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After business and elections were completed, Pastor Barry Oliver (left) led a dedication service for Trans-Pacific Union Mission leaders, including (front, left to right) general secretary Pastor Waisea Vuniwa, president Pastor Lawrence Tanabose and chief financial officer Vic Bonetti.

TPUM works with Pacific challenges

PORT VILA, VANUATU

I'm proud to belong to this rainbow family," Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, recently elected president of the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) told delegates to the TPUM session. "We are blessed with so many different people, so many talents. We are leaders of the church in its finest hour—and I'm excited by that."

One hundred and twenty delegates, representing 10 Pacific nations, met near Port Vila, Vanuatu, from September 13 to 16, for the TPUM's quinquennial business meeting. Delegates and guests were joined by more than 3000 local members for worship on September 17.

The TPUM session began with a cultural welcome and was officially opened by Vanuatu's Prime Minister, the Honourable Vanuaroroa Ham Lini, who thanked the Adventist Church for its contribution to Vanuatuan society. Then-president of the Vanuatu Mission—elected later in the session as TPUM director of personal ministries, Sabbath school and Global Mission—Pastor Nos Terry welcomed guests, church leaders and delegates. "It is a privilege for the church members in Vanuatu to host this second Trans-Pacific Union Mission session," he said. "We as a church need to take our business more seriously." (Continued on page 6)



Are there aspects of the process that need to be reviewed?

Is there a better way?

IT BEGAN WITH THE GENERAL Conference session in St Louis in July of this year. Approximately 2000 delegates from all over the globe, along with spouses and church members, gathered to conduct the business of the worldwide church.

The group met over a 10-day period to receive reports, elect people to various offices, amend the *Church Manual*, vote an additional fundamental belief, make changes to the constitution and generally be enriched through worship.

It is no easy task to organise a meeting of this magnitude and complexity, to say nothing of the expense involved. The hours and effort spent in organising such an event are beyond computation. The total cost of holding this session will never be known as it involves money spent by every local mission, conference, union, division as well as by the General Conference.

Since the General Conference session most of the 98 unions in the world will have had their own session with the commensurate time, effort and money being expended. These will, over time, be followed by sessions in each local conference or mission.

In the interests of accountability and good stewardship, questions need to be asked: What are the advantages of following this form of governance? Does such a procedure facilitate the best decisions being made? Is there a better way to carry out the business of the church?

Some benefits cannot be evaluated in

monetary terms or quantified in other ways. Consider the value of:

- Corporate unity and identity;
- A representative form of governance that allows church members a voice in the life and mission of the church;
- A process that enables people from different cultures and nations the opportunity to debate and have input into our fundamental beliefs; and
- A reporting procedure that demands accountability and gives an overview of the health of the church at each level.

The Adventist Church is unique in having a truly integrated worldwide organisation that enables it to more adequately fulfil its global mission. In this context, the question is not so much what it costs to maintain and foster this type of worldwide entity in the way we do but, rather, what would it cost us if we did not?

Nevertheless the question is still relevant. Is there a better way or are there aspects of the process that need to be reviewed? Has a procedure that worked well for us in the past now become outdated, impractical or counterproductive? How effective will the current form of governance prove to be when we become a church of 25 or 50 million people?

Clearly the church from time to time needs to undertake a careful review of its operation to ensure it is functioning efficiently and effectively. Such a review must ensure unity does not become the casualty of any change in direction or modus operandi.

One aspect of the session process in need of urgent review is the way persons are elected to office. Currently this involves a committee made up of people with little knowledge of the performance of the individuals under review, no chance to interview prospective candidates or incumbents, constrained by a tight time schedule and not afforded the opportunity of seeking expressions of interest for any given position from a wider group outside itself.

The end result is often one of frustration for those involved in the process, the best person not necessarily being elected, decisions made on the basis of inadequate information, and individuals and their families being publicly embarrassed. In this age of procedural fairness, such a method is unacceptable and not designed to attract people of the calibre the church desperately needs to adequately carry out its mission.

The Division Executive Committee has voted an alternative method that seeks to address the weaknesses of the current election process. While some conferences have embraced this—or aspects of it—it is imperative all entities that hold sessions give urgent attention to this matter.

If the church is the body of Christ—as we believe it is—it is our combined duty to ensure it is administered in the same caring and sensitive way that He cares for those who collectively make up this body.

Laurie Evans
President, South Pacific Division



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Avondale's aviation school moving from Cooranbong

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Avondale College's School of Aviation is moving from Cooranbong to nearby Cessnock. College president Dr John Cox says the move is part of a strategy to create an endowment fund to enhance the future operation and growth of the college.

Avondale plans to develop about 250 hectares of land about two kilometres from its estate. The land, partly occupied by the School of Aviation, was purchased more than 100 years ago for the benefit of the college.

Avondale will release land in stages over 10 to 20 years to cater for the large population influx projected for the area. Dr Cox reports that studies have been undertaken to ensure a high-quality development sensitive to the environment and to the social and infrastructure needs of the community.

"The capital from the development will not be eroded," says Dr Cox. "It will be invested to generate continuing income to empower the college's mission."

The School of Aviation plans to operate

from Cessnock Airport from January 2006, drawing clients from the populous Hunter region and elsewhere.

Avondale established the School of Aviation in 1977 to train pilots for the Seventh-day Adventist Church's mission work in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific islands and other areas around the world.

However, with the decline of mission aviation, the school now draws its clients mainly from the community. "We're in contact with people who would not otherwise meet Adventists," says chief flying instructor Garry Fraser.

The School of Aviation and some recreational pilots are now the main users of the Cooranbong Airport. The Adventist Aviation Association, which used the airport from 1973 as a base to fly to remote towns, no longer makes regular flights.

Avondale will recognise the history of the airport and the contribution of aviation to the work of the church by incorporating



Avondale College aviation student Rey Lecciones at Cooranbong Airport, where Avondale College has been training pilots for decades.

Gilmore Tanabose

aspects of that history into the development plan.

The School of Aviation's reputation is one of the best in New South Wales, with pass rates two to three times higher than the national average.

Hayley Wilson won the Sir Donald Anderson Trophy for being the best performing female pilot in professional air transport licence exams last year, the second time an Avondale student has won the award in five years. A number of Avondale graduates have become commercial pilots in Australia and in the Pacific islands.—**Brenton Stacey**



◆ On August 27, nine ministers within Central Papua Mission (CPM) were ordained during the National Capital District camp-meeting at Bautama, PNG. Those ordained were stewardship director Andrew Lukale, district directors Michael Kave and Tommy Uau, and church ministers Adam Murumu, Bill Robinson, Gordon Abbey, Michael Gamaeat, Steven Maru and Vaela Nanaba. The ordi-

nation program was officiated by Pastors Thomas Davai, Blasius Managos and Tony Kemo of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, and pastors Loren Poli and Peter Oli of the CPM.—**Bugia Molobo**

◆ Upon the return of the Grade 6 and 7s from a four-day camp at Goold Island, a part of the Reef Guardian School initiative, the Cairns Adventist School, Qld, held



a healthy lunch and **Obstathon**—an afternoon of fun obstacle races—as part of the Healthy Schools initiative. One student commented, "This is the best day I've ever had at school." Also in Cairns, for the first time the Cairns church had an Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) stall at a local shopping centre, Westcourt Plaza, raising some \$A500 to help lift their Appeal

total. ADRA magazines were also given out to help raise community awareness of ADRA.—**Shirley Westacott**

◆ **Berto**, the previous cartoon contributor to RECORD of 18 years, is now tooning for **Intraysyd**, the monthly newsletter for the Greater Sydney Conference.



Voices heard in SPD forum

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The interactive, online forum created to coincide with the 13th South Pacific Division (SPD) session, held from August 30 to September 4, enabled church members to dialogue with church leaders, despite doubts about its effectiveness.

"I suppose the forum gave me a chance to vent some of my opinions," says Mr Norman Tew, a church member from Thornleigh, New South Wales. "But the more important thing is whether those who wrote the questions received any benefit, or whether those reading them did."

Church leaders served as moderators for the forum, posing discussion threads and answering questions for the duration of the session. "I brought up some issues that I felt were important," says a participant of the forum. "But at times I felt my posts were evaluated by administration rather than hearing the issues and thinking about the culture changes we need."

Of the 30 topics presented by church leaders from various departments, the one posted by Human Resources received the most number of views and also generated the most number of posts. It explored the impact that the well-publicised impending

general skills shortage will have on the church in the South Pacific.

The posts surrounding the employment crisis topic dealt largely with the lack of job satisfaction from working for the church, and Colin Clark, director of human resources for the SPD, says, "It's a real issue that the church needs to face up to."

The Human Resources Department is implementing strategies that addresses some of the issues raised in the forum, including a review of employment policies that will make the church a more employee-friendly environment.

"We need to learn to deal with employment problems professionally and with Christian care and compassion. Retaining people will remain a problem unless we as a church place a higher value on all those who contribute to fulfilling the church's mission," Mr Clark says.

Mr Clark says he feels more empowered to proceed with his plans because he is not "just implementing what we think, but with what others have expressed to us. It's good to know that we're on the same wavelength."

Pastor Alex Currie, director of family ministries for the Greater Sydney Conference, also felt he had benefited from the forum. He was involved in a discussion



The SPD forum web site.

about the church's pastoral care quality, a topic that generated a large amount of posts. Pastor Currie says, "Some of the posts have provided me with fabulous concepts about pastoral care, and one particular post was especially powerful because the participant captured the very essence of what pastoral care should be."

A common sentiment echoed by both church members and leaders was the short duration of the forum. Almost 80 members registered to use the forum, and more than 180 posts were made. "One thing that surprised me was the lack of interest," says a participant of the forum. "Perhaps having more time would have helped." Mr Clark, as moderator of the forum, also wished he had more time during the session to join in the discussions.—*Melody Tan*

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◆ **Rosny church**, Tas, concluded its "40 Days of knowing Jesus better" based on the book *Discover the Real Jesus* by **Bill Bright**, with a Spanish themed "thank-you banquet." The church hall was decorated like a *fiesta*, teenage waiters were in costume, and the four-course meal featured sweet potato enchiladas. Telegrams were sent around the room thanking people for their friendship and ministry.

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◆ **Port Macquarie**, NSW, was visited by the 16-voice male choir from **Hagen Park church**, PNG, as they stopped off on their way home from the South Pacific Division session in Melbourne. They performed items in the Sabbath school and church, with their pastor, **Jonathan Wera**, preaching the sermon, and also performed sacred concerts on Friday evening and Sabbath afternoon. Filled with a **cappella singing**, conversion tes-

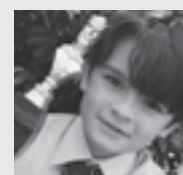


timonies were also given by many choir members. During their week-long visit to Port Macquarie, they also performed at three retirement villages.—*Bob Donaldson*

◆ Four boys from the **Gold Coast Adventist School** (pictured) entered the Gold Coast Schools **Chess** Competition just to see how it was run and ended up B grade team **competition winners**. **Codee Ryff** won the individual competition medal. At **Avondale School**, NSW, the "Kings" chess team recently won the Central Coast Chess Competition and gained second place in the Newcastle



Competition. Seven-year-old "Kings" member **Jonathon Ginn** (below) commenced playing chess at four years of age and now has a ranking of 526 in the NSW Junior Chess League—putting him at number two in the



state for under eight years of age.—*Focus, Karen Zeuschner*

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BBQ helps to bond Adventist employers and students

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Students from Avondale College mingled freely with employers from Seventh-day Adventist organisations over an informal BBQ lunch recently.

“We hoped to bring a closer bond between students and Adventist employers through the BBQ lunch. It was a chance to break down barriers over hot dogs,” says Leighton Cantrill, recruitment promotions officer for the South Pacific Division, Sanitarium and Sydney Adventist Hospital. “Avondale students are a good source of potential future leaders for Adventist organisations and this was a good opportunity to meet with them.”

The BBQ lunch, held at Avondale College, followed a short presentation by the Human Resources department of the South Pacific Division (SPD) to the student body earlier in the morning featuring the benefits of the Adventist employment system.

Former Avondale College students who

are now working for Adventist organisations also gave accounts of their experiences.

Representatives from various Adventist organisations such as Kevin Jackson, CEO

Publishing Company were present during the lunch to speak personally with students and dispel myths about Adventist employment.

“I was impressed to see CEOs and top level managers prepared to come to meet the students,” says Gaylene Heise, course coordinator for Business certificates at Avondale College. “This event opened up the possibilities for students to interact with employers of their choice. It is grassroots career development and was much appreciated, as were the hot dogs.”

Mr Cantrill is working to further develop the relationships forged between employers and students during the BBQ lunch. “We want to give Adventist students, both from Avondale College and elsewhere, the opportunity to work in organisations that do

make a difference,” he says.

Mr Cantrill says plans are already in place for a similar event next year.—
Melody Tan



Avondale students, (L-R) Ebony Reynaud, Chantal Heise and Janita Bond, share a joke with Colin Clark, director of human resources for the South Pacific Division.

of Sanitarium Health Food Company, Devon Deppeler, Chief Financial Officer of Adventist Media Centre and Andrew Irvine, Assistant Manager of Signs

◆ **Elaine Lenaghan** of Swansea church, NSW, has retired at age 79 from her job as stroke-recovery coordinator and campaigner in the Hunter region. After her husband had a stroke 20 years ago, and finding there were no support services, she visited 1600 stroke sufferers in their homes and per-



formed many other community services and acts of kindness. Mrs Lenaghan was previously awarded the **Order of Australia Medal** and Lake Macquarie Citizen of the Year. Why did she do all this? “Because I love them. God loves everyone,” she says. “Some I find a little harder to love, but I help them too.”—
Maureen Bainbridge

◆ For the first time **Bibles and Christian scriptures** were exhibited at the **Beijing Book Fair** held in the Chinese capital in September. Their appearance caused considerable interest among visitors to the exhibition, with people asking

where they could buy Scriptures. Staff of the **United Bible Societies**, who were responsible for the exhibit, directed inquirers to churches, which are the only legal suppliers at present.—**Bible Society**

◆ The Second **Global Internet Evangelism Forum**, which met September 1 to 4, in **Bangkok**, Thailand, drew 170 people to discuss and share information on how the Adventist Church may better utilise the Internet. “The forum attendance exceeded our expectation,” says Pastor **John Banks**, associate director for com-

munication at the General Conference and organiser of the event. “At first we wondered if the location would provide us with a challenge in attracting many participants. But we had 170 persons in attendance representing **diverse cultures**, mostly representing a fast-developing region in utilising new technologies.” The event’s main presentations were captured for distribution as “**podcasts**,” downloadable broadcasts available via Apple Computer’s iTunes service.—**ANN Staff**

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TPUM works with Pacific challenges

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"This is a unique opportunity for all leaders in the union to exchange information on both the challenges and new opportunities to advance the truth in a dying world."

President of the South Pacific Division Pastor Laurie Evans was enthusiastic about the progress of the church in the TPUM, which was created in the reorganisation of the Western Pacific and Central Pacific Union Missions in 2000. "It's a testimony to the gospel when people from so many nations can come together to work for the kingdom of God," said Pastor Evans.

TPUM growing but slowing

PORT VILA, VANUATU

The church in the trans-Pacific is a growing church," reports Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, who has served as general secretary of the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) for the past four years. Reflecting on a membership of 85,219 at the end of 2004, Pastor Tanabose gave thanks to God for this growth and to each of the local missions and churches in the TPUM "for taking seriously our mandate to make disciples."

But, while 2004 saw the most baptisms in the reporting period, total baptisms in the reporting period were down compared to the previous quinquennium. "As a percentage, our actual growth rate is declining," Pastor Tanabose told delegates at the TPUM session on September 14.

Pastor Tanabose also expressed concern at the loss of church membership, noting 2004 had a record number of reported losses. "One of the challenges facing our church is that we are losing our church members very fast," he commented. "If this is accurate, we bring them in, baptise them and then don't think about them the following week. We glory in the number but it is an empty number.

"However, there is a lot of guessing that

"The past five years have been a time of consolidation after major changes but the Lord has guided and blessed," he reflected. "I believe we have a very good team at the union office and we are now poised to grow and expand the work of God in this region. Who knows what God can do if we are fully committed and we allow God's Spirit to work through us."

Bringing the business sessions to a close, Pastor Tanabose expressed gratitude to the delegates. "I am sure the Lord has been with us during these days," he said. —**Nathan Brown**

takes place as far as reporting. Some missions have not recorded any deaths in a given year—either our people are not dying or they are not being reported."

Pastor Tanabose called on mission leadership to be more careful with their reporting so the church's decision-makers can have a more accurate picture of trends within the church. Yet he sees an underlying focus that is necessary. "Many of the challenges we are facing have come about because we have neglected too many of our local churches," said Pastor Tanabose. "Maybe we are putting too much emphasis on other facets of the church and we have neglected building up the body of the local church." —**Nathan Brown**



More than 120 delegates representing 10 nations gathered to consider the progress of the church in the trans-Pacific region.

TPUM grows financially despite regional hardships

PORT VILA, VANUATU

The Trans-Pacific Union Mission has established a strong financial base in its four years of operation, according to a report given to the TPUM session by chief financial officer Vic Bonetti on September 14.

Mr Bonetti reported that tithe across all the mission—as accounted in Fijian dollars at TPUM headquarters in Suva, Fiji—has increased slightly above the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the four years. The TPUM's annual tithe totalled just more than \$FJ6 million in 2004.

However, this growth has not been without challenges. Mr Bonetti noted the civil unrest that has impacted upon economic conditions in Fiji and the Solomon Islands during the reporting period. "Our income has been affected by currency fluctuations between Pacific nations," he said. "While offerings have dropped marginally, in light of exchange rates I see this as a remarkable result."

Mr Bonetti gave specific praise to church members in the Solomon Islands, whose giving increased in the three missions above CPI amid civil war. "I am continually amazed at the generosity of people while enduring hardship," he commented.

Chief financial officer for the South Pacific Division (SPD) Rodney Brady also pointed out the benefits flowing back to the TPUM following the restructure of union missions and union conference in

2000. "One of the benefits of the restructure has been that the SPD has been to deliver back to the TPUM an additional \$A800,000 [annually] for the church's work in this region," he told delegates. "We began with two struggling union missions and have built one financially strong entity." —**Nathan Brown**

Session endorses one Solomons mission plan

PORT VILA, VANUATU

Delegates to the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) session endorsed a recommendation to form a single administrative structure for the church in the Solomon Islands. Currently, three missions—Eastern Solomon Islands Mission, Malaita Mission and Western Solomon Islands Mission—care for the 34,387 church members in 417 organised churches and companies in the Solomons.

The proposal was initially recommended by the union executive committee and will be submitted to members of the three missions for consideration at their respective sessions, to be held in October and November. The appointment of officers for the three missions was referred to the union executive committee, pending the outcome of the mission sessions.

In presenting the proposal, TPUM president Pastor Lawrence Tanabose spoke of the “urgent need to better administer the work of the church in the Solomon Islands.”

“The greatest need is the need for one voice,” he said, referring particularly to opportunities to work with government and non-government organisations. “Rather than having each Solomon Islands mission leadership team making statements and decisions on behalf of the Adventist Church, it should come from one office.”

Pastor Tanabose also pointed out the benefits of a streamlined national administration. “Amalgamation of the three missions will assist in the reduction of bureaucracy within the church systems, which often causes delay with church programs and frustrations among church membership and leaders,” he said.

In presenting the proposal to delegates, Pastor Tanabose noted the benefits of working with one registered legal entity and the further development of an integrated education system on a national level in the Solomon Islands. He also acknowledged some drawbacks, including less con-



Delegates from the Solomon Islands register for the Trans-Pacific Union Mission session.

tact between church leadership and members and reduced representation of the Solomons in union and division activities and bodies.

It is anticipated that a single Solomon Islands mission would bring cost savings for both the mission and the TPUM, in time, money, material and human resources. In this way, a single mission could build a stronger financial base, thus progressing toward conference status.

But Pastor Tanabose’s main focus was the need for church unity in a country that has been torn with factional violence in recent years. “The Adventist Church united amid the pragmatic tribalism will say a lot to the people of the Solomons as to the Christian values and principles we live by,” he told delegates. “Our communities are watching us and for the past five years, they have been asking, ‘Where is that unity?’”

President of the South Pacific Division Pastor Laurie Evans supported Pastor Tanabose’s presentation. “We have been working to establish single voices for the church along national boundaries, and the Solomon Islands is the last place in the division that does not have such a unified voice,” he reflected. “It is important that we have a unified group in the Solomons.

“This is not essentially about saving money,” he added. “It’s about mission. It’s about facilitating the witness and outreach of the church. It’s about how we can more effectively complete a task given to us 2000 years ago and which is now overdue.”

—Nathan Brown

TPUM nominating committee report

Departmental directors

Adventist Health Ministries—Dr Lester Ross; **Adventist Children’s Ministries and Adventist Women’s Ministries**—Marica Tokalau; **Adventist Family Ministries and Stewardship**—Faolui Langi; **Communication**—Referred to union executive committee; **Adventist Education and Human Resources**—Dr David McClintock; Associate—Francis Leovania; **Adventist Youth**—Sione Ausage; **Ministerial Association Secretary and Volunteers in Action Liaison**—Paul Cavanagh; **Personal Ministries, Sabbath School and Global Mission**—Nos Terry; **Public Affairs and Religious Liberty**—Waisea Vuniwa.

Local missions

Solomon Island missions—Referred to union executive committee

Fiji: President—Tom Osborne; General secretary—Joe Talemaïtoga; Treasurer—John Turner

Kiribati and Nauru: President—Kevin Brown; Secretary-treasurer—Jobwebwe Ientaake

Samoas-Tokelau: President—Uili Solofa; General secretary—Paulo Pelenato; Treasurer—Semitai Taoi

Tonga: President—Manu Latu; Secretary—Sione Moala; Treasurer—Elise Napa’a

Vanuatu: President—John Leeman; General secretary—Douw Venter; Treasurer—Tom Makency

Tuvalu Attached District—Referred to union executive committee

Executive committee

Union officers, associate officers and departmental directors; mission presidents; principal, Fulton College; administrator, Atoifi Hospital; Alick Bare; Audrey Luen; Fanueli Mataele; Jobwebwe Ientaake; Joel Toa; John Peniop; Alfred Hunt; Lina Aengari; Titau Tavita; Tui Taoi; Wilson Liligetto; one more to be appointed by union executive committee.

“Sharing our hope” in TPUM

BY NATHAN BROWN

AT THE SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION session at the beginning of September, the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) needed a new president. The election of Pastor Lawrence Tanabose was perhaps the obvious choice. Pastor Tanabose has served as secretary of the TPUM for almost five years and the previous five years he worked as secretary of the former Western Pacific Union Mission. He has also held the position of president of the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission. But Pastor Tanabose’s mission heritage extends further still. While a native Solomon Islander, he was born in Papua New Guinea, the son of early missionaries to PNG.

After a quick afternoon swim, Pastor Tanabose took time to speak with RECORD at the close of the recent Trans-Pacific Union Mission session in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

You’ve been very much a part of setting up the TPUM in your role as secretary. How much of a challenge is it to bring together as many as 10 nations into one church entity?

Something that is quite interesting about this new Trans-Pacific Union is that it combines Melanesian, Polynesian and Micronesian cultures. Even within those three distinctive cultures there are a lot—maybe hundreds—of subcultures. It really needs God’s guidance and wisdom to work within those sort of environments.

If one looks at the many subcultures and the problems and challenges without considering that God is behind all this, I think one would finally get discouraged and lost. I think the encouraging part of it is that it’s God’s business, it’s God’s work

and we make mistakes, but we learn from our mistakes. And God sometimes turns our mistakes into good. Many good things grow out of the bad decisions we make.

You are the first Solomon Islander to occupy such a leadership position and, together with the election of Pastor Waisea Vuniwa as secretary, this is the first time two national leaders together have held such positions. How significant a step is this for the church in the Pacific?

It’s a big step forward and it is bringing encouragement and a lift to the Pacific island nations. We felt that we would like to be out there in the field and working together as leaders, and many times we were not given that opportunity. But we want to thank the Lord and the division—the leadership of the church—in recognising that. We just want to thank God for bringing about that change. We have leaders but the only way to develop those leaders is to get them out into the field and let them roll the ball, let them get the bruises, let them get the pain and exhaustion that come with the experience. That is the only way we can train and develop them. Nationalisation—though it has a downside to it—brings many good things with it. And we just want to thank the church leaders for bringing that about.

You’ve just been through a nominating committee process. What can be done to enhance the local leadership of the church across this region?

I think every leader and church needs to be intentional about identifying spiritual gifts that the Lord gives to the church. And if there are leaders among the church body, they need to be nurtured and connected



TPUM leaders (left to right) Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, Pastor Nos Terry and Pastor Waisea Vuniwa at the opening of the Trans-Pacific Union Mission session.

with the leadership of the church. As leaders, we need to ask how we can best improve and develop that particular person, not just men but also the women.

In the past, we have looked at four or five workers and just because they pass academic subjects we pick them and send them away for further studies. But many of those people are not leaders. They’re good workers, committed Christians, good supporters, but when it comes to leadership they don’t have the right qualities.

I think this is a contributing factor to a problem we have during a session like this. We don’t have a great pool of leaders, and I’m glad that in the next quinquennium we will be including a human resources department that will foster this process.

So you think that is an important factor in the church’s work in the TPUM?

The success of the union depends on the team players and the team spirit we try to maintain. I think we have a very good team within the Trans-Pacific Union. It’s also quite healthy to have leaders from various cultures, because I may be weak in one thing but someone else may be very strong in that particular area and so we complement each other when it comes to trying to achieve our goals. I see that as a plus.

I think it all really boils down to where we put our focus. If the strategy is set up in such a way that everybody participates in it and the focus is not blurred, I see that as a contributing factor to the success of the church.

As you travel around the Trans-Pacific, how healthy is the church’s work?

I think the healthiest aspect is the actual

growth of the church. Our churches are committed to the gospel commission and witnessing is part and parcel of church life. Our churches throughout the union territories are really focused on that. Our Sabbath school programs—even in the primary Sabbath school—are all geared toward witnessing. I see that as one of the signs of a healthy church.

Financially, I cannot say all of our churches are healthy. Some churches are struggling, maybe because they do not have a good income. With others it may be the result of poor management. Our leaders need to work with local church leaders to train them how to manage their finances.

And most of our schools are struggling. During this five-year period, we are planning to encourage our schools, so that they are not just another school providing an educational environment for kids but setting an example as part of the total witnessing program. I want them to be model schools that provide better facilities for our children, a better study environment and better leadership.

One of the financial challenges for the union will always be travel and communications. It must cost a lot to maintain the church in the TPUM.

Very true. Travelling is one of the very expensive areas. In some areas where you have more developed transportation it is a little easier. But in other areas it is very difficult.



Pastor Tanabose preaches in front of his own artwork on the final day of the TPUM session in Vanuatu..

This challenge applies even to pastors, who provide care for the church. As we look at the budgets we try to divide equally between the pastors. Some pastors are looking after whole island groups. A single pastor may look after eight or nine churches but they may be a long way apart, with limited travel options. It's one of the difficulties we have.

Is there a Trans-Pacific flavour to the church or is it a collection of different entities that occasionally get together and swap ideas?

I think the Trans-Pacific has a flavour in itself. I see that as a healthy thing. When we get together like this [the TPUM session], we influence each other for good. We appreciate other cultures that we may not have understood before. We've got brothers and sisters out there who have difficulties and challenges that we may not have in other mission territories. And so it builds in us an appreciation of what we have and also what we could use in a much better way.

At this session, the TPUM has reinstated a health department. What is the thinking behind that?

I think it's picking up where we have been negligent in the past. Health has been the right arm of the gospel since the missionaries arrived on our shores, and we as a church have been the forerunner in advertising and presenting health messages. But in the past decade we've fallen back and

other bodies are picking up and running with it. We've got clinics, we've got a hospital, but even sanitation in many of our villages is below standard. And we really need this department to coordinate what hasn't been well coordinated and also bring our church back on track with health.

One of the things I have observed is that there seems to be a lot of interaction with governments in the Pacific. How much of an influence is the Adventist Church on society as a whole?

In the islands it's through the education system that we have inroads into government sectors, into non-government organisations and into other organisations. Through our graduates, through our students who have come through our education system and then been recruited into political positions, we have already built relational bridges as it were.

Not only that, some leaders in the government have been admirers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They have a high respect for us, so we have been included in many of their committees and decision-making bodies in many parts of the Pacific region.

As an aside, I'm told you are the artist who painted the backdrop used at this session. Is that correct?

Yes, during the past five years when I moved across to the Trans-Pacific Union, I've been more involved in pastoral and evangelistic work, but I've also got back into some of the hobbies I enjoyed some years back, such as painting, drawing and sketching. I paint a few charts for our pastors and evangelists. If they request me to paint their charts, I do that for them—when I have time.

Having done the session business here, what do you hope TPUM church leaders will take home with them?

I am praying that each of the church leaders here will go home with the inspiration that we are living in the finest hour of this church's history. While we see the world falling apart, and wickedness and lukewarmness increasing, I'm sure our delegates have come to realise during this session that God is going to be performing much more strongly and with much more power than we might have thought.

I've talked to the newly appointed administration and the departmental directors of the union and shared with them my personal vision for this union and the way we should be going. I'm sure our delegates will go back with the vision to "share the hope"—that has been the theme of this session—in everything the church is involved in. **R**

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.

Messages for the church

BY DAVID LAWSON

AFTER THE GIFT OF CHRIST TO DIE for the human family, the greatest gift God has given to humanity is the gift of the Holy Spirit. And this gift of the Holy Spirit to encourage, comfort, guide and lead the followers of Christ is important. In fact, Jesus said it was in the best interests of His people that He should go away so the Holy Spirit might come (see John 16:7).

Through the medium of the Holy Spirit, Jesus could be with each of His followers at all times and in all places. Thus the Holy Spirit came in New Testament times as the representative of the Godhead in the world, and in a particular sense as a blessing and a guide to the church of God.

A Giver of gifts

When the Holy Spirit was present with the early church after the ascension of Jesus, with His presence in the church came certain gifts (see 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11). It seems every believer receives a measure of the Holy Spirit in his or her life and some gifts. To some are given the gift of wisdom. To others are given the gift of knowledge. To others Paul says might come the gift of faith. Some are given the ability to heal through the power of the Holy Spirit. Others may have the gift of prophecy or the gift of different tongues. These and other gifts are divided to all followers of Christ according to the will of the Spirit.

In Ephesians 4:8, 11-15, Paul again lists some of the gifts to the church and he explains why these gifts are given. The major gifts are here listed under various roles in the work of God. According to Paul, these gifts are given for:

1. The perfecting of the saints. These gifts were for the benefit of the whole church, designed by the Holy Spirit to be a blessing to all church members.

2. The work of the ministry. The Holy Spirit gives a special measure of His gifts to those who are responsible for the spiritual needs of the people.

3. The edifying of the body of Christ. As the body of Christ is the church, these

gifts were given for the building up of the church of God.

Paul says these gifts will be needed until the second coming of Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 4:13).

The gift of prophecy

One of these specific gifts is prophecy. Paul makes it clear this is something we should expect to see in the church. And if prophecy is so important, we should be concerned to find out what it is about and what prophets might be expected to do for God and His church.

The Bible gives us a number of descriptions of the role of prophets and prophecy:

- In 1 Samuel 9:9, the prophet is referred to as a seer. He saw the things of God.
- In Ezekiel 3:17, the prophet was called a watchman. He watched the condition of God's people.
- In 2 Chronicles 36:15, the prophet was a messenger. He came with messages from God to the people.

The biblical view of the prophet's work is simple: the prophet saw the things of God; watched the condition of God's people and brought messages from God to the people. The outcome also seems straightforward in the Bible: great blessing came by heeding the message of the prophets; but by refusing or rejecting such messages there came a loss of blessing and the judgments of God (see, for example, 2 Chronicles 36:16 and Matthew 23:37, 38).

A specific purpose

When we think of prophets, our first thought is often of predictions concerning the future. And sometimes God used prophets in this way—"Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7*). But the most important work of prophets was to bring people closer to God. The prophets' chief purpose was to guide, preserve and restore God's people.

From a study of the Old Testament we discover that from time to time in the

experience of Israel, God raised up many prophets. God revealed Himself and His message to the prophets through visions and dreams (see Numbers 12:6). Through them, He guided, counselled, admonished, reproved, inspired and encouraged His struggling, wayward children. Much of the light and truth revealed to these prophets, the Lord instructed them to write down to be preserved for future generations. As a result we have the Old Testament.

There were also prophets in the early Christian church in the New Testament era (see Acts 11:27; 21:9-10). It was in this context that Paul wrote regarding the important role of prophecy in the church, as discussed above. "Do not treat prophecies with contempt," wrote Paul. "Test everything. Hold on to the good" (1 Thessalonians 5:20, 21).

Paul suggests prophecy may be genuine and thus a gift of the Spirit of God. However, Paul also reminds us in 1 Corinthians 14:22 that prophecy is specifically for the church, for those who believe.

Outside the Bible

When Seventh-day Adventists say God has manifested the gift of prophecy, we do not mean we have another Bible—or more truths than those taught in the Bible. We take our stand on the Bible. It alone constitutes our foundation of faith.

But not all prophets in ancient times wrote parts of the Bible. There were many prophets chosen by God who wrote messages to God's people, but as they were specifically for their time their messages did not form a part of the Bible (see, for example, Joshua 10:13, 1 Chronicles 29:29, and 2 Chronicles 9:29). In these instances, it was not the prophet's purpose to write a portion of the Bible. Instead, they were to bring a message to uplift the people of God in times of crisis.

Similarly, Seventh-day Adventists believe the gift of prophecy in our church is not another Bible. It is counsel and instruction in these last days to guide and preserve God's church.

A messenger for the church

Seventh-day Adventists believe the gift of prophecy has been manifest in the work of Ellen White. During her lifetime, she received 2000 direct communications from the Lord in visions. She wrote 23,900 pages of material that has appeared in book form, besides 4500 articles published in periodicals. This meant the penning of about 25,000,000 words.

After her death a tribute appeared in a work by George Wharton Hames entitled *California—Romantic and Beautiful*. He wrote, "This remarkable woman, although almost entirely self-educated, has written and published more books and in more languages, which circulate to a greater extent than the written works of any other woman in history" (pages 319, 320).

Indeed, many secular journals bore testimony to the genuine worth of her character and her work—a life of "good fruits." The editorial in the *St Helena Star* commented, "The life of Mrs White is an example worthy of emulation by all. . . . She was a humble, devout disciple of Christ, and ever went about doing good. . . . Her death marks the calling of another noted leader of religious thought, and one whose almost 90 years were full to overflowing with good deeds, kind words, and earnest prayers for all mankind."

The *New York Independent* stated, "She showed no spiritual pride and she sought no filthy lucre. She lived the life and did the work of a worthy prophetess."

The editor of the *Toledo Blade* wrote, "Mrs White was a remarkable woman. . . . She was of the flesh of which saints are made. . . . Her long, eventful life has closed, but as it closes, beautiful lights of self-sacrifice and devotion are left shining throughout the world, lit up by heavenly thoughts from her fruitful mind and loving heart."

Her life obviously gave testimony to her calling. We believe the writings and instruction of Ellen White, the visions and dreams she received from the Lord, were for the purpose of leading to the Bible and to the God we serve. But we do not believe or teach that God used this woman to enable us to carve out a new doctrine or practice. Nor do we suggest her writings be placed within the covers of the Bible. She was a prophetess of God, used as a channel through whom God could communicate with His people and give them guidance, counsel, instruction, encouragement, reproof and admonition in these days.

Good counsel

On one occasion when the people of Israel were marching out to battle, their king gave advice to the people that is still important for us today: "Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful" (2 Chronicles 20:20). Seventh-day Adventists have taken this counsel, and as a result of harkening to the message of the gift of prophecy have greatly prospered in their witness for Christ and His truth all over the world. **R**

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

Today is Spirit of Prophecy Day.

David Lawson is a retired minister, who writes from Brisbane, Queensland.

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Kids corner



Hi kids,
Have you ever made a promise that you know you won't keep? God tells us that he doesn't like us to lie or make false promises. Read Judges 16 to find out what Delilah did to Samson.

RR

Fill in the Blanks

"Don't plan to hurt your _____ by lying or making false _____. These are things I hate."
Zechariah 8:17 TCW

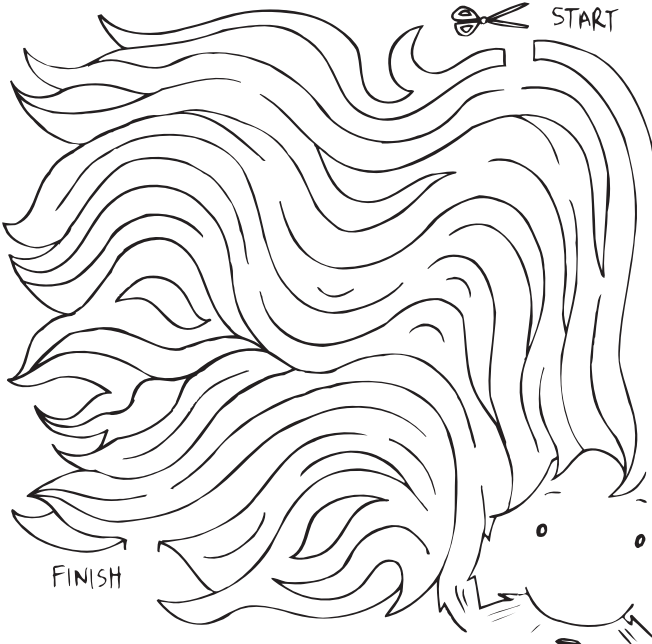
Matching Pairs...

Match the couples from the Bible together by drawing a line from one side to the other. One has been done for you already.

Adam	Rebekah
Boaz	Samson
Mary	Aquilla
Isaac	Joseph
Abraham	Ruth
Priscilla	Eve
Delilah	Sarai

A-Mazeing...

Help the scissors cut through Samson's hair.



Peta Taylor, Shelli Taylor

A question of youth

IAN GODBER, NSW

There's been much said regarding an alleged lack of youth representation on church committees and councils.

The question is, how many are capable and ready to be heard? Youth are still learning, and although these questions apply to older people as well, one needs to ask of them. Do youth carry responsibility in their employment that demonstrates their qualifications to serve? Are they active in the broader church and demonstrating their qualifications there? Are they willing and able to give the time required?

I say, don't push before they are ready. Our younger pioneers were busy preaching and winning souls more than sitting on committees, and their church responsibilities came later.

Dropping shopping

SHEILA RELIHAN, NZ

At last someone has spoken out against an insidious trend ("The art of not shopping," Editorial, September 24). The statement, "The accumulation of things is among the greatest foolishness of contemporary society," is particularly relevant to Adventists, who, by the very name they bear, look forward to the day when they can jettison every earthly thing. But, sadly, many succumb to the blandishments of "must-have" marketing, as if there were no such grand tomorrow.

Advertising's appeal to a desire for possessions now infiltrates even the world of innocent children, where, from infancy,

children are encouraged to wear designer clothes, play with the latest movie-inspired toys, and call friends on play mobile phones. If not tempered by wise instruction, our tendency to lavish gifts on our children and grandchildren may contribute to a warped perception of the stewardship of God's gifts in the very young.

Unless this tendency is grasped (and appropriately "throttled") early in their training, we should not be surprised by their eventual preoccupation with the things of the glitzy world around them.

Guilt by association?

MALCOLM FORD, NZ

I am concerned about the format of the advertising on New Zealand Weet-Bix boxes. The black background and featured All Blacks rugby players suggests

more converts than God."

Recently our son was phoned by an advertising agency to audition for a Sanitarium television advertisement. As it was to take place on Sabbath, he turned the job down. We must be diligent to guard our faith and our practice and to keep it pure until He comes.

RESPONSE: KEVIN SMITH, GENERAL MANAGER, SANITARIUM-NEW ZEALAND:

Sanitarium's mission is to encourage New Zealanders to experience happy, healthy and active lives. We believe the positive benefits of an association with the All Blacks to promote a healthful, active lifestyle is beneficial to our mission.

We sponsor the All Blacks as a team rather than individuals, and while media commentary such as the headline mentioned is unfortunate, we cannot control

At last someone has spoken out against an insidious trend.

that a historic association between players and the breakfast cereal is sacrosanct.

This team displays a version of the Maori haka before each game that simulates violence, which, I believe, is unacceptable. The protruding, rotating eyes, the tongue in full extension and the throat-slashing action can only be described as precolonial savagery.

KAYE MCKEAN, NZ

I am concerned by Sanitarium's advertising in New Zealand, in particular their sponsorship of the All Blacks rugby team. Newspaper headlines regarding the team are anti-God, for example, "Mertin has

independent media comment. We work closely with the New Zealand Rugby Union to ensure they and the team understand and respect our values and principles.

We are also careful to respect and uphold the values and principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in all we do.

Our clear policy is that no advertising or marketing activity (including auditioning or filming) is undertaken on the Sabbath. Our advertising agency strenuously supports our values. Finally, follow-up has been unable to identify any request for people to be involved in a television commercial outside our guidelines.

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Anniversary

Bullas, Gordon and Audrey (nee Chaplin) were married on 5.9.55 in the SDA Adelaide City church. To mark 50 years of marriage, family and friends celebrated the occasion by cruising the Murray River on the *MV Murray Venturer*, which departed from Mannum (SA). It was a lovely sunny day, the guests all enjoyed a delicious meal, and there was musical entertainment performed by their friends, Gary Mordant and Karin Schmidt. Gordon and Audrey's children and their spouses were present, Jeffrey, Rodney and Mitsy, Darryl and Joanne, along with six of their 10 grandchildren.

Weddings

Higgs—Muir. Ben Higgs, son of Rob and Glenys Higgs (Rosebud—formerly of Kilsyth, Vic), and Melissa Muir, daughter of Joan Muir (Preston), were married on 18.9.05 at Elmswood Estate, Wandin East.
Morrie Krieg

Hills—Horwell. Bruce John Hills, son of the late Norman and Evelyn Hills (formerly of Bundaberg, Qld), and Vicki Leanne Horwell, daughter of Gordon and Jeanette Horwell (McKay), were married on 10.9.05 at Sarina Beach Motel waterfront.
Lewis Parker

Hobdell—Watson. Kevin Hobdell and Laura Watson were married on 28.8.05 in the Senior Citizens Parkland, Kingaroy, Qld.
Victor Torrens

McKay—Whyte. Jason Bradley McKay, son of Greg and Sharyn McKay (Quilpie, Qld), and Jessica Elizabeth Whyte, daughter of Ben and Deanna Whyte (Kingsthorpe), were married on 17.9.05 at Point Perry, overlooking Coolum Beach on the Sunshine Coast.
Mike Brounhill

Sutton—Miller. Scott Sutton, son of the late Helen Sutton, and Kylie Miller, daughter of Ken Miller (Ourimbah, NSW) and Merryn Laverack (Bonnells Bay), were married on 17.9.05 at Watagan Lodge, Martinsville.
Jim Beamish

Obituaries

Bushby, Lily Florence, born 18.11.1902 at Bathurst, NSW; died 1.8.05 at the Hawkin's Masonic Village Nursing Home, Edgeworth. In 1927 she married Frank Frost, who predeceased her in 1935. She was also predeceased by her sons, Kevin and Alan. In 1946 she married Ted Bushby, who predeceased her nine months later. She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Scott (Potts Point); her brother, Ken; her sister, Jean (both of Newcastle); her three grandchildren; her seven great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Lily was a cheerful, loving and lovable Christian looking forward to the blessed hope.

Tui Rosevear, Jan Janiewicz

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Everett, Wilfred Jack, born 14.4.1913 at Ditton, Kent, England; died peacefully 5.7.05 at Warrnambool, Vic. Just after World War II he married Jessie Hughes, who predeceased him in 1984. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Hazel and John Walker (Warrnambool), and Roy and Anne (Qld). Jack was a Christian gentleman and a regular RECORD letter writer, who always took the side of the underdog. He awaits the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Paul Kotanko

Fedley, Anne Maree (nee Driscoll), born 17.9.1954 at Bridgetown, WA; died 20.7.05 in Mater Private Hospital, Brisbane, Qld, after a long and brave battle with ill health. She is survived by her husband, Neville; her son, James; her daughter and son-in-law, Honnie and John Gorry (Brisbane); and her sisters, Dr Helen Driscoll (Melbourne, Vic) and Kaye Elsmann (Gold Coast, Qld).

Jorge Munoz

Franks, Lisa Patricia, born 10.5.1968; died April 2005 at Parramatta, NSW. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; and her children, Anthony, Nicholas, Patricia and Christian. Ken takes courage in the Lord in the face of this tragic loss. Lisa was cremated at the Castlebrook Crematorium, Rouse Hill, on 9.9.05.

Rein Muhlberg, Kerry Hortop

Fraser, Gertrude Athenic, born 25.9.1903 on the ship *Athenic* in the Indian Ocean; died 20.7.05 in Christchurch, NZ. She was predeceased by her husband, Tom. Gert had no children and is survived by her friend, Eileen Taylor (Bishopdale, NZ). She was a long-time member of Ilam church.

Neil Thompson

Harrison, James Kenneth Desmond, born 12.6.1932; died suddenly 6.8.05 in Christchurch Public Hospital, NZ. He is survived by his wife, Winifred (Freddie, nee Gillam); his children and their spouses, Mary-anne Harrison, Mark and Sondra (all of Christchurch), and John and Anjou (Singapore); and his seven grandchildren. Jim was a wonderful follower of Christ whose faith was a testament to the Lord he followed.

Kyle Richardson

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Henderson, Gweneth Beryl (nee Marr), born 23.12.1925 at Lithgow, NSW; died 20.3.05 at Bathurst. She is survived by her husband, Joseph; her children and their spouses, Rowan and Debbie, Avril and Colin Curnuck; her brother, Ken; her sisters, Kay Watson (both of Oberon) and Delia Morris (Castle Hill); her four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
Ken Bird

Jones, Jack Hugh, born 6.2.1917 at Auburn, NSW; died 8.8.05 at Victoria Point, Qld. On 5.5.45 he married Ruby Sudweeks. He is survived by his wife (Victoria Point); his sisters, Sheila and Helen Jones (both of Cleveland); his daughters, Judith Walker (Campbelltown, NSW), Susan MacDonald (Morayfield, Qld) and Jillian Larkin (Innisfail); and his son, Len (Bli Bli). Jack was a kind, gentle, loving man, a good provider for his wife and family. He loved to share his experiences with his grandchildren.

Mark Pearce, Neil Tyler

Payne, Laurel Ellen Grace, born 21.8.1917 at Mudgee, NSW; died 9.8.05 in Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga. She is survived by her daughters, Joy Golby, Susan Bolton, Christine Leach, Yvonne McKewan, Diane Hallet and Cheryl Payne; her 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. A longstanding member of Parramatta church, she was unwell for many years, but faithful members kept in touch with her. Her hope centred in the return of Jesus.

Rein Muhlberg

Power, Richard William (Bill), born 23.9.1927 at Oakleigh, Vic; died 22.7.05 in Timboon Hospital, after a long illness and complications from a fall. In 1948 he married Patricia Brumby, who predeceased him in 1968. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Ross and Heather (Port Campbell), and Rose-lee Power (Cooranbong, NSW).

Paul Kotanko

Quinlan-Close, Grace Kelly, born 30.3.1946 at Bellbrook, NSW; died 7.8.05 at Altonville. She is survived by her children, Lyn, Tom, Ralph, Missy and Horace; her brothers and sisters; and a large extended family. Grace worked very hard all her life to improve the health of indigenous people. She was recognised in all areas of government as someone to be included when formulating ways in which this could be carried out. She had just been awarded her Master's Degree in Health, when she was struck down with a brain tumour several years ago. Grace was devoted to her family and a wonderful friend to all.

Harold Grosse, Eddie Hastie
Eric Davey, Frank Cantrill

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25th celebration—Illawarra Adventist School—December 9–11, 2005. Families and friends of IAS are invited to join us in celebrating 25 years at our Corrimal site. Weekend highlights include vespers Friday night, Sabbath school and worship service, followed by combined lunch. A dinner program is planned for Saturday night and will need to be reserved in advance. Festivities continue on Sunday with a school fete, inviting members of the community to come and join in our celebrations. Further information contact Ian or Leanne at IAS on (02) 4285 3485; or email <illsda@aspire.com.au>.

Carmel Adventist College, WA, will celebrate 100 years of Christian education in 2007. All past and present principals, teachers, students, parents and friends are invited to attend a homecoming weekend on October 1 long weekend of that year. Other functions are planned during the year, including special opening and graduation ceremonies. Any memorabilia such as photos, programs, uniforms, stories would be much appreciated for use and display. Inquiries/information to the Principal (08) 9293 5333; or email <carmel@adventist-ed.wa.edu.au>.

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Bickley centenary celebration—October 22, 2005. Bickley church invites past and present members to our centenary celebration (100 years to the day), commencing at 9.30 am for Sabbath school, 11.00 am worship service, light lunch, and afternoon program with review of memorabilia, heritage and history to honour pioneers, such as Palmateers, and notable workers who have sat in our pews. We have many ex-Carmel students on the honour list. Further information: Neil Maxwell (08) 9454 6881; or Yvonne Johnson (nee Garvin) (08) 9291 6508; email <yvonnelj@ozzinet.net>.


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Finally

Never look for the faults as you go through life, and even when you find them, it is right and kind to be somewhat blind, and look for the virtues behind them.