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Brett Lee (centre) with children from the Rose Bay Public School for the launch of Sanitarium's 2006 TRYathlon series.

Sanitarium launches TRYathlon 2006

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Australian cricketer Brett Lee launched the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon series for 2006 on October 12.

Mr Lee also accepted an invitation to be this year's official Event Ambassador.

Sanitarium's Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is a challenging event that combines swimming, cycling and running, and encourages Australian kids to give a healthy, active lifestyle a go.

The series is open to kids aged between seven and 15, with events to be held in capital cities across Australia between February and April of 2006. All children, no matter what skill level, can participate. No placings or times are kept.

"I've attended the TRYathlons in recent years and it's fantastic to watch all the kids—boys and girls, all ages—taking on the challenge, getting active and having a fantastic time," says Mr Lee.

"Watching the kids run toward the finish line is priceless," he says. "They are treated like champions and are so excited to be encouraged and cheered by Australian sporting heroes, and rewarded with a medal.

"Sporting events for kids that are based simply around having fun—and doing some exercise at the same time—are few and far between, which is probably why it is so popular," says Mr Lee. "I am delighted

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Perhaps we should be rethinking our focus when it comes to relationships.

Singleness and sensibility

IF JANE AUSTEN WROTE FOR THE Seventh-day Adventist Church, sometimes I think it would have been something like this: "It is a truth, universally acknowledged, that a single person of Adventist persuasion must be in want of a husband/wife (delete as appropriate) . . ."

It seems there are always people who want to examine your fingers for a ring, possibly of the diamond variety, located on the third finger of the left hand. It's not just the Adventist Church; most other denominations have succumbed to this phenomenon where once a certain age is reached, it seems like every interaction of a single person with a similarly single member of the opposite sex is viewed by some others at church as being the potential for so much more (and they're already planning what colour cardigans to knit for the babies).

I'm sure these people mean well when they ask about your marital status and whether you'd like to come to lunch to meet Mr X, third cousin of the organist and quite a nice man with all of his own teeth. Of course, there are people in the church who are single and don't mind that happening.

Then again, there are some of us who do find it a little wearing.

Strangely enough, some of us out here don't mind being single, even though there seems to be a lot of Christian "dating advice" and general perceptions that run contrary to that, implying that being single is to be endured, not enjoyed, until someone comes along (in God's time) to fill some

emotional void and make you more of a valid person. This can almost be insulting, causing one to wonder, when single, about why you wouldn't be seen as being equally happy and fulfilled as your married counterparts.

I'm not going to say that there aren't times that being single isn't much fun. Issues like loneliness can arise and there are sometimes moments where single people can be marginalised because of their status, even though people without partners are starting to make up a greater percentage of the church and the general community.

The term *single* also tends to conjure up the image of a young never-married person without children, which ignores the fact that being single can be something that occurs at any age, with any number of children and even grandchildren. This can mean that some single people don't have their needs met or they feel that their worship interaction with others is limited.

The early Christian church actually supported people who were single, like widows or those who had chosen not to get married so that they could focus on their commitment to God and witnessing about Him. Being single was seen to be as valid an option as marriage by Paul (see 1 Corinthians 7).

Neither situation was to be pitied or seen as less or more important than the other: "God gives some the gift of marriage, and to others he gives the gift of singleness" (1 Corinthians 7:7, NLT). The focus of the

people was to be on God and telling other people about Him. It was important for the early church that everyone be working together, just as it's important these days that we do the same.

Every person on the planet needs and desires to be loved, and as Christians we can give that to them, as well as point them to God, who is ultimately Love in the biggest and best form there could possibly be.

We also need each other for love and companionship, regardless of our marital status, gender or age. While the love we offer those around us may not be of the romantic variety, that doesn't mean it's any less important to show we care for the people we interact with every day.

Each one of us is a part of the church—the body of Christ—and should be working together. We should also be investing time with a variety of people with whom we perhaps wouldn't normally interact. Our differences and diversity are things that can be celebrated and learned from, rather than feared.

Perhaps we should also be rethinking where we're focusing our attentions when it comes to relationships. Although our relationships with other people are important, they shouldn't overtake our relationship with the most important individual of all—God. What we have with Him is the most important relationship we can ever be in.

Adele Nash



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Teens lead “Search for certainty”

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Seventeen-year-old Charissa Fong from Waitara Adventist church was the main speaker for a seven-day seminar from October 1 to 8, which resulted in 32 people making the decision to be baptised. The seminar—“Search for certainty”—was held at the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

“It was the best experience I have had in my entire life!” says Ms Fong. “There is nothing in this world that compares with sharing the truth with others.”

Each night around 150 people filled the Sydney Adventist Hospital conference room, where she presented different questions people have for God, such as “How will the world end?” or “Heaven: do I qualify?”

“It was exciting to see the people you invite turn up and especially to hear that 32 decisions were made for baptism,” Ms Fong says.

“I was a bit apprehensive at first when I heard that the teens wanted to run a seminar,” says Pastor Geoff Youlden, “but I was pleasantly surprised at how well Charissa captivated an adult audience. Her presentation style was excellent. She was light-hearted and presented the truth

in a contemporary manner. The adults were very impressed.”

Ms Fong had been preparing her presentations since February this year on top of her Year 11 studies. “It was not an easy process,” she says. “But with much prayer and guidance from Neale Schofield, my mentor, I managed to complete all seven presentations in time.”

Behind the scenes about 75 people helped to make the seminar a reality. The teens were at the forefront, taking part in the marketing of the seminar, hospitality, interest coordination, prayer, music, audio and visual aspects of the program. Behind each teen leader was a youth mentor, helping them fulfil their task.

“To see the teens take up the challenge of serving God and reaching out to their community has been a real inspiration and encouragement to me,” says Daniel Livingston, the main organiser of the seminar and youth leader for Waitara church.

“The pioneers of the Adventist Church were of similar age and I believe that it will take similar youthful enthusiasm to bring us through to Jesus’ second coming.”

“We would be happy to help other churches who would like to run a seminar



Charissa Fong, the 17-year-old main speaker for the “Search for certainty” program, was excited about sharing her faith with others.

for their community,” says Pastor Youlden. “It is a wonderful opportunity to unite the young people and give them ownership of the church.”

Pastor Youlden, with support from the young people, is conducting “The search for certainty continues,” a follow-up program to help people learn more about the Bible.—*Jeanette Isaacs*

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◆ A week-long **Pacific Preceptor and Preceptress Conference** at Pacific Adventist University (PAU) in early October attracted 40 people from Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. The group was made up of preceptors and school chaplains and was the first gathering of its kind in the Pacific. The conference was coordinated by the Education and Counselling Departments at PAU led by Dr **Carol Tasker**. Discussion involved

issues and job ethics relating to their roles and there was an opportunity to **share the challenges, difficulties** and topics that each of them faced in their various places of work—including, counselling, sexuality, music, HIV/AIDS, pornography, cults, peer pressure and how to be encouraging. The participants were awarded certificates at the end of the conference.—*Laurel Rikis*

◆ The **Nandi English SDA Church Community Centre** was opened recently in Fiji. Costing \$FJ50,000, the 195-square-metre building was built in under three weeks by a fly-

and-build team from Australia. The multipurpose building will be used for health meetings, workshops, youth rallies, and government meetings.—*Fiji Times*

◆ The manager of the **Hobart ADRA Bargain Centre**, **Sandra Fehre** (pictured, centre) was presented with an **award** on behalf of the Government-sponsored program “Chance on Main.” “Success for the program and especially for the young people has been reward enough,” she says. “To see young people at high risk given such support is something special we can all be very proud of.” **Mike Duval-Ste-**



wart (right), the program manager, has nothing but admiration for the volunteers. “They tirelessly gather and sort clothing to make a program like ‘Chance’ possible,” he says. **Ross Park** (left), the representative from Glenorchy City Council, was also present for the award. **Tasmania’s two shops**, Ulverstone and Northgate, contribute their profits to help fund this youth-support program.—*Tharren Hutchinson*

ASA holds first-ever tertiary students convention in Fiji

SUVA, FIJI

More than 250 students attended the first tertiary students convention held in Fiji over the long weekend of October 7 to 10.

The convention, held at Fulton College, was organised by Adventist Students Association (ASA) Fiji full-time chaplain Mike Sikuri with the help of Pastor Wame Sausau, theology lecturer at Fulton College. The theme of the convention was “Experiencing Jesus as Lord.”

The convention was also attended by Leighton Cantrill, the South Pacific Division’s recruitment officer; Dr Sven Ostring, president of ASA Australia; and Dr Philip Rodinoff, ASA Australia graduate adviser. Each was involved in presentations on the weekend.

Pastor Fred Toailoa, youth director for the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM), was the featured speaker at the Friday-night vespers and the Sabbath service. He challenged the students to “Dare to be a Daniel.” His music group “One Call” presented a concert on Saturday night.

Workshops at the meetings dealt with a variety of issues, the most popular being

“courtship and dating.” Married students had their own workshop on “marriage enrichment.”

The students participated in workline activities on Sunday morning, including planting crops. The farm manager, Joe Roko, stated that what usually takes three weeks was done in two hours because so many students assisted.

Mike Sikuri presented a personal testimony on Sunday night, when he described numerous instances of answered prayer.

The students expressed overwhelming appreciation for the convention. Many said they felt a real sense of belonging. A month earlier, several students from Nadi had admitted to feeling spiritually down. As a result of this convention, one of these students has made a decision for baptism. The constant question from the students on the last day was “When is the next convention?”

“The students in Fiji, representing all regions of the TPUM, have caught the



Students at Fiji’s first-ever ASA convention, which was held at Fulton College.

vision of student ministry and feel strongly that God is calling them to do this important work,” says Dr Rodinoff. “It is encouraging to see such an interest in this work. The potential is enormous. Imagine the impact of a well-trained and well-mobilised group of young people. The life-long possibilities are immense.”

TPUM secretary Pastor Waisea Vuniwa says, “We are excited to see this development when our tertiary students can come together. We want to praise God for the success of this convention.” —*RECORD staff*



◆ Recently 22 primary school and 18 high school students from **Henderson College**, Vic, participated in the **World Vision 40 Hour Famine** appeal. School captain **Nadine de Groot** attended the World Vision Global Leadership Convention in Melbourne during July, which gave her the passion and materials to take a stand against global poverty. She **ran chapel presentations** for the primary and high

school, as well as the Mildura church youth group, to promote the event. For the high school, Nadine helped organise a refugee-themed sleepover, complete with sleeping in cardboard boxes and **air raids** throughout the night, and challenging refugee-themed activities. The famine was broken at a Fasta Pasta restaurant, who donated pizzas. The group **raised \$A3,153.85**—enough to feed 39 children in Mozambique and Tanzania for a year. “This weekend really brought home to us that changing the world really does start in our backyards,” stated one student.

◆ **The Mountain View Adventist College**, NSW, has had more of an impact on its students than just academically. Two ex-students returned one morning stating, “We’ve run away from home... we wanted to go **somewhere where we felt safe** and could be listened to.” The following day another ex-student came and broke down into tears as he spent an hour telling how he wanted to come back to God.—*Intrasyd*

◆ **Jon Johanson** of Morphett Vale church, SA, has received the **world’s highest aviation award**, the Gold Medal of the Federation

Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), in Paris during October. Mr Johanson received the gold medal in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the development of aeronautics in sport aviation. He holds **48 FAI records** including flying around the world heading east, west and south.

◆ Some **30,000 people** globally have downloaded some 150,000 pages of information in the past year from the **Ten Questions for God web site**, based on the lesson series authored by Pastor **Grenville Kent**. “As the site heads for its 10th birthday, it’s great to

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to lend a hand as this year's official ambassador!"

Mr Lee adds, "I encourage kids to grab their mates, practise together and participate in this year's Sanitarium Kids TRYathlon."

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is in its 8th year and the series has now grown to include seven events throughout Australia in most state capitals, with nearly 10,000 participants and more than 2000 schools represented. Last year more than 30,000 spectators were attracted across the series.

Sanitarium's general manager for Australia, Dean Powrie, says the event is a way to introduce children to a healthy, active lifestyle.

"Our major priority on the day is to ensure each participant has a fantastic time," he says. "As a result, they will associate happiness and having fun with being healthy and active. We are hoping to help children take a step down the path to a healthy, active lifestyle."—*Jaemes Tipple*

Tipple

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see people are still using it to ask about the big ideas of Christianity," says Pastor Kent. "The site's ideal to recommend to a secular friend as a discussion-starter and if they're in Australia or NZ, Adventist Media offers follow-on material."

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www.bigquestions.com

◆ The personal ministries department of **Elmira church**, New York, chose to reach the community with a **Red Cross Blood Drive** recently. Advertising was launched on local radio, television and in newspapers, and a prominent sign was placed out the front of the



church. Volunteers greeted guests at the door and handed out copies of the **US Signs of the Times** and other literature. Some 46 donors donated 16 litres of blood and Red Cross staff commented that this was the **best turnout** they had seen at recent blood drives. The church plans to host blood drives periodically as part of its outreach to the community.—*Sharon Reynolds*

Southern Asia Division says thanks to SPD

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The donation from the South Pacific Division (SPD) early this year has benefited close to 2000 church members in the Southern Asia Division affected by the Boxing Day tsunami last year.

In a letter from Dorothy Watts, associate secretary of the Southern Asia Division, to Pastor Laurie Evans, president of the SPD, it was reported that the funds made it possible for close to 700 families in three villages to have the walls of their fish farms repaired.

The farms were restocked with fish, and casuarina and coconut groves were repaired or replanted, enabling the families to regain their means of livelihood.

According to Ms Watts, "there was great rejoicing in each village when they saw what God had provided by their brothers and sisters and the world church."

Fifteen country boats along with nets were also given to church members in the south-east Andhra Pradesh region. In the



Close to 2000 church members in India were affected by the Boxing Day tsunami last year, with many losing loved ones, homes and livelihoods.

South Tamil Conference, the funds provided for six large motorised deep-sea fishing boats along with nets and motors.

Ms Watts said that "tithe has gone up dramatically since [the families] have started fishing again."

In February this year, the SPD donated \$A75,000 to the Adventist churches in the Southern Asia and Southern Asia-Pacific Divisions to help meet some of the needs there [RECORD, February 19, 2005].—*Melody Tan*

◆ Too young to go herself, 15-year-old **Yvonne Bauwens** from the Scottish Mission decided to **record a CD** and sell it to help her brother reach his target figure of £650 so he could go on a Romanian mission trip. Playing some of her own compositions and some well-known Scottish pieces, Yvonne's ambitions for the CD, titled "Airborne," were to raise up around £100. News of her enterprise snowballed and Yvonne has now raised **more than £1100**—enough to send her brother and also support the projects on the mission trip.—*BUC News*

◆ **Sandy Smith**, former basketball player for the **NBA's Phoenix Suns** and **Baltimore Bullets**, has joined the staff of **Atlantic Union College**, Massachusetts, as director of recreation.



Mr Smith will be maintaining a sports program that includes basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, softball, and racquetball to provide students with a balanced college life.—*Atlantic Union Gleaner*

Church works among Guatemala victims—and mourns losses

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA

Following mudslides and other hurricane damage that ravaged the lives of tens of thousands, victims of Hurricane Stan are receiving food aid from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). But the Adventist Church in Guatemala is also mourning the loss of church members and trying to account for church members who are still listed as missing.

In Guatemala, Hurricane Stan caused deadly mudslides that buried hundreds of people. Church leaders confirm 22 members are dead and nearly 3400 members' homes were damaged or destroyed in the wake of the hurricane and mudslides. They fear the number of dead among church members may increase in an area in which the church has about 83,000 members.

"We're not sure how many are missing," reported Juan Jose Moran, treasurer for the North Central American Union. "We haven't been able to get in touch with or reach some of the areas where we have an Adventist presence because of power outages and inaccessibility in the worst-hit areas. As the days go by and roads are



Pathfinders and church members arrive at an area still flooded, ready to distribute bags of supplies in south-western Guatemala.

cleared, we'll be able to have more information on our members."

ADRA in Guatemala immediately extended aid to the communities in south-western Guatemala most affected by the disaster. "We quickly organised a team of 30 pastors and 70 church leaders to assist with food and clothing at different sites, which is the most urgent need now," says Otoniel Trujillo, director of ADRA-Guatemala.

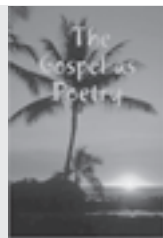
Church members are assisting with relief efforts: Pathfinders and church members joined forces to offer help in packing food

for the victims and delivering supplies through a caravan of vehicles to the worst-hit areas. The local Adventist radio station, "Union Radio," has also been asking for the support of the community to bring food to Adventist churches in the capital city, which are serving as relief supply centres.

Church leaders at Guatemala's North Central American Union report that 13 church buildings were destroyed, and 24 Adventist churches and five schools are being used as community shelters.

ADRA is also working in surrounding nations affected by Hurricane Stan. In El Salvador, ADRA is delivering food baskets to families whose homes have been damaged or destroyed during the hurricane. ADRA is also providing food to families in Honduras who lost their homes during Hurricane Stan.

"ADRA is responding to the desperate needs of families in Central America that have been struck by complete devastation," says Frank Teeuwen, bureau chief for Emergency Management and Disaster Response at ADRA-International.—*Nadia McGill/ADRA/Libna Stevens/IAD/ANN Staff*



◆ *The Gospel as Poetry* has been written by Kealoha Wells. "It occurred to me that there is a Bible in nearly

every language, with translation for every Christian preference under the sun, but I had never seen the gospel presented as poetry," says Mr Wells. "I thought it would be a wonderful way to share the truth of salvation... so I pulled out my Bible and went to work." The gospel is written down as rhyme, along with the books of Acts, James, Jude and Revelation.

*With hands and with thorns, they fashioned a crown
They arrayed the King of glory in a royal purple gown
To mock Him they hit Him, then knelt at His feet
They spit in His face, they flogged Him in the street
Carry this cross, it will soon be your throne
We'll fasten You to it, with metal through bone
They mounted Him up, with a crook on each side
Then they mocked: See this sight! A King crucified!*

More at:
<http://thegospelaspoeetry.com>

◆ Plans are under way to develop an evangelical Christian centre in the area along the north-eastern edge of Israel's Lake Kinneret. As part of the project, Israel will initially lease 125 acres in the area between Capernaum, Tabgha and the Mount of Beatitudes—a mini-Israel of sorts and perhaps a biblical theme park. The idea: to build a centre that will provide Christian believers with a sense that "Jesus lived here." Some see the project as having the potential to attract up to 1.5 million additional tourists a year.—*Michael Ireland*

◆ Christian Freedom International-

al (CFI), an interdenominational human rights organisation for religious liberty helping persecuted Christians, has released a publication *50 Ways to Help Persecuted Christians*. This new ministry guide provides concrete details on exactly how to assist Christians living under persecution in places like Burma, China, Iraq, Indonesia and many other countries. "Many Christians want to help suffering Christians around the world, but simply don't know what to do," says CFI president Jim Jacobson. Free copies are available from their web site.—*Dan Wooding*
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Big names feature on student's radio spot

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Indigenous athlete Cathy Freeman and political leaders Warren Mundine and Lionel Quartermaine feature in a series of radio spots produced by an Avondale College student.

Communication major Inyika Buthmann interviewed the three as part of her four-week professional internship.

Ms Freeman is an Olympic gold medalist, Mr Mundine senior vice-president of the Australian Labor Party and Mr Quartermaine a former acting chair of the now defunct Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

"They're all an inspiration to me in their own way," says Miss Buthmann.

Nine of the 13 radio spots address indigenous issues in the local Lake Macquarie area; four address issues of national significance. The main topics of discussion are education, health, Native Title, politics and self-determination.

"There's a lack of knowledge about indigenous issues in Lake Macquarie," says Miss Buthmann. "It's a shame because indigenous people have such a strong culture."

The 10-minute spots helped her give voice to local indigenous leaders, including Leah Armstrong from the Newcastle-based Yarnteen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation. "I felt like I was making a difference," says Miss Buthmann.

Miss Buthmann found producing the spots challenging and time consuming, but she and her lecturers are "very happy" with the product. "I've enjoyed the experience," she says.

Miss Buthmann has a passion for indigenous Australians. She is one herself, belonging to the Kukuyalangi tribe in northern Queensland. She sees radio as the most effective medium to create "much-needed" awareness of indigenous issues. "Everyone listens to the radio because everyone's got one," she says. "You can use it to speak straight to the community."—

Michelle Moss/Brenton Stacey

Western Highlands sees record baptisms

LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Western Highlands Mission of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) has witnessed a record number of baptisms this year.

According to the 2005 second-quarter membership report of the South Pacific Division, 7461 people were baptised in the Western Highlands during the period.

"It is a joy to see such a good sign of



Pastor Thomas Davai.

growth in church membership in Papua New Guinea," says Pastor Thomas Davai, president of the PNGUM. "Many of the baptismal records were carried over from last year,

which means that the Year of Evangelism made the difference in numbers."

Pastor Davai believes the growth in numbers has made the need for the nurturing of members more pressing, saying, "We need more pastors to care for these incoming members. The greatest challenge is to do so with our current small workforce that is the result of tight finances. More members who are not wage-earners are being baptised and that impacts us as well."

According to Pastor Davai, accommodating people in churches has also become a challenge. "Many people are standing outside the churches because they cannot find a seat inside," he says.

Pastor Davai is confident there will be more baptisms in Papua New Guinea in the future, saying, "Many people are beginning to realise that the Adventist Church has the message for the last days."—Melody Tan

NNSW mourns passing of women's ministries leader

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Close to 1000 people attended the funeral of Ursula Hedges, women's ministries director for the North New South Wales Conference, at the Avondale College church on September 15.

Ursula Margaret Hedges was born on January 9, 1940, in Lucknow, India, to Vere and Gwendolin Wood-Stotesbury, a ministerial couple. She passed away on September 10 in Mirrabooka, New South Wales.

In 1956, her talent for writing began to emerge when she was a student at Longburn College. Throughout her lifetime, she published several books, including *Little Warrior*, *Carol and Johnny Go to New Guinea* and *Downunder with Carol and Johnny*.

She also wrote many booklets, articles,

short stories and poems, some of which have featured in the *RECORD* and *Signs of the Times* over the years.

In 1961, she married Allan Hedges and began teaching in Madang, and worked in both primary and secondary classrooms throughout Papua New Guinea and then New Zealand before completing her BA and MA in education. Her last teaching position was head of teacher training at Fulton College.

Despite being handicapped by rheumatoid arthritis, Mrs Hedges became women's ministries leader for the North New South Wales Conference. As a volunteer, she encouraged and supported many women in ministry roles—

organising retreats, visiting churches and organising programs at camps, churches and many other places.—Carole Ferch-Johnson



Ursula Hedges, who was the women's ministries leader in NNSW.

Who is poor?

BY FAITH WILLIAMS

JUST HOW WEALTHY ARE WE? IN A recent lecture by Reverend Nic Frances at Newcastle University, New South Wales, he asked this question, and many others that forced his listeners to sit up and take note. It's true that, as nations, Australians and New Zealanders are considered among the wealthiest countries in the world in terms of economy, technology, quality of life and so forth.

But it seems our success as human beings is based almost entirely on what we do, how much we earn and what we own in terms of material things. And it seems

Society's notion of itself and what it deems success is driving us toward depravity and a different kind of "poverty."

that the goal of governments is to place a price on our values, thereby conditioning each of us to believe that all success is linked to how much money we have and therefore spend.

But really, how wealthy are we? It strikes me that society's notion of itself and what it deems success is driving us toward depravity and a different kind of "poverty."

Perhaps the most poignant question raised by Reverend Frances was: "What is the cost of being wealthy?" In our efforts to be "better" and have the "best," we are steadily cutting ourselves off from the richest resources available to us—people.

Our elitist attitudes are forcing us to cut ourselves off from our own communities so that, for example, our children are herded

onto trains to the "best" private schools—45 minutes away—rather than attending the local school and as a result, have no-one to play with in the afternoons because their friends are in a completely different postcode.

Is this wealth? "Why do we think that being white and middle class is not enough?" Reverend Frances asks. Does sitting at home, chatting with people we've never laid eyes on over the Internet really enrich our lives or enhance our world view when we're oblivious to the world just outside our front door?

So who really is poor? That family of five that struggle to make ends meet and put food on the table but whose kids know they're loved and know how to enjoy the sunshine?

"We muse on poverty," says Reverend Frances, "then go home to our 'happy' lives." Indeed, we say to ourselves "those poor indigenous people," for example, and yet they are the ones who know about family, community and living sustainably and in harmony with their environment.

And more often than not, their seemingly miserable existence was imposed on them by our seemingly wealthy circumstances. As a recent article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* put it: "Catholic bishops have decried the nation's culture of waste and busyness, warning that Australians are victims of 'the disease of affluence.'" Our souls are riddled with it.

So the question of "Who is poor?" can only be answered when we've determined what wealth is. Surely our riches extend beyond what's in our bank accounts. If that's all we've got our eyes on, then we're charging toward misery. **R**

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BY JOY BUTLER

THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES—TO be held in Melbourne next year, March 15-26—will be one of the most influential events in the South Pacific for many years. Nearly a third of the world will be focused on Australia at this time. This is an opportunity to turn the motif of "winning" into showing that the best way everyone can win is by belonging to Jesus.

<thewinning.way.com.au> is an exciting, positive and Spirit-filled initiative to uplift Jesus. It will provide for:

1. Loving and fun-filled service to build meaningful relationships;
2. The proclamation of the Bible's fabulous benefits;
3. The winning of friends into membership; and
4. Ministry opportunities for new members.

Resources planned for this initiative include: giveaways such as 60,000 gold medals; a special *Signs of the Times* magazine; *Steps to Christ*; introductory DVDs; *Winner* magazines for children; bumper stickers; New Testaments; and "thewinningway" Try Jesus cards. A web site will operate from this month.

There is much prayer needed for this venture. Indeed, the whole initiative needs to be "bathed and saturated in prayer." Prayer is vital for the success of this outreach effort. If you are willing to be part of this prayer-team ministry, please begin. Take the details given here and use it as a guide to focus your prayers.

Pray for the giveaways that are being prepared now. Tell your church to pray. And watch for further announcements about how you can be part of the prayer team stretching across the South Pacific. **R**

Joy Butler is prayer ministries coordinator for the South Pacific Division.

President positive about church in Malaita

BY NATHAN BROWN

PASTOR GEORGE FAFALE KNOWS the Adventist Church in the Solomon Islands well. He is currently president of the Malaita Mission, but has also served for five years as secretary of this mission and three years as secretary of the Western Solomon Islands Mission. Between these appointments, Pastor Fafale has also worked as district pastor in Honiara, the Solomon Islands capital, and pastored the largest church in the Solomons.

But he admits his three years as mission president have been years of learning. "It's really a challenge to take this kind of leadership," he says.

And the challenges are not just the role itself but the realities of growing the church—and ministering to a growing church—on the island of Malaita. According to Pastor Fafale, about 85 per cent live a subsistence lifestyle, which means most of Malaita's 8209 church members have little to contribute to the church financially through tithes and offerings. "We have been struggling with this financial challenge for quite a while now," he admits.

Finance, it seems, will be an ongoing difficulty, but the other challenges Pastor Fafale identifies are perhaps more complicated. "People have different things that they value, like getting into sports that involve the young people of the church," Pastor Fafale reflects. "Another challenge we face is the high rate of apostasy and the challenge of how to keep the young people in the church."

As well as this, in the mountains of Malaita, there are still people groups with no church presence. "We need people who are willing to live with the people up in the mountains and share the message of Jesus Christ," says Pastor Fafale. "We have entered some places but we need members who are willing to spend a longer time with people—more than a year or two. Most of

the Christians in the islands come from the coastal areas. Our challenge is to reach people right up in the mountains."

Seeming undaunted by these challenges, Pastor Fafale is positive about the progress that has been made. "The highlights have been the involvement of the church members, especially the women and youth in the program," he reports.

"In the past quinquennium we baptised more than 1700 into the church. We have opened more than 36 new areas. The work is growing, and that is why we need training programs so we can have a well-established Adventist presence in those newly opened areas and to strengthen the work in those areas."

Pastor Fafale stresses the importance of the involvement of church members in the work of the church—and of training church members for that. "We'd like to reopen our training school, to train our members, not only the volunteers, the pastors or the church officers, but the church members as a whole," he explains with enthusiasm. "According to Scripture and the writings of Ellen White, anyone baptised into the church is already a minister, and God calls everybody."

"I believe people are willing to do the work if they know how to do it. A bigger percentage of our church members—if not all—can get involved in witnessing for Jesus."

Of course, events in the wider community also impact on the work of the church but Pastor Fafale is positive about the church's role in the factional violence in the Solomon Islands in the past couple of years. "It really brought some disturbance in the church but all in all I can say that very few Adventists got involved in this," he reports. "Most of the church members don't like it. We still believe in oneness and forgiveness."

He praises the role the Adventist Development and Relief Agency has played in helping the processes of peace and recon-



Pastor George Fafale is president of the Malaita Mission, Solomon Islands.

ciliation in the northern region of Malaita. "The ministers and members are strongly involved in the program to bring back peace and reconciliation among the people," he says. "And many non-Adventists came and joined the program. So we are doing something and the program is progressing well in bringing back peace and law and order in the community. I'm really pleased that ADRA and the Seventh-day Adventist Church took the initiative in that program."

Pastor Fafale has also been in a position to contribute to the wider church in the past quinquennium as a member of the General Conference executive committee. "It really helped my growth and my ministry," he comments. "And as I share my experience it will also benefit the churches I serve. It's a privilege I have had and I believe with the privilege is also responsibility."

It is evident Pastor Fafale enjoys his ministry. "I like visiting people and sharing Jesus Christ with them," he says. "The need of the church today is to have that personal relationship with Jesus. So when I became a leader, this is the message I shared around in district meetings, and my visits to churches. I ran seminars with them about the assurance of salvation and how to know Jesus Christ. This is what I really enjoy in my ministry—getting people to know Jesus better." **R**

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.

Of grace, justice and traffic fines

BY MARK VODELL

WAS DRIVING HOME FROM THE OFFICE and . . . Well, first, let me explain a few things: It was late. There was no traffic. The road was in a quiet backwater. The car was new. The policeman was an unexpected feature of the landscape. And I shouldn't have been speeding.

Scene 1

While I was detained on the side of the road, a member of a nearby church drove past and was able to gain some great information for their church luncheon. And then, while the police vehicle still looked like a Christmas tree in December, my wife and family drove past.

As my wife slowed down, she asked the kids, "Are you sure that was Dad's car?"

They were able to confirm—with great enthusiasm—that I was actually in the car. One of the young "saints" even mentioned that "Dad didn't smile when we waved."

After the standard breathalyser test, the officer took my licence back to his car and I sat there in a state of contemplative meditation.

Suddenly inspired, I got out of the car and walked back to the police vehicle and the policeman directed me to the passenger side. With the window down he pointed out the equipment that so cleverly—and so clearly—identified my indiscretion.

I told him I was not there to question the equipment or his right to do his job. I merely asked if there was "any chance of a warning?"

He replied that I had exceeded the limit by an amount so substantial that I should expect to walk or ride a pushbike. I agreed.

There was a long pause.

"All right, here's your licence and take this as a warning."

As I drove off at a careful speed, I



thought of Isaac Newton who wrote the words to that well-known hymn "Amazing grace." Although the hymn is known by millions of Christians and non-Christians alike, many do not know what grace is. But at that point, I knew very well the exhilaration that comes with an understanding of grace.

Scene 2

Now in case you're feeling that justice was denied, four weeks later I received an infringement for partially obscuring my number plate by having my mountain bike and rack on the back of the car.

I explained that earlier that morning my wife and I had wired to the bike rack a new plastic number plate with the registration number on it. In fact, as the officer and I surveyed the situation, some of the wire was still hanging onto the bike rack.

"Next time, bolt it on," was the cold response and I was handed the necessary paperwork.

As I drove off this time, I thought of God's blunt response to Moses pleading to be allowed into the Promised Land: "That is enough. Do not speak to me any more

about this matter" (Deuteronomy 3:26*).

The bigger scene

On this earth, God has not promised us the "red carpet" treatment. In fact my reading of the New Testament tells me life as a Christian can be quite unfair. However, the biggest question to every person on the planet at some point in time is, "Can I live forever?"

On this question, God has given us special treatment. He has promised us that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

No matter what we've done, He can forgive it all. What's more, He'll take us back to heaven (see John 14:1-3).

In the meantime, life will have its ups and downs, but we have much to look forward to. He forgives us. He's coming back. And heaven probably has no need for bike racks or maybe even speed limits. **R**

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

Mark Vodell is principal of Gilson College in Taylors Hill, Victoria.



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Lessons from a day in a queue

BY ELIZABETH OSTRING

I PULLED THE PAPER FROM THE SLIM envelope, and as the voucher for \$US300 came into view I felt once more the aching legs, the frustration and the fear. But I also felt gratitude toward two men.

St Louis, July 10, 2005:

The General Conference session in St Louis, Missouri, had been interesting, inspiring, fascinating and a host of other good things. The music, of every variety, was uplifting. The international speakers—the best from every part of the globe—were inspiring. The people—old friends and new acquaintances—were heart warming.

The business was interesting—much to my husband's surprise, keeping him riveted to his seat instead of exploring the city. The city itself treated us to fabulous Fourth of July fireworks displays, so thoughtfully arranged for three nights on the barge on the Mississippi just below our bedroom window.

In short, it was a wonderful time. But getting home had been a different matter.

Getting home

With what we thought was mature wisdom, we arrived at the airport four hours before the scheduled noon departure of our flight. We were not perturbed by the long queue. We had anticipated that most

of the thousands of people cheering their compatriots in the Parade of Nations on the last night of the session would be trying to get home by plane.

But when after two hours we had not moved more than five metres and there were 30 or 40 metres of queue still in front of us, I began to get worried.

I approached three officials alerting them to our problem, but each simply shrugged their shoulders and said, "Not my problem, lady."

I tried switching the first leg of our journey to a "domestic" check-in, but that did not work. I tried doing things electronically but invariably got "go to international check-in."

So we waited. And waited, and waited. We got to know our neighbours in the queue quite well. There was a pastor from New Guinea, and a local St Louis businessman who commented on how friendly and patient the people in the queue were.

"What's going on around here?" he asked. "I've never seen this airport like this!"

We told him there had been a big convention in town.

"What sort of convention?"

So we told him about the General Conference session.

"Amazing," he mumbled, shaking his head. "I've never seen people being so nice and friendly about waiting in a queue!"

Still waiting

As noon came and went, so did our plane. The small pieces of fruit we'd had for breakfast many hours earlier had long since given up their glucose; it all became totally unreal.

My husband and I took to taking turns in the queue and trying to do some walking to maintain leg health, believing we would be transported to our New Zealand flight eventually. We met great people from all parts of the world.

Our new Chinese friends were concerned about our lack of nutrition and presented us with a delightful selection of Chinese nibbles. When you are starving, such kindness is rather overwhelming. And slowly, slowly, we inched toward the head of the queue.

On a final walk around the queue, I met RECORD editor Nathan Brown. "This would make a good story," I said, trying to be cheerful.

"Perhaps it would be more useful if we all wrote to American Airlines," he rejoined.

Arriving at departures

Finally, eight-and-a-half hours after we had arrived at the airport we reached the counter. The check-in man wiped his brow and said, "A flight from Los Angeles? You'll never make it. But I'll put you on stand-by. It's the best I can do."

We had another one-and-a-half hours in the security queue, where they frisked us everywhere, but I was too tired to care. We got to the flight gate just in time to discover we were not standing by; we were stood down.

"But I've got to get home!" I pleaded with the gate check-in woman.

"Not my problem!" she replied, rummaging among some papers, and staring fixedly in another direction. "It's your fault for missing your plane."

While I contemplated shaking her—or worse—my husband had the sense to discover that we could make new bookings on a "red phone" somewhere in the airport. It was no surprise to discover another long queue there. Nor were we shocked to learn after that wait we still had to return to the check-in counter, the same that had so badly failed us all day.

Making progress

Thus, after 13 hours, we met Mr R Pelander. He was professional and kind. It took him considerable time. He had to re-route us, but he found us seats home to Christchurch the following day.

Nobody chooses their date of birth.

We found a hotel, but I couldn't sleep that night. The pain in my legs was the main cause. But I did have ample opportunity to think.

Nathan Brown is young—around 30 I'd guess. He gave me an idea I would never otherwise have had: write to American Airlines. Mr R Pelander is not so young—at least 50, probably older. He gave me expertise I needed.

Yes, I decided, as the clock and the night ticked slowly on, *I will write to the airline, and I'll commend Mr Pelander, and tell the company how they could improve their system.*

When I got home, I did just that.

Working together

Now, the unexpected voucher lay in my hand. The airline was sorry—very sorry. They would use my "detailed comments" to improve their system. Some things we get by asking, even when we least expect it.

But some things don't come by asking. Nobody chooses their date of birth. As we in the Adventist Church move toward the coming of Jesus, let us remember to appreciate the young and the not-so-young.


Don't stifle the bright ideas of youth with inflexible policies. But let's not forget that with age comes experience that is essential to getting the job done. God used the teenage virgin Mary and the elderly widow Anna. Youthful under-30 Joseph was as much God's man as 80-year-old Moses.

And I owe a debt to both Nathan Brown and Mr Pelander. **R**

Elizabeth Ostring is a medial doctor, who writes from Christchurch, New Zealand.

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Kids corner




Hi kids,
Did you know that you are chosen by God. He has something special in mind for each of our lives. All He asks in return that you love Him. David the shepherd boy loved God. Read 1 Samuel 16:1-22 to find out what God had planned for him. RR

Fill in the Blanks


"Even a child is known by his _____."
Proverbs 20:11 NIV

Musical Message...


Below is a coded musical message. Use the key to find out what the message says.



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Colour in...
David playing his harp

Church: employer

ALAN HOLMAN, VIC

Two items in the October 15 RECORD seemed worthy of comment and praise. Pastor Evans ("Is there a better way?" Editorial) rightly drew attention to "a better way" of governance and accountability in church administration. Cumbersome and expensive sessions in no way reflect modern administrative practice and the election of officers and employees in general has often been ad hoc rather than carefully considered in the light of experience and evidence.

The challenge of attracting and holding employees is faced by Colin Clark ("Voices heard in SPD forum," News). While patently overdue, I'm glad to see that the church is starting to recognise the need for an "employee-friendly environment" in church institutions.

It's not just financial reward that motivates people to work; more likely it's recognition as an individual, having someone to turn to without recrimination, knowing that promises will be kept, clear job descriptions, accountability in management and sound, transparent governance.

Thank you, RECORD

LEONIE DONALD, NZ

This is a big thank you for the hours spent in putting together RECORD every week. There is such a variety of information for church members; a magazine worth reading from cover to cover.

I have a special file containing editorials,

articles, feature stories and poems that I read and read and read again. Some are thought provoking, some bring tears to my eyes and some show God's wonderful protection and love for us. But all are precious—so thank you.

Youth and church

LEESA FOWLER, WA

I was concerned when I read "A question of youth" (Letters, October 15). It worries me that youth of our church may have read

Adventist Church would not exist. And Ellen White also says that the work of this church will be finished with young people.

Adventist young people are experienced and responsible in their everyday careers. For example, I know of young people who control millions of dollars of assets and funds for major corporations. If these corporations can trust them with this experience or responsibility, why can't the church?

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this and then questioned their capabilities as leaders or their ability to serve.

I am proud to be a part of a team that encourages, supports and mentors our youth. We need to let them know they are welcome to advisory meetings and councils. They are the voice of their peers, and their inclusion is paramount to our church offices.

Young people are still learning, and isn't this the greatest opportunity we have of mentoring them? Let us be open to them and discover that they can in fact teach us a thing or two.

Young people want to serve; they want their voices heard and their vote to be counted. Maybe we just need to ask them.

CHEONNETH STRICKLAND, NSW

In response to "Youth need time" (Letters, October 8) may I remind the writer that if it wasn't for young people, the

Young people have the ability to communicate the timeless truth of our message in a manner to which today's society is more likely to respond.

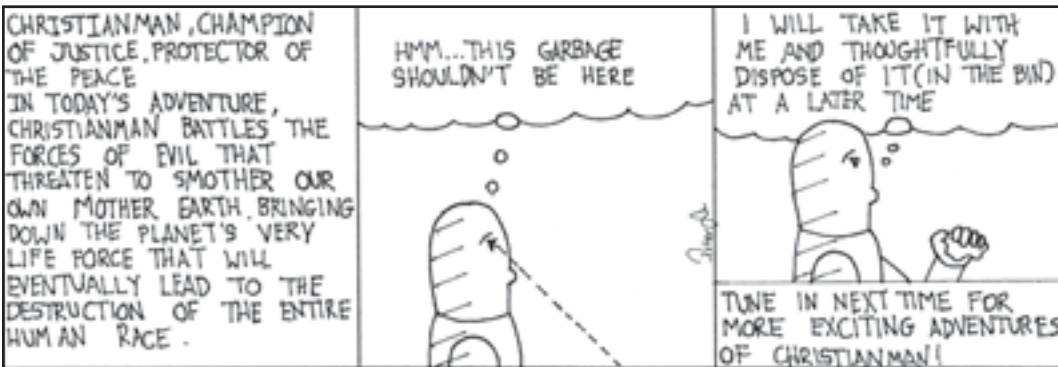
RENE GALE, QLD

In response to the comment that the church should "keep young people out of decision-making church bodies" because "they lack life experience," I would ask how they are going to get this experience if they are to be sidelined by their own denomination.

If young people participate in decision-making processes under the expert tuition of their more experienced elders, then they will feel a sense of ownership regarding church policy. They will also feel committed to a church that respects what they have to offer.

Yes, wisdom does come with age—but sometimes age just comes alone!

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Peter Yu

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Weddings

Munting—Humble. Scott John Munting, son of John and Linda Munting (Launceston, Tas), and Karina Jayne Humble, daughter of John Humble (Qld) and Coralie Beams (Launceston, Tas), were married on 9.9.05 in a beach setting at Eraker Island Resort, Vanuatu.

Graham Sutherland

Scale—Hillier. Darryl Scale, son of Elwyn and Helen Scale (Delhuntie Park, Vic), and Neda Hillier, daughter of Stuart and Diane Hillier (Lismore, NSW), were married on 25.9.05 in the Lismore Adventist church.

Mark Baines, Ian Johnson

Obituaries

Brady, Agnes Rose (nee Neitz), born 11.4.1913 at Southport, Qld; died 13.9.05 in Maryborough Base Hospital. She was predeceased by her first husband, Stan Armstrong; also her second husband, Vince Brady; and her sons, Glenn Brady, Lester and Max Armstrong. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Trevor and Margaret Armstrong, Selwyn and Edna Armstrong, Glenda and Graeme Tudman, and Leanne and Keith Ace. Agnes was full of life, fun and joy. Despite hardships in life, she rarely complained; she often helped disadvantaged people. Never forgotten.

Phil Downing

Campbell, Ivy Grace, born 13.7.1909 at Dunedin, NZ; died 26.6.05 in Christchurch. She was predeceased by her husband, Cecil, in 1987; also her son, Morian, in 2003. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Eryn and Eric Hoare; her daughter-in-law, Lynn; her grandchildren, Suzanne Sugrue, Darren, Stefan and Shannon Hoare; and her two great-grandchildren. Ivy was a long-time member of Aranui church, Christchurch. She was loved for her kindness and her ability to see only the best in everyone she knew.

Neil Thompson

Corker, Julia Grace (nee Tapper), born 16.2.1914 at Fremantle, WA; died 13.9.05 at Busselton. On 20.1.44 she married Len, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Douglas and Jan (Boyup Brook), Rodney and Joanne (Los Angeles, California, USA), David and Mary, Michelle and Errol Mason (all of Perth, WA) and Shana and Andy Marshman (Busselton). Julie was a loving and lovable Christian; small in stature, large in heart, enormous in faith.

Max Hatton

Daenke, Ethel Jean, born 6.12.1909 at Willaura, Vic; died 8.9.05 at Bendigo. She was predeceased by her husband, August, in 1947; also her son, David, in 1981. She is survived by her children, Brian, Dawn, Carole Healy and Barbara Price-Rees; her 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Jean was a committed and supportive member of both Shepparton and Bendigo churches; much loved and respected.

*Dean Giles
Claude Trickey, Peter Ansell*



Dougherty, Mancel Edward, born 18.11.1926 in New York, USA; died 17.9.05 in Tweed Heads Public Hospital, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Tweed Heads); his children and their spouses, Penny and David Robinson (Brisbane, Qld), Louise Sharrock (Sydney, NSW), Karen and Russell Billings (Tweed Heads), Arthur and Ann-Janette (Tennant Creek, NT) and Mancel Dougherty, Jr (Lismore, NSW); his 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. During his final days, Mancel was able to share his deep love for his family. He will be sadly missed.

Adrian Raethel

Hedges, Ursula Margaret (nee Wood-Stotesbury), born 9.1.1940 at Lucknow, India; died 10.9.05 at Mirrabooka, NSW. On 12.1.61 she married Allan. She is survived by her husband; her children, Kenneth (Sydney), Dwane (Murwillumbah) and Linelle Cassie (Cooranbong); and her seven grandchildren. Ursula worked as Bible worker, secretary, teacher, education administrator till official retirement; then as director of women's ministries for North New South Wales Conference until a couple of months prior to her death. She gained her master's degree while serving at Fulton College, Fiji. She was always doing for others; an unselfish God-loving witness to His love. She is greatly missed. See *Life Sketch*, page 7.

Ray Dickson, Raymond Dabson

Huffadine, Roger, born 12.8.1937 at Belmore, NSW; died 12.9.05 in Tweed Heads Hospital, after taking ill with an extremely rare malady while holidaying in Murwillumbah. He is survived by his wife, Nancy (nee Portbury); his son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Colleen; his grandson, Cameron; also his son, Richard and fiancée, Kwan. He is also survived by his siblings and their spouses, Allan and Narelle, Craig and Min, Leah and Simon, and Rebekah and Damian; and their families. Roger was a faithful member of the Bowral church, and frequently gave of his time and talents for the church and the community. He is sadly missed by family and friends.

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Moroney, Kerrie Joy (nee Ulrich), born 2.5.1961 at Warburton, Vic; died 18.9.05 in Lingard Hospital, Newcastle, NSW, after a prolonged battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Craig; her daughter, Sheldon (both of Charlestown). Kerrie was an active member of the Charlestown church community, holding many positions of leadership. Her focus was on the power of prayer; and her faithfulness and obedience to God was a powerful example.

Graeme Loftus

Paton, Charlotte Brookman, born 10.1.1917 at Clydebank, Scotland; died 12.9.05 at the James Milson Nursing Home, North Sydney, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter, in May 1966; also her sisters and brother, Lily, Marion and Alistair; and her niece, Dawn. She is survived by her nephews, Bernie and Cary; her niece, Beverley; her 11 great-nieces and great-nephews; and at least eight great-great-nieces and nephews. Charlotte was a wonderful nurse and spent most of her career devoted to infant care. She loved her Lord and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Kerry Hortop

Wright, John Barry, born 8.9.1935 at Kogarah, NSW; died 8.9.05 in the Friendly Hospital, Bundaberg, Qld. He was predeceased by his son, Peter, in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Joy (North Bundaberg); his daughter, Jennifer Gauci (Copacabana, NSW); his two grandchildren; his seven step-grandchildren; his stepsons, Barton, Nicholas and Joseph Champress. John was a big man in many ways; his size, his generous heart, and his love for God. He had been awarded a medal for his contribution to the transport industry, and was inducted into the Transport Hall of Fame just a few days before he died. He was active on the Board of Advisers of the Avondale College Foundation, and a foundation member of the Association of Business and Professional Members. Gentleman John's influence among associates and in the trucking industry cannot be estimated.

Arthur Bath

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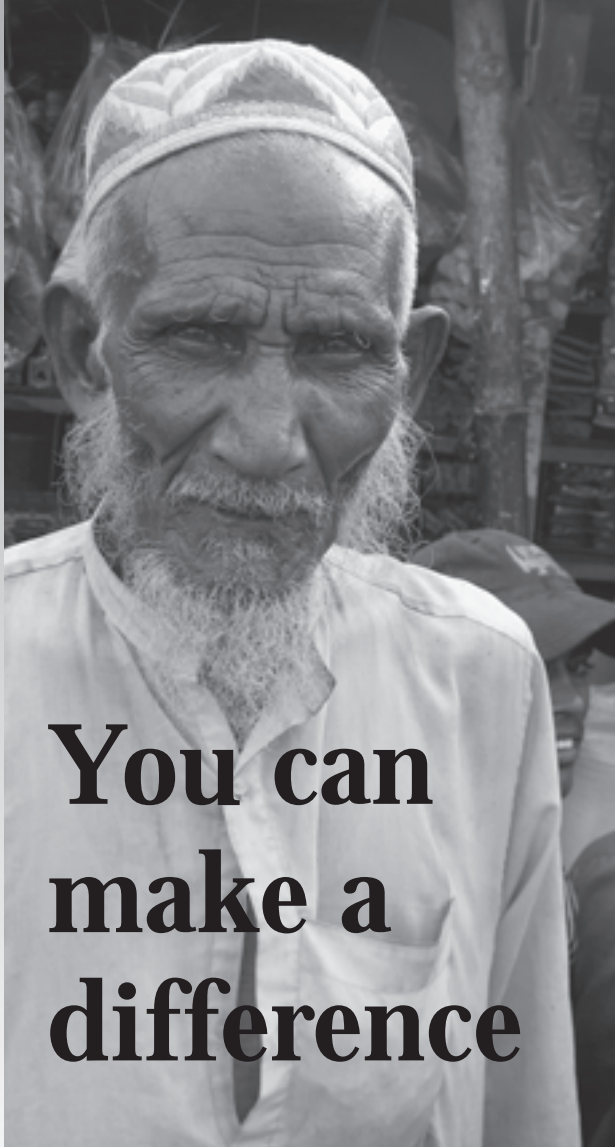
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