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LORD HOWE ISLAND

Advent Brass Melbourne, winners by a record margin at the recent C-Grade Victorian Brass Band Championships, visited Lord Howe Island on September 19 to 24 to run a health outreach seminar series.

Advent Brass supplied music prior to each seminar, which was presented by Jonathan Duffy, director of Adventist Health Ministries for the South Pacific Division, and Dr Frank Reed, the local medical practitioner. A health forum, aimed at improving health outcomes on the island, concluded the series.

Advent Brass put on a variety concert that drew an audience that filled the community hall to overflowing.

They performed pieces ranging from classical to swing, the hymn “Joyful, joyful” to the theme of the “Flintstones” cartoon and featured instrumental and vocal soloists.

Schoolchildren on the island were provided with a special concert of their own. Matthew Hargraves taught a variety of instruments, harmonies and rhythms—having the children playing an African children’s song within half an hour.

Dr John Hammond, director of education for the Australian Union Conference, also participated on the tour.

The tour involved the transportation of more than 800 kilograms of instruments.—

Narelle Daff



Thankfully, we don't need to sacrifice sheep in our worship services.

The sacrifice

THE LAST NOTES OF THE SINGING die away and the congregation sits. A hush falls across the church as the pastor leads out a sheep. This must be a prop for the children's story. A couple of parents start pushing their small children toward the front of the church. But the pastor does not speak. He usually welcomes the congregation with an attempt at a joke but this morning his face is solemn.

He leads the sheep to a space in front of the pulpit, where he stops and surveys the crowd. The grim look on his face has stilled the congregation and the church is absolutely silent. Still without speaking, the pastor reaches over the top of the pulpit and you see he has a large knife.

Haven't you heard something about this kind of thing in the Old Testament? But we don't do that anymore, do we? In Sabbath school last week, somebody said something about sacrificing sheep. What was that about?

"Because of your sins," says the pastor, looking across the audience. His radio microphone picks up the sound of the sharpening steel he runs along the knife blade. His statement and this metallic grating echo around the sanctuary. The children are standing completely still in the aisle.

In a single movement, the pastor bends down and cuts the throat of the unresisting sheep. He holds the sheep as it begins to struggle and the first drops of blood splatter on the church's spotless carpet and his clean shirt sleeves. He picks up a small wooden bowl and, holding the dying sheep

in a headlock, catches most of the animal's blood in this bowl. Within a couple of minutes the animal stops struggling and the dead body is left where it fell. The pastor begins to move around the front of the church, sprinkling blood on all the items of furniture. The carefully arranged flowers are splattered with the congealing blood of the sheep. The pastor's shirt sleeves are stained with blood.

Imagine how you would feel. A chill of horror would fill the church. Many would be sickened at the sight of this bloody death. Children would have nightmares. There would be tears and anger. Many of the congregation would leave in protest and the pastor would probably be reported to the authorities for cruelty to animals. If the media found the story, there would likely be national coverage, debate and outrage.

Yet in the Israelite sanctuary and temple, such "worship" was an everyday event. God often uses symbols to give us something visible to help us begin to grasp His plan for redeeming humanity. Soon after Adam and Eve's first sin, God gave the promise of a Saviour (Genesis 3:15) and the most powerful and disturbing symbol of what that Saviour would be about: the sacrifice of a lamb. To experience such a sacrifice would be a gruesome reminder of how serious a problem sin is to God. But it also contained the grand truth that our sins are forgiven by an innocent substitute paying sin's penalty for us.

Such sacrifices were an important feature of the relationship between God and His

people through the centuries. In the stories of Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and others, building an altar and offering sacrifices were markers of their journeys with God.

Centuries later—when John the Baptist introduced Jesus to the crowds as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29, NLT)—we find the One to whom all the generations of sacrifices pointed. The variety of sacrifices detailed in Leviticus had different purposes and each would be applied to an appropriate occasion, audience or sin.

But Jesus was *the* sacrifice. In His death, Jesus paid the price for all sins—for the sin of the whole world, including us. The God who has been sinned against loves us so much that he provided the remedy for our sins at great cost to Himself (see John 3:16).

From the sacrifices made at the sanctuary we can be reminded again of the assurance we can have because of Jesus' sacrifice. When a person recognised their sin and chose to repent, an innocent victim took the penalty in place of the sinner and the blood was taken by the priest to make atonement for that sin (Leviticus 4:27-31). God made a simple promise to those who made such an offering: "They will be forgiven" (verse 31, NLT).

Thankfully, we don't need to sacrifice sheep in our worship services. Jesus sacrificed Himself for us. When we choose Him, we are forgiven.

Nathan Brown



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Sanitarium teams with Australian Institute of Sport

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Australian Sports Commission has chosen the Sanitarium Health Food Company to be the official breakfast of Australia's future champions. The partnership is expected to see Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) athletes consume a hefty 5500 kilograms of Sanitarium cereals each year.

As part of a three-year partnership, Sanitarium will provide Australia's leading breakfast cereals like Weet-Bix, So Good soymilk and various other Sanitarium products to some 700 AIS athletes across 26 sports based in Canberra and around the country.

AIS director Professor Peter Fricker says the AIS is very excited about the partnership with Sanitarium and the benefits to AIS athletes.

"The AIS is Australia's internationally acclaimed national centre of sports excellence dedicated to the identification and development of elite athletes," says Professor Fricker. "This partnership with Sanitarium will now allow us to provide our athletes with the very best in whole-

grain breakfast cereal to fuel them in their pursuit of excellence."

"Sanitarium is delighted to be the official breakfast cereal of AIS athletes," says Sanitarium's General Manager for Australia, Dean Powrie. "It's a perfect fit—Australia's best athletes fuelled by Australia's leading breakfast cereals like Weet-Bix. There is a natural alignment with both organisations working to inspire the health of Australians, nutritionally and physically."

Head of the AIS Department of Sports Nutrition, Dr Louise Burke, says the AIS Department of Sports Nutrition is also excited about teaming up with Sanitarium—a company that shares commitment to quality food and sound nutrition education.

"Utilising Sanitarium's range of products will help our athletes achieve their nutritional goals," says Dr Burke. "By the time our athletes enjoy a bowl of wholegrain cereal and milk, they will have completed the first training session of the day—the mix of carbohydrate and protein helps to promote effective recovery from a work-out."—*Julie Praestiin*

Research lab named to honour scientist

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Acknowledging the distinguished 45-year career of one of Australia's leading food-research laboratories, Sanitarium officially renamed its newly renovated laboratories the Dr Sidney Cole Research and Development Centre on October 10.

"We are in awe of Dr Cole's vision for food science, his knowledge and abilities and his achievements during his career, here and internationally," says Brad Cook, manager of Sanitarium's Development and Innovation (SDI) group.



Right to left: Kevin Jackson, Sanitarium's CEO, Dr Sid Cole and his wife, Yvonne Cole.

Dr Cole is the principal scientist at SDI and has been instrumental in developing leading-edge health foods, food microbiology research and quality-control technologies.—*Julie Praestiin*



◆ The Vanuatu Mission has had three recent ordinations. **Warren Manasseh** (pictured, left) was ordained on August 20 at Sarakata church, Santo, Vanuatu. Pastors **Roneth Silas** (centre) and **Jonathan Moses** (right) were both ordained on August 27 at the Portoroki church. The ordinations were officiated by Pastor **Nos Terry**, pres-

ident of Vanuatu Mission, Pastor **Douw Venter**, secretary of Vanuatu Mission, and Pastor **Paul Cavanagh**, ministerial secretary of the Trans-Pacific Union Mission.

◆ *The Big Argument: 24 scholars explore why science, archaeology and philosophy haven't disproved God* is a new book compiled by

Adventists **Michael Westacott**, a freelance editor living in Cairns, and **Dr John Ashton**, editor of *The God Factor: 50 scientists and academics explain why they believe in God* and *In Six Days: Why 50 scientists choose to believe in creation*. "These essays show that science has not disproved God but rather that to live life without God is absurd," says Dr Ashton. Published by **Strand Publishing** and containing contributions



from a number of Adventists, *The Big Argument* is available in Christian bookstores around the country.

◆ More than 2000 people attended the opening of **Pakau Memorial church** at Bulolo, Lae, PNG, on September 18. Invited guests included Pastor **Thomas Davai**, PNG Union Mission president, Pastor **John Hamura**, Morobe Mission president, and member of parliament **John Mugnape**, who in a speech said, "You have inspired me; **public funds should be used to build churches.**" The church was named after pioneer missionary Pastor John Pakau.—*Kua Nugai*

Bible studies, baptisms and five-star ratings for Avondale

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Avondale College is making a positive impression both in the spiritual and academic areas of its operations.

This semester there are 20 students studying the Bible with chaplain Dr Wayne French.

Dr French says he and the College Church ministerial team expect to baptise 10 of these students by the end of the semester.

Two have already been baptised, aviation student Sal Patrick by associate minister Mark Craig at the church on September 24, and nursing student Troy Lane by Dr French on the beach at Stuarts Point, October 1.

"I can't believe I get paid to do this!" says Dr French.

Three more students will be baptised during the Sabbath school program on graduation weekend.

More people will also be ministered to as organisers of Hunter Harvest, an interdenominational evangelistic program, has given College Church 40 names to follow up. However College Church is giving

some to other churches, as it is the only church receiving names in the local area.

As far as the impressions being made academically, Avondale College has again scored five stars for its educational experience and quality of teaching, according to the *2006 Good Universities Guide*.

It also received top billing in two of the categories relating to graduate outcomes—"Getting a job" and "Positive graduate outcomes"—and improved its ranking from one to three stars in the third—"Graduate starting salary."

College president Dr John Cox describes the "Educational experience" category as the "principal quality rating" because it comes from graduates and is based on a questionnaire administered by the Australian government. However, "Getting a job" and "Positive graduate outcomes" are also important.

"Avondale has a consistently higher graduate employment rate than most universities," says Dr Cox. And it is not just because the college prepares graduates for work within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "Many of our graduates find employment outside the church and a significantly higher



Nursing student Troy Lane (second from right) and chaplain Dr Wayne French (right) after Mr Lane's baptism at Stuarts Point on October 1.

proportion than in most universities move on to postgraduate study. Our graduates have currency."

"We're a small institution compared to most universities, but this contributes to a sense of graduate satisfaction and quality of teaching," says Dr Cox. "Our students have more interdisciplinary interaction and better access to staff members, and our staff members can pay much closer attention to needs of individual students."

Avondale's ranking for cultural diversity remains steady at two stars.—**Brenton Stacey**

◆ **The New Zealand North and South Island Inter-conference Teen Expedition** ran from September 25 to October 2 with 91 young people and staff walking and kayaking through **Abel Tasman National Park**. Secluded bays, azure blue waters, golden sand beaches, dolphins and fur seals were some of the natural highlights. Youth directors **Willie**



Strickland and Pastor **Steve Kane** were expedition chaplains and focused on who God is, who they are, the spiritual disciplines of prayer, solitude, Bible study and fellowship. **Teen peer pressure** points were also examined: Body, dress and grooming, being socially active, drink and drugs, premarital sex and school marks. A number of young people made decisions for Bible study and baptism.

◆ **The Royal Automobile Club of Western Australia** has included minister **Neville Westwood** in their **Motoring Hall of Fame** for being the first man to drive around Aus-

tralia. As a 22-year-old he left Perth in a second-hand **7 hp Citroen** with his friend **G L Davies** on August 4, 1925, to undertake medical missionary work in the north of WA. Mr Westwood arrived back in Perth on December 30, having driven 10,000 miles in five months. All this when there were few roads and no bridges to speak of.—**Brenden Cooke, RAC**

More @ http://100years.rac.com.au/walk_of_fame.html

◆ **Moora church, WA**, members **Frank and Jeanie Crago** recently held a fundraiser for the town's chaplaincy. Together with the help



of other church friends, more than **1000 sheep were crutched**. Money that would have been paid to helpers was given in support of the chaplaincy. The Moora church also ran a **Happy Holiday Club** program recently for primary school aged kids with songs, Bible lessons, stories, jungle tales and crafts. An average of 75 kids came each day, mostly from the community.—**Heather Chapman**

LAA hosts record community event

LILYDALE, VICTORIA

The seventh Annual Weet-Bix Billy Cart Grand Prix has attracted a record 585 competitors and thousands of spectators. "This event has become a keenly anticipated community event for both Lilydale Adventist Academy and the Shire of Yarra Ranges," reports event coordinator David Jones of Lilydale Adventist Academy (LAA).

Local mayor David Hodgett opened proceedings in the morning and then acted as crew manager for his son's billycart team. Mr Jones was thrilled with the community involvement in the event. "The Billy Cart Grand Prix has not only put LAA on the map in the local area but has highlighted that Adventism is alive, well and an exciting lifestyle. In 2005 the local Lilydale church was involved with STORM Co and the Pathfinder club taking significant roles on the day."



Racing at the annual Billy Cart Grand Prix.

Health yacht dedicated despite setbacks

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

The yacht sent to the Solomon Islands to help meet local health needs (RECORD, August 13) was dedicated on October 2 in a ceremony attended by the Solomon Islands Governor-General, Sir Nathaniel Waena.

Sir Nathaniel welcomed the yacht, *L'Oiseau*, to the Solomons and expressed the delight the government felt to have the *L'Oiseau* and its team providing medical aid to the people of the islands.

The dedication followed on from the theft of *L'Oiseau's* solar panels on September 27, which were vital for the operation of the medical equipment on board the ship, as well as providing power to the four batteries on the boat. Dr Bruce Hands, who works with Pacific Yacht Ministries and was involved in obtaining the yacht, said of the theft, "Satan is trying to handicap our Solomons yacht mission work in non-Adventist territory."

Despite this setback, the church in the Solomon Islands is looking forward to the commencement of this new ministry. "The medical yacht will operate in the Solomons on a full-time basis," says Pastor Hennie Murray, general secretary of the Eastern



L'Oiseau, following her dedication.

Solomon Islands Mission. "Most of the time we will have one or two doctors, three nurses and an evangelist on board."

Pastor Murray sees this as an exciting opportunity to reach remote communities. "The demand for medical work on the remote islands, where people seldom see a doctor, is so great," he says.

"The medical work will open so many doors for our message, to change people and whole communities."—RECORD staff/Solomon Star

◆ A parenting seminar at Papatoetoe church, NZ, presented by Diane Levy, author of *Of Course I Love You... Now Go to Your Room!* recently drew an attendance of more than 200—87 per cent coming from outside Papatoetoe church. Preparing for these visitors, they thought laterally and put themselves in the shoes of a first-time guest. At the conclusion participants were given a "thank you" pack with many follow-up opportunities and information about their church. Some 74 per cent of participants indicated interest in other courses and several requested Bible studies. This

success comes in addition to Papatoetoe experiencing their highest recorded attendance (some 950) at their Spring Praise Festival—exceeding last year's Christmas Service attendance of 850. This year, Papatoetoe has already had more baptisms than any previous year.—Jacinda Turnbull-Harman

◆ Midland Heights church has become the first in Bermuda to broadcast its services live on the Internet. Pastor Kelby McCottry says one of the church's slogans is "evangelism through technology."—ANN Staff

◆ Participants at the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Council on Evangelism and Witness (CEW) shared what innovative types of outreach are contributing to the exponential growth of the church globally. The group, which met at a biannual meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland, on October 2, is designed as a stimulant to ideas and actions that can find a place in the global life of the church. The CEW was established five years ago and aims to keep the church conscious that the Great Commission is its primary purpose. Effective use of media, especially the Internet, in outreach is among the

current initiatives of the council. "The manual for the use of the Internet in the church is sitting in the pew next to you, and he's 12 years old," says Pastor Rajmund Dabrowski, General Conference communication director. "What he needs is the content."—ANN Staff

◆ Yen, rupees, euro, rand, leke, dinars, pesos, schillings, francs, kroonis, shekels—these were just some of the various currencies in the offerings given by representatives of more than 200 countries at the General Conference session in St Louis. Banking proved to be a challenge.—Olson Perry

ADRA responds to Pakistan earthquake

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

With the major earthquake that for struck Pakistan, India and Afghanistan on October 8, causing tremendous destruction and leaving tens of thousands feared dead, thousands have responded with various forms of aid.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) established an emergency team to assist with the implementation of emergency relief projects in Kashmir, such as the distribution of tents, blankets and food.

“ADRA is working to meet the needs of the suffering of the survivors in Pakistan and India as quickly as possible,” stated Frank Teeuwen, bureau chief for emergency management, ADRA–International.

In its first international shipment of aid, ADRA–International airlifted 20 boxes of medicine from Malaysia to the Islamabad airport, the group said.

“Each box can treat 1000 patients for 90 days,” said Raafat Kamal, regional vice-president of ADRA’s Trans-European office. The boxes can be used by small medical teams in rural areas.

ADRA–Germany prepared an airlift of antibiotics and antibacterial equipment valued at \$US84,000 for distribution by the ADRA team in the disaster-struck area.

ADRA also dispatched a medical team to Kashmir to assist with the distribution of medical supplies and attend to the health concerns of those injured.

To coordinate relief efforts on the ground, ADRA set up an office in Rawalpindi, a city near Islamabad, Pakistan, and a field office in District Bagh, where authorities had already given ADRA permission to begin relief activities.

As part of its initial emergency response to the earthquake, ADRA is providing 300 tents, 300 food packages, 300 blankets and 300 jerry cans for 300 families in Mohala Khajgan and Mohala Saddat in the District Bagh, where about 95 per cent of structures have been leveled by the earthquake. “We have a major crisis on our hands and we are trying our best to meet the needs of the people of Pakistan,” Kamal added.

ADRA–Australia has allocated funds and is collecting donations for the emergency relief effort—**ADRA/ANN Staff**

More @ www.adra.org.au

SPD statement condemns Bali bombing

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The South Pacific Division (SPD) has publicly condemned the act of terrorism that claimed the lives of many innocent people in the bomb blasts in Bali on October 1.

“We are outraged at what has happened,” says Pastor Laurie Evans, president of the SPD. “It is shocking to have to respond to another bombing, following the deaths of so many people in London earlier this year and in Bali in 2002.

“This recent tragedy is yet another reminder of the fragile nature of the peace and security we have for so long taken for granted.

“We are praying for those who have been deeply and personally affected.

“We need to remember that this is not the time to point the finger at other religious groups but a time to come together and offer support,” says Pastor Evans.

“We must not let these horrible events generate fear of and hatred toward different ethnic or religious groups. It will be unreasonable and unfair to alienate Muslims because of the acts of a handful of fanatics.”—**Melody Tan**

◆ “In da bginnin God cre8d da heavens & da earth. Da earth waz barren, wit no 4m of life.” And so begins the Bible, according to the world’s **first SMS Bible**, released by the Bible Society in Australia. The translation of 30,173 verses was an attempt to make the Bible relevant in modern society. While the spelling of the words has changed, the **messages remain faithful** to the grammar used in the Contemporary English Version of the Bible. The son of a society employee in NSW raised the idea of producing the world’s first SMS Bible several months ago. It took the society only **four weeks to translate** hun-

dreds of thousands of words into SMS format, using a “replace text” feature on a computer Microsoft Word document version of the Bible. If a person were to SMS each verse of the Bible to a friend, it would cost close to \$A8000.—**Varity Edwards**

More @ www.biblesociety.com.au/smsbible

◆ Three wrongly convicted Indonesian Christian women, currently serving a three-year prison sentence in West Java, are now getting convictions of their own from the **church they started** within the confines of their **prison**.

Dr **Rebekka Zakaria** can currently lead a worship service on Sundays in a small outdoor courtyard area of the prison. About 35 people from her church are allowed to enter the prison each Sunday to participate. **One inmate recently converted** to Christianity and attends the worship service, bringing the Christian inmate population to seven. Christian Freedom International says the three women were imprisoned after having been **wrongly convicted** of “attempting to coerce children to change their religion” under the Indonesian “Child Protection Act.”—**Michael Ireland**



◆ Would losing these golf balls be a witness? A set of three **Glory Golf Balls**, each with a different Bible text, have been produced by the business Holy Socks. Bible texts include: “. . . but each shall go out straight ahead” (Ezekiel 46:9); “Lift up your eyes on high and see . . . not one is missing” (Isaiah 40:26); and “**I have finished the course**. I have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7).—**Shippoffools.com**

Australian-based *Diggings* on sale in US

TORONTO, NEW SOUTH WALES

Archaeologist David Down has been publishing *Archaeological Diggings* in Australia for the past 12 years. The bimonthly magazine is printed by Signs Publishing Company and is distributed through newsagents across Australia and New Zealand, becoming Australia's top-selling archaeology magazine. Now *Archaeological Diggings* is on sale in the United States.

"Recently there have been numerous articles in archaeology journals and TV documentaries claiming that recent archaeological evidence contradicts the Bible records of the Exodus from Egypt and the destruction of Jericho by the Israelites under Joshua, but *Archaeological Diggings* is fully supportive of the historical records of the Bible," says Pastor Down.

Each edition of *Archaeological Diggings* carries an advertisement for the "Digging up the Past" correspondence lessons handled by the Adventist Discovery Centre in Sydney. "This results in a constant stream of applicants, a large proportion of whom go on to do a correspondence course on the doctrines of the Bible," Pastor Down reports.

"Now this magazine is on sale in America, reaching a much larger population than we have here in Australia," he says. "Review and Herald Publishing anticipates a larger response than we have had in Australia."—RECORD staff



The Australian-produced *Archaeological Diggings* is now on sale in the United States.

Part of the story

BY GARY KRAUSE

ARE YOU READING THAT THING right through like a novel?" the young woman sitting next to me on the plane asked, disbelievingly, pointing at my open Bible. For the past half-hour she must have seen me working my way through *Second Chronicles*.

"Yes, I guess I am," I replied.

"Why?"

"I do it every January—a good start to the year."

For the next 20 minutes, she detailed her husband's bad start with Christianity in a strict fundamentalist family in the Midwest of the United States. The cruelty and hypocrisy turned him away, and He now had no time for church.

"And then," she said, catching her breath, "my mother's gone and become one of those Seventh-day Adventists!"

She had my attention. I listened closely as she proceeded to describe my church family—"very strange people," "vegans," "sunken eyes," "anorexic-looking."

She shook her head and circled her ear with her finger.

"You know how the [she named another religious group] always come knocking on your doors?"

"Yes," I replied, tentatively.

"My mother is the only person I know who has them wanting to leave."

When I finally broke the news that I, too, was a Seventh-day Adventist, I tried to do it gently.

I wanted her to know some of the good Adventist things: a lifestyle that produces longer lives, not sunken eyes; an international development and relief agency; hundreds of hospitals and clinics caring for the sick around the world; community welfare programs; a huge international school system; a mission program bringing the good news of a loving God to millions.

I wanted her to know a few of the good things we teach: God is love; He gives us a joyful Sabbath every week; He wants to change us into better people; He promises

final justice (without eternal torture); and He will create a new earth.

I wanted her to know about other Adventists than the ones she knew: those who laugh a lot, care a lot, love a lot. People she would like.

She'd seen we're far from perfect: sometimes going to extremes; elevating diet and other good things above the gospel; adopting an air of superiority; building walls rather than bridges; diluting God's joy and love.

She and her friend and I discussed the Bible and whether Jesus was more than just a good man. We talked about creation and evolution, the golden rule, and whether Christianity had any unique claims.

She had my attention. I listened closely as she proceeded to describe my church family.

I didn't get to read more of my Bible during that flight. But there was plenty of time to read it later. And I knew the plot anyway: God's infinite patience and grace working for people like me. And I knew how it ended: His love and forgiveness triumphing in the makeover of all who accept His invitation—including less-than-perfect Adventists, wounded former Christians, and young women searching for answers on planes. **R**

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ADRA—PNG: Changing lives for good

BY KYM PIEZ

MANY CHURCH MEMBERS IN Australia ask me, “What does ADRA actually do in Papua New Guinea?” and there is an assumption that Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Papua New Guinea (PNG) has about 10 staff and runs a fairly small operation. This is far from the truth.

ADRA—PNG plays an important role in and to the communities of PNG and it continues to change lives. May this information be used to maximise the work of ADRA—PNG to the wider church community in the South Pacific.

A brief history of ADRA—PNG

Most people know ADRA is a world-wide network and has a presence in more than 125 countries around the globe. But the ADRA network has two different types of countries: supporting countries, such as New Zealand and Australia; and implementing countries. PNG is considered a developing country and therefore implements programs that align with ADRA’s Worldwide Core Portfolios: food security, economic development, primary health, disaster response and basic education.

ADRA—PNG’s work began in 1991 at the headquarters of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission. ADRA’s work started out with water installations and infrastructure projects. By 1994, ADRA—PNG had its first full-time country director, and a separate office was purchased in Kamkumung, just outside Lae, but financial control remained with church administration.

In 1996, ADRA—PNG took over financial management and, since then, has relocated to a much larger office space located

Mission Statement:
Believing that every person is infinitely valuable, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency of Papua New Guinea works with people regardless of any ethnic, political, racial or religious association to relieve human suffering, empowering both individuals and communities to develop their full potential.

centrally in Lae to house its growing National Office staff.

Today, projects have been consolidated to: adult literacy; disaster response; economic development; HIV/AIDS education and HIV/AIDS Counselling, Testing and Resource Centre; water and sanitation.

ADRA—PNG has also established three provincial offices—in Bougainville, Central and Eastern Highlands. These offices are currently running the adult-literacy program with plans to extend other ADRA programs into these areas. **R**

Kym Piez is development director for ADRA—Papua New Guinea.



Sixty-eight of ADRA—Papua New Guinea’s staff members at this year’s HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming Workshop at Madang in June 2005.

Kym Piez

Did you know?

- ADRA is one of the largest non-government organisations in PNG with more than 85 staff and more than 700 active volunteers.
- ADRA conducts the largest water and sanitation program in PNG.
- In the past five years, ADRA has worked in 10 of PNG’s 20 provinces.
- In Bougainville alone, ADRA PNG trained more than 800 volunteer literacy teachers and registered more than 4000 students.
- In the past five years, ADRA has received more than \$A7 million in project funding to implement its programs, mainly from AusAID, the Adventist Church and individual donations.
- Volunteers from Canada, Uganda, Switzerland, Australia and New Zealand have worked for ADRA PNG in the past five years.



One of the many women who are part of ADRA’s Small Enterprise Development program.

Michelle Oetman

The largest water and sanitation program in PNG

PNG fact: In rural areas only 4 per cent of households have water piped into the house. About 58 per cent of the population does not have access to safe drinking water.

ADRA-PNG receives numerous applications for assistance to install community water supplies. ADRA-PNG sees the need for communities to contribute financially and with their labour for project implementation. Basic education and sanitation programs are part of the water supply program. ADRA-PNG is presently involved in installing 88 community water supplies in Morobe Province. Over the past five years ADRA has helped more than 100,000 people gain access to safe drinking water supplies. The water and sanitation team makes up almost half of the ADRA-PNG staff.



A new water source for the Kabwum villagers came online in August this year.

Small business training benefits local entrepreneurs

PNG fact: Almost 2 million people (35.7 per cent of the population) live in households where the real value of consumption per adult equivalent is below the poverty line. Poverty is high in households headed by women (48 per cent of such households are below the poverty line) or where the household head has had no schooling (51 per cent). About 31 per cent of people aged 15 years or over have no cash income earning activity.

Small Enterprise Development exists to mobilise men and women in the community by encouraging them to discover greater self-reliance and self-worth through economic means and to give women, particularly, greater access to money within the community.

ADRA-PNG provides business training and resources to help give these families opportunities. This includes being part of small savings groups that help members save their money and, for starting their business can also provide small loans. In this way ADRA-PNG helps people use their own hands to improve their living conditions.

In the past year, ADRA-PNG's Small Enterprise Development program has operated in the Morobe, Central and Manus provinces, benefitting 589 women and 25 men.

Change of focus for ADRA's adult literacy program

PNG fact: 42 per cent of males and more than 56 per cent of females aged 5 and above have not attended any formal education. Only 56 per cent of females aged 15 years or over are literate.

In PNG, women are usually denied an education as children. Understanding that the health and education of a nation mirrors that of its mothers, ADRA-PNG has partnered with the government, civil society organisations and communities to strengthen the nation through its women. ADRA's adult literacy programs teach literacy and basic skills by addressing practical issues like how to make items to eat or sell. During the training, vocabulary for each skill is taught. In 2004, ADRA's literacy program reached more than 6400 students, provided in-service training for 120 teachers and skills training for more than 300 people.

Because of the strength of ADRA's adult literacy program in the past where literacy programs were delivered directly to the communities by ADRA through volunteers, ADRA Adult Literacy is becoming a professional agency that will conduct competent training, coaching others to train teachers and run a sustainable literacy program.

ADRA-PNG finds new solutions to the HIV/AIDS crisis

PNG fact: Papua New Guinea (PNG) has the highest rate of HIV/AIDS in the Pacific region. There is widespread agreement that PNG has a generalised HIV/AIDS epidemic and that this is rapidly becoming a health crisis, with potentially devastating impacts on development and the future of the country.

In PNG, as in many developing countries, the spread of HIV is driven by high-risk behaviours, fuelled by a range of socio-economic and cultural factors. These same factors limit the country's capacity to respond to the epidemic.

The ADRA-PNG HIV/AIDS team has made excellent achievements in the past five years, including the education of 1742 community members in 2003, 100 peer educators and bringing HIV/AIDS awareness to more than 5400 individuals in 2004. Although these numbers may sound impressive, ADRA recognises a deeper need to involve people locally and to work in new ways.

Through funding obtained from AusAID, ADRA is now working in a church-partnership program with a focus on mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS.

It is anticipated that mainstreaming ADRA, through the Seventh-day Adventist Church, will be able to capitalise on the church's ability to develop trust, social capital and a sense of mutual responsibility and confidence in dealing with uncertainty. ADRA also recognises the stigma attached to discussing HIV/AIDS, and is now working with the church's education and health departments and is integrating HIV/AIDS with other ADRA projects.

In 2003, ADRA-PNG opened a Community Capacity Building Centre to provide literacy and income generation for sex workers and people living with HIV. It now serves as a Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centre, providing resources and confidential voluntary counselling and testing for customers, and employs five full-time staff. It continues to train people in basic HIV/AIDS awareness, plus providing information to the community. Referrals are also made from ANGAU Memorial Hospital as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding signed in March 2004.

The uphill climb

BY IAN GRICE

IN JOHN'S STORY OF JESUS, HE TELLS OF a man who had been informed Jesus, his former neighbour, had returned.

The whole village was buzzing with excitement after their trip to the Passover in Jerusalem. Jesus had evicted merchants running their businesses in the temple, and in so doing had stirred tremendous interest among the common people and opposition from a ruling class who profited from the temple trade. This man—an official—knew of the miracle Jesus had performed in turning water into wine in his own community. As he pondered these facts, he wondered if this new teacher could heal his desperately sick child.

Jesus did not seem to get on well with the ruling classes; would this unusual man heal a ruler's sick son?

He hesitated to ask, but love for his son exceeded his pride, and prompted a 25-kilometre walk uphill from Capernaum to Cana. Ancient prophets had worked miracles, so miracles were not an unknown in Israel. He could explain his trip to see Jesus if the religious leaders questioned him, pointing back to prophets of old who had also worked miracles. He would do anything for his sick son; anything to make him well again. If the trip didn't work out, it would have been worth the try.

The ministry of Jesus drew attention to the hypocrisy associated with temple services in Jerusalem. Jesus gazed on this ruler standing in front of Him, one of His community leaders, and He saw the same hypocrisy. The whole nation was caught up with a devotion to external religious practice—a do-it-yourself religion. How was He ever going to communicate to these people that symbols are not to be worshipped, that symbols are merely a prompt to worship?

How did this happen?

Many years before God had promised, "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands that I

give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth" (Deuteronomy 28:1*).

Now, the Israelites were experiencing the penalty for forgetting their covenant relationship with God, and were chafing under their status as an occupied nation. The ruler and his compatriots were looking forward to deliverance from oppression and a reinstatement of a Jewish kingdom.

The Jews supposed they were keeping all the commandments. Just to make sure they were getting God's attention, the Jews had added a few innovations of their own to ensure God would see them doing good things. But it was mostly external.

Those who brought the woman caught in adultery to Jesus for punishment were guilty of putting the poor woman in those circumstances. The Levite was passing by a wounded man, and leaving him to the mercies of the hated Samaritan. The Pharisee was thanking God publicly that he was more righteous than the publican. Jesus' own disciples would—if they could—bring fire down from heaven to destroy a Samaritan village. Healing on the Sabbath was somehow wrong, unless it was a beast caught in a pit that could not get out. All of this was their collective interpretation of what God wanted them to do—and an insult to Divinity.

A "good" man

There were some good things about this ruler. He loved his family, and desired that his son would be returned to health. He had urgently looked for a way to restore his son's health, but current medical practice had been inadequate to deal with the son's sickness. The only possibility of cure would be a miracle from Jesus.

He knew of the plot by his fellow council members to kill Jesus, and he knew that Jesus had been informed of the plot. He would probably be rebuffed by Jesus and placed under sanction by the council, but love for his son urged him to give it a go.



He struggled with doubt and hope as he made his journey.

As if his depressing circumstances were not enough, the ruler was faced with an uphill walk of 25 kilometres in order to achieve his objective, and he had no time to rest on the way. Then there was the problem of protocol. He was a ruler, and as such, the lower classes should offer him respect and homage. But as one seeking a favour from this carpenter's Son, he would have to place this in abeyance and defer to Jesus, treating Him with respect. So he presented his son's case with all the urgency a loving father could muster.

If we were watching this as a news story we would be applauding this man's dedication, commitment and respectfulness. We would be on his side emotionally, as we tend to be when we hear heart-rending stories of parental devotion to their suffering children. We would be putting ourselves in the place of the father, and silently saying, "That's what I would have done if it were my child. I would try every avenue for his healing."

Jesus' reaction

In response to the father's impassioned plea, Jesus said, "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders, you will never believe" (John 4:48).

Put yourself in the place of the ruler. He was worried sick about the fate of his son. He had just hastened 25 kilometres uphill to request an out-of-breath favour from an old neighbour, the popular Prophet. He had not insisted on the deference rulers

were accustomed to receive.

But all he got was a limp handshake. If his approach did not amount to a compliment by suggesting Jesus could care for his problem, then what else was he supposed to do? He was non-plussed.

Now look at it from Jesus' point of view. The ruler was part of the community of the Galileans. The common folk of this community were delighted Jesus was knocking those pompous southerners off their perch of religiosity, but to them he was just a good bloke who might be useful to them some day. The ruler had some sympathy with that view. The deference this father showed to Jesus was one of humankind's manipulative techniques to gain sympathy in order to achieve an objective.

The ruler went along with the belief that the channel was important, rather than the Spirit working through the channel. This is a fundamental principle of idol worship. Jesus was making a point that His word was as powerful as His touch. After His ascension into heaven following the Crucifixion, it was the Word within, rather than Jesus' physical, visible presence, that empowered His disciples. Jesus, representing Divinity, wanted this ruler to acknowledge He was hurting as much as a human father could hurt, as He came into daily contact with sickness and the many results of sin.

Enlightenment

The ruler's thoughts of condescension in coming to Jesus were put aside quickly. He acknowledged Jesus was who He claimed to be, and the only hope for his son's restoration to health. One of the most profound statements in the Bible is found in John 4:49. It is the cry of humanity: "Sir, come down before my child dies."

The ruler thought his effort to come to Jesus would be the catalyst to solve his problem. He had travelled uphill for 25 kilometres, and it was hard work, but it was worth all the effort as he felt Jesus would recognise that effort. His effort, he reasoned, would activate the sympathy and miracle-working power of Jesus and result in his son's restoration. It is classic human thinking that God will notice our efforts, and He will feel obliged to save us because of what we have done.

Suddenly, light penetrated the mind of this stressed father. He had been focused on his efforts to come to Jesus, but now realised that by Jesus coming down, restoration would follow. Jesus came down to this earth to empathise with us, and to demonstrate heavenly things; to perform the sacrificial act in order for us to be saved. It is not about our efforts to convince God we are worthy of His interest and intervention.


Jesus now took him a step further. He said simply, "You may go. Your son will live" (John 4:50). The man now took Jesus at His word and departed. He took his time on the downward journey home. He was convinced his son was cured and everything would be back to normal at home. His servants met him on the way and confirmed his faith had not been misplaced. The son lived! **R**

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

Ian Grice writes from Little Mountain, Queensland.

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Kids corner



Hi Kids,
Do you like to help other people? I do. God wants us to treat each other with love. Find out what Ruth did for Naomi when you read Ruth chapters 1-3

RR

Fill in the Blanks

"Good people will be rewarded on _____, and the wicked and the sinners will be _____."

Proverbs 11:31 NCV

Hide & Seek...


Try and answer the following questions by looking in the picture below....

How many men are there? _____

Where is Ruth? (circle her)

How many trees are there? _____

How many birds are in the sky? _____



Colour in...

Have you answered all the questions? Why not colour in the picture now.

Peta Taylor, Shelli Taylor

The body politic

MIGUEL SUMERA, NSW

I am disturbed by political activities by a church subsidiary. Sydney Adventist Hospital made significant political contribution to the Liberal Party in 2003-04, as revealed by the political donations watchdog <<http://www.democracy4sale.org>>, sourced from the Australian Electoral Commission. To the same effect Adventist hospitals in the US have also made financial contributions to private hospital lobbyists and conservative candidates.

Surely, doesn't such partisan politicking go well beyond the duties of the church?

RESPONSE: DR LEON CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SYDNEY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Sydney Adventist Hospital has a long history of apolitical community involvement and support. Our recently endorsed mission statement reaffirms it: "Christianity in Action. Caring for the body, mind and spirit of our patients, colleagues, community and ourselves. We will remain our community's favourite hospital."

Our support for a community forum run by our local supportive elected official, who represents the interests of our community and our hospital, is one of the many ways in which we ensure we fulfil our mission.

Contributions toward other humanitarian, charitable or social ventures are, and will continue to be, given similar consideration based not on party political lines but on individual merit and assessment of their impact on the community Sydney Adventist Hospital is proud to continue to serve.

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More time for youth

LOCKY IBBOTT, QLD

What's this about keeping young people out of church decision-making? ("Youth need time," Letters, October 8).

Let's be honest, is life experience really a prerequisite to decision-making in the church? Wasn't Christ only 33 years old and thus a young man when He was crucified? There are countless young people—male and female—in Scripture who were both decision-makers and leaders.

There will always be more for us to learn, not only among young people but in all age groups, cultures and genders.

There are countless young people—male and female—in Scripture who were both decision-makers and leaders.

Prudent and intelligent decision- and policy-making can only be made when all the evidence and information is assessed.

DAVID PENNINGTON, NSW

Our Waitara church has just completed a successful one-week evangelistic campaign during which 10 people committed to baptism. The auditorium was packed every night. The speaker was a 17-year-old school-girl. Her team members were all teens, and her team manager was in his mid-20s. They did the audiovisual and computer-based presentations and the advertising. All they needed from the rest of the church was some advice and their prayers. Sure, the church needs the experience of mature members, but what about vision?

COURTNEY WINDUS, QLD

It angers me to find there are still people in the church who don't believe young people are the church! What do "sports, TV and films," which contain youth with their "physical prowess and appearance," have to do with the decisions a church makes?

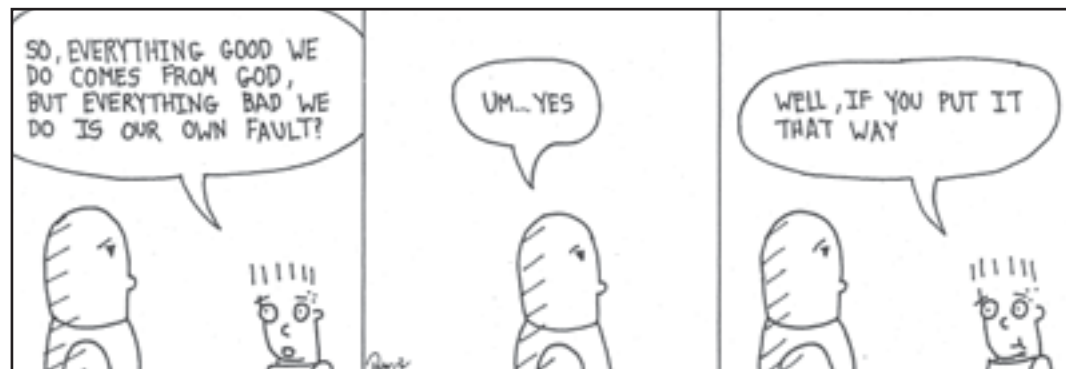
I agree. Experience is an important part of life and learning. But, as a church, would it not be wise for young people to work with the experienced to learn and understand the decision-making processes the church employs? And perhaps the experienced can learn a few things from young people.

ASHLEE FERRET, QLD

Since when did the Adventist Church institute prerequisites to leadership apart from a foundation in Christ and a willingness to grow in spirituality?

Life experience does not denote ability; rather, life experience grows from being given a chance. I am not inclined to assume that youth must hold the primary positions in our church establishment, but they can be central to its development. I'm sure we remember Ellen White. It is interesting to consider that while still a teenager, God chose her as a pioneer leader of the church.

Could it be that the church organisation falls outside Jesus' statement: "Suffer little children . . . to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven"?



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Anniversaries

Green, Frank and Joyce (nee Pearce) were privileged to have many family and friends around them recently to help celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary at Mackay, Qld. They were married 60 years ago on 11.8.45 in Mackay, and have spent the majority of their lives in the Mackay district,



sugarcane farming until their retirement 23 years ago. They have two sons, Kenneth and Laurence, and two daughters, Dorinda and Cathleen. They have been active members and held many positions in the Mackay Central church.

Hoskins, Bill and Ruby of Nunawading, Vic, were married at Coburg SDA church on 26.9.40 by Pastor Ralph Tudor, and celebrated their 65th anniversary with an enjoy-



able luncheon. Congratulations and photos were received from HRH Queen Elizabeth II, the Governor-General and his wife; the Prime Minister and his wife, and the Premier and his wife, together with messages of love and good wishes and beautiful floral arrangements from family and friends.

Weddings

Bolton—Hamilton. Stephen David Bolton, son of Robert and Patricia Bolton (Rockingham, WA), and Tammy Hamilton, daughter of Lindsay and Sylvia Hamilton (Rockingham), were married on 30.4.05 at Amberley Gardens, Rockingham.

Jim Tonkin

Budd—Kis. Travis Budd, son of Peter and Carol Budd (Melbourne, Vic), and Karolina Kis, daughter of Djordje Kis and Kornelia Feher (both of Melbourne), were married on 21.8.05 at the Polish Adventist church, Dandenong.

Trevor Rowe

Gagic—Stratton. Djordje Gagic (Switzerland) and Elizabeth Stratton, daughter of Lazar and Angelina Slankamenac (nee Jelsic), were married on 9.10.05 at New Farm, Brisbane, Qld.

Peter Stojanovic

Greene—Smith. John Daniel Greene (Dean Park) and Puna Lovene Hope Smith (Dean Park) were married on 25.9.05 at Woodcroft Park, Woodcroft, NSW.

David Reilly, Johnny Murison

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Jakupec—Becejac. David Matthew Jakupec, son of Daniel and Helen (nee Kavur) Jakupec (Melbourne, Vic), and Jasmine Becejac, daughter of Lidija (nee Petrovic) and Milivoje Becejac (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 2.10.05 in the Springwood Adventist church, Brisbane.

*Peter Stojanovic
Jerry Unser, Vojislav Petrovic*

Jones—Smith. Rodney Jones, son of Kevin (Kyogle, NSW) and Denise Jones (Ballina), and Krystal Smith, daughter of Garry and Phyllis Smith (Kuraby, Brisbane, Qld), were married on 25.9.05 in the Springwood Adventist church, Brisbane.

Bob Possingham

Judd—Leahy. Geoff Claude Judd, son of Pastor Claude and Yvonne Judd (Cooranbong, NSW), and Ros Leahy, daughter of Loren and Noeleen Tinworth (Sydney), were married on 25.9.05 at Church Point, Sydney.

Adrian Flemming

Koziol—Parker. Dr James Koziol, son of Michael and Kathy Koziol (Rowville, Vic), and Janelle Parker, daughter of John and Marilyn Parker (Torquay), were married on 2.10.05 in Melbourne, Vic.

Morrie Krieg

Page—Christian. David Anthony Page, son of David and Irene Page (Nowra, NSW), and Tiani Ruth Christian, daughter of Alvin and Beverly Christian (Cooranbong), were married on 25.9.05 in the Hillview Adventist church, Morisset.

Clive Barritt

Roberts—Burgher. Jim Roberts and Mima Burgher were married on 18.9.05 in the Toronto Adventist church, NSW.

Russel Stanley

Seidel—Lem. Benjamin Scott Seidel, son of Peter and Jennifer Seidel (Port Pirie, SA), and Vary Lem, daughter of Someth (Parafield Gardens) and the late Savooun Sieng, and Im Bora (stepmother—Parafield Gardens), were married on 3.10.05 in the Prospect Adventist church, Adelaide.

Lee Bowditch-Walsh

Positions vacant

▲ **IT Manager—Papua New Guinea Union Mission (Lae, PNG)**. The Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pacific) Limited is seeking a qualified and dedicated Information Technology Manager for the PNGUM head office based in Lae, PNG. For further information please visit the POSITIONS VACANT section of the SPD web site at <<http://adventist.org.au/employment>>. Applications in writing should be forwarded to Human Resources, South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga, NSW 2076; email <hr@adventist.org.au>; fax (02) 9489 0943; no later than November 2, 2005.

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Van Der Meulen—Boucher. Kenneth Mark Van Der Meulen, son of Gerald and Christine Van Der Meulen, and Kathryn Joy Boucher, daughter of James and Marion Boucher, were married on 18.9.05 at Poets Lane, Sherbrooke, Vic.

Des Potts

Obituaries

Benham, Lillie (nee Stephenson), born 17.9.1918 at Gurrumbah, Qld; died 6.9.05 in Hornsby Hospital, NSW. In 1941 she married Frank, who predeceased her in 1989. She was also predeceased by her son, Graham. She is survived by her daughter, Coral (Masterton, NZ); and her son, Robyn (Ettalong, NSW); her nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. From 1948 to 1973 she and Frank ministered as a pastoral couple in churches in Queensland and north NZ. She was a quiet, retiring person who shared the love of Jesus by example. Her fellow residents in Azalea Court, Hornsby, NSW, will sadly miss her gracious Christian influence.

Tom Ludowici

Caotanau, Nestor, born 8.9.1947 in Manila, Philippines; died 21.8.05 at Whyalla, SA. On 27.5.73 he married Evelyn. He is survived by his sons, Patrick and Damien; his daughter and son-in-law, Elle May and Damien Shepherd; his daughter-in-law, Donna Gowen; and his two grandchildren, Joshua Shepherd and Hanna Caotanau. Nestor will always be remembered by the Whyalla church members as a friendly, humble and deeply spiritual man. His family will remember him as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.

Robert Dorante

Carlson, Constance (Connie), born 8.9.1930 at Wanganui, NZ; died 22.8.05 at Wanganui. She is survived by her brother, George Marino (Wanganui).

Lawrence Lane

Cec, Kathleen Muriel (nee Sedgwick), born 5.6.1929 in England; died 21.8.05 at Caloundra, Qld. In the early 1950s she married Douglas Dixon, to whom she gave

birth to three sons; and in the early 1960s she married Milan Cec, to whom she gave birth to three daughters. She is survived by her children, Michael Dixon (Perth, WA), John Dixon (Mooloolah, Qld), Wayne Dixon (Mackay), Dani Watson (Glasshouse Mountains), Kathy Shorter (Nanango) and Marina Headlam (Nanango); their spouses; her eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Milan; also her grandson, Mark Watson. She will be sadly missed by her family, but died as a Christian believer and awaits the Resurrection.

Mike Brownhill

Court, Barry Vincent, born 23.3.1952 at Taree, NSW; died suddenly at home 19.7.05 at Barnsley. On 20.2.77 he married Susan. He is survived by his wife (Barnsley); his children and their spouses, Conan and Caritta, Isaac and Nikki, and Shae; his four grandsons; and two granddaughters (all of Newcastle). Barry loved sharing Jesus with all he met, often via his trade. A keen soul-winner and a church elder for 25 years. He was much loved by family; a generous, unselfish person, excited about life.

Adrian Craig

Edwards, Phyllis Mary (known as Mollie—nee Nash), born 2.2.1911 at Parkes, NSW; died 3.9.05 at Parkes, after a short illness. She was predeceased by her husband, Keith. She is survived by her daughters, Kay Edwards, Valerie Chatman and Jennifer Field; her seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. A faithful member of Parkes church, she served as organist right till the end. Her sense of humour, wit, joy and her involvement in the Parkes community will be greatly missed.

Colin Richardson

Evans, Sylvia Katherine (nee Ward), born 8.3.1923 at Westonia, WA; died 25.8.05 in Fremantle Hospital. On 20.9.41 she married Wally. She was predeceased by her daughter, Karen, in 1975. She is survived by her husband (Mandurah); her sons, Les and Ken (both of Perth); her 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. Sylvia was a very loving, compassionate person who will be greatly missed. She was involved over many years in the church welfare program.

Cyrus Adams

Fisher, Eleanor (Nellie—nee Hamilton), born 22.3.1916 at Invercargill, NZ; died 17.8.05 at Vickery Court Retirement Home, Invercargill. On 15.1.42 she married Bill, who predeceased her many years ago. She is survived by her children, Noreen, Gordon, Iona and Ruth (all of NZ); her 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Nellie lived at Stewart Island for her first 20 years. She was baptised at Invercargill in 1940, later shifting to Auckland to care for a sick sister. There she worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company for four years. In her local church she served as a deaconess and in welfare work.

Ben Rea, George Fox

Harkers, Beryl Christina (formerly Stephens), born 2.11.1938; died 16.8.05 in Christchurch, NZ. She was predeceased by her first husband, Anthony Stephens, in 1997. She was also predeceased by her son, Richard. On 2.12.01 she married Ollie Harkers. She is survived by her husband; and her son, Warwick Stephens (both of Christchurch, NZ). Beryl was a wonderful Christian and we look forward to meeting her in the air at the Lord's return.

Kyle Richardson

Harris, Sarah Elizabeth, born 16.4.1931 at Bainbridge, Northern Ireland; died 21.8.05 at Katunga, Vic. On 27.3.51 she married Thomas, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Jennifer, Lesley, Derek, David, Ruth, Mark and Bryan; and her many grandchildren. Her brothers and sisters at the Numurkah church will miss her cheerful smile each Sabbath. She awaits the call of the Life-giver.

Lyman Ritchie

Harrison, Harry (Den), born 30.1.1913 at Spotswood, Vic; died 3.8.05 at Mackay, Qld. He is survived by his wife, Grace (Mackay); his sons, Roger (Mackay) and Warwick (Bowen). Harry was a founding member of the Caloundra church and loved his Lord and family very dearly.

*Rick Ferret
David Lamb, Malcolm Eastwick*

James, Arthur Henry, born 12.12.1911; died suddenly at home 1.9.05 at Redwood, Christchurch, NZ. In 1936 he married Alma (nee Anderson), who predeceased him. He is survived by his children, Barbara James, Kevin (both of Christchurch), Lindsay (Oxford), Juleen Foote; his grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. He was a devoted husband and much loved father and father-in-law. He and his late wife cared for over 19 foster children in addition to their own four children.

Neil Thompson

Kalwig, Margaret (Isabella), born 26.2.1918 at Geelong, Vic; died 6.9.05 at Amity Aged Care facility, Newcomb, Geelong. On 1.6.96 she married Stan. She is survived by her husband. They were a devoted couple, deeply in love. While there were no children from their union, Margaret is much loved and missed by family members. She was a very caring person who loved to help others at every opportunity. She would often visit children's hospitals and take gifts to the little ones. In her later years of sickness she could not get to church very regularly, but Stan would share the sermon themes.

Susan Magaitis, John O'Malley

Konovalenko, Anna, born 28.6.1934 at Osijek, Croatia; died 5.9.05 at her home in Varsity Lakes, Qld. She is survived by her husband, Bosko; her daughters, Lydia and Jessie; her son-in-law, John; and her six grandchildren. She was a kind, generous person who will be missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Peter Stojanovic

Lau, Caroline (nee Teschner), born 30.5.1930 at Toowoomba, Qld; died 20.8.05 at Goulburn Valley Hospital, NSW. She is survived by her husband, Digger; her children, Russell, Ashley and Nathan; and their families. Caroline loved her Lord, her family and her community. Her favourite hymn was "God will take care of you."

George Rappell

Liles, Shirley Alexandra, born 22.6.1936 at Bromley, Kent, England; died 18.8.05 at Ringwood, Vic. She is survived by her husband, Mike (Olinda); her sons, Jeremy and Alistair. While Shirley lost her battle with cancer, she faced death without fear, looking forward to the sure hope of the coming of her beloved Lord Jesus.

Darren Croft

Lopez, Rafael Antonio Urbina, born 18.9.1943 at Chalatenango, El Salvador; died 27.8.05 in Dandenong Hospital, Vic. He is survived by his wife, Ofelia; his children, Claudia, Juan and Jaime.

Ruben Morales, Richard Araya-Bishop

Naismith, Gladys Irene, born 7.6.1914 at Broken Hill, NSW; died 17.8.05 at Long Jetty. She was predeceased by her husband, George. She is survived by her children and their families, Lawrence Faggotter (Sydney), Bernard Faggotter (Mount Victoria, Qld); and her stepchildren, Yvonne Hick (Cessnock), Bill Naismith (Cooanbong); her 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Gladys was a faithful church member and was a charter member of Brightwaters church (now called Lakeside).

Don Hosken

Paine, Roland Louis Adolphus, born 14.1.1915 at Ascot Vale; died 20.8.05 at Eventide Aged Care Facility, Brighton, Qld. He is survived by his children, Roland and Lyndel from his first marriage to Myrtle (nee MacDougal); and his son, Narradarn, from his second marriage to Margaret (nee Hodgson); also his four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He attended Avondale College in his youth, then spent 16 years as a farmer at Martinsville before he became the first and only resident ranger at the Gibraltar Range National Park. He was well respected and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Powell, Ken Edward Alwyn, born 21.6.1942 in Sydney, NSW; died 16.8.05 in Melbourne, Vic. He is survived by his wife, Marion; his children, Ken, Clayton, Scott and Serina; their spouses; and his six grandchildren. He loved his family and his God very much and his belief in the Resurrection never wavered. Love is forever.

Rodney Woods

Randolph, Valerie Mae, born 2.6.1920 at Maryborough, Qld; died 20.8.05 at the Adventist nursing home, Victoria Point,

Qld. Her passing caused heartache to her three children, Wallace, Susan and Lawrence; together with two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, who was born six days prior to Valerie's passing.

Keith Miller

Rodionoff, Vera (nee Belski), born 9.6.1907 at Odessa, Russia; died 25.8.05 in Sydney, NSW. In 1925 she married Paul, who predeceased her in 1964. She was also predeceased by her children, Alec and Tania. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Leonard and Helen, Helen and Larry Croker, and Nina and Lou Tudor (all of Sydney); her eight grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. For several years prior to her passing, Vera lived in a Russian nursing home. Life was difficult for her as she was totally blind for the last five years of her life. She could not wait to be at rest and see her Saviour when she awakes.

Len Rodionoff, Bruce Shield

Shearer, Mary (nee Steel), born 4.1.1911 at Knottingley in Yorkshire, England; died 18.8.05 at Nerang, Qld. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank, in 1986. She is survived by her children, David (Dubbo, NSW) and Jane (Robina, Qld); her six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Mary migrated to Australia in 1959, living in Toowoomba, followed by Brisbane, and then retired in the Tweed Heads area. While having a literature evangelist board with her in the 1940s, Mary became interested in the Adventist message and attended an evangelistic program in York.

Adrian Raethel

Stafford, Pastor Calvin Ronald, born 15.1.1917 in Madras, India; died 17.8.05 in the Charles Harrison nursing home, Cooranbong, NSW. In 1945 he married Beryl Trood, who predeceased him on 10.3.05. He is survived by his children, Ruth Cregan (Coffs Harbour), Pastor Gordon Stafford (who heads a training school for indigenous workers in WA), Margaret Duffin and Nancy Stafford (both of Qld). Calvin served the church in pastoral work in the North New South Wales Conference in 1946 and 1947; then in 1948 they began missionary work in various parts of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. He stayed in mission service until retirement some 40 years later. Calvin now awaits the call of his Lord and Friend.

Lester Hawkes, Max Mulligan

Starc, Romano, born 24.1.1924 in the village of Smokvica, Slovenia; died 28.8.05 at the Grace McKellar Centre, Geelong, Vic. On 4.5.57 he married Josephine. He is survived by his wife, Pina (Josephina); his sons, Anton and Dennis. Romano always loved children and many older folk today testify to his loving guidance in their lives throughout his church involvement. He never wavered in his faith and love for Jesus. His family members and friends will sorely miss him, especially his sense of humour and quiet ways.

John O'Malley

Thornton, Mavis (nee Long), born 14.8.1910 at West Leederville, WA; died 26.8.05 in Fremantle Hospital. On 20.1.41 she married Robert, who predeceased her in 1943. She is survived by her daughter and

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son-in-law, Gwenneth and Theo Agafonoff (Roleystone); her three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She loved with a passion her Lord and His church; was intensely devoted to her family and had a devotion to her community.

Pat Marshall, Philip Rhodes

Turner, Neil George, born 28.5.1926 at Boolarra, Vic; died 31.8.05 in Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Irene; his son, Trevor (Sydney); his daughter, Merryyn Laverack (Bonnells Bay); his seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A loyal Adventist for many years, he maintained his faith and courage during a prolonged illness and now awaits the resurrection day.

Jim Beamish, Fergie Mackay

Waddington, Lavinia Una (nee Cleverly), born of missionary parents 17.5.1924, in Darjeeling, India; died 21.8.05 at St David's Hostel Care Facility, Mount Lawley, WA, after extended health problems. In April 1945 she married Basil. She is survived by her husband (Sydney, NSW); her daughter, Sharon Anderson (Perth, WA); her sons, Colin (Albany) and Derek (Sydney, NSW); her six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Una attended Longburn College, NZ, in 1942-43. She worked at Sydney Adventist Hospital as telephonist for some years. She was a sincere Christian, greatly loved by family and friends and will be sadly missed.

Cyrus Adams

Watts, Annette Lorraine (nee Stickman), born 24.5.1943 in Perth, WA; died at home 21.8.05 at Caroline Bay, NSW. On 7.11.1961 she married Ian. She is survived by her

husband; her daughters and their spouses, Karina and Gavan Brown, and Melayna and Rodney Roberts; and her three grandchildren (all of Erina/Gosford area, Central Coast). While illness and pain affected the quality of life for Annette in the latter years of her life, she still remained a gracious person to all. She doted on her family, especially her grandchildren, Kaylee, Jarred and Damion. She passed to her rest believing in the assurance of living in eternity with her family and friends in a pain-free world.

Russel Stanley
Andrew Kingston, Ian Howie

Wood, May Elizabeth, born 31.10.1913 near Adelaide, SA; died 2.9.05 in Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. She is survived by her sister, Thelma Farrow (Barmera, SA); her brothers, Ken (Adelaide) and Pastor Ralph Wood (Cooranbong, NSW). She was a dedicated welfare worker. Her working life included 14 years as forewoman at the Sanitarium factory in Cooranbong, and 17 years at the Signs Publishing Company in Warburton. May was a reliable, loyal, faithful worker. She awaits the second coming of Christ.

Jim Beamish, Vernon Wood

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