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## Baptisms follow PAU prison visits

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

An annual highlight at Pacific Adventist University (PAU) is the baptism at nearby Bomana Correctional Institution, where PAU ministry teams work week by week. Fifty-three prisoners were baptized on October 29. An additional 13 were unable to take part in the baptism because they could not leave their Maximum Security Institution (MSI) confinement area. Arrangements are being made for their baptism in a few weeks time.

One of the baptised was Rairai Marai, a former pastor in another Christian denomination for 23 years. Rairai was converted in Bomana where he was serving a six-months sentence. He has now been

released and is studying regularly at the PAU layman's theology class conducted by the PAU school of theology. Rairai is determined to share his new faith with as many of his former church members—especially former pastoral associates—as possible. He is “on fire” for Adventism.

Each week a prison ministry team from the PAU church goes to Bomana's main compound. Other PAU teams visit the ladies section, juveniles and minimum-security units. PAU theology students conduct the formal baptismal classes in these different companies.

Unusual experiences and miraculous breakthroughs have occurred in the ministry  
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Be one of the people who notices—and who goes out of their way to notice.

# Summer sunset challenge

ONE OF THE MANY GOOD THINGS about growing up Adventist and the way we keep Sabbath is an ongoing awareness of sunset.

Whether it's the notation on the bottom of the bulletin or small clock devices that show the sunset times for "This week" and "Next week" respectively, the effect is a weekly reminder of sunsets.

The significance of this consciousness is not just for those waiting anxiously for the release of Sabbath "restrictions" that evening (an attitude many of us seem to have at some stage or another of our immature religiosity) or for those who wish to be careful with their Sabbath preparations the following week. Perhaps most relevant is the reminder that each evening—or at least most evenings, depending on weather conditions—the sky brings down the curtain on another day, often with an extravagant splash of colour and the dance of clouds and light. And most often it is ignored.

So let me suggest making time to watch the sunset as an introductory spiritual discipline. This summer, make the time and find a place—or places—to simply sit and watch as many sunsets as you can.

In *Blue Like Jazz*, Donald Miller describes this practice as "one of the coolest things I ever did." He explains: "This past summer I made a point to catch sunsets. . . . I made myself go. And once I got up there I always loved it. It always meant something to me to see beauty right there over my city. . . . On most nights there were

no more than two or three people there with me. All that beauty happens right above the heads of more than a million people who never notice it."

The summer sunset challenge: Be one of the people who notices—and who goes out of their way to notice—the beauty created so definitely but temporarily in the sky above us each evening.

For most people, summer provides better opportunity for this kind of experience. It's often a little more pleasant to be outdoors and the later sunset times (especially with daylight saving time) mean it can be easier to organise oneself to be away from work or other responsibilities.

The change of routine that holidays bring may also open opportunities for sunset viewing that may not otherwise fit into our schedules. If time is a challenge, perhaps begin with Friday or Saturday evenings—at the opening or closing of Sabbath—but also try to find as many other evenings as possible.

If possible, it would be good to find a regular vantage point from which to watch the sunset. Usually somewhere high or open will work best—a hillside, a beach or a city park—but a backyard, balcony, veranda or window might afford adequate views. If possible, find somewhere that can fit easily into your daily routine.

If you commute from a place of employment around sunset, there may be a vantage point available with only a slight detour—and it might give the traffic time to clear. Find somewhere that will fit your

circumstances, wherever you might be. If travelling, perhaps you could see in how many different places you can watch the sunset.

So what's it about? First, take time to notice and enjoy the beauty. You don't need an agenda. Just be there. (You may like to share the experience, but it would be best shared with someone who can share the appreciation of the beauty and the reverence associated with this practice.)

Catch your breath. For the few minutes of sunset and into twilight, choose not to be busy. Take time to think on the important things of your life, given the big context in which you find yourself—a small person under a big sky.

Let your mind drift toward your Creator. Prompted by the creation taking place in front of you and above you, remember you are in—and that you live in—the presence of God. Enjoy that realisation—that remembering.

Even if only for a moment, "be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10, NIV). Perhaps the next reaction will be to pray. Share the moment with God and thank Him for His love and goodness.

Some sunsets will be spectacular, others less so. Some moments will be profound, others will be a useful few minutes of rest. But take the time to notice.

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# Health director challenges Adventists in SPD

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

With the release of a *National Geographic* article that focuses in part on the longevity of Adventists in Loma Linda, California, USA (RECORD, November 12), the director of Adventist Health Ministries for the South Pacific Division (SPD), Jonathan Duffy, has called for Adventists in the SPD to improve their health and lifestyle.

"It does show the Seventh-day Adventist lifestyle has positive health benefits," Mr Duffy says of the *National Geographic* story.

However, in the SPD, Adventists have fallen behind in adhering to a healthy Adventist lifestyle, studies have revealed. In the past 10 years, rates of vegetarianism and general healthy practices have been on the decline in Adventist populations

"For all we know about it, we're actually getting worse in health patterns," says Mr Duffy. "Around 45 per cent of Adventists are vegetarian. But 40 per cent of young people in the adolescent group have fewer than two serves of fruit per day, and the same thing can be said of around 28 per cent of the adult population.

"To have optimal health, you should have five or more serves of vegetables per

day. Only around 35 per cent of adults meet that, and only around 25 per cent of young people. That's fairly alarming for a people who are meant to be a people of health."

More Adventists are eating an increasing number of takeaway meals, with around 57 per cent having two or more serves per week.

"Plant-based foods are protective against illnesses. We aren't eating enough of the healthy foods—fruit, nuts, grains—to give us proper nutrients," says Mr Duffy. "We do seem to be fairly active physically, though."

He also noted that it is important for Adventists in the SPD to develop a more thought-out approach to health. "We need to look at developing a philosophy of health in a doable format. In the past, we've never really articulated it," he says.

Mr Duffy speculates that the move away from the traditional vegetarian lifestyle of Adventists is related to people taking the health message for granted. "People have also often associated health with some kind of religious litmus test," says Mr Duffy. "Some people seem to think you're no longer tied to rules, but saved by faith, so you don't have to worry about health."

Health and spirituality are not mutually



Director of Adventist Health Ministries for the South Pacific Division (SPD), Jonathan Duffy, says that Adventists in the SPD have fallen behind in health matters.

exclusive, however. Healthy living is not just behavioural factors that make Adventists unique, Mr Duffy believes, but something that relates to our spiritual experiences.

"We need to get back to the core value of the spiritual side of health. We should also show clear reasons for why we've taken a particular view on health; not just for the historical things, but out of consideration for health factors. Making healthy choices helps to reduce health problems, but it also helps us to relate to God spiritually."—*Adele Nash*

◆ Pastor **Eddie Tupai** has been appointed as the **new president for the North New Zealand Conference**. Pastor Tupai has been a departmental director for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference for the past five years, and has previously served as a church pastor and conference departmental director. He graduated from Avondale College last year with an MA (Theology). Pastor Tupai is married to **Tessa** and has four sons—**Zebedee, Luther, Wesley and Micah**.—*Melody Tan*

◆ The **Voice of Hope in Tahiti** will soon have two new frequencies

broadcasting on two islands. These frequencies will **reach up to 80 per cent** of the islands of French Polynesia. It will work with the minister of communication of the Tahitian Government. Before the end of the year, the radio station will be transmitting via satellite to all of French Polynesia—which is the same size as Europe—and the Cook Islands.—*George Develay*

◆ The **SNSW Conference Regional Day** was held on October 29 at the Hughes Baptist church, ACT, organised by the South Canberra church. The Baptist church, about twice the size of the National Adventist

church in Canberra, was filled almost all day for the presentations made by **Dr John Hammond**, Australian Union Conference Education System director. The **Mauritian Singers and Avondale Octet** added to the day with song.—*Erwin Wegner*

◆ On Sabbath morning, October 22, **Toronto church**, NSW, took advantage of the historic opportunity by tracing the events **leading up to the Great Disappointment** in 1844 and the establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Local members performed short plays throughout the pro-

gram to add interest and authenticity to the occasion (pictured, **Emma Spruce** as the young Ellen White). **Many shed tears** as they empathised with the despair and disappointment of those who had expected Jesus to come on that day, 161 years earlier.—*Michelle Coltheart*



# President shares vision for church planting in SPD

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

South Pacific Division (SPD) president Pastor Laurie Evans shared his vision and hopes for the Seventh-day Adventist Church during his opening address to the second Church Planting Conference held at the Fox Valley Community Centre in Wahroonga from October 17 to 20.

“The objective of church planting is to grow and expand the kingdom of God,” he said. “After all, the primary reason for the existence of the church is for nurture, witness and outreach.”

The Church Planting Conference was attended by some 60 representatives from eight conferences from Australia and New Zealand, most of whom had attended the first conference in May (see RECORD, May 28).

The conference focused largely on strategic planning for planting new churches, characteristics of church planting, as well as empowering representatives to identify and approach potential church planters throughout the local conferences in Australia and New Zealand.

“It’s important that church planting be undertaken in a methodical, intentional way because there are definite proven principles that should be applied to ensure success,” said Pastor Evans. “The Church Planting Conference is very good in that it educates those who are getting involved with what church planting entails.”

Pastor Evans believes church planters will benefit from being involved.

“Besides helping with the growth of the church, the very process of sharing with others waters our own souls,” he says.

Participants of the conference have made the commitment to plant more than 80 churches in Australia and New Zealand over the next few years.

“I would love to see new congregations established in areas all over Australia and



Representatives from eight conferences from Australia and New Zealand met at the second Church Planting Conference to plan for and discuss church plants in the South Pacific Division.

throughout the Pacific where we currently do not have an Adventist presence,” Pastor Evans says. “To see churches spring up and pulsate with people who will not only embrace the message of hope, but who in turn have a passion to share it with others as well would do wonders for the church in this division.”—*Melody Tan*

◆ When Dr **Alex Currie**, family life director of the Greater Sydney Conference, presented a series of evangelistic meetings in 2004 at the **University of Papua New Guinea**, he was surprised that only one Seventh-day Adventist publication could be located in the university’s extensive library. “The only book of ours was *Fuzzy-Wuzzy Tales* by Eric Hare, published by Signs Publishing Company in 1950,” he says. With more than 700 Seventh-day Adventist students enrolled at the university and many Adventist lecturers, he returned to Australia with a **burden to provide** good quality Adventist books to

the university. After seeking help from churches and friends, a **collection of books** has now been donated—including *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe . . .* and more.

◆ The **Longburn Adventist College, NZ, soccer team** won the Palmerston North second division knockout competition because of a goal by their goalkeeper, **Andrew Bailey**. He had just pulled off a save and, with a tailwind behind him, sent the ball downfield. The opposing goalkeeper misjudged the ball’s flight and the



ball bounced over his head for a goal. They finished the season with a record of 12 wins and two losses. The college team, most of whom aren’t Adventists, plays its games midweek to **avoid playing on Sabbath**, a fact noted in newspaper reports. The team prays before each game and the boys hope to reflect Christianity in the way they play—hard, but fair.—*Glynis Walsh*

◆ The Upper Primary students of **Carlisle Christian College, Qld**, under the direction of **Anne Thompson**, claimed first prize in the **Choral Singing Group** (under 150 students) section of the Mackay Eisteddfod. The choir sang “We’re the image of God’s smile” and “Who has seen the wind?”—*Earl McCann*



## Baghdad church damaged in blasts

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

For the fourth time in two years, the Adventist church in central Baghdad was damaged as a result of a bomb blast. The October 24 explosions were aimed at the Palestine Hotel, which houses a number of foreign media personnel and is only 250 metres from the church building. Media reports indicate that the attack, which killed 17 and injured nine people in the area, was the work of insurgent bombers.

The church building suffered internal and external damage in the blasts. Plywood sheets, which had been covering the shattered stained-glass windows from a previous bombing, were blown off. The window that ran the full length of the parents room was also shattered.

"We have the trust and the confidence that God is guarding His people in these difficult times," says Pastor Basim Fargo, secretary of the Adventist Church in Iraq.

Pastor Mike Porter, president of the Middle Eastern Division, wrote a message of support to the members in Iraq, encouraging them to look to the future.—

Alex Elmadjian/ANN

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## Commissioning a first for Western Australia

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

In a first for the Western Australian Conference, Piroska Vranjakne-Feith was officially commissioned at Livingston church in front of a crowd of friends, colleagues and well-wishers. By her side was her husband, Laszlo, and evangelist Pastor Tony Campbell, who was instrumental in Piroska's conversion in Hungary in 1991.

After her baptism in 1992, Mrs Vranjakne-Feith studied theology, and it was during this time that she met her future husband, Laszlo. They married in 1995, and the following year arrived in Melbourne, Victoria, where Mrs Vranjakne-Feith took up a posting as volunteer minister at Nunawading church. After four years, the couple were called to service in Western Australia.

Mrs Vranjakne-Feith currently ministers at Gosnells and North Perth churches and has also spent time at Livingston and Victoria Park.

In his address, Western Australia's ministerial director Pastor Steve Goods said



Piroska Vranjakne-Feith (right), pictured with her husband Laszlo, is the first woman to be commissioned in Western Australia.

when he first met Mrs Vranjakne-Feith, he thought she would benefit under his tutelage but realised after some time that it was in fact he who had learnt the most.

"We value Piroska's commitment to Christ and her loyalty to the church. Piroska is a person of vision and leadership. As a couple, Piroska and Laszlo are an important and valued part of our ministry team," says Pastor Goods.

The term "commissioning" refers to the world church's blessing for women in paid pastoral ministry.—*NewsWest*

◆ **Free petrol?** What's the catch? Are you serious? What do we do?" were all questions heard frequently on Father's Day this year. **TurningPoint Adventist Community church**, Roseburg, Oregon, USA, members held signs in front of the Chevron fuel station and waved cars in. "It's REALLY free!" Drivers stopped long enough to ask why, while other drivers were willing to accept a gift of the fuel. They were met at the pumps by TurningPoint friends and handed a **hot pink \$US4 coupon** for free petrol and a card reminding them "God's love is free, just like this small gift!"—*Susan Woods*

◆ **Elden Leroy** (pictured, left) a Newport Adventist church, Oregon, USA, deacon, **left his full set of church keys** in the front door of the church. Riding his bike home from the store, 11-year-old **Daryen Ackerman** (right) passed the front doors of the church and noticed the keys, opened the door and went inside, looking for the owner. The building was empty so he locked the doors behind him and took the keys home. The next Sabbath, Daryen and his mother returned the keys and in the process were invited to come to church. A week later Daryen, his mother **April** and younger sister



**Destiny** attended church. They were introduced to the congregation and the story of the lost keys told. Church members welcomed the family and commended Daryen for his honesty. April told how she and her children had been **searching and praying** for a church family that followed the Bible. They began attending church regularly and having Bible studies during the week. Recently,

Daryen, April and Destiny were baptised.—*Brenda Adams*

◆ Pastor **Russell Montague**, assistant pastor of **Stanborough Park church**, UK, has abseiled down the 27-metre wall of the Harlequin Centre to raise money for Watford Peace Hospice. After a moving video presentation and being told of a fundraising abseil, Pastor Montague felt the atmosphere was too somber and declared, "I'm scared of heights, but if you sponsor me I'll do it!" Some £100 was raised that afternoon and was raised to £180 by the event.—*Joyce Hill*

# Institute of Worship organises celebration of praise, new and old

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

It seems a challenge beyond many Seventh-day Adventist churches: feature music in worship services that appeals to young and old without alienating one or the other.

The first annual Hymns and Songs of Praise, at Avondale College church on October 29, pleased both age groups.

The program featured classical and traditional music such as "Great is thy faithfulness" and "It is well with my soul" and contemporary praise and worship music such as "Above all" and "Worthy is the Lamb."

Pastor Lyell Heise, director of the South Pacific Division's Institute of Worship, assembled a 100-voice choir and a 50-piece orchestra. The program also featured the Sydney Male Choir, conducted by Alan Thrift, a former head of the Music Department at Avondale, in a guest performance.

"One of our aims was to preserve the powerful tradition of hymn singing while celebrating the new voice through which we're telling the old, old story," says Pastor Heise. "The other was to involve as

many people as possible, particularly young adults who may never have had the opportunity to play in church or in an orchestra."

The power of the music impressed college staff member and student Maurice Callulli. "I'd sung most of the songs before, but only with a congregation," he says. "The choir and orchestra lifted the songs to another level."

"I loved the synergy of combining contemporary songs with hymns," said Joey Kim, a student from the University of Sydney. "I'll definitely be attending next year."

Dr Alan Lindsay, a former director of the Ellen G White SDA Research Centre and a member of the choir, says he believes the program, if it continues in the long-term, will help save the heritage of hymns for young adults.



Hymns and Songs of Praise featured a 100-voice choir and a 50-piece orchestra. The program, the first of its kind at Avondale, was held in a full College church on October 29.

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Bringing young and old on stage together—a teenager played the drums for Hymns and Songs of Praise—sends a message, too.

"We're saying to young adults, 'You're precious, we value you,' and to older adults, 'You're not a marginalised segment of the church,'" says Pastor Heise.—*Brenton Stacey/Andrea Williams/College Church News*

◆ Amid a rural clergy shortage, the Uniting Church is exploring the use of **weekly DVD sermons** in remote Australian communities. The DVDs are sent to 20 village worship groups that are considered either too small or too remote to have their own ministers. "These communities typically might only have 12, eight or six people using that worship place," says Reverend **Tom Stuart**, project coordinator. Rev Stuart says more and more communities are expressing interest in joining the DVD project, and **webcasts** might be an option in the future. "The difficulty is that the places where those DVDs are going

at the moment are such that some of them are just lucky to have power up, let alone broadband access.—*AAP*

◆ The **Hollywood Prayer Network** and several other important ministries exist just to pray for the entertainment industry. Yearly convocations and gala events are held to prayerfully support those who work in the mass media of entertainment. Recently two dozen ministries from across the USA, and some as far away as Israel and Jordan, came to the **Beverly Hilton Hotel** in Beverly Hills, California, for three days to pray for the

Hollywood entertainment industry. They prayed for the people in the Hollywood entertainment industry, **Christian ministries in Hollywood**, and the people who are affected throughout the world by Hollywood movies, videos and television programs.—*Assist News Service*

◆ A Kentucky, USA, judge has been offering some drug and alcohol offenders the option of going to "**God's house**" instead of going to the "**jail house**" or rehab. District Judge **Michael Caperton**, 50, a devout Christian, believes church attendance could help some of

those convicted find spiritual guidance. Alternative sentencing is popular nationwide—ordering vandals to repaint a graffiti-covered wall is one example—but legal experts said they didn't know of any other judges who give the option of attending church. A district judge since 1994, Caperton has offered the option about 50 times to **repeat drug and alcohol offenders**. It is unclear what effect the sentence has had. Defendants who choose the church option must get a signed affidavit from a pastor or spiritual leader after attending 10 services.—*Charisma News Service*

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# Baptisms follow PAU prison visits

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this year, according to two leaders, Reuben Alu, PAU security director; and Sam Pepena, a Port Moresby businessman.

Perhaps the most exciting development occurred in late August when, after two years of effort, PAU teams were allowed to enter the MSI area to work and share Christ. The facilitating factor was Sanitarium Food's "Food for Life" program, which used student teams, Weet-Bix, So Good and bananas to promote healthy breakfasts at institutions in the Port Moresby area. The program was



Pastor Aaron Lopa (left) preparing to baptize an inmate of Bomana Prison.

organised and directed by Vincent Teulilo, PAU accountant, and Sanitarium sales manager Dennis Perry.

When they described the "Food for Life" program to prison officials, Mr Alu and Mr Pepena were given permission to bring the program to all prison sections including MSI. The MSI prisoners were thrilled with the brief step-up in food quality and warmed to the visiting team. This led to another request to allow "spiritual food" to the MSI on a regular basis. Permission was granted and the program has thrived.

Of the 39 MSI inmates, 13 are to be baptized and 23 others now identify themselves as Adventist in outlook. MSI prisoners are generally known as hard-core inmates, whose prison behaviour or previous record led them to be placed in MSI. The guards are also responding positively to Adventism.

An unusual development sped the work forward in MSI. Phillip Vaki, a notorious criminal in Port Moresby and the country, is in Bomana for armed hold-ups and miscellaneous robberies. Phillip is a strong



Female inmates of the Bomana Prison preparing for baptism.

leader, comes from an influential family and has a military background.

Phillip was baptised at last year's baptism and became a leader working for other prisoners in such activities as distributing Bibles and daily study. In early September he and six other Adventist inmates challenged prison officials over procedures. This conflict got them thrown into MSI. This proved a blessing in disguise for the prison ministry program because Phillip took his Bibles in with him and immediately began witnessing daily to the MSI inmates.—Richard Worley

## Weet-Bix celebrates 77th birthday

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

On October 28, Australia's favourite breakfast cereal, Sanitarium Weet-Bix, celebrated its 77th year of existence since it was introduced to Australian households in 1928.

Australians now buy 22 million packs every year, and Weet-Bix continues to be the pre-eminent breakfast for Australians of all ages, as well as being 100 per cent Australian owned and made.

Over the years, Weet-Bix has also been associated with some great events, issues and people—some historical, some interesting and some quirky—and enjoyed great success. The number of Weet-Bix eaten by Australians each year would stretch 2.8 times around the equator, if laid end-to-end.—James Tipple

## Student ministers lead revival in Sydney

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

A former drug addict has joined the Adventist Church and has married partly due to the ministry of two Avondale College students.

Second-year students Rangi Eiao and Ben Martin have been, along with others, reviving the youth group at the Adventist church in Wahroonga, Sydney.

"We were instructed in March to work with a 'disjointed' youth group of 20 people," says Mr Martin. "We started regular Friday-night Bible studies and a community outreach program. Since then, the youth group has grown to 60 people."

The outreach program included giving away Christian literature, such as *Steps to Christ*, to people in Sydney's central business district.

Mr Martin and Mr Eiao were placed at the church as part of their theology course.

"We're enjoying it," says Mr Eiao. "I believe that being there gives a holistic



The Wahroonga Adventist church's youth group, which has tripled in size with the help of Ben Martin and Rangi Eiao.

preparation for ministry. It has everything a minister could need to learn."

Wahroonga church treasurer, David Savage, says the revitalisation of the youth group is one of the most exciting things he's seen in the church. "Church attendance has doubled, and it's mostly young people," he says.

The youth group is planning to run an evangelistic series in South Africa next July.—Trudy Adams

# Walking on water

BY KELLIE HANCOCK

WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?" mutters James. "Yeah," agrees his brother John, "what is he trying to prove—that he's better than us?" Phil and Bart are discussing the laws of gravity and what the theoretical outcome of this event will be. As usual, Tom is preparing for the worst. The waves force the tiller against him. He wonders how he will manage to bring the boat around against the wind. Ever-practical Jim starts unlash the life jacket.

The financial controllers are calculating the cost to the organisation. Matt reckons it will take six weeks before a replacement is located and effectively working as part of the team. Judas is furious. Now he will have to redo the books (and it took him so long to fudge the figures last month!). Andrew watches his brother quietly from the stern—wishing in his heart it was he who'd had the courage to step over the side.

Heard this before? "Don't rock the boat." "Don't go overboard." Well-meaning words of advice from "concerned" onlookers. People hate water-walkers. It's much more comfortable if we all stay in the same boat, paddling our oars on a well-charted pond.

Water-walkers think beyond facts, imagine possibilities, and act on faith.

How do you spell *faith*? Simon Peter was a fisherman, not an English teacher. For him, faith was spelt R-I-S-K: R—relinquish your doubts; I—increase your dependence on God; S—step out of your comfort zone; K—know the miracle will come.

Jesus said to Peter, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman of you. I will teach you how to catch men and women, not perch and bass."

Peter did not say, "Can I have a copy of the job description? What's the hourly rate, and is the package negotiable?" He simply followed the call.

Straightaway this set him apart. He ignored the questioning comments of his family and friends, stepped out in faith

(took a risk), and became part of a small group who lived outside the square of "normal."

After a particularly busy day being fishers of men, the disciples were tired. Jesus told them to get in their boat and sail across the lake. He would stay behind to disperse the crowds. Relieved at being excused from their duties, they headed off. While pulling up anchor and hoisting their sails, they discussed the events of the afternoon. Jesus had fed that huge crowd of people from such a tiny basket of food. If that wasn't miraculous enough, there were 12 baskets of leftovers! Weren't they lucky to be part of these miracles.

Halfway across the lake they got caught in a crosswind. The waves beat against their boat incessantly. From his previous life as a fisherman, Peter knew the waters of Lake Galilee. This brief turbulence was a local hazard caused by the winds sheering down from the surrounding hills. Nothing to be concerned about.

But then he and the other disciples saw something that did give them a fright. Walking toward them, across the waves, was Jesus. They thought He was a ghost.

Peter asks for identification, "If it's really you, tell me to come to you on the water." He knew water was not solid, and that he could not walk on it. They were the facts. But he had faith in the God factor. He'd seen a miracle that same afternoon. So he took a risk and became a water-walker.

After his first few incredulous steps, the reality of what he'd done hit him. The disciples in the boat yelled at him, "Get back in the boat!" He looked down at the waves, lost his nerve and started to sink. "Master, save me!" he cried. Without hesitating Jesus reached down and grabbed his hand. And together they completed their water-walk. **R**

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*Kellie Hancock writes from Wantirna, Victoria.*

## UN expert calls for help with religious tolerance

UNITED NATIONS (UN) EXPERT Asma Jahangir appealed for greater support in the fight against religious intolerance at a meeting in New York on October 24.

Ms Jahangir noted that with the limited resources she had, it was not possible to do everything that was needed, but that by partnering with non-government organisations much more could be achieved. She spoke particularly of the dangers of politicisation of religion, saying that "politics should not be allowed to overtake people's right to believe."

She also called on all faith communities to commit themselves to ending religious intolerance. In a special plea to Adventists, Ms Jahangir spoke about the church's role. "I appeal to you—give new hope to people so we can live as a wider humanity, respecting each other's beliefs and religion." She commended the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, saying Adventists "have been in the forefront of fighting religious intolerance, wanting a space for every human being to believe what they want to."

Ms Jahangir, who is the UN's special rapporteur for Freedom of Religion or Belief, intervenes in cases of religious persecution and violence around the world. She herself is no stranger to violence and discrimination, having been the victim of an attack in her home country of Pakistan this year.

"We salute Asma Jahangir's deep commitment to tackling the growing scourge of religious intolerance," comments Jonathan Gallagher, the Adventist Church's representative to the UN, who was present at the meeting. "The true modern tragedy is that more and more men, women and children are suffering and dying just because of what they believe. As Christians we are committed to religious liberty for all people everywhere, believing that this speaks so well of the God of freedom." —*PARL/Adventist News Network*

# Your church library

BY CECELIA HOPKINS

**Y**OUR LOCAL CHURCH'S BOOK AND video collection may sit unused somewhere in a cupboard. However, it is possible to revitalise interest and harness the library as an integral part of the church's ministry! A wide variety of people take on the role of church librarians: some with experience in working with collections, others with little. So here are some thoughts on how to make the most of your church library:

**1. The first step in formalising library operations may be to assess the collection and become familiar with the holdings.** The result of this process is often to discover that while the church has a number of good books, some of them are old and in a condition that is quite unappealing to borrowers. Cautious "weeding" of the collection or "archiving"—preservation and storage elsewhere—may be practised, depending on the importance of the title and the church's ability to purchase new material.

**2. The librarian may choose to prepare a handwritten or typed list of library holdings.** Commercial database programs often have their drawbacks, including excess and unnecessary fields for information, and small libraries are finding spreadsheets such as Excel, Open Office (which is licence-free) or even the basic Microsoft Works package useful. These programs offer a workable alternative as they present a neat print-out, can be customised, and will perform alphabetical "sort" functions.

**3. A circulation system is vital to the function of any library.** Computerised systems have been around for many years, but it is important to bear in mind that the church either may not have a computer or may choose to house the computer in a different building than the library. An honesty system such as a circulation book in which the loan is recorded, or card that may be removed from a pocket in the book and placed in an "out box" still works well in a church setting.

**4. Other considerations involve the selection of materials.** Our church has an excellent collection of reference material includ-

ing the works of Ellen White, the multivolume biography written by Arthur White, and the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*. These materials could be of use to persons preparing sermons and studies.

Analysis of borrowing activity indicates that the most popular material is Christian light reading. This category may include mission stories, picture books and Christian biography or fiction. The print needs to be clear with a standard font size 11 or larger, which makes the book accessible to both younger and more mature readers. Illustrations appeal to all ages.

People appear to turn to the church library more for Christian relaxation than theological study. Material in a language other than English needs to be of a "classic" nature. (For example, translations of the works of known scholars and Ellen White.) This assists the English-speaking members of the congregation in handling the material, and ensures quality for borrowers.

**5. Arranging the books into subjects assists church members in locating material of interest.** The church library collection will be focused on material of a Christian nature, and while I have the utmost respect for the Dewey decimal-based systems tailored by Avondale College and Lilydale Academy for Adventist material, I have chosen to design a cataloguing system using coloured spots, indicating different categories of books. Once established, a system using coloured stickers reduces the labour-intensive demands of cataloguing, makes the shelves accessible to the average borrower, and allows the role of librarian to be shared with other church members.

**6. I found that I needed the assistance of both the church board and the personal ministries leaders to make the library service successful.** After observing the limited circulation of library material, the board voted to move the library collection from a vestry at the rear of the church into an area



used regularly for social interaction. Cupboard space in the new area allows for future expansion, and refreshments provided by the deaconesses regularly attract browsers.

The personal ministries leaders assist by circulating modern media such as videos and DVDs. Under this system, library materials may be used to supplement outreach programs such as *The Search* video viewing offer for new contacts. Books may also be lent to non-Adventist friends and relatives who wish to know more about Christianity.

Church libraries are specialist collections that present their managers with a number of unique considerations. But while the role of church librarian can be challenging, it also provides a real opportunity to contribute positively to the mission of the your local church. **R**

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*Cecelia Hopkins is a trained teacher/librarian, who recently took on the librarian role for the Prospect International church in South Australia.*

# The vulnerability of love

BY ROSS CHADWICK

**R**OMANTIC LOVE IS THE UNGOVERNABLE emotion that gives our spirit wings feathered with poetry and there we soar to realms beyond the ordinary, where words of anticipation mingle with paper from minds obsessed as we dress our thoughts in ink. Every word is plucked from the garden of lofty sentiments where days are spent like dreams and the nights spent contemplating these blasts of ecstasy.

It comes like the dawning of a silent mystery, where life awaits the sunrise like a dream waiting to be lived and our hearts become a raging tempest because we become intoxicated with a longing to be in the other's presence. It often comes unexpected, materialising like a mirage in the summer of life and there you hope you might sing the spellbinding tune on the lips of life together.

## An experience

I met my wife on the Internet. She was an administrator in an Adventist hospital in Brazil and I was a minister in Australia. As we talked for hours each day, I wondered if it was possible to love someone when all the world's waves rolled between us. I was finally compelled to go, but I was also tormented by the fear that my imagination had taken me to a world that was not real. Was it the work of imagination or was it the one who created these feelings again weaving His magic before us? How would it all translate into reality?

I remember so clearly that, as I sat in a Brazilian airport and watched her approach, it was like watching my princess bride come down the aisle. She told me later her heart was beating wildly while mine was at peace.

That moment at the airport I paused and looked into her eyes and when I first reached out and touched her face, our souls rushed together like lovers in the vigour of youth. There was this unprecedented feeling that washed over our hearts

with a troubling serenity that resembled the rustling of the Spirit over the surface of the waters before the ages began. From a dream I awoke to the Eve of my creation.

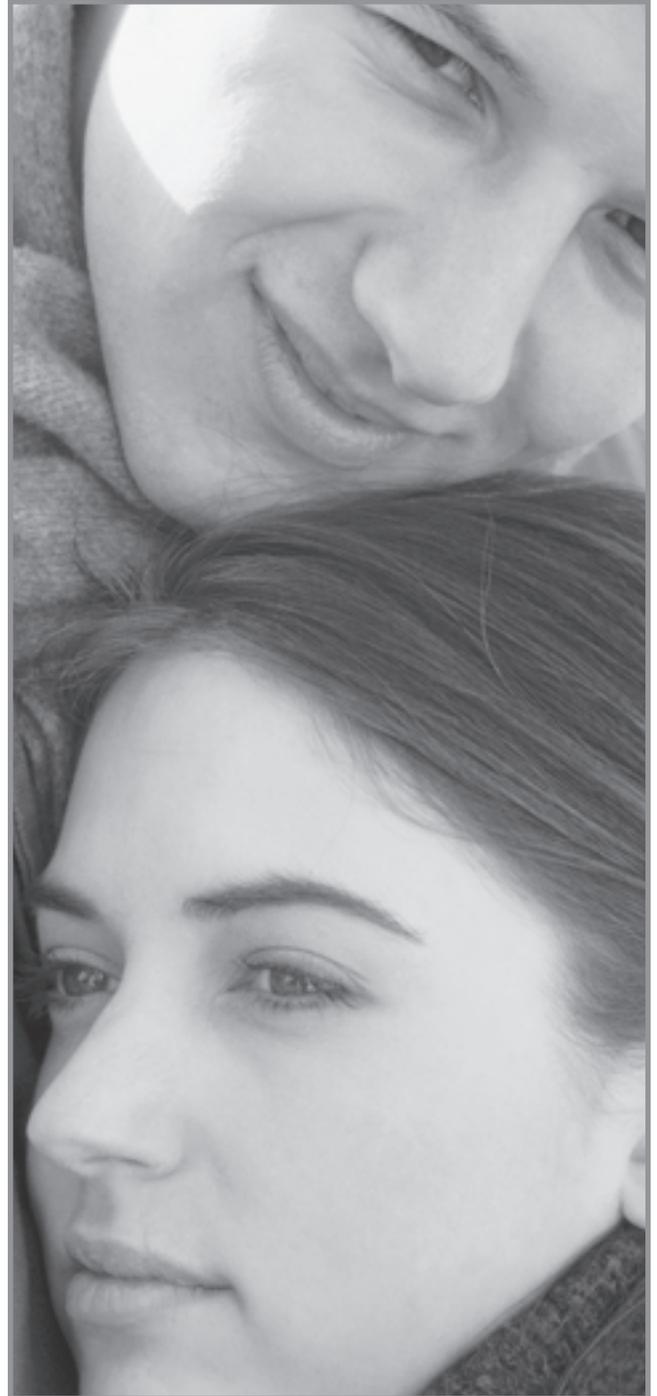
## Deeper

But then there was something deeper: an epiphany of God's love!

Because of who He is, we are most like God when we love—and romantic love, I believe, is the closest example of how He loves! God loves me passionately like a lover loves His beloved. This is a fundamental message of Scripture. This is the message of the midday mid-night of Golgotha. If she had become the object of my supreme regard on earth, then I was reminded that I was also His.

This unexpected enchantment with love led me to an infatuation with God's own personality, for such a glimpse of the eternal heart it is to know that God is passionately in love with me. This inheritance of nature's graces did not diminish my spiritual life but rather increased it, for it is God who created

these emotions and now I had sighted the climax to the symphony of eternity, and in my ear He had whispered the words that began the ode to a deeper spiritual life.



## True love

True love carries with it purity, and Jesus said the pure in heart will see God. I have seen God's love for me and my need to return that love. God cannot be understood by words or thoughts. God is love, and loving another is the best way to understand Him.

I have travelled this world's disorderly roads of discovery in regards to life's meaning and God's sovereignty. I had left my burden of sin at the wayside inn of God's rest. I long knew my salvation was not dependent on my performance but in resting in His finished work (symbolised by the Sabbath of rest).

Along the way I had discovered gems of truth from God's Word that would fill my traveller's pack with the treasures of heaven. From the palatial mountaintop I had seen the panorama of world history from eternity past to eternity future. My tree had been planted by the river of grace, and in its summer heat had grown full strength.

Then as a pilgrim sojourner in this world of life I passed the milestone marker of God's love. The relationship that love affords is the closest thing on earth to an example of how God loves us and wants us to relate to Him. Like Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus, the greatest gift we can return to God is to love Him. True love is a spiritual thing because it becomes a mirror of His love for us.

## New eyes

Suddenly every doctrine in Scripture had a new relationship to His love. As we again were separated awaiting immigration approval to "be in love," I thought of the anticipation of seeing her again and how the wait was excruciating. The joy of again being in her presence was a mirror of the excitement of being in His presence on the day when this world's curtain falls. The Sabbath rest reminded me of what it was like to rest in His unconditional, magical and mysterious love. This love is freely given and placed within our hearts by a power beyond our understanding. True love is like a peaceful Sabbath rest and becomes an echo of His love for us.

Even judgment is illuminated by love. In God's judgment we stand without guilt, surrounded and protected by love, before His throne covered then judged by the perfection of Christ. So we stand without fault when our case is in His hands and He becomes our representative. When you love another your love covers their faults with the myriad hews of affection that counts not faults against us but rather operates in the realm of grace and so there is no condemnation. Couples who forget grace, forget love and judgment and condemnation become part of a decaying relationship.

## Standing together

In this world of sin and suffering, true love is like the blossoming flowers of life created by a God who desires to fill our lives with pleasures that are a foretaste of the heaven He has waiting for us. Indeed, true love does not consist of merely gazing at each other but in looking together in the same direction at Him, and His appointed destiny for us. The more I thought on these things the more my life became like an apple tree bent with fruit, or like the rainbow arching the sea. **R**

Ross Chadwick writes from Bonnells Bay, New South Wales.

# Record Roo's

## Kids Corner



Hi Kids,  
Some people don't obey God's laws. But we know that He wants us to obey His laws because we love Him. Read 1 Samuel 3 to find out how God rewarded Samuel for his continual obedience.

RR

### Fill in the Blanks

"Remember my laws and \_\_\_\_\_, and obey them so that you will live safely in the \_\_\_\_\_."  
Leviticus 25:18 ICB

### How to Draw

Follow the instructions below to learn how to draw Samuel.



**Step 1....** Using a grey lead pencil, lightly sketch a circle for Samuels head and an oval for his body.



**Step 2...** Add some straight lines to indicate where Samuels arms and legs will go.



**Step 3...** Add ovals for hands and feet, and give Samuel some ears, eyes, a nose and mouth.



**Step 4...** Fill out the drawing with a felt tip pen, giving shape to the arms and legs. Draw in fingers and toes, hair and night gown.

Colour in your drawing.

Petra Taylor, Shelli Taylor

## Bad sport?

ROSALIE WAINWRIGHT, NZ

I was interested in the “Guilt by association?” letters (October 15) regarding Sanitarium’s rugby sponsorship. This has also long troubled me. I feel the response from the Sanitarium manager is unacceptable.

We give lip service to faith in the inspiration of Ellen White as the prophet/messenger to the our church (see even the previous pages in the same RECORD issue), but we ignore her plain counsels about such sports. Consider these statements: “A view of things was presented before me in which the students were playing games of tennis and cricket. Then I was given instruction regarding the character of these amusements. They were presented to me as a species of idolatry, like the idols of the nations” (*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, page 350); or “Some of the most popular amusements, such as football and boxing, have become schools of brutality. They are developing the same characteristics as did the games of ancient Rome” (*Education*, page 210). And there are many more.

How can we defend sponsoring the All-Blacks after becoming aware of these instructions?

ROB LINDQVIST, SA

Malcolm Ford and Kaye McKean are to be congratulated for their discernment regarding Sanitarium’s advertising. Both the “Dropping shopping” letter and the “Petros” cartoon on the same page (October 15) powerfully highlight the very same concern. Far too often we suffer the “she’s

*petros*

right, mate” syndrome.

It is sad that Sanitarium’s manager feels it sufficient defence to hide behind such excuses as encouraging people “to experience happy, healthy and active lives,” and it wasn’t “undertaken on the Sabbath.” We underestimate Satan’s subtle yet effective use of heathen beliefs and rituals to lead us away from God’s spiritual truths. I’m sure the response was well meaning, but perhaps spiritually short-sighted.

## Prayer power

GAIL WEBSTER, NZ

I have been plodding through these current Sabbath school lessons on Ephesians with a “ho-hum” attitude—until recently. On October 22, our group at Pakuranga church prayed for the presence of the Holy

Spirit to guide us as we studied the precious truths but were not prepared for the serving the Lord dished out for us. We understood the meaning of intercessory prayer as we had never done before and have undertaken to pray for each other, for our worldwide fellowship of Adventist believers, and our leadership who are doing their God-appointed job. We were totally blessed as our eyes and hearts were opened to the wonderful tool we have at our disposal. Pray for each other!

We hope our experience may encourage everyone to use this gift to further the work of the church.

## Be more assertive

RICHARD WORLEY, PNG

A correspondent wrote (“Misrepresentation,” Letters, July 30) that the failure to have women adequately represented in leadership is a “sad indictment” on the church. It is an indictment, but sadly not unusual. For example, the world church has been “commissioning” (a second-class ordination) women pastors for a decade. According to RECORD, Australia has only commissioned its first woman last year!

Papua New Guinea has women workers—some theologically trained—but has commissioned none. This in a union with more than 200,000 members! Now there is an indictment.

I believe the situation exists because women are not asserting themselves

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enough. There doesn’t seem to be enough women who are willing to pay the price of pioneering and being at the forefront demanding change.

I have observed the style many leaders of the church from the highest levels to the lowest. They submit to God’s will but are assertive in pursuing their wishes. Women should meet together and determine their goals. Perhaps women’s conferences and a local church office or two are enough when it comes to church life. But if women want more, they must not expect church leadership to hand it to them.

**Note:** Views in Letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All letters are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author’s original meaning will not be changed. Not all letters received are published. See masthead (page 2) for contact details.

Peter Yu



## Anniversary

**Gilbert**, Alfred and Shirley (nee Holton) were married on 29.9.55 in the Brighton Seventh-day Adventist church, Vic, by Pastor E H Guilliard. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends at the activities centre, Nunawading, on October 2, 2005.

## Weddings

**Birch—Donnelly**. Nicholas David Birch, son of David and Janelle Birch (Scone, NSW), and Kelly Yvette Donnelly, daughter of Peter and Gail Donnelly (Mackay, Qld), were married on 25.9.05 at Byron Bay Lighthouse, NSW. *Rick Ferret*

**Coyte—Wright**. Peter James Coyte, son of Geoffrey and Robyn Coyte (Stanthorpe, Qld), and Ellen Maree Wright, daughter of Maxwell and Gale Wright (Sandy Flat, NSW), were married on 16.10.05 in the Stanthorpe Adventist church, Qld. *Reg Harris*

**Hatch—Richardson**. Ronald Roger Hatch and Janet Lesley Richardson were married on 21.8.05 in the Merredin Adventist church, WA. *Gary Roberts, Lynn Burton*

**Massey—Patel**. Alan Massey (Chelsea Heights, Vic) and Opal Patel (Essex, UK), were married on 30.10.05 in the Frankston Adventist church, Vic. *Morrie Krieg*

**Page—Copertino**. Landon Karl Page, son of Eden Page (Stanthorpe, Qld) and Johanna Donald (Swansea, Tas), and Gabriella Carmen Copertino, daughter of Vhonda (Sydney, NSW) and the late Joseph Copertino, were married on 16.10.05 at Mount Tamborine Gardens, Qld. *Kenn Duke*

**Pearson—Sharp**. John Michael Pearson and Katherine Joy Sharp were married on 30.9.05 in the Morangup Community Centre, WA. *Laurel Wareham, Kyle Richardson*

**Schuck—Allen**. Damien Alwyne Schuck, son of Neville and Norma Schuck (Mount Walker, Qld), and Priscilla Giulietta Allen, daughter of Phillip and Giulietta Allen (Laidley), were married on 23.10.05 in the Ipswich Adventist church, Qld. *Sandor Gazsik*

**Stebbing—Taylor**. Anthony John Stebbing and Helen (Misty) Taylor were married on 18.9.05 in the Ararat Adventist church, Vic. *Desmond Hills*

**Yates—Gazsik**. Matthew James Owens Yates, son of Grahame and Faye Yates (Flinders View, Qld), and Melissa Joanne Gazsik, daughter of Sandor and Karen Gazsik (Brassall), were married on 16.10.05 in the Ipswich Adventist church. *Desmond Ford, Sandor Gazsik*



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## Obituaries

**Amos**, Raymond Harry (Ray), born 12.2.1921 at Hawera, NZ; died 22.9.05 at his home in Tauranga, after a long and painful illness. In 1944 he married Vera McClintock. He is survived by his wife (Tauranga); his children and their spouses, Elena and John Crowley (Te Puke), Pastor Kevin and Glenda Amos (Hobart, Tas), and Coral (Tauranga, NZ); his six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Ray was a gentle man whose own life experience made him sensitive and caring for the needs of others. He was a faithful member of the Hamilton, Kaitiaki and Tauranga churches, doing ministry in very practical ways. *John Veld, Kevin Amos*

**Bowman**, Beryl Maisie, born 16.10.1928 at Putaruru, NZ; died 5.10.05 at the Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. She is survived by her husband, Frank (Cooranbong); her children and their spouses, Carolyn and Phil Connolly (Buttuba), Calvin and Narelle (Orchard Hills), Robert and Lynette (Castle Hill), David and Beryl (Bonnells Bay), Ronald and Helen (Lithgow), Janene (Macleay), and Brian (Castle Hill); her 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Beryl served her church in many offices, but will best be remembered for her work with children, especially the Pathfinders on Norfolk Island, in New Zealand, and most recently with the Lakeside congregation at Bonnells Bay, NSW. *Bert Godfrey, Ross Goldstone*

**Brent**, Raymond, born 18.12.1932 at Ararat, Vic; died 1.10.05 in the John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne (Kilaben Bay); his children, Raelene and Matthew (both of Wellington); and his granddaughter, Chloe. Ray and Yvonne became members of the Toronto church after attending the *Jesus 2000* program. Ray will be remembered and sadly missed as an enthusiastic, friendly, country man who loved God and his fellow man. *David Coltheart, Aaron Jeffries*

**Brown**, Jean (nee Bjorksten), born 29.8.1922 at Yarra Junction, Vic; died 29.9.05 in Yarra

## Positions vacant

▲ **Project Manager—ADRA—Myanmar** is seeking a Project Manager with civil engineering and management background for development and infrastructure in response to the tsunami disaster; to commence asap for 12 months. The project is to build 11 bridges with different sizes + latrine + water pond and overseeing another water sanitation project in the same area. **Applications in writing** should be forwarded to Junica Voilquin, Human Resource Officer, ADRA—Myanmar, 72 U Wisara Road, 11191 Dagon, Yangon, Myanmar. Phone (95-1) 240 900 (ext 104); fax (95-1) 240 900 (ext 106); email <adra-hr@mail4u.com.mm>; web site <www.adraasia.org>.

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▲ **Early Childhood Professionals—Castle Hill Adventist School Early Learning Centre (NSW)** is seeking full-time and part-time Early Childhood Professionals for their proposed Early Learning Centre, due to open January 2006. They are needing Early Childhood Teachers (university trained or other proved qualifications); trained Child Care Workers (TAFE qualifications in Child Studies); and untrained team members. Experience preferred but not essential. New graduates welcome and job share considered. **Applications in writing (with résumé and current references)** should be forwarded to: Principal, Castle Hill Adventist School 84-90 Cecil Avenue, Castle Hill 2154; email <principal@castlehill.adventist.edu.au>, no later than December 2, 2005.

View Retirement Village Hostel, Warburton. In 1939 she married William, who predeceased her in 1975; also her sons, Rodney and Bill in 2004. She is survived by her children, Dorothy (Caulfield), John (Qld), Alan, Jenny (both of Warburton), Robin (Braybrook) and Maureen (Healesville). Jean was always grateful and never complained. She was a much loved resident of Yarra View Retirement Hostel. *Eric Kingdon, Joy Kingdon*

**Cayetano**, 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 son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Donna; his daughter and son-in-law, Elle May and Damien Shepherd; his son, Martin; and his two grandchildren, Joshua Shepherd and Hanna Cayetano. 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*

**Coser**, Louise Charlotte, born 29.1.1931 in Holland; died 30.9.05 at her home in Towradgi, NSW. She is survived by her husband, Gino; her children, Carl (Corrimal), Maria (Towradgi), Linda (Mount Ousley), Patricia (North Altona, Vic); and her eight wonderful grandchildren. As husband and wife they shared their love for the Lord and were baptised together into the Wollongong Adventist church on 5.12.92. Together they have been

a wonderful asset to the church and community. Louise was a most gracious person, serving her Lord and quietly serving others. Her rest is our loss until we meet again. *Kerry Hortop*

**Fenton**, Robert John, born 15.7.1914 at Gisborne, NZ; died 23.9.05 at Tauranga. Bob was predeceased by his second daughter, Carmen, in 1998. Bob and Joan were married in Gisborne, in 1956, making this their 50th year of marriage. He is survived by his wife, Joan, who tenderly cared for him over years of illness; his children, Dawn, John, Russell, Lyn, Robin and Craig. Poppa will be greatly missed by his 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Bob was a quiet family man who loved being outdoors, and will be long remembered for his warm heart, his open home and his practical use of his tools! *Tony Nilsson*

**Harrison**, Frances, born 12.9.1918 at Maramarua, NZ; died 1.9.05 in Auckland. In 1941 she married Roland, who predeceased her in 1967. In 1975 she married his brother, Richard (Dick), who predeceased her in 2000. She was baptised by Pastor Alan Foote on 15.10.88. She is survived by her daughter, Joy (Snells Beach); and her son, David (Papakura, Auckland). Frances was a wonderful organist until arthritis robbed her of the joy of playing. However, she served as head deaconess and village welfare officer until her untimely death. She was always the loving, caring Christian mother to all. *Peter Howard*

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**Hooper,** Joy Leila Doreen, born 29.4.1915 in Christchurch, NZ; died peacefully 19.7.05 in Christchurch Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband, Al. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Mike Hefford; her sister-in-law, Edith Priestly; her nieces, Robyn and Carol (Cooranbong, NSW); and her grandson, Zac.

*David Rodgers*

**Ligget,** Helen Elsie Lofton-Brook (nee Beckett), born 13.6.1919 in Brisbane, Qld; died 8.8.05 in Auckland, NZ. In 1944 she married Karl Lofton-Brook, who predeceased her. They ministered in Fiji, NZ and Australia. In 1990 she married Theo Ligget, who predeceased her in 1998. She is survived by her sons, Ken Lofton-Brook (New Plymouth) and Oliver Lofton-Brook (Toronto, Canada). Helen lived a positive life, focusing on the assurance of a better world to come, guided on by the promise of her coming Saviour.

*Peter Howard*

**MacKersey,** Terry James, born 26.7.1925 in Newcastle, NSW; died 24.9.05 in Belmont. In 1946 he married Violet, who predeceased him 26.6.87. He is survived by his brothers, Bruce (Caloundra ARV, Qld) and Pat (Waratah, NSW); his sister, Pauline (Kurri Kurri); his daughter, Carol (Mount Hutton); his two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Terry was a gracious, humble Christian.

*Marcia Green, Murray House*

**Murray,** George William, born 19.3.1924 at Nabic, NSW; died 7.10.05 in Junee District Hospital, Junee. On 31.1.48 he married Agnes, who predeceased him on 10.12.99.

He is survived by his children, Laurie (Gympie, Qld), Arthur (Sydney, NSW), Norma Murray (Balranald) and Mary Miller (Wagga Wagga).

*Les Jackson*

**Murray,** Vivian David, born 31.5.1921 at Mackay, Qld; died 5.10.05 at Mackay. In 1954 he married Jean Wilson. He was predeceased by his infant son, William, in 1958. He is survived by his wife; his son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Patricia (Mackay); his daughter, Clarissa Murray (Gympie); his granddaughter, Penny Townsend; and his great-grandson, Reece Townsend. Dave came back to the Lord through a remarkable miracle out at sea, and has served Him ever since. He served in the Navy during the war and spent many years as a boatbuilder around the Mackay district.

*David Lam, Malcolm Eastwick*

**Nolan,** Ora Marie (nee Bussau), born 8.2.1909 in Vic; died 24.8.05 in Esther Sommerville Nursing Home, NSW. Ora trained at the Sydney Adventist Hospital in 1932 where she met Ward Nolan, whom she married in 1938. They served 19 years in medical mission work; then in Sydney, Melbourne, Australian Union Conference and Warburton Hospital, before active retirement in Orange. They gave over 55 years to the church and community. Ora was dearly loved by Ward; her daughters, Elza and Robyn; and her four grandchildren. We all loved her. Rest, dear one, till Christ's return.

*Ken Lawson, Howard Smith*

**Parkin,** Karl Francis, born 28.11.1986 in Caringbah, NSW; died in a car accident



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1.10.05 at Ningi, Qld. He is survived by his mother, Rose; his stepfather, Gabriel Di Totto (Ningi); his father, Frank Parkin (Kurnell, NSW); his siblings, Raymond, Dave, Stella, Serena, Philip and Lisa; his grandparents; other relatives, his girlfriend, Rachel Fuller; and lots of friends from Bribie Island, Qld, and Sutherland Shire in Sydney, NSW. Testimonies indicated that he was loved by all who knew him.

*Mike Brownhill*

*Scott Wareham, Trafford Fischer*

**Parkinson,** Henry Michael Holford, born 24.5.1925 in Chicago, USA; died 18.5.05 in Murupara, NZ. On 9.4.49 he married Laurel Vant. He is survived by his wife; his children and their spouses, Ken, Sandra and John Bryant, Jim and Cheryll, and Craig and Lesley; his grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

*Phil Laws*

**Parkinson,** Maurice Sydney, born 19.11.1922 in Auckland, NZ; died 26.9.05 in Bethesda Rest Home, Auckland. He was predeceased by his wife. He is survived by his son, Ross; and his daughter, Christine (both of Auckland). Maurice was a faithful prayer warrior and diligent student of the Word of God; a man of strong faith. He was a very active member of the Otahuhu SDA church until he moved to the Bethesda Rest Home and Hospital.

*Peter Howard, Barry Tetley*

**Quilliam,** Michael, born 30.12.1949 at Flixton, Manchester, England; died 7.10.05 at Glenore Grove, Qld, after a prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife, Melva (nee Hermann—Glenore Grove); his daughter, Gabriel (Nannup, WA); his stepsons, Stephen (Karratha) and Tony (Gatton, Qld); his father, Terry (Lake Macquarie, NSW); his mother, Jean (Gatton, Qld); and their families. Michael was a quiet man; loved by all who knew him. He had great confidence in Jesus whom he loved. He faced death with dignity and a sure hope in the resurrection, knowing it will be soon.

*John Rabbas*

**Strydom,** Pastor Nicol, born 8.4.1930 in South Africa; died 8.8.05 in Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, NZ. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Neal and

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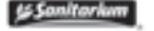
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Annie (Whakatane), Arno and Memory, Alwin and Petra, and Theuns (all of Auckland); and his five grandchildren. Pastor Strydom's journey through life was an exemplary portrayal of a Christian gentleman who loved Jesus. From local church pastor to mission president, he was always the humble servant. He now awaits his Saviour and King.

Peter Howard  
Kayle de Waal, Dion Fourie

**Taylor**, Elsie Jean (nee Parker), born 29.7.1910 at Heathcote, Vic; died 4.10.05 in Coronella Retirement Village, Nunawading. On 16.1.46 she married David, who predeceased her in 1955. They had no children, but she is survived by her four nephews; and eight nieces. Jean's life was marked by faithfulness to God and loyalty to others. She was a committed member of Ringwood church.

Dean Giles, Wal Taylor

**Thornton**, Bevin George, born 10.9.1927 at Longreach, Qld; died 26.9.05 at Esk. On 22.7.50 he married Audrey Hennegan. He was predeceased by his daughter, Rhonda, in September 1999. He is survived by his wife (Esk); his son and daughter-in-law, George and Helen (Bundambo); his daughter and son-in-law, Gail and John Gray (Tenterfield, NSW); and his grandchildren. Bevin was a lay preacher in north Qld; he also loved to teach Sabbath school classes. He was an elder at Townsville and Ingham churches. He loved his Lord and looked forward to His soon return.

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