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Dr Barry Oliver, general secretary of the South Pacific Division (left), Papua New Guinea Union Mission president Pastor Thomas Davai (centre) and Kym Piez, acting director of ADRA–Papua New Guinea (right), officiated at the opening of ADRA's new national office in Lae.

ADRA opens new head office in PNG

LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

More than 100 guests attended the official dedication and opening of the new national office of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Papua New Guinea (PNG) on December 5.

Kym Piez, acting country director of ADRA–PNG, took the opportunity to thank those involved in the building program and to give a special acknowledgement to ADRA's former country director Michelle Abel and her husband, Chris Jensen, for their vision for ADRA–PNG.

Guests included representatives from PNG government departments, other development organisations and church leadership. The program included practical

presentations from the ADRA teams of what their projects do in PNG communities, a brief overview of ADRA–PNG in the past 15 years, a prayer of dedication and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The program ended with office tours and light refreshments.

Before the ribbon-cutting, Dr Barry Oliver, general secretary of the South Pacific Division and chairman of the board of ADRA in the South Pacific, passed on greetings from ADRA offices worldwide and reminded guests that less than 15 years ago ADRA–PNG had just one staff member. "ADRA–PNG has come a long way in a short period of time," he said.

—Tok Save



As citizens of the kingdom of God, we are called to think and live differently.

Think differently

POLITICIANS USED TO URGE US—in the words of Pedro in *Napoleon Dynamite*—to “vote for me and all your wildest dreams will come true.” But in recent years—and particularly since the terrorist attacks of September 11—the promise has become a threat: “If you don’t vote for me, all your worst nightmares will come true.”

It is not a subtle difference. Undoubtedly the former was unrealistic hyperbole and we were right to become a little cynical, but we should be no less willing to question those goading us to perpetual alarm.

The Power of Nightmares—a UK documentary series screened recently on Australian television and around the world, including last year’s Cannes Film Festival—charts the rise of the politics of fear during the past 50 years, arguing that this political and social phenomenon is the primary impetus for both sides in the so-called “war on terror.” Disturbingly, the documentary argues those with the darkest fears are those who have become most powerful.

Of course, this narrative of fear is reinforced and exaggerated by the media around the world, who employ the sensational as their stock-in-trade. And being constantly bombarded with these messages and images, it is too easy for us to become part of this malaise.

Such promulgation and use of fear is a self-defeating process—unless of course there might be some votes in it for you at the next election. The Cronulla “riots” of

late last year are a sad example. After (at least) four years of being told with alarming regularity by many political and media voices that we should be “alert”—read, suspicious—of those around us, and particularly so of those who look different or come from particular ethnic backgrounds, perhaps it is hardly surprising when violence results. Driven by the underlying tension, exploited by some with extreme ideologies and sparked by a relatively minor incident, the angry crowds, the violence and the threat of further such outbreaks become new sources of fear. And so the cycle is perpetuated.

Undoubtedly, there are threats and risks in this world that—from a human perspective—deserve our attention, although often it seems we are distracted by the less significant fears. But we are called to choose not to be imprisoned by these fears. To not allow them to govern our lives and to play what part we can in alleviating the causes of the fear and heartache in our communities and our world. As one writer puts it, “It is the vocation of the prophet to keep alive the ministry of imagination, to keep on conjuring and proposing alternative futures to the single one that the establishment of the day wants to urge as the only thinkable one.”¹

As citizens of the kingdom of God, we are called to think and live differently.

It is remarkable how many times in the Bible, the prophets and other messengers from God urge the Bible characters—and through them, us—to get our fear in perspective and most often to “Be not afraid,”

particularly of things in this world. Like most recurring themes of the Bible, this finds its highpoint with the coming of Jesus. The first announcements of Jesus—to Mary and to the shepherds—are prefaced with the angels’ instruction, “Don’t be afraid” (see Luke 1:30; 2:10).

In so doing, these messengers highlighted an important reality of “God with us” in Jesus: “With this magnificent God positioned among us, Jesus brings the assurance that our universe is a perfectly safe place for us to be.”²

In a fear-fed society, this realisation is the foundation for thinking differently. And that is the first step to living in the alternate and glorious reality that is the kingdom of God today.

In the midst of political, military and social crises, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed this call to the people of his day—“The Lord has said to me in the strongest terms: ‘Do not think like everyone else does. Do not be afraid that some plan conceived behind closed doors will be the end of you. Do not fear anything except the Lord Almighty. He alone is the Holy One. If you fear him, you need fear nothing else’” (Isaiah 8:11-13, NLT).

1. Zdravko Plantak, “A People of Prophecy: Recovering the biblical role of the prophets,” *The Peacemaking Remnant*, Ed Douglas Morgan, Adventist Peace Fellowship, 2005, quoting Jack Provonsha.

2. Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*, page 77.

Nathan Brown



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Schools rejoice at baptisms

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

Adventist schools have been responsible for many baptisms in 2005, resulting from their use of innovative Bible-study classes and linking up with their local churches for support.

Hilliard Christian School, Tas

Working together with his teachers, chaplains and students, Hilliard Christian School, Tas, principal Bev Norman believes he has created a soul-winning environment that inspires involvement and empowers evangelism—baptising 15 students in 2005.

Students in the high school were divided into four groups of spiritual interest—ranging from those who were not interested to those who were passionate about spiritual maturity.

Each group was assigned a teacher who felt spiritually drawn to this type of student. These four groups met daily all year for the first 30 minutes of each day—equating to two-and-a-half hours of small-group Bible-study each week.

After the first term, another study group was offered—a spiritual-development track leading to baptism taught by high school chaplain Pastor David Edgren. The

30 kids interested left their regular groups to meet with Pastor Edgren.

The result of this small-group time and focused study with their school chaplain led to more than a quarter of the high school students asking to be baptised.

Glenorchy church minister Pastor Alfredo Campos also serves as the primary school chaplain at Hilliard.

Pastors Edgren and Campos have been integrating schoolkids into church life as much as possible. According to Pastor Edgren, “The role of the school chaplain is to lead students to Christ and into a healthy relationship with Christ’s body—His church!”

The December 17 baptisms, held at Glenorchy church, were performed by Pastors Edgren and Campos and the Tasmanian youth director, Pastor Tharren Hutchinson.

Northpine Christian College, Qld

Pine Rivers church, Qld, has worked closely with Northpine Christian College teachers and administrators to facilitate pastors for studying with groups of children, rather than one on one.

On November 19, 15 young people were baptised, mainly students from Northpine Christian College.

Pine Rivers has had success with running five sequential outreach programs, leading to some 40 baptisms in 2005 and with more ready for baptism in early 2006.

Starting with friendship, health and cooking demonstrations and leading to more direct forms of evangelism, such as prophecy seminars, helped to maximise flow-on attendance.

“Sequential evangelism does work,” says Pine Rivers minister Pastor David Stojic. “Pine Rivers’ success in 2005 is testimony to that.”

Prescott Primary–Northern School, SA

On November 26, seven Years 6 and 7 school students from Prescott Primary–Northern School, SA, were baptised at the Para Vista church. Pastor Dave Hamilton, the school chaplain, invited Pastor Mau Tuaoi to lead in the praise time with his team of worship leaders. Pastor Tuaoi baptised the first candidate while Pastor Hamilton baptised the remaining six, the last one being his own son, Adam.

After the baptism, Pastor Hamilton invited anyone who wished to be baptised to come forward. Several Prescott Primary–Northern students stood up and came to the front, as well as at least one student from Prescott College.—*Scott Wegener*



Signs of the Times
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Signs website manager **Scott Wegener**. “People can then link through to the *Signs* site and have instant access to **more than 300 articles** we have available online.” The articles also now have an “**email-a-friend**” function to make sharing articles with others easy.

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◆ The 2006 *Search* video advertising campaign will begin in **Brisbane**, January 28–February 5, on Channel 9; **Melbourne**, February 4–12, on Channel 7; **rural Victoria and Tasmania**, February 11–19, on WIN TV; **Wagga Wagga**,

February 18–26, on WIN TV; and **rural northern New South Wales**, February 25–March 5 on Prime TV.

◆ **Peter Easthope** (pictured, left) from Muswellbrook church has installed Adventist television at his workplace—the **Muswellbrook Campus of TAFE**, NSW. Mr Easthope, the TAFE tool storeman, is one of four Adventists on the staff. When asked for technical advice on the installation of a suitable “free-to-air” satellite broadcast for the aid of teaching the antenna course, he had no hesitation in recommending tuning in to the Optus B3 satellite that carries



HopeTV and 3ABN—already completing installation of a dish at his own home. The dish, receiver and monitor were installed in the **electrical wiring workshop**, which the staff have now come to affectionately call “The Chapel.” The programs from 3ABN and HopeTV and the teaching resource that this installation provides has been favourably received by students and staff.—*Clive Nash*

Sanitarium to close Perth distribution centre

BERKELEY VALE, NEW SOUTH WALES

Sanitarium has announced the closure of their Perth distribution centre, WA. The facility will close at the end of this month.

“Unfortunately, this change affects the lives of six Sanitarium employees, many of whom have had a long career with the company,” says Jaemes Tipple, assistant manager of communications and public relations.

“The Perth team have provided excellent customer service over many years,” he says. “Their commitment and dedication to the company is truly valued and the Sanitarium distribution management team are working closely with Perth distribution centre personnel to support them through these changes.”

Mr Tipple says a critical element in the decision to close the distribution centre relates to the retailers’ primary freight initiatives, which means Sanitarium’s major customers will be taking responsibility for the freight of goods directly from their source of supply into their own distribution centres.

“This will lead to the stock holdings in

Perth being significantly reduced, so the establishment of new facilities or lease arrangements in Perth no longer remains viable.

“Another key factor is the nature and age of the existing premises,” says Mr Tipple. “In recent years they have become unsuitable for our requirements and a decision has subsequently been made to sell the existing Victoria Park property.”



Sanitarium’s sales functions will continue as normal in Perth with a sales office to be established in suitable alternative premises when the property is sold.

Sanitarium management says the decision to close the Perth distribution centre does not impact on their other distribution centre sites in any significant way.

Sanitarium employs approximately 1700 people across Australia and New Zealand and has 12 sites across Australia and New Zealand—including production centres, warehouses, sales and distribution facilities.—*Scott Wegener*

Sabbath school lesson schedule out of step

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

A calendar anomaly may cause some confusion with Sabbath school lesson quarterlies this year, with different age groups transitioning between quarters on different weeks. According to Gary Swanson, associate director of Sabbath school and personal ministries at the General Conference, the difference comes between the adult Sabbath school study guides and those used for younger age groups.

For the Senior, Pacific, Pidgin and CQ Bible-study guides, the quarterly guides are based strictly on the months. Thus, there are only 12 weeks in the first quarter, 13 in the second, 14 in the third and 13 in the fourth. However, Mr Swanson says, because the Bible-study guides for children and youth are “recycled” on a four-year rotation, these will remain on the consistent 13-weeks-per-quarter cycle.

“The Office of Adventist Mission has chosen to organise the Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings in yet a third way,” explains Mr Swanson. “It will be collected on the last Sabbath of the quarter, whatever the number of Sabbaths.”—*Nathan Brown*



◆ Sixty members from the Stanthorpe church, Qld, met recently at a restaurant for a dinner of thanksgiving and celebration. Among those present were four couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries, one newly married couple, one soon-to-be-married couple and another couple who chose the occasion to announce their engagement. Wallsend church, NSW, had a wedding memories night. Many wedding

keepsakes and bridal dresses were on display and a number of ladies dressed in their own wedding gowns and bridesmaid dresses to model them.—*Mary Fedorow, Kim Shield*

◆ Esperance church, WA, recently hosted the Aboriginal regional meeting for the southern region of Western Australia. The meeting featured guest speaker Abbey Aviles and an impromptu concert on the Saturday evening. John Beck, organiser of the weekend, was happy with the attendance of 50. As the newly appointed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Ministries coordinator for Western Australia, he says, “Working alongside Pastor Eric Davey and Pastor Don Fehlberg and Pastor Glenn Townend we plan to reach all the remote communities with the gospel. The aim is to visit with all of these communities and find out some of their greatest needs and, as a church, help where and when we can. Making contact with previous members and students from Karalundi, Mamarapha College and Jijalong is another aim. I would like to see a church for Aboriginal people in the metropolitan area of Perth,” he says. “And the facility would be a multipurpose

building that would include some kind of health clinic and youth support.”—*Rhonda Morcomb*

◆ Churches across the the South Pacific have been running cooking demonstrations throughout 2005. The Wanganui church, NZ, has run bimonthly budget vegetarian cooking demonstrations. A pre-Christmas vegetarian lunch was held for all who attended during the year and non-members were encouraged to bring a vegetarian savoury dish. Mildura church, Vic, held a health-and-nutrition series over four weeks, which included talks on weight

Signs magazine reaches 120

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

The January/February issue of *Signs of the Times* marks 120 years of continuous publication of the Adventist church's evangelistic magazine in the South Pacific. The first issue of the *Bible Echo and Signs of the Times* was published in Melbourne, Vic, in January 1886. The history of the magazine is detailed in an article in the current issue of *Signs* researched and written by Alan Holman, a former production manager at Signs Publishing Company.

In 1886, the first editorial promised the new magazine would proclaim the truth of the Bible—the “echo”—and highlight the prophetic significance of the times. Former *Signs* editor Pastor Bruce Manners says he is proud that *Signs* still holds to this mission. “For me it was an honour to be part of the history of such a significant magazine in the Australian culture,” he reflects.

“Having looked at the history of *Signs* magazine, I've been amazed at how little *Signs* has changed and yet how well it has kept with the times. One hundred and twenty years ago, *Signs* looked at issues in the community, was fairly hard hitting at times, and often with a sense of humour.”

Pastor Manners oversaw the reformatting of *Signs* in the early 1990s. He says this was a highlight of his 17 years working with the magazine. “It was an enjoyable challenge being involved in the risk of changing the magazine, not only in the size but also in the format, where we tried to tap into popular culture while maintaining a strong Adventist emphasis.”

These days, working as the pastor of the Avondale College church, Pastor Manners

sees *Signs* from a different angle. “Now as an observer of *Signs*, whenever I see a *Signs* magazine, I can't resist picking it up and leafing through it,” he says. “I think it still maintains that original focus.”

Setting up a printing press and beginning a regular magazine was among the top priorities of the Adventist pioneers in Australia, who gave away the initial print of the magazine on street corners in Melbourne. Now, thanks to many subscribers and donors, *Signs* arrives monthly in thousands of homes and is also available in a variety of public places, such as transport terminals, waiting rooms and church displays at major events.

And in the past two years, *Signs of the Times* has established a growing presence on the Internet. According to online editor Scott Wegener, the *Signs* website is now receiving more than 75 visitors per day and this has been growing every month.

The *Signs* article recounting the history of the magazine features a retrospective of *Signs* covers and highlights of the issues featured in the magazine over the years. “As a constant in this hectic world,” Mr Holman concludes, “*Signs of the Times* continues to offer comfort, assurance and hope.”—**Nathan Brown**

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Signs of the Times, then and now. The first issue in January 1886 and the current issue, January/February 2006.

loss and heart-protective foods.

Some participants left so excited for what they had learnt that they stopped by the supermarket on the way home to pick up the ingredients to prepare the dishes. **Moora church**, WA, presented a series of vegetarian nutrition programs run by **Graham Tudor**—an electrician-cum-chef—who shared different aspects of nutrition, such as the importance of breakfast, fibre and superfoods.

◆ **Elsie Sherwood** of Kanwal church, NSW, does not let being visually impaired and having difficulty walking prevent her from



helping out in the **ADRA Appeal**. For the past three years she has collected from the Toukley business area and is now well known. Negotiating steps and uneven footpaths, Elsie's spirit remained high until some \$A300 later, the job was finished.—**Olive Schick**

◆ **Winsome Evans** of the Launceston church, Tas, started to invite

local children from disadvantaged families in her local area to her home to learn about Jesus. The meetings became so popular that soon a community centre was required to fit the group in. Now, four years later, the children call themselves **the Dolphin Club** and meet every Sabbath afternoon over two hours for crafts, games, puppet shows, videos and are given nutritional food. The **Launceston Council** wrote a letter of appreciation to Winsome (note her appropriate outreach name: win-some) for her work and requested if another such meeting could be run in a neighbouring

suburb, but she was unable to do so without support.—**Pauline Tordoff**

◆ The **Osborne Park church**, WA, has had two members honoured for their service in the community. **Laurel Wareham-Burns, JP**, was awarded the BankWest Senior Citizen of the Year for the category of Voluntary Taskforce Participation. **Zelie Farmer** was presented with a certificate from the Disability Services Commission for her 40 years of welfare work. The certificate reads: “For making a difference to the lives of people with disabilities in WA.”—**H Nimmo**

Church president urges care for poor in 2006

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

Along with preaching the gospel message, Seventh-day Adventists must also express practical concern for “the very poorest” of the world, Pastor Jan Paulsen, world church president, said in a year-end message recorded for 14.3 million church members around the world.

“Whether they are poor, carry the HIV virus, or whatever, they are loved by our Lord,” Pastor Paulsen said of the world’s less fortunate. “It is our duty to express that love, and to give them dignity and value as human beings. That is also our mission.”

In his annual greeting, Pastor Paulsen reflected on a year marked by global disasters—the year-end 2004 tsunami, whose effects linger; Hurricane Katrina; and the Kashmir earthquake.

Pastor Paulsen noted that “2005 was [also] the year when several thousands of our church members met in St Louis for what we know as the General Conference session. We came away from that with a clear mandate to be even more deliberate in focusing on mission; and I am especially

delighted that we also gave a signal that women and youth must be full and equal partners in the life and witness of the church. . . . It is now our responsibility to make sure that it works.”

He added, “As we enter a New Year, not knowing how many more of these we will have, I urge you to stay close to the Lord and look after your spiritual life. We are on a pilgrimage, and one day it will be over.”

Pastor Paulsen emphasised the importance of proclaiming the good news to the global community.

“As we enter the New Year, evangelism, in all possible shapes and forms, will be high on the agenda of the church,” Pastor Paulsen said. “‘Tell the World’ is the motto we chose to describe a vision of an inclusive, wide-reaching mandate for involvement in witness by the global church.

“[But] we are not just a ‘preaching’ community. We are here to help and heal in practical ways,” he added.

Pastor Paulsen referred to his recent visit to Africa, where he said he “was confronted by the three huge challenges that humanity faces particularly in Africa:

poverty, HIV/AIDS and malaria.

“I visited several hospitals, and I think especially of one with 300 beds, but mostly filled with people who carried the HIV virus or suffered from malaria, but were too poor to pay for their care; they just had nothing to pay with. Our hospitals, working under the motto ‘We care, but God heals,’ will take them in and give them the help they need, even the very poorest. Why? Because that is what Christ would do.”

Closing the message, which has been released on the Internet and for broadcast on Adventist media outlets worldwide, Pastor Paulsen asked for the support of church members. “Let us remember to pray for each other. I need your prayers as I will give of my best to serve the Lord,” he said.—*Mark Kellner/ANN*

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Dr Jan Paulsen.

◆ A survey by the international social science program in 1998 shows that **more Australians have turned away from believing in God** than have started to believe. While 58 per cent of Australians have always believed in God, only 7 per cent more have turned to believing in God compared to 21 per cent once believing now no longer doing so. With 65 per cent of Australians believing in God, only 16 per cent attend church monthly. Though **Poland** had 95 per cent believing in God it matched Australia with the 16 per cent attending church monthly. **Russia**, with 60 per cent believing

in God, only had 1 per cent attending church monthly.—*Pointers*

◆ **Answers In Genesis** were invited to take part in a web **debate** against the **Australian Skeptics** on the topic “Did the universe and life evolve, or was it specially created in six days?” The debate was hosted by the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, who said most debates usually attract only a few dozen comments, but this debate drew more than 1800 postings.—*Answers*

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www.answersingenesis.org/docs2005/0615debate.asp

◆ An Australian community group called **tents4peace**, instigated by a small group of concerned Australian citizens in October 2005, have set out to raise funds to buy winterised tents for the survivors of the **earthquake in Pakistan** on October 8. With more than half a million people without shelter, and with temperatures dropping below -20 degrees Celsius this winter, their aim is to accommodate approximately 50,000 of the homeless by organising donors to help purchase 6000 tents.—*Maya Gurry*

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www.tents4peace.com

◆ The **first Christian church** in Qatar since the arrival of Islam in the seventh century is to be built in the **conservative Muslim state**. The almost \$US7 million development of the Church of the Epiphany, which will not have a spire or free-standing cross, will begin in early this year. The **Most Rev Clive Handford**, the Nicosia-based Anglican Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf, says, “We are there as guests in a Muslim country and we wish to be sensitive to our hosts . . . but once you’re inside the gates it will be quite obvious that you are in a Christian centre.”—*Jeremy Reynalds*

Church working toward better outdoor ministry

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Outdoor activity is an important part of church activities, according to Ken Marsh, Occupational Health and Safety coordinator for the South Pacific Division's Risk Management Service and member of the steering committee for Adventist Outdoors (AO). "Very early in our history, church leaders recognised that taking young people into the great outdoors where they could experience God's creation in positive and challenging ways could help develop Christian character," he says. "And AO is an important part of helping the church to continue to use these important and life-changing programs.

"AO was established in response to changing community expectations of providers of outdoor activities to provide a framework of policies, procedures and guidelines for activities, including the training of leaders, in line with industry best practice to support outdoor ministry," Mr Marsh explains. "If the church through its dedicated outdoor leaders can continue to provide challenging and enjoyable activities for young people in a way that minimises the risk of injury or other adverse outcome while leading them into a deeper relationship with their Creator, AO will have achieved its aim."

AO has developed during the past 10 years, with strong leadership from the church's youth departments, especially focused on Pathfinder leadership. Mr Marsh says the Risk Management Service has been involved in this process because of the emphasis on developing safe procedures and meeting legal liabilities.

"The church's leaders have a moral and legal duty of care for the safety of their members and for others that may be affected by the programs and activities they run," says Mr Marsh. "This includes camping, abseiling, canoeing and other outdoor activities that will normally be part of a Pathfinder club program. A

higher standard of care is expected in the case of children—the younger the child, the higher the level of care. AO provides a framework that should help local churches meet their duty of care for participants in outdoor activities."

According to Mr Marsh, there are strong pressures in society for greater regulation of these activities. "Australia now has a national registration scheme for outdoor leaders," he reports. "Victoria has published a series of adventure activity standards. While these are not mandatory, they help us to understand what the industry sees as good practice. If we are to protect ourselves from litigation we must be aware of the standards being applied by others who do similar things in the community and make sure our standards are as good, if not better.

"A Victorian coroner recently recommended the establishment of 'a mandatory accreditation, registration and licensing scheme for adventure activities provided by not-for-profit organisations.' While we can hope this will not eventuate, this pressure will continue to increase if volunteer organisations are seen by the public as failing to follow good practice. And we can't overlook the commercial operators who have a vested interest in cornering the market. Similar pressures exist in New Zealand."

But Mr Marsh emphasises this is not just a legal imposition. "Parents will not place their children in our care unless they trust us," he says. "Violate that trust and we will no longer be able to influence them for Jesus. In fact, we may turn them away from the church forever. Going the extra mile to make sure that our activities are carried out safely is one way of demonstrating our concern for their physical and emotional well-being, not just their spiritual life. Our priority is to make the activity as safe as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances. Any savings in insurance costs is of secondary consideration."

Mr Marsh acknowledges the extra demands made upon volunteers already



Todd Dawson

Adventist Outdoors is aiming to make church-organised outdoor activities safer.

giving their time to outdoor leadership but is adamant that such leaders remain vital—and appreciated—in this ministry. "We are mindful of the time they commit," he says. "Our challenge is to strike a balance between the need to embrace changing community standards and the needs of volunteers. We must aim to make the process as simple as we can while maintaining its integrity. It is an ongoing process.

"AO is not 'big brother,' trying to push people into line but rather a body of professional people who have volunteered their time, knowledge and skills to provide good quality resources and training that can only benefit our ministry within the church.

"Our church was built on outdoor activities," reflects Mr Marsh. "From the earliest camp-meetings, in many ways our church has always been an outdoors church. We have always advocated good, healthy recreational activities and an awareness of God's creation. Beyond this it is widely acknowledged that experiential learning, as can be done in the outdoors, is a powerful way to reach people for God. The concept is biblical. Jesus drew spiritual lessons from the natural world. If it was good enough for Jesus, why shouldn't we be doing the same thing?"—**Nathan Brown**

For more information, contact your local conference Youth Department.

A database is being developed to support outdoors ministry at <www.adventist.org.au/rms/outman.nsf>.

Introducing Adventist Mission

BY NATHAN BROWN

ONE OUTCOME OF THE SOUTH Pacific Division (SPD) session, held in Melbourne last September, was the creation of a new SPD department—the Department of Adventist Mission. Long-time departmental director Pastor Raymond Coombe was elected to head this new department. He took time to explain to RECORD the nature and purpose of this new department and role.

You've been around the SPD office for a long time. Were you surprised by the new assignment?

Yes, it was a surprise. I was expecting a change—though not at all ready for retirement. This new department was conceived well before the session, with somebody else in mind as director. As it turned out, that person was called into an administration role and I think my experience as a missionary and communicator match the task quite well.

What is the work and nature of the department? Is such a department unique to the SPD?

The General Conference has also created a new office called the Office of Adventist Mission by combining the Office of Mission Awareness and Global Mission. Australian expatriate Gary Krause heads up this new office as a field secretary of the General Conference.

Similarly, we are combining the work of the Global Mission director, previously filled by Barbara Reynolds, with the new emphasis on mission awareness. Then this is also being combined with the Institute of World Mission, which was previously directed by Dr Brad Kemp.

What does the emphasis on “mission awareness” mean?

For some time, interest in the global work of Adventist mission has been waning. World mission offerings and regular Sabbath school offerings have declined during the past 10 years by about 3 per cent so that mission offerings now represent only eight cents per \$A1 of tithe.

This follows a general trend in the church where people are more concerned about local issues and their own congregation, than they are about global mission and the worldwide activities of our church. When it comes to offerings and giving, our members—and particularly the younger generation—are more interested in funding specific projects or being involved personally in local outreach activities (for example, STORM Co or ADRA projects), rather than supporting some unknown world mission program.

Our contact with overseas mission is not as personal or exciting as it used to be years ago, because national leaders (whom we do not know or see) have replaced expatriate missionaries who no longer return to their home churches with thrilling stories. The Sabbath school mission news and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering project no longer stirs the imagination as it did in the past, so we need to find new ways and better methods for sharing the vision of worldwide Adventist mission.

The challenge of “mission awareness” is to link both local action and personal involvement with global support.

Another aspect of your role looks after the mission offerings traditionally collected at camp-meetings. How are people



Pastor Raymond Coombe.

responding to these opportunities to support mission?

Camp mission offerings were unfortunately also on the way down, and it threatened the survival of our mission operating budgets. However, the SPD administration has recognised the importance of identifying specific projects and giving more information as to what the camp offerings were achieving. As a result there has been a dramatic turnaround and commitment to mission projects through sizeable cash donations, pledges and credit-card giving.

In the last few months of 2005, there has been tremendous support for the purchase of a new mission plane in Papua New Guinea and the rebuilding of Kwailabesi Laymen's Training School on Malaita [Solomon Islands]. That is very encouraging.

It is part of my role to help SPD personnel promote the camp mission offering projects and provide visual resources and reports on these projects.

What else do you plan to do in your new role as director of Adventist Mission?

To begin with, I'd like to get a clearer picture of the perceptions of “mission,” because I think Adventists generally have a strong sense of mission. Perhaps only the focus has changed.

Late last year, a number of churches in Australia and New Zealand were surveyed in order to get a snapshot of the perception of Adventist mission, and how we support mission both globally and locally. This will provide ideas for future communication methods and promotion strategies.

Do you think our large church structure tends to remove us from direct contact with mission?

Our corporate structure is a great blessing in the way it provides so well for a global mission program, but it does prevent us from direct responsibility in sending and supporting missionaries, when compared with congregational church systems.

A number of people have suggested the possibility of conferences and local churches “adopting” a local mission in the Pacific, so we can be more directly involved in sharing resources and providing nurture. The blessing would also flow back in what the island membership can share with us. So we are thinking of implementing a mechanism for this to happen. It would particularly help those missions that are developing and moving toward conference status—another responsibility I care for.

So is there a difference between “mission” and evangelism?

Literally, evangelism is “proclaiming good news” and that is certainly part of our mission.

But in the broader sense, the gospel commission is “to make disciples” first “in Jerusalem,” and then to the whole world [see Acts 1:8]. That of course begins at home—discipling our own children and family. But as our circle of influence widens, it involves “incarnational mission”—becoming one with people in their needs and interests as Jesus did. So mission addresses the needs of people in their context and culture.

So that’s the real challenge for missionaries going overseas?

Yes, and of course these days it may not mean leaving our own neighbourhood. In our multicultural society, our personal mission may be to reach our Muslim or Asian neighbours and postmodern secular workmates! In this way, Adventist Mission is both very local—what we can be personally



Real-life mission: Pastor Daniel Teta (right) is leading a new church plant at Pina in the Koroba District of the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea, which is a Global Mission project from 2005. The church building was built last year at a cost of K10,600 (about \$A5000). This is an area in which about 14,000 people live but where the church has not previously had a presence. Now one person has been one baptised already, and several more are expected to be baptised soon.

involved in—and global—what we support as a worldwide church through offerings or short-term assignments like volunteer service.

Do we adequately prepare church members for cross-cultural ministry?

I suppose we could always do better, but the church’s Personal Ministries Department has traditionally trained people for witnessing and provided resources for mission outreach. More recently, the Adventist Volunteer Service has provided some orientation for volunteers who take on overseas assignments.

For many years, we have conducted mission institutes each year at Avondale College for all overseas missionaries. This is another important role I have now as director of the Institute of World Mission for the SPD. The institute program is an intensive two-week preparation for all overseas missionaries. We had approximately 25 adults participating in this year’s program earlier this month, representing a wide diversity of mission destinations, such as Korea, Thailand, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. We also run a re-entry retreat for missionaries returning home from overseas service.

You are giving us a long list of responsibilities that come with this role. Have we missed anything?

Yes, I’d like to come back and refer

again to Global Mission. Adventist mission is not just limited to what the church does overseas and far away.

Our mission is to share the good news in any unentered territory—town, suburb or village—and with every language and people group. It is to plant churches and groups of believers wherever the Holy Spirit leads.

To me, this is one of the exciting aspects of my job in that each church, conference and mission can be involved in strategically opening new work. We currently have hundreds of Global Mission projects that are working to establish new church plants in a variety of places and people groups—from heathen villages in the highlands of Papua New Guinea to Sudanese Muslims in Melbourne, from Aboriginal communities in Western Australia, to the Sydney CBD and Asian university students.

We plan to bring reports of these exciting projects to the readers of RECORD from time to time, because this is what Adventist mission is all about. It’s supported financially by a worldwide church, but also personally by individuals.

Adventist mission is both local and global. It involves every one of us helping finish the work of Jesus. I’m really committed to that. **R**

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.

Who is number one?

BY ERIKA PUNI

IT WAS ONLY A SMALL SHOP, BUT IT offered the kind of pizza and service one would expect from a larger pizza franchise. To the locals, this was the place to go for a meal, and it certainly lived up to its name—"Numero Uno Pizza." As a graduate student attending Fuller Theological Seminary at the time, this was my place for lunch. I wanted to have the number one pizza in town.

In that situation, it wasn't a difficult choice to make. But in our lives, our choice as to who is "numero uno" has far greater consequences. We can learn from the experience of those who knew Jesus best.

Up to this point in time the 12 associates of Jesus had been with Him as students, observers, fellow travellers, and special assistants in His earthly ministry. They had begun to learn from their Master by watching Him, spending time with Him, and by doing ministry together as a team.

But the moment had come for them as individuals and as a group to take up the demands of their calling, and the challenge to live the life of servanthood in God's kingdom in the present. And so on a gentle hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee Jesus spoke to them (His 12 disciples being the primary audience) about the cost of discipleship. We know this passage of Scripture as the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7).

The way of blessings

It is significant to note in the structure of Jesus' teaching that He placed His blessings for the disciples—and all His followers—at the beginning of the discourse (see "Blessings," Matthew 5:3-12).

What is clear from the context of this passage is the fact that Jesus is in the busi-

ness of blessing His people, and that any response and commitment from His followers is an expression of gratitude and thanksgiving. As God's people today, we're blessed with life, family, friends, the assurance of salvation in Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and our hope in Christ's soon return. In this relationship with God, His blessings always come first; and the call for service and heart commitment to Him follows as a natural act of love and stewardship.

Blessings

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:3-12, NIV).

The way of the heart

For Jesus, inner motives, personal attitude and the inclination of the heart matters. In the setting of the Temple, worship, and the giving of gifts, He made this point clear: "First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:24*). On the subject of investment and wealth management, He directed the disciples to invest with God (Matthew 6:19-20), and then He observed, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Treasure in this context represents something of worth and value and, according to Jesus, whatever we consider valuable in our life will indeed attract the heart. And to illustrate the options available to the human heart, Jesus makes these comparisons and contrasts about the way of this "earth" and the way of "heaven." Obviously the question that every disciple of Jesus Christ must answer in this scheme of things is this: "Where is your heart?"

EARTH

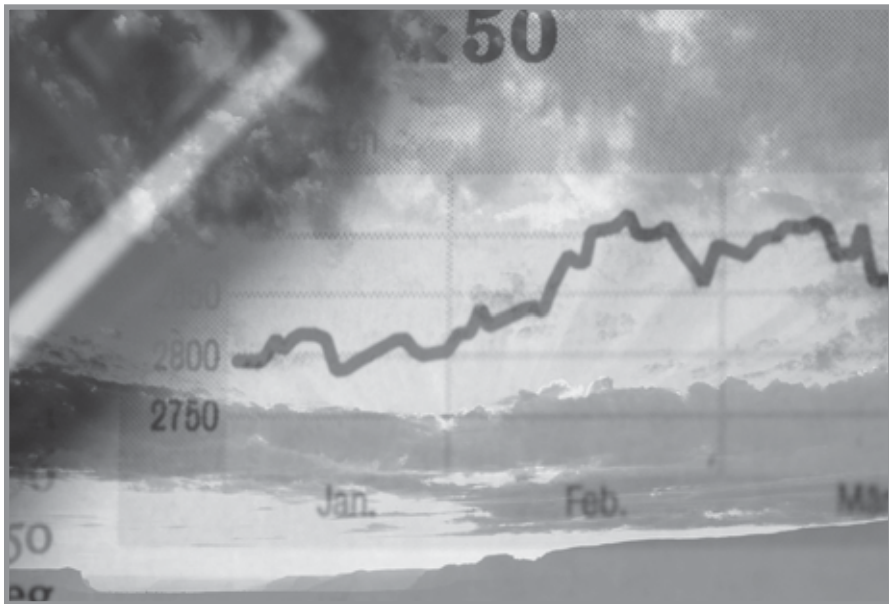
Risky investment
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Money
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HEAVEN

Secure investment
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The way of love

At the foot of Sinai, God through the covenant (see Exodus 19:5, 6) called His people to a relationship with Him. The basis of the relationship was love—God's love. Israel, however, had to choose whether to stay in relationship with Him or to follow the way of their heart. On Mount



Carmel, Elijah called Israel to renew their commitment to God, and to make a stand for Him in the midst of possible death and idolatry (see 1 Kings 18:20). In both instances, loving God was always a matter of the heart, allowing the individual opportunity to choose for Him or against Him.

Using the “master” (a person with authority and means) imagery, which was a common concept of the time, Jesus challenged the crowd by telling them they could belong to only one master: God or money (see Matthew 5:21). But the issue is not money; rather, it is about the human heart and the quest for the ultimate destiny in life.

In essence, this was a call for worship, and Jesus made this clear in another passage when He responded to the question of the Pharisees: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment” (Matthew 22:37, 38).

The way of faith

Jesus showed He understood the dilemma of the human heart when He said to the disciples, “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear” (Matthew 6:25). The six-time repetition of the word *worry* in this chapter of Matthew is intentional; it is meant to highlight the worthlessness of such human emotion and experience. Worry is a health hazard!

Jesus asked, “Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?” (Matthew

6:27) Answer: No-one. In fact, worrying has a negative effect on one’s wellbeing. But beyond its effect on personal health, Jesus seemed to be making another point that “worry” is a characteristic of “pagans,” people who have no understanding or relationship with God. In other words, worry shows a lack of connectedness with the Creator–Redeemer. It is the opposite of trust and faith in God.

In the natural setting of the Galilean countryside, Jesus was able to lift the sights of His disciples to a higher plane of thinking. He reminded them that even the minor birds of the air (which are small in comparison to humans) and the lilies of the field (which have limited life) are daily cared for by the Creator (see Matthew 6:26–30). And so if He is able to create and sustain all His creation, doesn’t He care for us, His people? Of course He does; but we need to trust Him more than we trust ourselves.

Following Jesus is a matter of absolute surrender (see Matthew 6:30). It is a journey of faith in Him.

The way of God’s kingdom

Fundamental to being a disciple of Christ is the individual’s willingness to submit to a new set of spiritual values rooted in the rule of God in the heart. This emphasis is explicitly expounded by Jesus: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33).

But what does this phrase mean for us today? *Seek* suggests the disciple must make an effort both to know God, and to

be willing to accept Him as the control mechanism in their life—being the subject of a sovereign ruler. *First* underlines the importance of the task, thus the act of submission to God and acceptance of His will must be a priority of the disciple. *Kingdom* in this verse means the reign and dominion of God, the Supreme Ruler of the universe. It’s all about letting God be God.

Righteousness is the character of God, but it is also a gift. And the way to access this gift of God is by being in daily relationship with Jesus Christ. Once in Christ, the disciple will manifest right behaviour as a consequence of this dynamic and living connection with Him.

Furthermore, this person’s life is now governed by kingdom principles that form the disciple’s value system in the deep level of human existence and Christian living.

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Self-centred
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Self-control

NEW

Infinite
Christ-centred
Spirit-focused
Long-term
Spirit-controlled

In addition, values such as partnership, commitment, loyalty, mission and discipleship are part of the believer’s continuing experience with God.

The way of obedience

At the end of this new experience and life in Christ is the call for the disciple—you and me—to live the will of God (Matthew 7:21). To live the will of God is to allow Him to be king of my personal world. Only when He is ruler of my worship, my family, my leadership, my possessions, my language and my finances, can I truly say, “He is number one.”

Stewardship—as Jesus explained it in the Sermon on the Mount—is making the choice to put God where He belongs.

First! And that’s far more important than choosing a pizza shop. **R**

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

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Fakes

BY PHILLIP LOMMAN

IT'S EASY TO GET CONFUSED ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN a fake and a copy. Copying is done all the time. In my work, I see copies of products all the time. Just go to the "Two Dollar" store and mass produced copies are everywhere.

But from time to time the intent is more sinister: deliberately copying a genuine item and marketing it as the original. In other words, it's called fraud.

We often see this crime around major events. I remember the "SOCOG police" were kept busy tracking down and prosecuting dealers in counterfeit Olympic merchandise in the lead-up to the Sydney Olympic Games. And after Princess Diana's death, the

trust handling her affairs were occupied checking unauthorised use of Diana's portrait or name around the world. Then there is counterfeit cash, cheques, credit cards, IDs, passports, clothing labels and more.

Why so much deceit? Why so much fraud? The root of it is

We all like to portray to others what we want them to think about us—not the "real me."

personal gain.

But what about people? Do you know any "fakes"? It seems there are many people who want others to believe they are something that they are not. I see it everywhere: at work, at play and—dare I say—at home and maybe even at church.


We all like to portray to others what we want them to think about us—not the "real me." Why do we want to deceive our family, our friends and associates?

There's no room for "fakes" in God's family. Only the genuine article works. You and I were made as genuine and unique as only God could do. We're special and open under His eyes. So don't fake it. You're only fooling yourself. **R**

Phillip Lomman writes from Werombi, New South Wales.

Record Roo's

Kids corner



Hi kids,
Have you ever been so sick that you thought that you might never get better? Naaman was. He found out that God can do EVERYTHING! Even the things that may seem impossible. Read 2 Kings 5: 1-19 to check out the whole story


♥ RR

Fill in the Blanks

"Is anything too hard for the Lord? ___!"
Genesis 18:14 ICB

Spot-an-object...

Find and circle the things that are listed below.
How many spots can you count on Naaman?
How many water flowers are there?
How many fish can you see?
Can you find a worm?



Colour in... the picture.

Sporting opinions

MARGARET TIPPLE, NZ

Congratulations to the Sanitarium Health Food Company for supporting the All Blacks. After all we are in the world “to do good.” Let us not be narrow minded about other people’s enjoyment. We are not here to judge, but to show friendship and love.

It is not unknown for some rugby players to refrain from playing on their day of worship due to their Christian beliefs. Often I see players “crossing” themselves after a try, casting eyes to heaven acknowledging God’s grace. Shocking to some, but how does God feel? He looks at the heart, therefore let us follow His way. A translation of a text in Song of Solomon says “I am overcome by one glance of your eyes” (see Song of Songs 4:9, NLT). Praise God.

ADRIAN EBENS, QLD

The writer of “Schools of brutality?” (Letters, December 17) points out the wider context of sports in the late 19th century as lacking the regulation we have today and that games were excessively brutal.

The immediate context of Ellen White’s statement certainly addresses brutality but what about the other issues in this statement: “The love of domination, the pride in mere brute force”? Would we suggest that sports today do not foster the love of domination, which is totally contrary to the gospel? Ellen White goes on to list other sports that are not so brutalising, citing other reasons for concern.

“They stimulate the love of pleasure and excitement,” she says, “thus fostering a distaste for useful labour, a disposition to shun practical duties and responsibilities. They

tend to destroy a relish for life’s sober realities and its tranquil enjoyments. Thus the door is opened to dissipation and lawlessness with their terrible results” (*The Adventist Home*, pages 500-1). The immediate context of this statement suggests several reasons to shun these activities other than brutality, reasons that are extremely relevant to our society today. Let’s be faithful in reading these statements even when they cut across cherished desires and aspirations.

permitted.

Ellen White would probably say the same about sport today as she did in her day.

Before the “first”

NEIL LAWSON, ACT

Unfortunately there is no “world first” for Casey Wolverton for using the new

Let’s be faithful in reading these statements even when they cut across cherished desires and aspirations.

JOHN STEWART, VIC

While it is true that the letter “Schools of brutality?” (Letters, December 17) makes a valid point about the difference in various sports as they were conducted in Ellen White’s day compared with today’s games, in some cases, however, there are marked similarities.

The quotation from the *New York Post* of 1884 about the violence of football (speaking of the American version of the game) could quite well have been describing conduct frequently seen on the field at Australian Rules matches today.

In boxing, the kind of contest between Sullivan and Kilrain in 1889 would not be tolerated in that sport today. On the other hand, has cricket developed in the other direction, becoming a more dangerous game today compared with how it was played in W G Grace’s era? No-one ever wore faceguards while batting in those days, but today most batsmen in test cricket seem to feel that it is necessary in order to prevent injury from the type of bowling

baptismal vows on November 12 (News, December 17). We used them at a Broome, WA, beach baptism on October 9 and even this may not be a “world first.” Younger pastors don’t have a monopoly on being “with it.” In fact the evidence suggests that some of us “oldies” might even be ahead!

Sunset special

ERIC SULLIVAN, QLD

Thanks to Nathan Brown for his timely editorial “Summer sunset challenge” (November 19).

On the eve of the year 2000 the local Uniting Church pastor invited Christians from various denominations to watch and pray as the sun went down and again the next morning to praise God for a new day, a new year and a new millennium. But we do not need do wait until the next millennium. As the editorial pointed out, every day is special.

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Hains, Kevin and family wish to sincerely thank all who prayed, sent flowers and cards, made phone calls and offered other support during the time of Daphne's illness and also after her death. We have been comforted and strengthened by your love, care and practical support and look forward to meeting Daphne again on the resurrection morning.

Dye—Webster. Jared Hayden Dye, son of Michael and Jenny Dye (Lilydale, Vic), and Lyndelle Claere Webster, daughter of Pastor Gary and Marilyn Webster (Canberra, ACT), were married on 16.12.05 at Orroral Homestead, Namadgi National Park.

Gary Webster

Haines—Burton. Benjamin Haines, son of Brian and Christine Haines (Subiaco, WA), and Rebecca Amy Burton, daughter of Pastor Lynn and Christine Burton (Noranda), were married on 17.12.05 in St John's Lutheran church, Northbridge.

Andrew Skeggs, Lynn Burton

Weddings

Bank—Rumble. Simon Roald Bank, son of Stephen and Sigrid Bank (Christchurch, NZ), and Alisha Louise Rumble, daughter of Peter and Rebecca Rumble (Port Macquarie, NSW), were married on 11.12.05 in the Port Macquarie Adventist church.

Graeme Loftus

Hollingsworth—Carstairs. Dean Murray Hollingsworth, son of Lyn (Torbay, WA) and the late Murray Hollingsworth, and Deborah May Carstairs, daughter of the late Colin and Betty Carstairs (formerly of Perth), were married on 12.6.05 in the Albany Adventist church.

Mark Goldsmith, John McLean

Banse—Apulu. Semi Hugo Banse, son of the late Hugo and Emi Banse (formerly of Apia, Samoa), and Vaifoa Apulu, daughter of Ropati and Olepa Apulu (Christchurch, NZ), were married on 22.12.05 in the Addington Samoan church, Christchurch.

Asofitu Leatuavao

Mazzaferrri—Randall. Stuart Charles Mazzaferrri, son of Frederick Mazzaferrri (Brisbane, Qld) and Judith Mazz (Gosford, NSW), and Heidi Louise Randall, daughter of Robert and Jillian Randall (Toowoomba, Qld), were married on 18.12.05 at Daisy Hill Koala Centre, Daisy Hill.

Frank Williams

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 Gardens, Bilpin.

Samuel Braga

Mitchell—Duence. Cyril Thomas Mitchell (Maryborough, Qld), and Lorine Marie Duence (Orchard Hills, NSW), were married on 20.11.05 at the home of Lorine's daughter and son-in-law, Narelle and Calvin Bowman. The best man and maid of honour

were Lorine's grandchildren, Ian and Cherie Bowman.

Kerry Hortop

Morgan—Howe. Matthew William Morgan, youngest son of Raymond and Jennifer Morgan (Dunbogan, NSW), and Renee Louise Howe, only daughter of Robert and Catherine Howe (Port Macquarie), were married on 22.12.05 in a private ceremony by the river at Dunbogan.

Greg Hall

Shanks—Hanbury. James Hawthorne Shanks and Helen Rachel Hanbury (nee Mitchell) were married on 25.9.05 in the Albany Adventist church, WA.

John McLean

Stafford—Kingdon. Jonathan Paul Stafford, son of Pastor Gordon and Mary Stafford (Carmel, WA), and Laurel Rae Kingdon, daughter of Pastor Robert and Lesley Kingdon (Bunbury), were married on 11.12.05 in the Bickley Adventist church.

Gordon Stafford, Robert Kingdon

sister, Marjorie Fraser; and her brother, Dr Roy Naden, and family (all of USA). Laurel worked as an office secretary at the Voice of Prophecy, the South Pacific Division, the Trans-Tasman Union Conference and the Greater Sydney Conference. Laurel and Keith were members of the Castle Hill church for 19 years, where they both played for Sabbath school and church services, and sang in many of the vocal groups. Laurel's passing, though filled with sadness for every member of her family and her wide circle of lifelong friends, was also a great release for her, for no-one should suffer as long, yet uncomplainingly, as she did.

Robert Craig

Harris, Nancy Elizabeth (nee Lee), born 27.11.1923 at Cessnock, NSW; died 26.11.05 in Mullumbimby Hospital. On 6.7.46 she married John. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Michel (Cooranbong); her grandchildren, Ebonee and Zach; her brother, Ralph Lee (Lismore); her sister, Grace Muller (Brunswick Heads). Nancy did a technical course in handicrafts and became a clothing machinist; served in the Royal Australian Air Force 1942 to 1956. She loved plants, and in her later years worked in a plant nursery. She also loved her church at Mullumbimby and tenderly cared for the plants; also worked as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Adventist church on shop. She now awaits the resurrection.

Ernie Krause, Arthur Winter

Martin, Leslie Edward, born 6.1.1919 at Goulburn, NSW; died 23.9.05 at Goulburn. He is survived by his wife of 58 years,

Obituaries

Anderson, Laurel Rosalie (nee Naden), daughter of the late Pastor and Mrs L C Naden, born 13.5.1930 at Hawera, NZ; died 26.10.05 in Esther Somerville Nursing Home, Wahroonga, NSW, after many months of stressful and painful illness. She is survived by her husband, Keith (Alstonville), her son, Dale (Kellyville), her daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Graeme Moffitt; her grandson, Bradley (all of Cooranbong); her

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Gladys; his children, Ian, Brian, Gary and Peter; his nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Leslie was not only loved by his family, but by the whole Goulburn community—"a lovable larrikin."

Tony Moala

McKinnon, Beatrice Ada, born 15.6.1921 in Wingham, NSW; died 22.9.05 at Goulburn. She was predeceased by her first husband, Dough; also her second husband, Gordon. She is survived by her children, Barbara, Rosetta, Ethel, Cliff and Marie; her grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Beatrice was a woman who was known for her commitment to her family, as well as her church.

Tony Moala

Petrie, Robert Owen, born 31.7.1914 at Palmerston North, NZ; died 26.10.05 in Palmerston North Hospital. In 1947 he married Bev Rogers. He is survived by his wife (Pahiatua); his children and their spouses, Elizabeth Petrie, Wendy and Harry Brookes, Stephanie Petrie, Andrew and Debbie, Philip and Kyla, Timothy, and Rachel and Bruce Harrison. Owen was a devout Christian who led a long and interesting life. He joined the SDA Church after his return from World War II. He remained loyal to his God to the end.

Murray Strawbridge

Quarrell, Lynley George, born 8.11.1929 in Hobart, Tas; died 31.10.05 in St George Hospital, Kogarah, NSW. On 8.11.58 he married Barbara. He is survived by his wife (Woolgoolga); his children, Patrick (Tas), Karen Quarrell and husband Dean (Sydney), David and Joanne (Tas), Tamara and Peter Carter (Nowra), and Julian (Tas).

Robert Craig

Race, Gwen, born 28.2.1921 at Burnie, Tas; died 31.10.05 in Sydney, NSW. She was the youngest daughter of Pastor Whitehead. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Lyn (Goulburn); her grandchildren, Carolyn, Jonathan, Stephen and Belinda; her sister, Esme Whitworth; and her brother, Irwin Whitehead.

Bruce Shield

Ralph, Alan Lewis, born 17.10.1927 in Bathurst, NSW; died 17.4.05 in Sunnybank Private Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Wendy, Richard and Glenn; their spouses; and his six grandchildren. Alan was a loving husband, father, grandfather and a very dear friend. He will be very sadly missed by all.

Ern Lemke

Smith, Austin Abbottsford, born 18.8.1913 at Gisborne, NZ; died 8.11.05 at Bethesda Home and Hospital, Auckland. On 25.6.41 he married Dora. He is survived by his wife; his children, Averil Groom (Auckland), Jennifer Abbottsford (Wellington), Leonie Donald (Auckland), and Melvin Smith (Tumut, NSW). Austin served his country in his youth as medic for the NZ Armed Forces during World War II. His heart and family home were always open to the needs of all. His almost 40 years of service to the community of the Otahuhu SDA church will be forever cherished and only in heaven will be revealed the full stature of the man.

Peter Howard

Tame, Walter David (Bill), born 30.12.1914 at Toowoomba, Qld; died 3.6.05 in the Charles Harrison Nursing Home (Cooranbong, NSW). On 1.8.40 he married Nancy. He is survived by his wife (Cooranbong); his children, Warren (Coolool, Qld), Dennis (Lae, PNG), Merrill Rodger (Sydney, NSW), Estelle Graham (Newcastle) and Joanne Reece (Taree). Bill was a dedicated member of the church, serving in many roles. He loved his Bible study and hymn singing and will be sorely missed.

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