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Pastor Desmond Hills, volunteer Signs Ministry coordinator, Signs editor Nathan Brown and Lee Dunstan, Signs senior assistant editor, at the beginning of the Go Signs! campaign.

## "Go Signs!" campaign gets going

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

The "Go Signs!" campaign, launched in June, is beginning to show results, with a number of people subscribing to the *Signs of the Times* magazine and requesting more information about the Home Health Education books offered in the flier accompanying the sample magazine.

With the aim of delivering a copy of *Signs* to every home in Australia and New Zealand, "Go Signs!" has so far delivered copies of the magazine to close to 50,000 homes, which has seen *Signs* delivered in suburbs of Auckland and Christchurch in New Zealand. This was followed by deliveries to suburbs in Brisbane and Sydney.

Deliveries of the magazine are being

targeted initially to areas where literature evangelists are working or local conferences are running special evangelistic initiatives.

The September issue of *Signs* will go to Tasmania; the October issue to southern New South Wales; the November issue, featuring golfer Michael Campbell, will go to New Zealand; and the December issue, to northern New South Wales. The first issue of 2006 will go to Western Australia early next year; and the March special Commonwealth Games issue will be distributed in Victoria.

"Go Signs!" is about putting our church's paper into every home," says *Signs* senior assistant editor Lee Dunstan.

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The emphasis of Scripture is that God is accessible.

# Aspects of prayer

LIBRARIES COULD BE FILLED WITH the volumes that have been written attempting to answer the simple question, What is prayer? Suffice to say, there are as many different types of prayers as there are individuals who pray them. Although Jesus showed His disciples how to pray and we have recorded in the Gospels that prayer we know as “The Lord’s Prayer,” His prayer was intended to be an example of the manner in which one may pray and not necessarily prescriptive for all prayers for all time.

The emphasis of Scripture is that, whatever the type of prayer, God is accessible. Since the Garden was barred and the human race was denied direct access to God, prayer has been and will continue to be the process that facilitates—at least in part—the re-establishment of that access.

## Prayer is personal

Prayer is intended to be a personal communication. Whether one prays in the seclusion of the “desert” or amid the hustle of the “marketplace,” prayer is a personal communication between the individual and God. The privacy of personal prayer cannot be invaded by anyone who is not part of the circle of relationship that exists between God and the individual Christian, unless that person chooses to include another.

The strength of prayer is that it is available at all times, in all circumstances for the individual to communicate with God. No one is excluded.

## Prayer needs authenticity

In prayer we can be ourselves. In fact, there is not much point to the exercise if we are not ourselves. God knows us better than we know ourselves and we do not impress Him when we do not say what we think or tell the whole story.

It is just as important to be authentic in public prayer as it is in our private prayers. How many prayers have you heard in which you can almost predict what is going to be said next because the prayer is a succession of tired clichés that really do not mean anything at all?

Such language is *secondary language*. It repeats or reflects forms of expression that have been accepted or adopted from elsewhere. What we need in our prayers is *primary language*, language that belongs to the speaker as an authentic reflection of the thought processes and experiences.

## Prayer is life-driven

Prayer cannot persevere if it does not reflect on the events and experiences of life as it is lived every day. Our Father in heaven is pleased when we are able to talk to Him about everything.

He does not mind if sometimes we are angry at Him. We will not always understand what happens in the world around us and it is entirely appropriate to express our frustration and our sorrow to Him.

Do not feel that you have to soft-pedal with God. He has made us what we are and He knows our strengths and weaknesses.

## Prayer is awesome

I don’t mean awesome in the popular sense. I mean that prayer is truly *awesome*. Who are we talking to? He is a friend. But He is also God. He is our creator, King of kings and Lord of lords. Now that’s really awesome.

It never ceases to amaze me that God is interested in each of us as though there were no others. I have a hard time working out how He can actually do it. But I know He does. I’ve seen too many direct answers to prayer not to believe.

## Prayer is revealing

Prayer reveals God. It makes Him available to us. But it also reveals something about us. It makes us available to Him. It creates the prerequisite for hearing Him speak to us. It brings us to the point where we are ready to do His will. In the final analysis, prayer may reveal more about us and do more to us than it does to God. No wonder Jesus knew how important it was to teach us to pray.

In the words of Ellen White: “Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to him” (*Steps to Christ*, page 93.)

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# Last call for boarding at LAA

LILYDALE, VICTORIA

The 2006 school year will mark the final opportunity for current and potential students to commence and complete their Victorian Certificate of Education studies at Lilydale Adventist Academy (LAA) as boarding students.

Dr Darryl Murdoch, LAA principal, says, "As a consequence of changing church community needs, the Australian Union Conference executive voted at its midyear meetings this year to terminate the Academy's boarding program at the end of the 2007 school year. A home-stay program will cater for families wishing to send their children to the Academy from country areas of Australia."

Over the past 10 years the boarding program at LAA has slowly waned. At the beginning of the 2002 school year, the boys and girls dormitories were amalgamated to create a boarding program operated by houseparents.

There are currently 23 students in the boarding program, with the majority coming from overseas.

The boarding program at LAA started in 1964 and stemmed from a dream that W J Gilson had to ensure that all young people in rural and country Australia

could have access to the Adventist education system. Land was purchased in Lilydale in the early 1960s and LAA was built.

Over the past 40 years, LAA has provided a home away from home for more than 1000 students. "The depth of feeling that former boarders have for the



Dr Darryl Murdoch (right), Lilydale Adventist Academy principal, chats with students.

Academy was clearly evident as well over 1000 alumni gathered for the Academy's 40th Anniversary in 2004," says Dr Murdoch.

"The boarding program was embraced by church families in rural Australia and expatriate workers across the South Pacific Division," he adds. "At its peak in the late 1980s more than 120 boarders occupied every available space at the

Academy."

Dr Murdoch cites several reasons for the demise of LAA's boarding program. Among these reasons were changing attitudes to boarding, the rural downturn and the emergence of Christian secondary colleges in major rural centres. This is indicative of changing church community perceptions and familial attitudes, Dr Murdoch believes.

Dr Murdoch noted that it is unlikely there will be a reversal of such attitudes in the foreseeable future, which means it is unlikely the decision to terminate boarding at LAA will be reversed.

Dr Murdoch says, "When change occurs, some build walls while others build windmills. While disappointed at the imminent closure of boarding, the Academy Board of Management is proactively planning for the future."

Currently, an early learning centre is being constructed on campus and in conjunction with Edinburgh Adventist Primary a complete educational package, from Preschool to Year 12, will be offered on the LAA campus.

In addition, the construction of a new library/resource centre will ensure LAA is well placed to offer quality Adventist education into the future.—*Adele Nash*



◆ At the recent **Victorian Teachers Games**, held in Wodonga, Vic, **Shannon Batten**, physical education teacher at Lilydale Adventist Academy (LAA), Vic, received **five medals**—three swimming gold medals, a silver in the 9-kilometre run and bronze in the triathlon. **Joy Hawke**, information technology teacher at LAA, reached the final round of 55 teachers, out of the 2400 that were nominated, in the

**National Excellence in Teaching Award**. Mrs Hawke's students over the past few years have received many awards including the prestigious **Premier's Award** given to the top students in each subject area.—*David Jones*

◆ A **bar-code system** for their **church library** has been implemented at some of our churches, such as Toronto, Avondale Memorial and Wallsend. **Joy Guy**, librarian of Wallsend church, says the system, though initially costly, allows many benefits. "The bar-code system not only **speeds up the time** it takes to borrow and

return items, it accurately records every lend, eliminating the trouble of reading volunteer librarian writing," she says. "It **shows overdue items** and can enforce limits to how many times people can borrow. It also means we have a full record of what individual people have borrowed and can now give a **statistical readout for a business meeting**, showing the most popular items lent."—*Ray Boyce*

◆ The **Nerang church**, Qld, youth got behind the Adventist Development and Relief Agency Appeal by putting on a **dinner and auction**. As well as the meal they

served guests, auctioned themselves off as **cooks, cleaners, entertainers and slaves**. Some \$A1700 was raised, pushing Nerang's Appeal total to \$A4000, surpassing all previous efforts.

◆ When literature evangelist **Peter Smith** locked himself out of his car in Seymour, Vic, he didn't realise it was a sales opportunity. Some 10 minutes later, the neighbour of Mr Smith's customer not only managed to **get him back into his car** but bought two sets of books too. Mr Smith also gave him a copy of *The Great Controversy* for his help.—*ANZLE Pacific*

# New Samoan company formed in South Australia

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A new Samoan company was formed in Adelaide, South Australia, on October 15. The service was attended by two conference per-

sonnel: the South Australian Conference president, Pastor Garry Hodgkin, and the youth director, Pastor Mau Tuaoi.

Pastor Hodgkin gave a message that challenged the group with the thought that we are living at a time in which people need Jesus. After his sermon, Pastor Hodgkin prayed for God's blessing on the members of this new group.

Roland Talamaivao-Masoe, who is a first-year ministerial intern and the company leader, says, "We are very thankful to the conference for their support and we

believe that with God's blessing we will be able to win new people for His kingdom."

The Samoan church plant is a part of the South Australian Conference strategy to plant one new church every year.

The main objective of this new group is



The South Australian Conference's new Samoan company, which will work to reach out to other Samoan people in Adelaide.

to reach out to the Samoan community in Adelaide. This initiative was started because studies have shown that the most effective way of reaching people is in their cultural context.

The group's evangelistic philosophy involves a blending of Samoan cultures

and traditions with some more contemporary Australian ideas to cater for the Samoans from Samoa as well as the second-, third- and fourth-generation Samoans born in Australia and New Zealand.—RECORD staff

# Mission Awareness Survey out in churches

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A number of churches in Australia and New Zealand will have recently received the Mission Awareness Survey from the South Pacific Division (SPD).

Pastor Ray Coombe, the SPD's director of Adventist Mission, says, "The survey will go to six people of various age groups in 70 randomly selected churches from conferences in Australia and New Zealand.

"It is totally anonymous and will help to provide a 'snapshot' of perceptions of mission, involvement in mission, and financial commitment to Adventist mission in Australia and New Zealand."

Respondents to the survey can also list what they feel is the most effective mission communication, suggest other methods of communication they would find helpful and how to increase mission support.

Pastor Coombe adds, "I would particularly want to urge survey respondents to return their survey forms as soon as possible in the post-paid envelope provided, and certainly before Christmas!"—Adele Nash



◆ The small Maclean church, NSW, honoured the **three oldest members** of its 48-person membership with a special luncheon and birthday cake on October 15. Olive Corey (pictured, left) turned 88 on October 14, Joyce Simpkins (centre) turned 89 on October 16, and her older sister, Adeline Cannon (right), turned 92 on November 1—a total of **269 years** between them.—Sue Bodycote

◆ When the Thuringowa church, Qld, held a bike-athon recently to raise money for their building fund, they not only raised \$A2000 but cooked up another great fundraising idea. Following the 20-kilometre ride, a community lunch was held. After sampling the various dishes, *Phoney Baloney* evolved—a recipe book of more than 130 recipes from church members. Children created illustrations, cover design and layout were obtained free and the printing was gained at cost price. In just **four weeks** the book was produced in time for the Northern Australian Camp, and promoted in the ABC Book Hour.



internationally.—Frana McKinstry

Copies have gone to Adventist Book Centres nationwide and the plan now is to market it



◆ "Token Gestures," a nonprofit business run by the Year 6 and 7 students at the Gold Coast Adventist School, Qld, recently hit the streets with "Operation lollipop" to thank local community-focused organisations such as the local refuse station, police, ambulance and fire brigade. Students handed out more than **200 lollipops** as a

"token gesture" for a job well done. This was followed by a sleepover at the school to raise funds for the Asian Earthquake Appeal. The students each contributed \$A10 to **starve for 18 hours** in honour of those affected by the earthquake. With additional donations, more than \$A800 was raised for ADRA.—Melissa Tolhurst

# School chaplain reaches across cultures

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**A**uburn Adventist Primary School's chaplain Pastor Edgar Reyes is currently having Bible studies with 68 students, of which more than half come from Muslim families.

"It's a new and exciting experience for me to work with Muslim children," says Pastor Reyes, who started having Bible studies with some of the students last year. "It has been a beautiful blessing to study with them and meet their families."

The students, who range from Years 2 to 6, had responded to Pastor Reyes's invitation to study the Bible at the end of the school's Week of Spiritual Emphasis. He has also given them Bibles and visited their families.

According to Pastor Reyes, the parents of the students have been very open and positive both to him and the school. "They have confidence in the school system and like Adventist schools because of the good morals they teach," he says. "When they ask about Christianity, I explain my beliefs to them and they tell me about theirs. I have even been asked to pray with them on one or two occasions."

Pastor Reyes says the students have been receptive to Christianity and love discussing what they have learned with him.

"They get very excited, especially when we talk about events happening around us and the end-times," he says. "There hasn't been much opposition to what we discuss. Some of them will say they don't believe [in what we've discussed], but I have not had any negative reactions."

The relationship with his students is forged right from the start of the school when Pastor Reyes would spend Tuesdays playing sports with them during their breaks. "It is more important to have that contact with them than to have Bible study," he says.

Pastor Reyes believes his experience has helped him learn how to create bridges between Islam and Christianity. "I have learnt a lot about Islam and have studied more about their beliefs to find similarities. Seeing how the students respond to Jesus is always something new and I'm learning methods on how to help them understand Jesus," he says. "I use the same Bible-study techniques with Muslim and non-Muslim students, but the approach to Jesus is very different."

Eight of Pastor Reyes's Year 6 students have indicated a desire to be baptised, five of whom come from Muslim backgrounds.



Exploring the Bible together: (L-R) Cansu Ulger, Pastor Edgar Reyes, Jason Karikira and Toufic Alameddine.

"I'm still not sure what to do as this is the first time [my Muslim students have expressed a desire to be baptised]," says Pastor Reyes. "I will need to visit their parents to inform them of their children's decision and explain the situation to them. Hopefully, they will understand."

Auburn Adventist Primary School is located in the western suburbs of Sydney, where there is a high percentage of Muslims. Parents are interviewed before students are enrolled and are aware that their children are expected to participate in morning worship and a weekly chapel service, have daily Bible lessons, visit Adventist churches and sing and pray during such services.—*Melody Tan*

◆ Earlier this year, nine-year-old **Melvin ran away from home**, causing the sheriff's department to be called for a search-and-rescue operation. Since Melvin lives near the **Orchards Adventist church**, Oregon, USA, the local police decided to use its parking lot as their search staging area. With the weather turning cold and wet, about 4.30 am, one of the sheriff's deputies called his church-member friends to ask if they could **open the church to use as their headquarters**. Once settled in the church lobby, the officers were provided with high-speed Internet connections, a copy machine,



bathrooms, hot water for their coffee and fruit donated by members. Church member **John Fletcher** activated the local ham radio network to give communication help as necessary. After more than 100 people were involved in the search, Melvin was **found hiding** in his grandfather's basement around 6 pm.—*Richard Dower*

◆ Palawan Adventist Hospital, the

Philippines, has gone beyond its normal medical outreach and now set up an evangelistic outreach program too. Along with various initiatives are regular singing ministries that visit patients, cards of well wishes or condolence and support delivered to patients and families and the addition of two conversation-starting paintings placed in the lobby—depicting Christ's second coming and the judgment day.—*Ramil Rey*

◆ **Kathy Currier**, Elkhart church, Indiana, USA, community services leader, is known as **the hat lady**. If she comes before the congrega-

tion on Sabbath morning wearing the **wide-brimmed red hat**, everyone knows the community services box in the foyer is full and overflowing. But if she is wearing the **black pill-box hat**, the bin is only half full. And if wearing her **garden bonnet "poor hat"**, the box is nearly empty or depleted. At those times, she pleads her case to try to encourage the members to bring food and/or cash to replenish the box.—*Clareen Colclessner*



# Surprises and challenges at student association's outdoor service

NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES

**H**eld at Cams Wharf on the shores of Lake Macquarie on October 22, the Newcastle Adventist Students Association (NASA) annual outdoor service was full of surprises and challenges.

The outdoor service is an annual event run by NASA, the Newcastle branch of the Adventist Students Association (ASA), which attracts around 150 people from Newcastle, Avondale College, the Central Coast and Sydney.

"It would be safe to say that the outdoor service is NASA's biggest event of the year," says Justin Stafford, president of NASA. "This year the event was even more spectacular however, with the speaker arriving on a hovercraft. It literally came from the water and screamed up onto the land, delivering Dr Sven Ostring right up to the marquee!"

Dr Ostring, president of ASA, was the guest speaker for the service and had hinted prior to the day that there would be surprise and mystery surrounding his arrival, saying that it would have been described as a "miracle" by people in

Jesus' time.

Dressed in a safari suit complete with pith helmet and binoculars, Dr Ostring described an imaginary experience of being on a marine safari for his listeners, comparing people of various Christian denominations to marine creatures, which led to an exploration of various religious perspectives and beliefs about the Second Coming.

Dr Ostring challenged those who attended the service to have a committed relationship with God so they can have confidence in the return of Jesus. He also encouraged people to not let the events happening in the world currently, such as terrorism and natural disasters, to shake their faith.

"It seems many people are longing for an influential leader who can establish a better world than the one we presently have," said Dr Ostring. "The critical question is whether we can have the confidence that Jesus is going to return. Ultimately, the greatest confidence we have that Jesus will return is the love He



*Dr Sven Ostring, president of the Adventist Students Association, following his arrival at the NASA outdoor service by hovercraft.*

demonstrated toward us in dying for us on the cross, with the guarantee of His power over suffering and death being His own resurrection from the dead."

The outdoor service was part of a NASA "Big weekend," which also involved a cafe evening on Friday, October 21. To ensure that as many students as possible could be involved, all of the events were free.—*Adele Nash*

*More @ [www.myasa.org.au](http://www.myasa.org.au) or [www.nasa.org.au](http://www.nasa.org.au)*

◆ **The Alliance Defense Fund**, a religious freedom group, is offering pro bono legal representation to any Florida, USA, school that is **threatened with a lawsuit** for taking part in a state reading contest that features a book in C S Lewis's "Chronicles of Narnia" series. As part of the "Just Read, Florida!" program, students are being encouraged to read *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* in conjunction with the December release of the Disney movie. However, Americans United for Separation of Church and State (AU) is arguing that the contest **violates the First Amendment** because it

promotes a "religious story"—retelling of the story of Christ.—*Agape Press*

◆ **The New Zealand Police** is one of the only police services in the world to give a support **network for Christians** official status within its policy framework. Organisers say the network will provide a valuable source of support and encouragement and a sense of unity and connection for Christians working for New Zealand Police around the country. In the UK, **United Christian Broadcasters** (UCB) has launched a service called **Prayerline for British Forces** per-

sonnel and their families serving in Germany. The service is designed not as a place for advice or counseling, but a place where they can go when they need someone to pray with." **Neil Winterton**, manager of UCB Prayerline, says, "This service is one that has been needed for some time. With many servicemen and women serving in Iraq and many other countries, families are often left alone for long periods of time and in **Germany** the problem is increased as those left behind, often with young children, are in a foreign country themselves."—*Assist News*

◆ **Beer mats** and posters on the London Underground are being used by the Roman Catholic Church in a more unusual attempt to try to slow the **declining numbers of priests**. **Fran Charles**, 18, who plays the church organ, thinks beer mat advertising is a good way of reaching young people. "It's a way to have them connect with their parish," she says. "It's much **harder being a young Catholic** now. The norms of society don't match those of being a Catholic. It's hard to say you can't go out late on Saturday night because you have to play the organ on Sunday morning."—*Michael Ireland*

## “Go Signs!” campaign gets going

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“The plan is to make people aware of us—as a magazine and as a church. *Signs* is a public ‘window’ into Adventism, showing what we believe and what sort of people we are. We’re proud of our magazine and the picture we’re presenting of the church.”

Although the initial response to “Go Signs!” has been slow, interest has increased in the magazine and the offers it contains.

“The project isn’t primarily about responses,” says Mr Dunstan. “We can’t be put off by the lack of immediate responses because we know of so many stories of people who’ve had a copy of *Signs* around the house for months—or years—before reading it. We’d like to have amazing stories, but we know this is a long-term thing.

“There are many ways to connect with the church in the magazine, such as the Discovery Centre, *Steps to Christ* offer and web sites, and we never know what impact we can have through those avenues.”

Pastor Desmond Hills, volunteer *Signs* Ministry coordinator, designed the project and has worked to raise funding for it. He has collected more than \$A100,000 in donations from church organisations and individuals for the project, and found support and funding from the South Pacific Division, union conferences and a number of significant private donors.

With current funding, there is the potential to deliver up to 165,000 copies of *Signs* to homes in Australia and New Zealand, which would mean that to reach all of the 9.3 million homes would take another 47 years. Pastor Hills and Mr Dunstan hope to increase the number of *Signs* being delivered to reduce the time it will take to complete the *Go Signs!* project.

“Next year we also hope to become a lot more intentional and develop a marketing and follow-up package for the project,” says Mr Dunstan. “This will require a lot of cooperation and coordination with conferences, and we’re thankful for those who’ve become involved with the program and our sponsors so far.”—**Adele Nash**

**More information about Go Signs! will feature in the quarterly SignsTalk inserts in RECORD**

# Churches reach milestones

## WARBURTON, VICTORIA

**A** number of Seventh-day Adventist churches around Australia have notched up significant milestones recently.

### Bickley turns 100

The 100th anniversary of the Bickley church, WA, was commemorated on October 22 by more than 300 members and friends visiting from every Australian state.

In 1905, the organisation of a group of 14 baptised members at “Heidelberg” (later Bickley) was made official by WA Conference president Pastor Lewis Finster. Later, George Palmateer donated land for a church to be built, and this is the site where it stands today.

Two artistic creations for the event included a painting of the church as it was



*An artist's impression of Bickley church 82 years ago.*

in 1923 (pictured) and a centenary quilt showing the church’s work.

A collection of old film footage was put together, as was a history booklet and centenary special edition church newsletter, which included email greetings, cards and letters from around the world.

Along with guest speaker Pastor Laurie Evans, South Pacific Division president, were guests of honour: Shire President Elizabeth Taylor; local member of parliament Jim Winterhalder; John Day, MLA; and the two surviving daughters of George Palmateer, Phyllis Hiscox (93), and Audrey Murley (87).

### Waitara turns 100

Waitara church, NSW, marked their centenary on October 15 with musical items, historical presentations, the unveiling of a plaque and a special message from Pastor Geoff Youlden, Waitara church’s minister.

Since October 13, 1905, Waitara church has grown from 14 adults and 11 children to 450 members today.

“It is wonderful to look back and see the history of our church and how the Lord has led us in growth and development,” says Pastor Youlden, “but it is also important to



*Ladies at the Waitara 100th anniversary wearing period dress.*

think about the future. The events our pioneers preached about long ago are unfolding today before our eyes.”

Dignitaries attending the event included Greater Sydney Conference president David Blanch, local Member of Parliament Judy Hopwood; and Steve Evans, Hornsby B Ward councillor.

The theme for their day was “Time to reflect . . . time to connect.”

### National church turns 50

The National church in Canberra, ACT, turned 50 on November 12. Many memories were shared and memorabilia displayed on the day, with former National church minister Pastor Bruce Manners preaching the sermon.

The church began in 1955 with 18 members, initiated by Dr Nathaniel Speck and his wife, Dorothy. Since moving from a church hall to a church in 1970, many improvements have been made to the church and its surrounds—receiving an award in 1997 for the church’s design and quality of building preservation from the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

### Alstonville turns 25

Alstonville church, NSW, noted their 25th anniversary on October 22. The artistically decorated church had guest speaker Pastor David Currie—the president of the North New South Wales Conference in 1980—who officially organised the church.

Four of the five former ministers attended the event.—**Scott Wegener**

# Live an “adventure in service” in 2006

BY MEL LEMKE

**F**EELING STUCK IN THE MUD? LOST the spark? Bored? Want to do something big with your life? Why not try an adventure in service in 2006? More and more people are discovering that serving others makes all the difference in the world.

God created us to operate best when we serve others. Jesus gave us an example of what God wants us to be about—meeting people’s needs with love and compassion, creating moments of joy and hope in people’s lives, and calling them to join Him. As we stand on the threshold of an earth made new, it is what He wants His followers to focus on (see 1 Peter 4:7-11).

So go on! Be adventurous. Join the thousands who have gone before you in being the hands, feet and heart of Jesus in practical ways, building communities of hope wherever you go.

A rich variety of opportunities to make a difference in your world exist both within the church and in the wider community—STORM Co, fly’n’builds, kids clubs and branch Sabbath schools, teaching, nursing, caring for orphans, being a Global Mission pioneer <[www.global-mission.org](http://www.global-mission.org)> or supporter, becoming a tentmaker using your profession/trade as a financial base for planting churches in new areas <[www.andrews.edu/partners/index.htm](http://www.andrews.edu/partners/index.htm)>, being a maintenance worker, prayer warrior, front-line worker or financial supporter of organisations like Asian Aid, International Children’s Care, and



Volunteers in Action. The ADRA Lend a Hand web site will give you dozens of ways you can be involved in helping ways in your community <[www.adralendahand.org.au](http://www.adralendahand.org.au)>.

Imagine if every one of us committed to giving two hours of our week to serve others in our community each week. It would change our church. Jesus promised that whatever we give, we receive more (Acts 20:35). I’ve seen this demonstrated over and over in both tangible and intangible ways. For opportunities to serve through Adventist Volunteer Service, see <[www.adventistvolunteers.org](http://www.adventistvolunteers.org)>. You can serve in most areas of the world, and new opportunities are added weekly.

Here’s a promise: the adventure of serving others will change your life. Many go from short blocks of service to living a life of service. And they couldn’t be happier.

Why not write your own story of service in 2006? **R**

*Mel Lemke is director of Adventist Volunteer Service for the South Pacific Division.*



## Reflections on serving:

- “The feeling of doing things for others was one of the greatest memories of all.”
- “This would have to be one of the most enjoyable/satisfying experiences that I’ve been involved with. It’s great to serve both young and old.”
- “It made me realise that God does answer prayers.”
- “Awesome, unforgettable, outstanding, outrageous, terrific.”
- “I learnt that I have talents I never knew I had.”
- “I discovered the true meaning of the Last Supper.”
- “I learned the importance of letting God have full control, and became closer to him. I saw the character of Jesus in others, which helped me to see Him better. The Bible’s message became mine instead of being someone else’s story.”
- “I experienced God’s love like never before.”





# Service opportunities in 2006

## Short term

- Australian outback—Karlundi Aboriginal Education Centre. Opportunities for individuals and teams. Contact Glenn Grey on +61 8 9981 2933.
- Fly'n'Builds. Check RECORD or contact your local conference or mission for upcoming trips.
- STORM Co. Contact your local conference youth director to sign up.
- ADRA Lend a Hand. Contact ADRA or see <www.adralendahand.org.au> for hundreds of ideas of how you can get involved in your local community.
- Family Service Projects. Consider creating a service project as a family unit, during school or university holidays.

## Long-term AVS opportunities

### Australia and New Zealand

- Youth Volunteer. Kingscliff church, NSW.
- Youth/Teen Minister. Murwillumbah church, NSW.
- Youth Worker. Mildura church, Vic. Assist at the church youth drop-in centre, and assist the pastoral staff in working with church and community youth.
- Youth Ministry and Admin Support. North Harbour church, Auckland.

### Fiji

- IT Support Officer.

Fulton College, including support and maintenance of the computer systems in the college, control and monitoring of the satellite dish reception, possible teaching opportunities, liaison with the Trans-Pacific Union Mission IT manager in Suva, management of student computer labs.

### Global opportunities

- Music teacher, India. In charge of music for church, play for choir, and teach piano.
- Medical physician, Nicaragua. Maternal/infant care program.
- Maths and chemistry teacher, Virgin Islands. Ninth to 12th grades.
- Communications/media, France. Journalist for the church.
- Accounting/business, El Salvador. Business manager.
- Orphanage worker, El Salvador. Big Brother.
- Computer science teacher, Venezuela. Teaching basic computer skills.
- Men's dean, Russia.
- Youth pastor, Lebanon. Assist university chaplain in ministering to students and community
- Construction, Guyana. Construction of new buildings, supplies acquisition, supervising students, some classroom teaching.
- Maintenance supervisor, Thailand. To plan a system of maintenance for the Mission College campus; train personnel and assist with the implementation of such system for campus maintenance. Term is 3-6 months.
- English-as-a-second-language teachers. Thailand, Russia, Honduras, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Hong Kong, Mexico, Peru, Korea, Japan, Micronesia and Poland.
- Administration assistant, Thailand Mission Office. Office secretarial duties, co-coordinator of volunteer positions for institutions in TAM, Pathfinder supply clerk, any work requested by the president, secretary or



treasurer.

- Outreach and youth work assistant, Ireland. Work door-to-door with pastor and members three to four mornings per week and possibly one or two evenings. May be asked to help in the weekly running of the church. Male preferred, 20-32 years old.
- Secondary teaching positions. Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau, Botswana.
- Elementary teaching positions. Micronesia, Guam, Palau, Northern Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Taiwan.



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# Terrorism laws and prophecy

BY ARTHUR PATRICK

FOR 16 DECADES, SABBATARIAN Adventists have been journeying by faith toward “the day dawn,” cherishing Bible prophecy as “a light shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19).<sup>1</sup> Adventist attention has focused uniquely on the apocalyptic portions of Scripture, especially Daniel, Revelation and the discourse given by Jesus on the Mount of Olives (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21). Our commitment to understand these neglected parts of God’s Word is commendable even though some predictions we have made from these Scriptures have been mistaken.

The night before His death Jesus enunciated a principle that helps Christians avoid the problem of failed forecasts: “I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe” (John 14:29). We Adventists have found it hard to remember that prophecy is given more to confirm faith than to facilitate expert predictions about the future. However, Jesus encouraged vigilant wakefulness among His followers by His repeated use of an imperative command, “Watch.” Also, in the context of His comments about last things, He declared, “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28.)

In His message given on the Mount of Olives, Jesus quoted repeatedly from the book of Daniel and emphasised the importance of understanding Daniel’s prophecies (Matthew 24:15). Daniel 12:1 foretells that near the climax of earth’s history there will come “a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then.” In this end-time, “nations will be in anguish and perplexity,” Jesus later warned. He also added, “Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world” (Luke 21:25-28). Later still the apostle John, in Revelation 13, pictured an era of totalitarian rule when cherished human rights will be cast aside.

We are living in momentous times.

Distinguished author Philip Jenkins suggests that currently we are witnessing the greatest religious change in the history of humankind. One aspect of this situation, Jenkins says, is “the near total contrast between where the wealth is and where the people are.”<sup>2</sup> Associated with the worldwide tensions that are becoming more marked in the 21st century are overpopulation and poverty. Humans are far advanced in the process of destroying God’s gift of a pristine earth. One of the costly outcomes of this devastation is the terrorism that has become increasingly more visible since September 11, 2001, when the United States came under such significant attack.

We are four years into an era of rapidly changing attitudes. Freedoms we have taken almost for granted in Western society are daily under attack. Such changes do not happen all at once; therefore it is hard at any given point to clearly perceive the cumulative magnitude of related events that happen one by one over a period of time. For Australians, counter-terrorism legislation is rapidly redrawing the relationship between the citizen and the state.

David Marr warned us in a recent article: “The stench that hangs around sedition cases goes way, way back to the greatest trial in our history, the one that has loomed over our world for a couple of millennia. Christ was tried for sedition.”<sup>3</sup>

Marr suggests that Christ would have little chance against the new sedition laws and the apostles would be in trouble, too. For Adventists, what happened to Jesus as the head of the church offers a preview of what will happen to the church itself as His body.

Many years ago (1976) in a groundbreaking study of religious issues in the emerging Commonwealth of Australia, historian Richard Ely documented<sup>4</sup> the way our Adventist pioneers “watched” as this country developed its constitution. Although they were but a tiny minority, we can thank them for the part they played in a noisy and effective campaign to ensure

that “The Commonwealth shall not make any law for establishing any religion, or for imposing any religious observance, or for prohibiting the free exercise of any religion, and no religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office or public trust under the Commonwealth” (Section 116 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act).

Will we, their spiritual children, watch as realistically as they did during the 1890s while our nation enters a far greater crisis? That anti-terrorist laws are essential is beyond question. That our politicians may be motivated currently by worthy intentions as they frame new laws may be true. That basic human freedoms are under threat is obvious. That Australia’s new laws may be turned during earth’s future crisis to the nefarious purpose described in biblical prophecies about the end-time is a serious possibility.

Adventists need to do two things: remember the lessons of our history and follow the command of Jesus, “Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). **R**

1. Bible quotations are from the New International Version.

2. See my review dated 6 May 2003 (“A Clarion Wake-up Call,” <[www.spectrummagazine.org](http://www.spectrummagazine.org)>) of the volume by Jenkins, *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity* (Oxford University Press, 2002). Compare the edited report of a presentation by Jenkins to the Association of Adventist Forums 2004 Conference, “Living Through the Greatest Religious Change in History,” *Spectrum* 33, Issue 3 (Summer 2005), 67-70.

3. David Marr, “And look what happened to him,” *The Sydney Morning Herald, News Review, Weekend Edition*, November 5-6, 2005, 30.

4. Ely’s volume was published in the “Studies in Australian Federation” series as *Unto God and Caesar: Religious Issues in the Emerging Commonwealth, 1891-1906*, Melbourne University Press, 1976.

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# Jesus in the real world

BY DAVID EDGREN

**T**HE NON-CHRISTIAN GLIBLY THREW THE REMARK, “So, where is heaven? Is it always up?”  
 “What about if you are in California and I am in Tasmania? Who’s ‘up’ is heaven?”

We had spent the first week of our family holiday at my wife’s parents’ home in Melbourne. As the plane banked to line up with the Hobart runway, Rachael, our four-year-old, looked out the window and made a profound statement: “We’re not in Grandma’s world anymore.”

Truer words have never been spoken! While to an adult Melbourne is only an hour from Hobart, to a four-year-old it is a world away. It is often much the same in our faith journey.

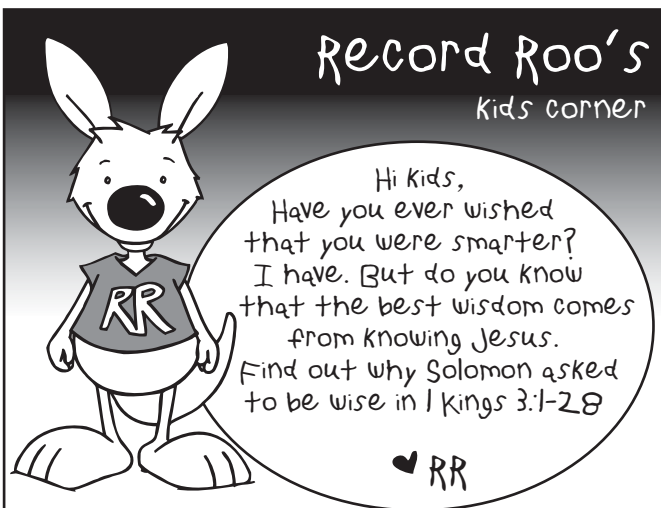
Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like . . . a mustard seed . . . a merchant . . . a treasure . . . a net . . . a king . . . the owner of a house . . . ten virgins . . . a landowner . . . yeast . . .” While you and I may struggle to answer the sceptic’s question, Jesus made one thing very clear—heaven is anything but a world away.

John the Baptist said it. Jesus said it. And He commissioned His disciples to say it: “The kingdom of heaven is near.”

Jesus saw God’s kingdom in every landscape and smelled it on every breeze. And He made it as real as possible for every person He encountered. Heaven in the real world—that was Jesus’ canvas and His paint.

How down to earth is your picture of Jesus? Is He someone you can laugh with, smile at and listen to? How you see Him is how you will paint Him. Paint Him in the everyday garb of the life about you. That’s what He did. That’s who He is. That is a Jesus your friends and family can relate to. Give them Jesus—in their world. **R**

*David Edgren pastors the Rosny and Collinsvale churches in Tasmania.*



## Record Roo's Kids corner

Hi kids,  
 Have you ever wished that you were smarter? I have. But do you know that the best wisdom comes from knowing Jesus. Find out why Solomon asked to be wise in 1 Kings 3:1-28

♥ RR

### Fill in the Blanks

“Wisdom begins with respect for the \_\_\_\_.”  
 Proverbs 9:10 ICV

### Dot-to-dot...

There is a creature that people say is wise.  
 Join the dots to find out what it is.



Colour in...

Now colour in the picture

## Fish or fishermen?

ANTHONY MACPHERSON, WA

Having been to Mongolia, I commend the group mentioned in "Australian church building relationship with Mongolia" (November 12).

But there are two points I would like to raise for us to think, pray and talk about. First, considering the high unemployment in Mongolia, it would be wise if we helped Mongolian believers with simple micro-economic industries or something equivalent. Second, while church buildings are sometimes necessary and have some advantages, they also have disadvantages.

History shows that rapidly growing Christian movements (and congregations) slow, stall and even stop when they move to a building! The most effective way to consolidate fragile growth is not by buildings but by developing leaders, leadership support systems and good communication.

Do we give a man a fish or do we teach him to fish? It may involve both (especially in helping people who lack resources), but we wealthy Western Christians do like to give fish.

## Invisible leadership

MIGUEL SUMERA, NSW

As the public debate on industrial relations legislation has eventuated, we've seen calls by the leaders of many denominations and religious traditions from all walks of life condemning the premise to which could compromise worker protections on weekends and working times. However,

our leaders have been absent in the debate. The industrial relations changes will impact workers within the church who have found protection under unfair-dismissal laws concerning our fundamental position on Sabbath work.

While we have relied upon the church to give comment on legislative moral issues, such as abortion and freedom of religion, there seems to be a lack of attention to one of our most fundamental religious tenets.

What is the position of the General Conference concerning the matter, and is it prepared to take a stand?

in the workings of the church. Don't disenfranchise the young through whom God will carry on the faith. They will learn through their mistakes how to lead. You cannot do more than attempt to adapt to the contemporary world.

To the young, I say, the prophets and leaders were rejected in their day, nonetheless God's people have survived and grown. Don't reject the advice of elders, even if sometimes you have to adapt it.

Experience has endowed the right to be heeded. Use your life-experience to hear what the young are saying instead of how

## Let's not look down on any potential leader because of age, culture, gender or other external factors.

### Test of fellowship

DILLON COCKS, SA

I was surprised to see John Cunningham's letter (November 12) arguing against the church's social doctrine. He obviously hasn't read Isaiah 58, much of the other prophets or Jesus' own words. If we don't make an effort to care for the "widows and orphans" of this world, we're not worthy to call ourselves Christ's followers.

and when they say it. They need a home in the church, not just a seat in the lounge.

LEESA FLETCHER, NSW

While I agree that experience is a great teacher, I don't agree that it is the "best" teacher. I think there's a danger in looking at those with experience and trusting in that experience more than asking for what is the best teacher—God's wisdom.

Jesus had to rebuke experienced leaders of His time because they trusted more in themselves and their own qualifications than in God.

If we truly believe that "the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6, NIV), then let's not look down on any potential leader because of age, culture, gender or other external factors; rather, let's trust God to lead.

### Youthegesis

MARK FRIEND, NT

In reading the recent debate on age as a qualification for leadership, I have seldom experienced more despair. So to those who are older, I say, the young are more experienced in the contemporary world as you are

*petros*



Peter Yu

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## Anniversaries

**Arthur**, Dudley and Bevlyn (nee McPaul) were married on 1.8.45 by Pastor Ross James, in Murwillumbah SDA church, NSW. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends at Wellington



Point, Qld. They have five children; 20 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. The Arthurs farmed in the Lismore area after they were married, and in 1956 accepted a call to literature ministry. They are now happily retired.

**Hough**, Granville and Pam (nee Rudd) were married on 12.10.55 by Pastor George Masters, in the old Nambour church in Howard Street, Nambour, Qld. On 15.10.05 they celebrated their 50 years together at a surprise luncheon at the Taree church hall. After living in Qld, Cooranbong and Albury, NSW, they have been retired in the Taree district for 17 years.

## Weddings

**Allen—Eakins**. Matthew Allen, son of Denise Allen (Ferntree Gully, Vic), and Anna Eakins, daughter of Lyn and the late Lloyd Eakins (Lilydale), were married on 16.10.05 in the Ferntree Gully Adventist church. *Chris Foote*

**Begg—Bedi**. Jamiel Jason Begg, son of Anwar and Beverly Begg (Sydney, NSW), and Bindy Bedi, daughter of Nirmal and Sunita Bedi (Sydney), were married on 30.10.05 at Mount Tomah Botanical Garden, Bilpin. *Samuel Braga  
Desmond Ford, Sandor Gassik*

**Dixon—Bock**. Glenn Dixon, son of Pastor Kevin and Jeannette Dixon (Runcorn Heights, Qld), and Bronya Bock, daughter of Brian and Elena Bock (Palm Beach), were married on 26.11.04 in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at Palm Beach. *Wayne Spyve*

**Ford—Seely**. Jamie Peter Ford, son of Peter and Lyn Ford (Burleigh Waters, Qld), and Jacqui Lee Seely, daughter of Colin and Gill Marshall (Currumbin Valley), were married on 6.11.05 in a beautiful garden setting on the bride's parents' farm, Currumbin Valley. *Adrian Raethel*

**Keegan—Gent**. Hayden Richard James Keegan, son of Richard and Alison Keegan (Manjimup, WA), and Patricia Ann Gent, daughter of Phillip (NT) and Marilyn Gent (Devonport, Tas), were married on 30.10.05 at The Conservatory, Parramatta Creek. *Don Fehlberg*

**Kruljac—Toledanes**. Peter Kruljac and May Toledanes, daughter of Gil and Profetiza Toledanes (the Philippines), were married on 6.11.05 at Spotswood Adventist church, Melbourne, Vic. *Brian Lawty*

**Waldron—Cozens**. Timothy Peter Waldron, son of Graeme (Lismore, NSW) and Shirley Waldron (Nambour, Qld), and Lynde Karen Cozens, daughter of Glendyn and Julie Cozens (Casino, NSW), were married on 1.9.05 at Windara Gardens, Casino. *David Kosmeier*

**Whitton—Gamez**. Marcus Alexander Whitton and Abelina Roxana Gamez (both of Hobart, Tas) were married on 30.10.05 in the Multicultural church, Hobart. *Robert Granger*

**Williams—O'Neil**. Jonathan Anthony Williams, son of Rudi and Lua Williams (Torbanlea, Qld), and Melissa O'Neil, daughter of Mark and Liz O'Neil (Newcastle, NSW), were married on 2.10.05 at Daydream Island, Whitsundays, Qld.

## Obituaries

**Anderson**, Gracie Hope (nee Wecker), born 29.2.1920 at Wondai, Qld; died 12.10.05 at Kingaroy. On 2.5.40 she married Neils, who predeceased her in 1974. She was also predeceased by her son, Malcolm, in 1954. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lynette and Trevor Ashby (Cooranbong, NSW); and her two grandchildren and their spouses. Gracie was known and loved as a person with a tender heart. She served others generously; loved animals, but most of all loved her friend, Jesus, and looked forward to the resurrection morning. *Maranatha. Bill Cross  
Tony Urrea, John Rabbas*

**Baker**, Albert Edward, born 8.3.1919 at Wellington, NZ; died 14.8.05 at Bethesda Home and Hospital, Manukau City. He married Muriel Timmins of Palmerston North, who predeceased him on 11.10.02. He is survived by his daughters and their spouses, Rosemary and Kevin Rundle, and Noella and Robert Davidson; and his grandsons, Edward and Andrew (all of Manukau City). Albert was a quiet Christian gentleman, who will be sadly missed by his family and friends. *Brendan Pratt*

**Barmard**. Mavis Catherine (nee Parker), born 7.10.1917 at Taranaki, NZ; died 15.10.05 in the Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. Mavis enjoyed a good life of 88 years. In 1943 she married Len, and together they spent their lives as missionaries in Papua New Guinea. She is survived by her husband; and her daughters, Sharyn Lang (Melbourne, Vic) and Kay Hawkes (Cooranbong, NSW); her four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Mavis was one of God's saints indeed. *Lester Hawkes  
Russel Stanley, Lyndon Schick*

**Belford**, Doreen Stella (nee Beattie), born 28.2.1918 at Maryborough, Qld; died 17.10.05 on the Central Coast, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Eric. She

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is survived by her children, Lynette, Gail and Rick. Doreen was an active member of the Gosford church and held many positions during her lifetime. She was much loved by her children and grandchildren, and they look forward to being reunited with her at Jesus' second coming. *Don Madden*

**Buxton**, Victor John, born 30.8.1909 at Glen Huon, Tas; died 30.10.05 at Cooranbong, NSW. He was predeceased by his wife, Doreen, in 2001. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Valmai and Darrell Hayden, Colleen, Heather and John, and Diana; his seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; his sisters, Lucy Petersen and Rita Maxfield. Victor was a faithful church member and his favourite hymn "It is well with my soul" expressed his firm faith in his Lord and Saviour and the resurrection. *Claude Judd, Bruce Grosse*

**Candlin**, Gerald (Gerry), born 10.2.1930 at Worcester, England; died 24.10.05 at "Melody Park," Nerang, Qld. On 18.3.50 he married Doreen. He was predeceased by his daughter, Elaine Justins, on 12.1.05. He is survived by his wife (Nerang); his children and their spouses, Paul and Tracey, Wendy and Geoff White, and Lynden Justins; and his six grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved him. *Don Bain, Bob Possingham, Barry Crabtree  
Malcolm Potts, Ken Martin, Peter Stojanovic*

**Coldrey**, Edith Alma (nee Outen), born 11.7.1915 at Kyneton, Vic; died 24.10.05 at Yarra View Retirement Village Hostel, Warburton. On 20.11.37 she married Jeffery, who predeceased her in 1988. She is survived by her children, Marie Shelton (Warburton), Noel (Wesburn), Graeme (Cranbourne) and Beverley Blennerhassett (Mooroolbark). Edith was a quiet person with a big heart, who gave liberally of herself to her family and friends. *Eric Kingdon, Joy Kingdon*

**Colquhoun**, Ian James, born 5.4.1938 at south Auckland, NZ; died 31.7.05 at Parkhaven Rest Home, Manukau City, after a prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife, Elaine (nee Jacobs—Papatotote); his children and their spouses, Wayne and Robin (USA), Glen (Levin, NZ), Tracey and Ricky Ryan (Manukau City), Karyn and Richard Newson (Papatotote); and his eight grandchildren. Ian bore his ill health with patience. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. *Clive Newson, Brendan Pratt*

**Gisler**, Phyllis Thelma May (nee Snowden), born 12.9.1911 in Brisbane, Qld; died peacefully 24.10.05 at Ballina. On 1.1.35 she married Christian, who predeceased her in 2001. She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Joan and Tom Kent (Fernleigh, NSW) and Judy and John Fulcher (Pottsville, NSW); and their families. Her hope is in the resurrection. *David Stojic*

**Green**, Harold Osborne, born 25.4.1917 in London, England; died 10.10.05 at Yarra View Retirement Hostel, Warburton, Vic. On 29.2.37 he married Eve Shepherd, who predeceased him on 8.6.01; also his son, Ken, on 9.6.04. He is survived by his daughter, Valerie Saunders (Upper Beaconsfield); and his son, Robert (Gold Coast, Qld). Harold was a thorough gentleman; a much loved member of his family and worshipped in the Frankston, Cranbourne and Warburton churches. He was known for his knowledge of antiques. *Barry Whelan  
Eric Kingdon, Joy Kingdon*

**Harders**, Ethel Ruby Etta (nee Strahan), born 18.8.1905 at Jumperding, near Toodyay, WA; died 18.10.05 at Rossmoyne. On 18.2.26 she married Harry, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her children, Alfred, Erwin and Marion. She is survived by her children, Henry (Geraldton), Gordon (Kewdale), Gerald (Gidgegannup), Leslie (Toodyay), Daphne (Forrestfield), Valma (Karratha), Milton (High Wycombe), Mervyn (Forrestfield), Robert (Busseton) and Tom (Maddington); her 53 grandchildren; her 94 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. Ruby was a truly remarkable woman who could turn her hands to just about anything. She was a wonderful mother who lived for her family. And when they had grown up she fostered other children. Ruby loved the Lord and was keen to serve Him in whatever way she could. *Lynn Burton  
Phil Rhodes, Ainslie Moloney*

**Kelly**, Maisie Gladys (nee Archibald), born 10.9.1925 under a gum tree on the Narwon reserve at Armidale, NSW; died peacefully 14.10.05 at Armidale. Maisie was one of the first Koori members to be baptised in Armidale by the late Pastor Rosendahl. She is now resting while waiting for the return of Jesus. *George Quinlin  
Savenaca Turaga, Graeme Kent*

**Kersting**, Joan, born 6.1.1927 in Hobart, Tas; died 18.10.05 at Gosford, NSW. She was the youngest child of Herbert and Gertrude



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Smith. In 1953 she married Mel. She is survived by her husband; her daughter, Elizabeth Desborough; her daughter and son-in-law, Cherie and Stuart Tipple; and her four grandchildren. Wherever the Kerstings settled, Joan became known for her warm friendliness and hospitality, with both of them making many friends and becoming involved in their local church. Joan died as she lived—full of courage, loved and cherished and secure in the knowledge of the soon coming of Jesus. Her family and friends long for that day.

*Andrew Kingston, Ron Evans*

**King,** Lindsay Mabel (Peggy), born 13.1.1920 at Tocumwal, NSW; died 14.10.05 at Coronella Retirement Village, Nunawading, Vic. During the final year of World War II, on 17.3.45, she married Stanley, who predeceased her in 1979. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lindsay and Lyndon Chapman (Lilydale); her two grandchildren; and her two great-grandchildren. Peggy has struggled with serious health difficulties over recent years and now awaits the call of the Life-giver.

*Darrell Cofi*  
*Kylie Ward, David Erickson*

**Ogilvie,** Olive Iris (nee Bunce), born 27.4.1915 in Perth, WA; died 12.10.05 at Adventist Residential Care, Rossmoyne. On 2.4.46 she married William, who predeceased her in 1981. She is survived by her son, David (Hazelmere). Olive was a faithful worker for, and supporter of, the church; always eager to know more of God's grace.

*Phil Rhodes*

**Peatman,** Eric Needham, born 17.4.1916 at Sheffield, England; died 26.10.05 at Taree, NSW. He arrived in Australia among the first boatload of migrants after World War I. In 1940 he married Mollie Burn, who predeceased him in 1966. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Jeanine and Bruce Barlin, Paul and Maurine, Carl and Susan; his eight grandsons; and seven great-grandchildren. Eric's lifework was with the NSW Railways. He became a member of the Taree SDA church at Christmas, 2003.

*Lyndon Thrift, Alex Penman*

**Read,** Eileen May, born 2.11.1921 at Temora, NSW; died 24.8.05 at Cooranbong. She was predeceased by her two husbands, Alf Read and Jim Nichols. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Ken and Sherrell (Croydon, Vic), Jim (Townsville, Qld), Peter and Janine (Newcastle, NSW), and Kerry and Bob Gallatin (Alaska, USA); her daughter-in-law, Joy; her six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Eileen was always an active member of the Dundas and Port Macquarie (NSW) churches. Greatly loved and missed by her family and friends.

*Ken Read, Noel Melzer*

**Roberts,** Andrew David, born 30.9.1986 at Armidale, NSW; died 9.10.05 in Sydney. He was the much loved son of Dorothy; and treasured grandson of Frank and Dianne Roberts (all of Armidale). Andy lost his life while helping others. He had a zest and passion for life that was infectious. He now sleeps waiting for the glorious resurrection and eternity with Jesus.

*Chris Manthey, Darren Garlett*



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**Salazar,** Alex, born 10.12.1969 in El Salvador; died 15.10.05 at Bathurst, NSW. On 14.9.97 he married Melissa. He is survived by his wife; his children, three-year-old Benten and nine-month-old Leah (all of Bathurst); his mother, Lilian Hidalgo (Riverwood); his father, Dagoberto Salazar (El Salvador); his sisters, Reina Rivas, Marta Castaneda; his brothers, Frank, Tony and Moses Hidalgo (all of Sydney, NSW); and his sister, Sara Stefan (Melbourne, Vic). As a nurse, Alex touched the lives of many people in Bathurst, with his friendly smile and caring nature. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

*Errol Webster, Rex Hergenhan*

**Watts,** Ruth Rose (nee Walker), born 15.3.1920 at Fremantle, WA; died 30.10.05 at Kalamunda, after a six-year battle with cancer. In 1946 she married Ted. She is survived by her husband (Carmel); her children and their spouses, Pam and Rod Jones (Peppermint Grove Beach), Denise and Hamish Brown (Carmel), Chris and Jenny (Collie) and Rosie Bourne (Subiaco); her 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild. Ruth loved helping others. She was truly a mother in Israel and now awaits that great day when Jesus will return to claim His own.

*Robert Kingdon*

**Wood,** Dr John Leslie Stansfield, born 13.1.1912 in Wellington, NZ; died peacefully 8.10.05 at home in Santa Rosa, California, USA. He was predeceased by his son, Michael. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (nee Douglass); his sons, Murray and Nigel; his two grandchildren (all in California); also his two nieces and two nephews, and their families (Australia and NZ). Les's service included dean of men at Carmel College, WA; assistant secretary, education department, South Pacific Division; principal, Fulton College, Fiji; director, teacher education, Avondale College; teacher emeritus, Longburn College, NZ; teacher, Kitsilano High School, Vancouver, Canada. In retirement he was substitute teacher at Beverly Hills High School and assistant education professor at Pepperdine University. His was a life of service to young people in five different countries and he was very much appreciated by his students.

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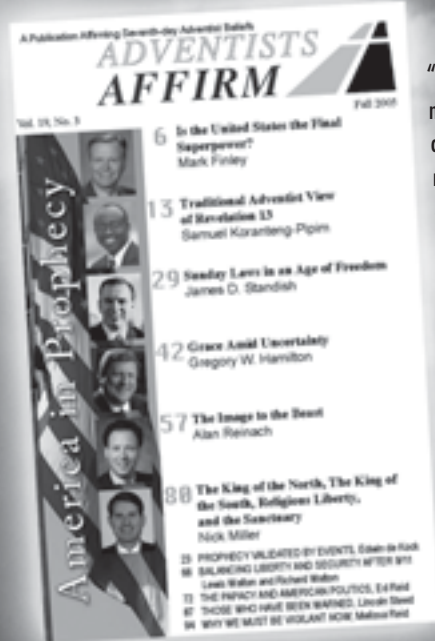
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