secondary schools. Why?

"Well, I really wanted to do something that was more of a ministry, and when I thought about my job I realised it was the teaching and training part of it that I enjoyed most.

"In teaching, every day is different and interesting, there is so much opportunity to be creative and I enjoy working with technology."

Melanie Wegener (a teacher-librarian) says she was failing in science as a student until a Christian teacher came into her life who encouraged her. "He even phoned me at home to tell me I had received a 98 per cent for science, he was so excited for us! He made me feel I had a brain, and that I was worthwhile!



"Now it's my turn. I love being around the children, because they take on your excitement. That's why I'm a teacher!"



And the final word to **Raelene Hennig**, a teacher of many years experience who says: "Choose to be a teacher if you like challenge, variety, and you want to have fun! Choose to be a teacher and you'll use all your God-given

talents, resources and, of course, energy. Choose to be a Christian teacher and have the privilege of leading your class to know your friend Jesus, as well as their family.

"Keep focused on your goal of being a teacher and gain everything God has for you! Remember, this life is not all there is; rather, it's a preparation for the next.


"Be a Christian schoolteacher." **R**

Marion Shields writes from Adelaide, SA, where she is education director for the conference.

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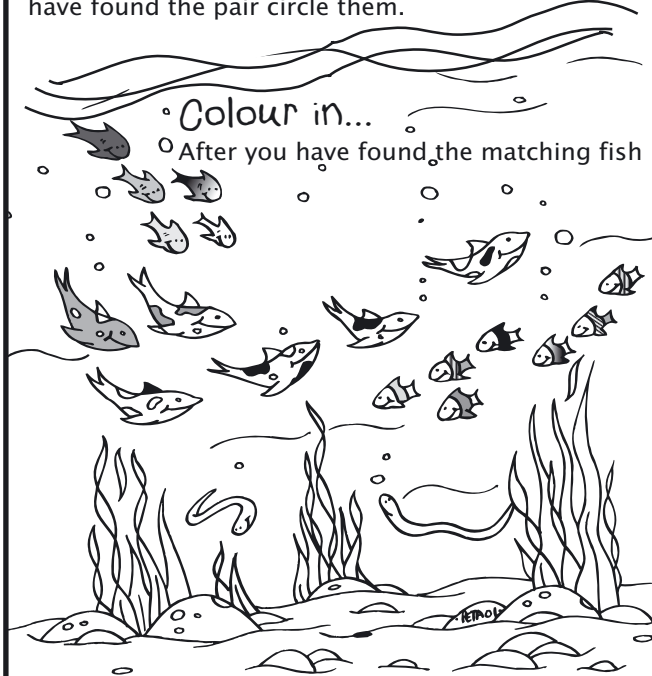
Hi Kids,
Don't you hate it when God doesn't answer your prayer with a yes. It doesn't mean that He isn't listening. Sometimes He answers "I have a better way". Find out what God's way was when the Israelites had to flee from Pharaoh in Exodus 7-12 RR

Fill in the Blanks

"_____ in the Lord with all your _____. Don't depend on your own _____"
Proverbs 3:5 ICB

Matching pairs...

Now when God parted the Red Sea, do you think the Israelites might have been able to see the fish? See if you can find two fish that look alike. There is only one pair so you will have to look closely. When you have found the pair circle them.



Colour in...
After you have found the matching fish

Unscramble...

Try to unscramble the letters to get the names of some of the creatures that you can find in the sea.

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Congrats, RECORD!

BARB SADLER, NSW

I have just finished reading the RECORD of July 16 and say congratulations on a really great issue—from the editorial challenging us to “get involved” instead of just “watching,” to being challenged to develop our spirituality in the feature “21C spirituality.” The latter again encourages us in how we see and treat those we may not be comfortable around. Then to finish with the knowledge that we can be “free” by being “touched” or by touching our Lord in “Free.” Other interesting articles and news items from the General Conference session made it a great all-round news bulletin.

Let us pray that all who read this will be motivated to have a closer relationship with God, which will be reflected in their relationships and attitude in their churches.

TV-free zone

KEN L LAWSON, QLD

In respect to the sentiments expressed in “Reality or TV?” (Editorial, July 16), I wholeheartedly concur. In both my churches we have not promoted Hope or any other similar media. The reason I don’t endorse them is the lack of editing of the programs. Anything can now be promoted, and all the scholarly contributions of the past 50 years are pretty much ignored.

We are also slipping away from the exposition of the Word in the reading of sermons to the people via a computer.

Never mind, I may sound like an old gripe.

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Building respect

WENDY BLUCHER, SA

Responding to letters by Bryan Ball (June 4) and Gail Webster (July 16), imagine my surprise when asking my granddaughter why she was in such a place when she should have been in school, she replied that the chapel class had been cancelled!

Chapel cancelled in a Seventh-day Adventist high school? Why? Well, apparently the students had been playing up!

My husband worked for many years in Catholic churches making altars, fonts and

What better school than the Sabbath school? There’s no better addiction than to Bible study.

pulpits, and was constantly amazed at the reverence displayed by children as they came into the church for any reason.

Is there something to be learned here?

The best school

D M CEFF, QLD

The dictionary defines a school as a place where instruction is given, where there’s a regular course of meetings of teacher and student for the purpose of instruction, or those united by a similarity of method, style, principles etc.

What better school than the Sabbath school?

There’s no better addiction than to Bible study, the Sabbath school lesson, and our attendance there for discussion. One day we may not be able to attend Sabbath school and even our Bibles will be taken. The

opportunities are to learn now. The Sabbath school lessons are among the greatest blessings our church possesses.

And doesn’t our Sabbath school unite us? Let’s take time to enjoy Sabbath school every week.

Good for adults, too

B O’HARE, WA

I often read through the *Edge* RECORD supplement when my daughter brings it home. I’ve taken out “Making goals that are successful” (Issue 50) for my file.

Apparently I’ve been a goal-setter all my life without realising it, and now I can put a name to it. I’m grateful for having achieved many of my goals, through God’s help.

New theology!

STAN MACFARLANE, EMAIL

Where did it creep in? “Seventy-day Adventists” (News, July 16)—do we blame the Dr Davis quoted, Jonathan Gallagher or the editors at Warburton?

Perhaps an article setting out the theology of a 70-day Sabbath or 70 days between Sabbaths is somewhere in the future?

A Google search reveals 171 results relating to Seventy-day Adventists. This is not one of them. But blame the Warburton staff for the typo and proofing oversight.



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Weddings

Suffolk—McKay. Duane Suffolk, son of Brian and Leone Suffolk (Lismore, NSW), and Karlinda McKay, daughter of Greg and Sharyn McKay (Charleville, Qld), were married on 10.7.05 in the beautiful garden setting of Stradbroke Island.

Ray Eaton

Ho—Logue. Tom Ho and Cheryl Logue were both remarried at the Benalla Seventh-day Adventist church (Vic) on 9.7.05 in the presence of their children, families and friends. They start a new life together in Roxby Downs, SA, with God's richest blessing.

Russell Bryan

Obituaries

Cozens, Emily May (nee Fish), born 17.5.1915 at Warrnambool, Vic; died 18.6.05 at Yarra View Retirement Village Hostel, Warburton. In 1940 she married Stowell

She is survived by her husband (Warburton); her daughters, Wilma Lee (Mission College, Thailand), Marlene Moss (Upwey, Vic) and Lorraine Ford (Yankalilla, SA). Emily was known for her patience and her strength of character as she faced life's challenges.

Eric Kingdon, Joy Kingdon

Kuip, Henrette Maria (known to her friends as Harriett), born 25.10.1923 in Utrecht, Holland; died 16.6.05 at Southport, Qld. She is survived by her husband, Con; her children; and grandchildren. Harriet was an active member of the Southport church. She is fondly remembered for her prayer ministry in the church and maintaining a prayer group until she was too ill to continue. There are many who loved her and who now rise up to call her blessed.

Barry Crabtree

Groom, May Alice, born 10.3.1910 at Lowestoff, England; died 25.6.05 in Brisbane, Queensland. In 1913 she migrated to Victoria. After working in the Hunter Street Sanitarium cafe, Sydney, NSW, she met Robert, and they married in 1931 in

Hobart, Tas. They gave untiring service to the church through the Sanitarium Health Food Company for 42 years, and were held in high esteem wherever they served. May served her Lord with distinction and called Jesus her friend. Her final years were spent at the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Qld. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Maureen; her three grandchildren; her four great-great-grandchildren; and extended families.

Ken Lawson, Mark Pearce

Love, Gary William, born 10.5.1953 in Brisbane, Qld, died 3.7.05 at Victoria Point, Brisbane, Qld. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, who he married on April 29, 2001.

*Robert Possingham
Reg King, Mark Pearce*

Mack, Robert Herman, born 16.9.1931 at Warburton, Vic; died 23.6.05 at Yarra View Retirement Village Hostel, Warburton. He was predeceased by his sons, Peter, in 1983, and Anthony, in 1997. He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Michelle Mack (Chirnside Park); and his grandchildren, Charnelle and Lachlan.

Eric Kingdon, Joy Kingdon

Myers, Marion Blanche (nee Barlow), born 28.9.1918 at Opunake, NZ; died 3.7.05 in Auckland. She was predeceased by her husband, Cam; also her sister Nancy Archibald. She is survived by her sisters, Thora Bidmead and Margaret Young; her brothers, George and Malcolm (Chic); her sons, Bruce, Ken and Iain Myers; her seven grandchildren; her two great-grandchildren; and her extended family. Marion lived a very active life of service for the SDA Church in NZ, Australia and in Singapore. To her last day Marion was a cheerful and gentle woman of beauty. She will be missed by her family, church family and friends.

Russell Wilcock, Hugh Heenan

Paki, (also known as Pakiiti), Rora (nee Hynes), born 6.8.1912 at Feilding, NZ; died 12.6.05 at Hillview Rest Home, Te Kuiti. She was predeceased by her daughter, Maewa, in

1956; also her husband, Mahuri, in 1985. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Ingo, Margaret and Jim Hall (Brisbane, Qld), Te Wiwini and Robine Paki (Tokoroa, NZ), Marino and Dave Newman (Gladstone, Qld), Ngahau Cunningham (Brisbane), Rora and Kelvin Evans (Otorohanga, NZ), Maraia and Tony Lammas (Horsham, England), Mata and Ken Holiday (Lake Paringa, NZ), and Garry Paki (Te Kuiti); and a host of mokopunas. Rora was a much loved and respected member of the Te Kuiti Adventist church. She rests in the family cemetery on the farm at Oparure, Te Kuiti.

Win Paki

Pannell, William Joseph (Will), born 5.3.1918 at Kadina, SA; died 7.7.05 in The Vales Nursing Home, Morphett Vale, after battling a terminal illness. On 3.1.45 he married Joyce. He is survived by his wife; his daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Mario Moltedo; his son, John; his son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Lois; his six granddaughters, Lee-Anne, Andrea, Ebony, Alison, Reanna and Anthea; and his grandson, Sam.

Dave Hamilton, Ross Simon

Pattison, Nancy, born 7.5.1917 in Melbourne, Vic; died 3.7.05 in Brisbane, Qld. She was predeceased by her husband, Harry, in 2004, and her son, Peter, in 2005. She is survived by her daughter, Christine Gaskin (Brisbane).

Robert Possingham, Peter Raymer

Righton, Esma Elizabeth (nee Hallamore), born 28.12.1913 at Onewhero, NZ; died 3.7.05 at the Adventist Retirement Village, Manukau City, NZ. She was the granddaughter of Edward and Lizzie Hare, the first Seventh-day Adventist to be baptised in NZ. She was predeceased by her son, Lawrence, in 1981, and her husband, Douglas, in 1992. She is survived by her son, Ken (Albany, NZ), and her daughter, Joy Kingdon (Warburton, Vic). Esma spent a lifetime in giving to family, friends and the community.

Eric Kingdon, Ken Curtis



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Robinson, Pastor Rex Granville, born 12.10.1925 in Christchurch, NZ; died 2.7.05 at Cooranbong, NSW. On 24.1.51 he married Lois Anderson, who predeceased him on 1.1.2000. On 29.10.2000 he married Norma Trood. He is survived by his wife (Cooranbong); his children, Brian (Balmoral, NSW), Trevor (Kariang) and Susan (Asquith); his three stepdaughters; his four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his brother, Derek (Christchurch, NZ). Rex served in NZ, northern Qld, Tasmania, Fiji, Central Pacific and northern NSW. He was a happy, practical man with a good sense of humour; a loving and greatly loved minister of the gospel.

Rex Cobbin, Les Coombe, Ray Kent

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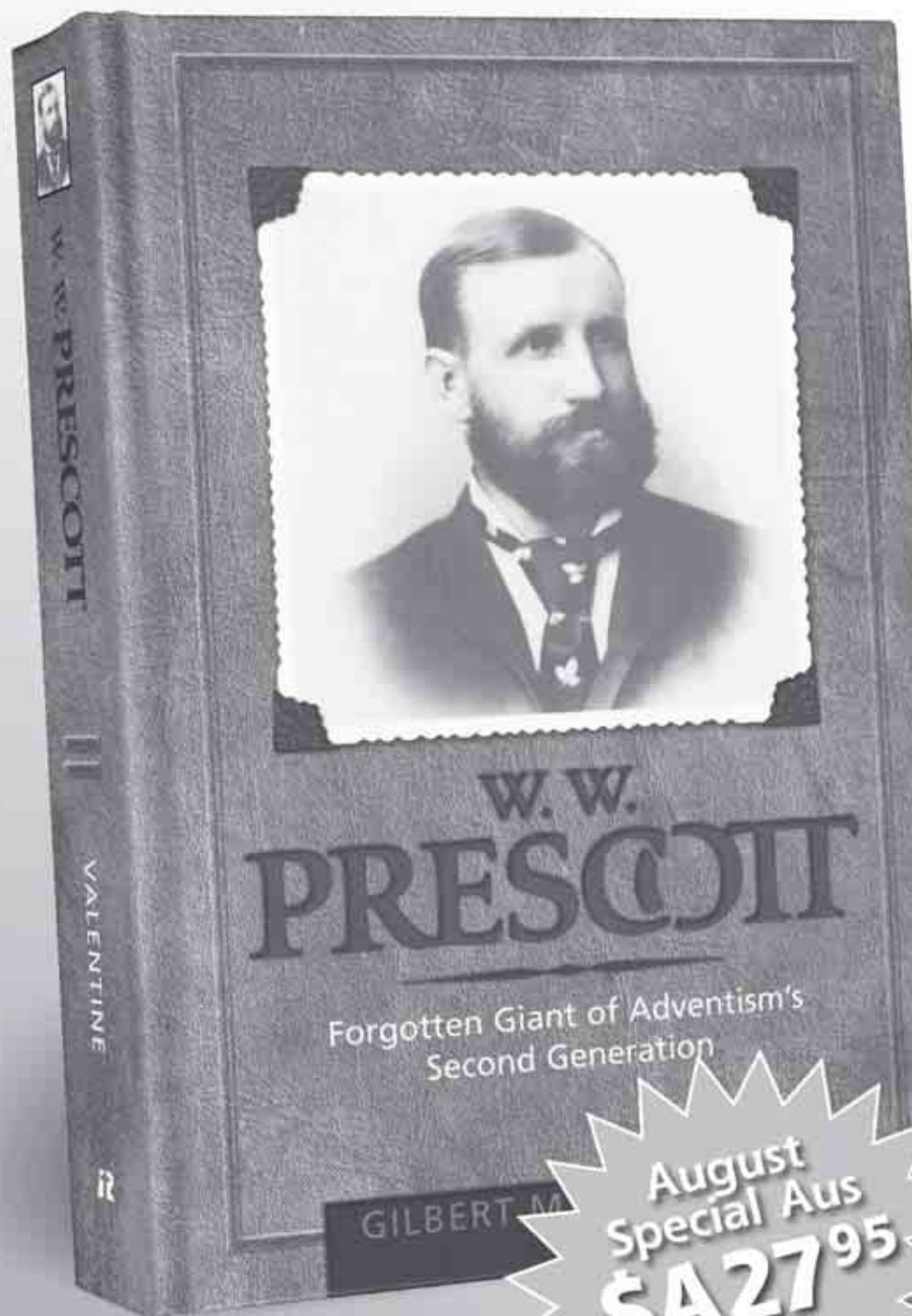
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