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Pastor George Quinlin (right) makes a presentation to Pastor Eric Davey (left) in appreciation of his ministry to ATSIM during the past 20 years.



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PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**E**arlier this year, the first nationwide camp for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) organised entirely by indigenous Australians was held in Perth.

The camp was a celebration of more than 30 years of a serious commitment to indigenous ministry in Australia. These years have seen a variety of important events occur for the indigenous community, including the establishment of ATSIM, the reopening of Karalundi and the establishment of Mamarapha College.

"This national camp was like a pinnacle of the growth and success of the work

among indigenous Australians," says Pastor Athal Tolhurst, one of the guest speakers at the camp. "Those of us who had the privilege of attending this camp, rejoice with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, as together we advance toward the coming of the King."

Pastor Eric Davey, the Australian Union Conference's (AUC) director of ATSIM, was presented with an award at the camp in recognition of his service to ATSIM. Pastor Davey is considered a pioneer in the work of ATSIM, and has filled the role of ATSIM director

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# A broad view

**A**S A CHURCH, WE ENJOY TELLING each other about our successes and have always held a positive attitude to the growth of our church and its presence in the world. But there is a danger in that optimism—that we will convince ourselves we have done just about everything there is to do and that all that remains is to “batten down the hatches” and ride out the storm until Jesus returns.

Nothing could be further from the truth. A huge challenge remains for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We need to ask ourselves what has happened to the tremendous sense of mission that characterised the first Adventists.

We need to take a long, hard look at what we are about, and why. And, in a world where Christian norms are less accepted, we need a broad view of how we can go about accomplishing the work God has given us—more than simply “preaching the message.”

Let’s consider four aspects of our evangelistic method, derived from Ellen White’s description of “Christ’s method” of evangelism in *The Ministry of Healing* (page 143).

## 1. Fellowship

The first aspect of Jesus’ evangelistic method was to “mingle” with the people. In contrast to John the Baptist, Jesus did not call people to the desert. He reached people as diverse as Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Levi Matthew, the Samaritan woman at the well, Zacchaeus, the Roman centurion and Simon Peter.

Jesus is our model for all mission. He came to dwell with us as one of us (see John 1:14). His incarnation was God’s method of evangelising the world. While we are to remain committed to the Lord and His message, we cannot distance ourselves from the world we are to reach with that message. Fellowship must be a powerful aspect of our evangelistic method.

## 2. Service

There is no doubt that Jesus’ ministry was a ministry of service. His mission was motivated by His desire to meet the needs of the diverse groups of people He encountered. “I am among you as one who serves,” He said (Luke 22:27, NIV). Jesus served before He preached—and He continued to serve after He preached.

People are touched by unselfish service. They will listen to people they perceive to be unselfish, humble, genuine and caring. Seventh-day Adventists can only be taken seriously in our society when we each find our personal service niche.

## 3. Justice

Closely allied to service is the biblical concept of justice. Have you ever read your Bible with an eye for the calls for such things as the need to relieve the oppressed, care for the downtrodden, sustain those who are in poverty, grief, or disadvantaged in general? If you do, you will be startled by the repeated calls for the Christian to be responsible in these areas (see, for example, Isaiah 1:15-18; Micah 6:6-8; and Matthew 23:23, 24).

God is continually calling His people to

act justly and to strive for justice for the oppressed, the fatherless, the widows and the lost. We will be more like Christ if we “desire their good” in a practical way than if we preach the gospel in a theoretical, irrelevant manner that makes it impossible for a person to hear what we are saying.

## 4. Proclamation

The climactic event in mission occurs when the invitation is given and accepted to follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Proclamation of the gospel has always been the pinnacle of evangelistic endeavour for Adventists. There is no substitute for the proclamation of the gospel.

Taking the gospel to the world demands we communicate, in word as well as in deed, the specific good news about the crucified and risen Lord. This message must be communicated verbally. There must be a point in the evangelistic process where there is a specific call for commitment to Christ.

By looking at a more comprehensive definition of mission we consider how we can prepare a person to hear and accept this specific call for commitment. We must do as Christ did—mingle, desire their good, show sympathy for them, meet their needs and win their confidence. Finding and implementing strategies for fellowship, service and justice will enable us to do that.

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# Mongolia scholarships program gives students a boost

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

The Australian Union Conference's (AUC) Mongolia scholarships program is almost at the end of its first year of official operation, with 28 students sponsored to study at local universities in the capital of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar.

"Our sponsored students come from all over Mongolia," says Rebecca Reye, who coordinates the program with the Mongolia Mission and AUC. "Each of the students sponsored is covered by either \$A600 or \$A800 from their Australian sponsor."

This money pays for the cost of their tuition and textbooks. Courses the students are enrolled in range from teaching to medicine. Sponsors can also pay an extra \$A1000 to cover living costs for the student they sponsor.

The program is the brainchild of Ms Reye and Mongolia Mission director Pastor Dale Tunnell, following the first visit to the country by an Australian team in 2003. Ms Reye, the team leader, consulted with Pastor Tunnell about what could be done to continue helping people in Mongolia once the team returned home. Of the five ideas they came up with, the scholarships

program was the one that proved most successful.

With 70 per cent of the 630 baptised members of the Adventist church in Mongolia under the age of 30, increasing education levels of the members will not only benefit them, but the church.

Ms Reye says, "The students commit to work for the mission, if there is work for them, for two years for every year they were sponsored to study.

"In this way the program not only helps improve the life of the student, but also promotes the church in Mongolia. It adds to the church workforce, increases tithe and helps the mission to add extra programs through increased skills and talents of the students."

The program also aims to encourage students to return to the areas they came from to share their knowledge and skills with their communities, thus broadening the influence. Pastor Tunnell says, "The benefits of this program will be enormous to both the church and the individuals



Scholarship recipient and Mongolia Mission worker Bazarsad (with guitar) leading one of Mongolia's Adventist churches held inside a ger, a traditional tent that many Mongolians live in.

sponsored. The donors will also be blessed as they have invested in the eternal worth of an individual."

Ms Reye adds, "As a new mission, they require a lot of work to get started and it's not only a new church there, but it's full of young people who don't necessarily have the depth of experience we have in Australia. As they start adding schools, health facilities and increase their translating of Adventist books into Mongolian, they need trained people who can lead them."—**Adele Nash**



◆ Last year **Frank Cherry** (pictured, left) of Bundaberg church, Qld, presented the chairman of local community radio station **96.3 FM** a proposal to broadcast **3ABN radio** during the night. While the request was rejected by the radio station board, during the next months many prayers were answered, and at midnight, April 7, 3ABN went live over the radio

waves, for a broadcasting cost of \$A40 for **42 hours a week**—well below the original asking price. The radio station's signal has the potential of reaching Bundaberg's 5000 population and some 200,000 in the adjacent areas. The contract times run from 12 am to 6 am, but often 3ABN's broadcast starts from as early as 10.30 pm. "Maybe there are more radio stations around Australia that just run a multidisc CD player through the night and **are just waiting for someone** to approach them with a proposal like this," says Mr Cherry.— **Dianne Hilton**

◆ **TV advertising** for the free viewing of the **Beyond Da Vinci DVD** (RECORD May 20) will air on Channel 10 in **Perth, WA**, from June 3 to 11 (43 spots). The South Australian Conference will have advertising from June 10 to 18 in **Adelaide** on Channel 10 (40), **Riverland** on WIN (47) and **Pt Augusta, Pt Lincoln, Pt Pirie and Broken Hill** areas on Southern Cross (39).

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◆ The Sabbath school team at **Hastings church, NZ**, noted the many families who had come from countries other than New Zealand and so decided to organise an **African day** and **South Pacific day** to celebrate the diversity. Members were invited to come in their **national costumes** and stay for a luncheon following the service. Countries represented at these events included Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, Cook Islands, Russia, England, United States of America, Brazil, Holland and Borneo.— **Cushla Cruickshank**

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# Cook Islands Prime Minister launches first Adventist radio station

RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS

The first-ever Christian and community radio station in the Cook Islands has hit the airwaves, thanks to the Adventist Church. Radio TK ANA3 was officially launched on May 7 by Cook Islands Prime Minister Jim Marurai.

Mr Marurai said the project, which he believes upholds biblical principles of spreading God's Word, should be commended. He also noted the responsibility that came with such a task.

"Today I would like to commend the church for its courage in accepting this new responsibility," said Mr Marurai. "I'd like to congratulate your leaders and senior pastors for their vision of how the church can better equip itself for sharing the Word with the community and for encouraging those who may be in need of hearing God's message."

The station was an initiative of some of the members of the Avarua Adventist church and its name, *Te Karere a Nga Angere e Toru*, reflects a commitment to the three angels' messages. Avarua church's head elder Harmon Pou says the station offers an option for people to listen to

different music and a different message, which he hopes many people will take advantage of.

Based at the church, the radio station will broadcast their programs every day but Saturday, beginning at 6 am and ending at 10 pm. Planned features include youth programs, Bible studies, sermons and talk-back sessions. All of those involved with the broadcasts are volunteers.

Avarua's pastor, Hosea Hosea, says they hope to eventually have the station broadcast through to midnight. "This is another way of bringing the gospel into homes and hopefully into people's hearts," Pastor Hosea adds.

Although the church received the licence to begin broadcasting on April 20, there were delays in the arrival of some equipment. The station has also experienced some problems with its signal strength.

Pastor Uma Katu, president of the Cook Islands Mission, says, "Our radio station covers mostly the town area, that is, half of Rarotonga, while the other half are having difficulties tuning in. But we are working hard to fix that problem, so in due time the whole of the Cook Islands will be covered."

"We are trying to make contact with other churches who have their own FM radio stations that can help us with pre-recorded programs that they can share with us. We would appreciate it very much."

In spite of the setbacks, Pastor Katu says that launching the station is the realisation of a dream that started more than six years ago. He believes the growth of these avenues for communication help to spread ideas, including thoughts about Christianity and religious doctrines, which help to stimulate debate about such matters among people.

Plans for sharing the three angels' messages in the media don't stop with the creation of Radio TK ANA3, as there are plans for further expansion into a variety of broadcasting mediums.

Pastor Katu says, "Our next step will be setting up a station for rebroadcasting the Hope Channel and 3ABN television programs to every home in the Cooks. At the moment we are just depending on local expertise and faith in setting up these projects. If the people don't come to us, we will definitely go to them right in their sitting room via radio and television."—*Adele Nash/Pacific Islands Report*



◆ Olympic Gold Medalist **Libby Lenton** visited the primary campus of **Brisbane Adventist College** as a guest speaker for assembly on February 13. This was the first school the 100- and 200-metre freestyle world record holder visited as an ambassador for **Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon** series, speaking about the benefits of becoming involved in the TRYathlon.—*Focus*

◆ The ministry and evangelistic potential of **Adventist schools in South Queensland Conference** became the focus of an inaugural retreat held at Camp Somerset over two days in March. **Principals and chaplains** of seven schools joined with conference staff in a time of prayerful consideration, **strategic planning** and practical sharing to enhance the work of chaplaincy in their schools. Conference president **Pastor Neil Watts** enthusiastically endorsed the concept of more fully utilising the evangelistic potential our schools provide to the church at

large, and saw this retreat as a vital step in linking the **schools and churches strategically** in fulfilling the gospel commission. Recent steps had been taken to enhance the chaplaincy program within schools, and the two-day forum strengthened this initiative.—*Tony Kent*

◆ Some 20 youth from the **Youth Shed at the WA Camp** accepted the challenge to **paint a four-bedroom house** in 3.5 hours, on Sunday morning. A couple of young people were sent ahead of the main group to fill irregu-



larities and holes in the wall, the rest painted the house—and themselves. "One room was not completed (possibly because of a **paint fight** which developed), but the rest of the house looked sensational," says **Gary Christian**, ADRA—Australia's national project director, who organised the project.—*NewsWest*

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# Indigenous Adventists celebrate ATSIM work

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for the past 11 years. He has worked in church ministry for more than 40 years and in indigenous ministry for more than 20 years.

The camp also saw prayers of dedication for Mamarapha College students who are working on their externships this year in a number of communities. On the Sunday night of the camp, a drama was presented that focused on the scenes leading up to the crucifixion of Christ.

Coordinated by Pastor Eddie Hastie, associate director of ATSIM, each department of the camp was under the direction of Aboriginal leaders.

Johnny Murison and his team, assisted by one of the guest speakers, Pastor Wes Tolhurst, organised the teen and youth meetings. The youth hall was well filled on most occasions, and eight decisions for baptism were made during those meetings.

Kelly Jackman and her team looked after the small children, while Darren and Cathy Garlett and John Beck led the primary and junior children in many challenging and uplifting activities.



Pastor Eric Davey (right), assisted by other ministers, leads in the dedication of Mamarapha College students (far left) Ronnie Richards, David Garrard and Leo Wright before their externship this year.

Pastor George Quinlin, who brought a large group from New South Wales, delighted the attendees with his unique insights presented, at times, with typical humour. “The love and respect the people had for this man were very evident,” says Pastor Athal Tolhurst.

Another guest speaker at the camp, Pastor Ken Vogel, general secretary of the AUC, reminded his listeners that reconciliation to God is the most important reconciliation, as he challenged them to faithfulness.—*Adele Nash/Athal Tolhurst*

◆ What is recognised as the **largest Adventist house of worship** in South America was dedicated and officially opened on April 22 on the campus of the **São Paulo Adventist University**, near the city of Campinas, Brazil. General Conference president **Pastor Jan Paulsen** addressed the 4500 people who attended the official opening services. The university church, known as *Campus Engenheiro Coelho*, **seats about 2200 people**. There are more than 2.6 million Adventists in South America worshipping in nearly 19,000 congregations.—*Adventist News Network*



◆ **Arthur Branner** (pictured, centre), former pastor of the Fairfield church, California, USA, spent a year **stationed in Baghdad, Iraq, as military chaplain**. As chaplain of the 250th Military Intelligence Battalion, he witnessed many instances of God’s power. From the moment he arrived at his post, he **devised a prayer system** that enabled him to personally pray for the 174 soldiers in his battalion each week, and he

also conducted weekend services and Wednesday-night Bible studies. As a result, two soldiers, **Sergeant Riccardo Givens** (right) and **Captain Christopher Furne** (left), were baptised.—*Jennifer Won*

◆ **Cayman Islands Conference** is webcasting its worship services as well as other programs. The conference has 13 churches and more than 3000 members and will feature a different church each week. “We are happy that our **webcasting** will enable us to extend our reach and connect with people who are unable

to attend in person,” says **Pete Saunders**, the conference webmaster.—*Vince Imani*

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◆ **London Live Cafe** aims to provide a “home away from home” for **Aussies and Kiwis**—and other young professionals—who visit London. As well as a weekly Friday night cafe/worship event, a small group network is in place. London Live also provides **career workshops** and leadership development opportunities.—*Peter Roennfeldt*

## Encore for institute’s music book

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

**A** music book by the South Pacific Division’s Institute of Worship director has been so popular it is now in its second print run.

Dr Lyell Heise reports the first 1000 copies of the praise and worship music compilation, *Play Today*, sold between May and October last year.

*Play Today* caters for a variety of musicians, whether they be piano teachers, beginner pianists, intermediate pianists or worship leaders.

Dr Heise published the book in his role as director of the worship institute, which is located on Avondale College’s Lake Macquarie campus. He selected the music and material in the book, while Valmai Hill, who is a piano and theory teacher, arranged it. Accompanying the music are Bible texts and a spiritual framework for a worship service.

Dr Heise says he hopes the book will give young keyboard and piano players the confidence and motivation to be involved in praise and worship at their local church. “We want all people to participate in worship. To get people involved in worship as soon as possible is our aim,” he says.—*Stephane Millien*

## Service with a curtain call for CCAS

ERINA, NEW SOUTH WALES

After almost two years in the making, students at Central Coast Adventist School (CCAS) have finally enjoyed their first major theatrical production. The CCAS production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* opened to the public over two nights in May.

While the play itself was a success, it represented more than a few hours' entertainment.

Two years ago Merrilee Sleigh, a teacher at the school, noticed a gap and saw an opportunity to develop what she identifies as "communication skills, self-esteem and a sense of community" through drama.

Since then, she has worked with students and staff toward building not only this performance, but a new option for course work that will hopefully flow into the HSC years.

At the heart of the new drama course



Central Coast Adventist School students Sarah Coventry and Madeleine Smith, who played the characters of Gwendolen and Cecily.

for Years 9 and 10 is an overtly Christian focus on service. As the students experience a variety of dramatic modes in their classes from puppetry to Shakespearian theatre, they look for opportunities to share these new skills with the community.

For example, during the coming term students will be using marionettes to share Bible stories with primary school students and visiting a local nursing home as clowns.

While this offers excellent mission opportunities and builds meaningful connections between our Adventist schools and the broader community, the most impressive impact has been upon the students themselves, who all said they felt the value of the production.

Building on the success of this first play, the school hopes to put together one major production a year. "I'm over the moon—just so very, very proud of our students," says Mrs Sleigh. "I look forward to our next adventure!"—**Andrew Robartson**

## Medical missionary centre enjoys growth

TOWNSVILLE, QUEENSLAND

The Medical Missionary Training Institute (MMTI), which was accredited with the Department of Employment and Training in 2004 (RECORD, November 6, 2004), has been growing.

Since its accreditation, the institute has expanded its campus, which is based on a permaculture farm, to establish the Acacia Grove Health Education Centre. Plans are currently in place to build a dormitory on the campus, which have been given approval from the local council.

MMTI has also seen its first graduate leave with a biblical ministry qualification. This year, four students are enrolled in the courses offered.

Bev Krogdahl, director of MMTI, says, "We've also had 15 applications from nearby overseas communities and need to develop a scholarship scheme to help them come and train. They would then return to their communities and set up branch schools and health centres.

"The combination of biblical ministry, natural health instruction and community education equips graduates to educate in health and spiritual matters, and serve the members of their community effectively."—**RECORD staff**

◆ The Wellington Methodist Mission, Wesley Community Action (WCA), met for a three-day **exchange of ideas** with the "Notorious" chapter of the **Mongrel Mob** motorcycle group. The meeting of the WCA and Mongrel Mob Notorious took place at a backpackers lodge at Turangi, near Lake Taupo. The WCA director, **David Hanna**, approached the board with the proposal to begin a discussion with the Notorious chapter because its leaders have said the Mob should **move out of criminal activity** into gainful employment. "The

conversation with Mongrel Mob Notorious is an interesting and **exciting opportunity** but one fraught with danger in case they are having us on," says **Des Cooper**.—**Paul Titus**

◆ A poll that involved a sample of 1200 adults surveyed in March showed 23 per cent of Americans **have read *The Da Vinci Code***, and another 43 per cent said they were familiar with the content. Among those who had read it, more than 60 per cent believed that the Bible is **closer to the truth** but 10 per cent believed

Dan Brown's novel is more truthful. After either reading or hearing about *The Da Vinci Code*, 44 per cent of respondents were more likely to seek the truth by studying the Bible, while 20 per cent were **less likely to study the Bible**.—**Crosswalk.com**

◆ For what is believed to be the first time, a **Christian congregation in Israel** is building its own church in a Jewish area near Tel Aviv. Although the building plan was hotly contested by Orthodox Jews and the church had to go all the way to the **Supreme**

**Court**, the Christian congregation, Grace and Truth, won the day. The Grace and Truth Christian congregation, a Reformed and Baptist church, is an indigenous Israeli church, reaching out to Jews and Arabs. To protect the property against vandalism, it is **guarded 24 hours a day**. Also in Israel, Daystar Television Network has become the **first Christian network** allowed to broadcast into every home in Israel with 100 per cent Christian content. Until now, it has been illegal, impossible or impractical.—**Kirstin Engelbracht/Michael Ireland**

## Bencubbin Adventist church closes

BENCUBBIN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The final service of the Bencubbin Adventist church was conducted on March 4, with more than 80 people attending the service. Many had travelled long distances, with some coming from as far away as Queensland to be present.

Pastor Laurie Evans, president of the South Pacific Division, led the final worship service and spoke on the theme of there being a time to plant and a time to uproot.

Pastor Steve Goods, personal ministries director for the Western Australian Conference, represented the conference and brought a message from conference president Pastor Glenn Townend.

Naomi Plane presented the afternoon program, when many memories and stories from the church's past were shared.

The day closed with all current and past



*Current Bencubbin church members light candles to symbolise them carrying their faith to new locations.*

members lighting a small candle from a large candle to symbolise the light of Bencubbin church being taken to new places of worship.

"When all candles were lit, the large candle was extinguished. This was a very moving symbol and a fitting way to end the day," said Jennie Walker, the Bencubbin church clerk.—*NewsWest*

## Church gives away cash for community service at youth rally

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

During a youth rally held in Avondale College's Chan Shun Auditorium on May 6, church leaders of the North New South Wales Conference gave away \$A2000 to young adults willing to serve in their community.

The rally, which had the theme of "Making life work," saw young people from around the conference converge on the college. There they were encouraged to live a fulfilling life for God that focused on service.

Pastors Jeff Parker and Bevan Craig, youth ministries director and assistant director for the North New South Wales Conference, came prepared to give away \$A1000 in \$A100 amounts to those who could use it for a service project.

When 20 people responded with ideas for service projects, the leaders doubled their offer to \$A2000, presenting each person with \$A100.



*Pastor Brendan Pratt, the guest speaker at the rally, talked about what it means to be a living sacrifice.*

The guest speaker for the youth rally, Pastor Brendan Pratt, used Romans 12 as his reference and spoke about what it means to be a living sacrifice. Student missionaries and STORM (Service To Others Really Matters) Co teams gave updates on service initiatives they have been involved with.

More youth rallies around the Newcastle area are planned for the rest of the year.—*Jarrod Stackleroth/College Church News*

## Adventists counsel fairness in "conversion code"

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

Discussions by religious leaders of how conversion between faiths should be promoted must remember the rights of all individuals to select and follow the beliefs their conscience dictates, Seventh-day Adventist religious liberty leaders say.

The Vatican and the World Council of Churches (WCC) launched a three-year joint study project in mid-May aimed at developing a shared code of conduct on the controversial issue of religious conversion, according to a WCC statement. The project, "Interreligious reflection on conversion: from controversy to a shared code of conduct," began with a meeting in Velletri, Italy, from May 12 to 16. Some 30 participants, representing different religious traditions and regions, met to assess "the current reality of religious conversion from an interreligious point of view."

The Adventist Church is not a WCC member, but has sent observers to the organisation's meetings. Dr John Graz, director of public affairs and religious liberty for the General Conference (GC), says Adventists will follow the work of the WCC-Vatican panel "with interest."

Dr Graz said, "We also hope that the concept of religious freedom won't be neutralised by a consensus between religious majorities. The key issue will be 'proselytism.' It won't be difficult to imagine that a common rejection of proselytism [would] be one of the first results of that commission."

The promotion of religious choice by individuals is an inherent part of international understanding, according to Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. "To deny the right to change one's religion is a violation of a fundamental human right," says Dr Jonathan Gallagher, who represents the GC to the United Nations. "The right to choose to change one's religion or belief must be safeguarded, and anti-conversion laws or policies must be opposed. They are an unwarranted intrusion."—*ANN*



# Seven keys to effective video ministry

BY JOHN GATE

**E**XPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THERE are a number of keys to effective video ministry. Here are seven of the most important:

**1. Purpose.** Video ministers must know what they are trying to do at each stage in their video ministry. Anyone who starts video ministry with the idea that they're going to give Bible studies is going to be sadly mistaken and will soon find they are not welcome in any home. The divine strategy gives us an indication of what we're about, and at the beginning when we start to deliver videos we are there to connect with people and to build friendships with them. The strategy defines the purpose.

**“The challenge of video ministry is that it is only as effective as the commitment of those church members who are involved.”—Julia**

**Chapman, Moora, Western Australia**

**2. Commitment.** Often when we think of outreach we think of events and programs. These are usually defined by a starting and finishing date and have a limited duration. But video ministry is more a lifestyle than a program. Therefore it's vital to make a commitment to this ministry and a commitment to people, to follow up with videos and friendship as long as their interest is there. This may be months or even years.

**3. Prayer.** No matter how well we may be resourced with videos and other support material, or no matter how educated or influential we may be, it is the Holy Spirit who brings conviction of the things of God and leads people to make decisions. Therefore it's vitally important that video ministry be bathed in prayer, before, dur-

ing and after every visit.

**4. Know your product.** If you are delivering *Search* videos, it's important to have viewed the videos yourself, be familiar with them and ready to discuss them. The summary of each episode on the resource CD is a quick way to refresh your memory on the content of each video.

**5. Understand your changing role.** Video ministry commences with the pick-up of the first video. This is done as a courier. As further videos are delivered this role changes, and a person becomes more of a visitor and even a friend. It's important to respond to people the right way at the right time when delivering videos.

**6. Sensitivity to what is happening.** There is a strategy for success in video ministry. What we are sharing in this series of articles are principles and guidelines. We must be adaptable to varying circumstances as we minister to people. Christ's agenda in outreach was set by the people He was ministering to, not initially by His own agenda. He responded to what people said and did and then led them on a journey. So too, the video minister must be sensitive to what is happening. There's a time to speak and a time to be silent, the Scriptures say. In video ministry in the early stages when videos are delivered, listening and asking questions is far more important than talking. As the friendship develops and spiritual things are more open, then is the time to share more spiritual things as Jesus did.

**7. Support.** Discouragement is a key weapon the devil uses. We need to support each other in outreach. Those involved in any ministry of uplifting Jesus and sharing the good news become prime targets of the devil. Therefore, we need to support each other by being a member of a support team in video ministry. **R**

*This is part of a series of articles exploring video ministry and how it can work in your community.*

**John Gate is director of the Adventist Discovery Centre.**

## Prayer keys: Why prayer ministries?

WITH JOY BUTLER

**W**HEN IT COMES TO PRAYER, MANY Christians are like barefoot people in a city famous for its shoe factories. They know about prayer, they believe in its power, they frequently hear sermons on the subject, but it is not a vital part of their lives.

The question is often asked “Why does our church need a prayer ministry?” Here are a few reasons to encourage you:

- A prayer ministry makes it possible to develop and organise other prayer programs within the church.
- Christ said that in the last days—in the days of the harvest—we should be praying. This provides a specific avenue for obedience of this scripture.
- When there is a special ministry and a designated person is responsible for the development of prayer programs and activities within the church, more people can become involved, more families reached and more intercessors become actively praying for others.
- More power is promised to the praying church, as individuals, families and church groups.
- More prayer is needed in the church, intentional prayer for pastors, teachers, church leaders and every member.
- A separate ministry provides an opportunity for the church to be more intentional about prayer.
- A separate prayer ministry doesn't get lost among other church programs.
- A prayer ministry can be the undergirding of the other ministries and programs.

Most importantly, an active prayer life will carry people into a deeper relationship with Christ and with one another. **R**

*Adapted from “Establishing a Prayer Ministry—A Manual for the Prayer Coordinator.” Available from AdventSource: <[www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org)>.*

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





# Dear ADRA Appeal volunteer

BY GARY CHRISTIAN

**T**HE ANNUAL ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT and Relief Agency (ADRA) Appeal is fast approaching, and ADRA needs your help to get people ready.

As we're both aware, going out on the ADRA Appeal is not difficult because most people are extremely pleasant these days. Also, with so few doorknock appeals in recent times, the majority of people do give something, so we no longer have to cajole them into making a donation. And it's not just you and I that know this. Surveys show that people who donate to charities most favour being asked at the door, and the majority of people who give to ADRA do so when asked at the door. So, the money is there. But the collectors are not.

Many of those who could collect for ADRA don't, since they think collecting donations is tough. And this is exactly where you, as a doorknock collector, can help us.

Before the beginning of the ADRA Appeal this year, would you make a point of telling other potential collectors just how much easier going on the ADRA Appeal

is? And here is the evidence you need.

In October 2005, the Australian Government's Department of Health and Community Services released in summary form the results of a commissioned survey called "Giving Australia: Research on Philanthropy in Australia." This report provides confirmation of what we already knew—that the doorknock gets the most positive response of all types of charitable appeal.

The general public was surveyed regarding six methods of charity appeal, and whether they gave every time, most of the time, some of the time or never to each particular appeal type. Significantly, 83 per cent of respondents said they gave at the door. What was more significant was that the doorknock was markedly ahead of every other type of appeal. Just a glance at the results below confirms the reality.

We at ADRA have done some thinking about these results. We think it is the interpersonal nature of the two most popular methods (the other, being asked to give in a street or public place) that give them this markedly better response. We believe peo-

ple generally appreciate meeting a volunteer willing to give of their time and their commitment to help others.

Last year we asked people to go to the doors and not just ask for money. Here was an opportunity, if such an opportunity presented itself, to talk to people about volunteering. To talk about the generosity and grace within Christianity that drives ADRA's charitable work, and motivates the volunteers who help us raise funds at the door. Here is the opportunity to encourage our donors to think about how they can be generous with their time, and do things in their community that really help people in need. Your presence at their door is a living witness to the volunteering spirit.

So prior to the ADRA Appeal this year, could you do a little extra? Perhaps you could say something from the front of church about how much easier the doorknock has become or maybe you could show people the results of this survey to give them a bit of heart. Try talking over Sabbath lunch with people who could join you on the doorknock. Or go and specifically ask people who haven't gone out in a long while.

The money is there, but the collectors are few. If you can help us by talking about the realities of the ADRA Appeal, you may provide ADRA with more opportunities to help people here in Australia and overseas. **R**

*Gary Christian is national director for ADRA—Australia and coordinator of the ADRA Appeal.*

Effectiveness of different methods

	EVERY TIME %	MOST OF THE TIME %	SOME OF THE TIME %	NOT AT ALL %	% TOTAL SAMPLE %
Telephoned at home	2.2	7.4	31.9	58.3	77.3
Television advertisement or program	0.5	1.3	13.9	84.0	69.3
Request through mail/letterbox	1.6	3.9	28.7	65.4	65.9
Doorknock appeal	22.9	24.5	35.2	17.0	61.1
Street or public place	5.1	16.1	44.2	34.3	59.8
Advertisements or fliers in magazine/newspaper	0.1	0.4	8.0	91.3	51.9

# What are you doing?

BY JAMES COFFIN

ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE stories I've ever heard came from a General Conference vice-president.

One Friday night this particular GC vice-president kissed his wife goodbye and went off to bed as she left for the hospital where she worked as a nurse. Then, just like that, he was asleep.

But the young people next door were having a party. Before long he found his sleep disturbed by their laughter and music. *Oh, well, youth must be youth*, he thought, and tried to return to his slumber. But his rest was fitful.

Now somewhere in all his tossing and turning that Friday night, the GC vice-president's mind suddenly leapt forward 24 hours. Just how, he still can't explain. But it did. And instead of planning his Sabbath schedule, he used his lapses into consciousness to plan what he would do on Sunday, which he thought was the next day.

Scarcely had the sun risen than he was out in his shorts and T-shirt spreading fertiliser on his lawn. Getting an early start meant he'd be done by midmorning, before it got too hot.

He was going well and feeling quite proud of himself when his non-Adventist neighbour drove past, giving him a puzzled look. *I wonder what's the matter with him*, he thought.

About 9 am the neighbour across the road—who just happened to be one of the pastors at the church where the GC vice-president was a member—got into his car and drove off with his family. They likewise seemed to stare. *They must be going*

*to a wedding*, he mused, noting that they were all dressed up.

An hour later he had finished his task, certain his wife would be delighted with his accomplishment. And just then she drove into the driveway.

"What in the world do you think you're doing!" she shouted at him in a tone that certainly wasn't befitting the appreciation she should have felt for a disagreeable job just completed. "Don't you know what day this is?"

And in that very instant the GC vice-president's mental clock suddenly leapt back to where it should have been. Now such a lapse would be embarrassing to anyone at any time. But for a Seventh-day Adventist, and on Sabbath, the pain is even greater. And for a GC vice-president . . . !

It was too late to go to church, but he showered and dressed in his Sabbath best nevertheless. Then he stood by his window, waiting for his pastor to come home. No sooner was the pastor's car in the driveway than the GC vice-president was across the street to explain.

"You haven't told anyone, have you?" he asked the pastor, realising how vain it was to hope such strange behaviour could go unreported.

"No," the pastor said, "we haven't mentioned it to anyone. I knew there had to be a reasonable explanation. Things couldn't be what they appeared to be."

Which brings me to my point: All of us—church administrators, teachers, pastors, elders, deacons and those who hold no church office—at times do seemingly ridiculous things. Certainly, some of these



ridiculous things are mistakes. However, sometimes they're actually the right decisions—they just seem like mistakes because the onlookers aren't aware of all that's involved. And often they're judgment calls in which it's difficult to say which course of action would be the best.

Unfortunately, too many of us are prepared to believe—and broadcast—the worst.

Too many of us own well-worn muck-rakes. Too many of us have mammoth reservoirs of cynicism. Too many of us have overactive imaginations that see evil, apostasy and conspiracy in every action. Too many of us too readily question the sanity, competence, motives and Christian commitment of others.

Too many of us lack the ability of the GC vice-president's pastor to say, "I know there has to be some reasonable explanation. Things couldn't be what they appear to be."

If reciting the tale of this "evil," "heretical," "apostate," "Sabbath-breaking," "commandment-ignoring," "self-serving," "church-avoiding" GC vice-president helps some of us to be more charitable, then his embarrassment won't have been suffered in vain. **R**

*This article is excerpted from James Coffin's book, A Different Church for a Different World, published by Signs Publishing Company and now available at Adventist Book Centres.*

**James Coffin is a former editor of RECORD and now pastors the Markham Woods church in Orlando, Florida, United States.**

# Jesus' prayer\*

BY LEESA FLETCHER

**O**UR FATHER IN HEAVEN. Not only are You my God, but *our* God. We—Your children—share You and live in community. Please help us serve others and treat everyone as an equal.

## **Our Father in heaven.**

You have paid a great price to give us the privilege of being called Your children (John 1). You've created us, given us our identity, and we can find all meaning and security in our relationship with You. Praise You!

## **Our Father *in* heaven.**

You are not on the same level as us. You are holy and you live in a place that is holy.

## **Holy be Your name.**

Your name and Your identity are holy. Let us treat You as holy in our hearts, and let us not wear Your identity in vain (Exodus 20). May You be glorified above all others in our lives.

## **Your kingdom come.**

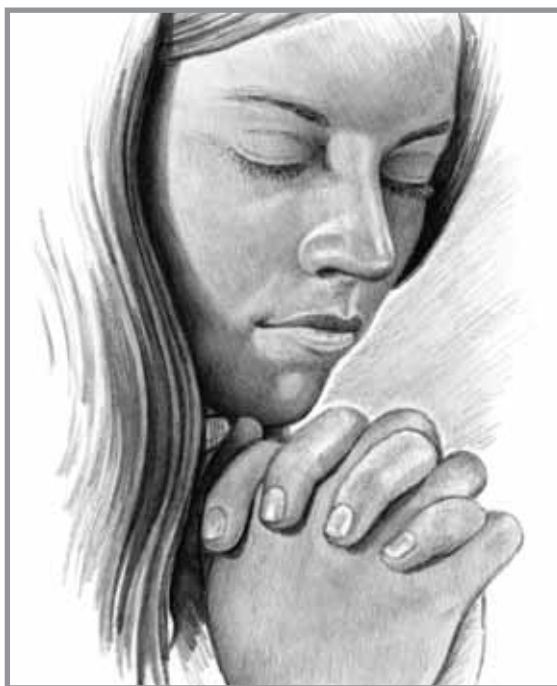
May Your kingdom come in the way we live our lives; in an outpouring of Your Spirit and power on Your people; and may it come soon in Your glorious return to earth and final defeat of sin, which every eye will see.

## **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

May we move only within Your will, with instant obedience as your servants in heaven—Your angels—do. May we move only at Your command and in Your power, never our own.

## **Give us this day our daily bread.**

Please supply our physical needs as You have promised to when we seek Your kingdom first (Matthew 6:25). Even more, we need the daily bread of Your Word. Please let us hear Your voice saying, "This is the way; walk in it" (Isaiah 30:21, NIV). Please guide us by Your Holy Spirit as we read and digest Your Written Word.



## **And forgive us as we forgive.**

Please forgive us for the sins we have committed, and please convict us of sin we may not be aware of. Show us when we are in danger, as we look in the mirror of Your perfect law. Help us forgive others by Your power. Please show us when we harbour resentment in our heart against anyone.

## **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

We ask Your protection from spiritual evil for our enemy the devil is "like a roar-

ing lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8, NIV). We need protection from ourselves—that we won't lead ourselves or others astray. We also need protection from physical evil and harm, according to Your will.

## **For Yours is the kingdom.**

You are the victorious and righteous ruler over all we see and know. We want to claim it all for Your kingdom. Thank You for Jesus, whose life and sacrifice give us freedom and salvation—and gives us membership of Your victorious kingdom.

## **The power.**

All power in heaven and earth is Yours. May we move only in Your power, and see that the power to act for You comes from You alone.

## **And the glory.**

You are the King of glory, and must be glorified now and forever by every atom of creation. This prayer starts and ends with focusing on You. Likewise, may everything in our lives take shape by being done for Your glory and end by giving all the credit to You.

## **Forever and ever.**

You are not only a past and present reality, but our salvation and freedom is sure for endless ages. Our faith and hope stand secure on Your everlasting love, for "love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8, NIV).

## **Amen. R**

*\*Based on the traditional adaptation from Matthew 6:9-13.*

*Leesa Fletcher is a student at Avondale College, Cooranbong, New South Wales.*



# Where's your treasure?

BY PHILLIP LOMMAN

**T**HE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE WAS HOVERING JUST ABOVE freezing as I crossed the bridge spanning Jerry's Creek on my way to work. With the sun's rays creating a million temporary crystals in the cobwebs on the fences, and the mist hanging low, the huddle of fog to my right was unusual. So unusual that I took another look. The source was an old weath-erboard house well back from the road. It took a moment to reg-ister, but the house was on fire!

With vivid memory of when our own home had been destroyed by fire many years before, I pulled off the road and ran with a couple of other passers-by to see what could be done. The front of the house was the focal point of the fire. Thick, acrid smoke billowed from every crevice.

Our only fear: was anyone trapped inside? To our relief a man—the only occupant—in just his pyjama pants and covered in soot, stood there in a state of shock from a sudden awakening combined with seeing his home disappear before his eyes.

The garden hose was so badly perforated that barely a dribble came through to the end. The sound of the flames at the seat of the fire was loud, but no flames were yet visible. The amazing thing was the smoke; it was so thick and black it appeared to be oozing from the doors and windows.

As we all stood there helplessly watching, the pyjama-clad man made a dash for the back door. The realisation that his pos-sessions were disappearing before his eyes was too much for him and he had to be restrained from foolishly trying to retrieve what he could.

As the fire trucks, police and ambulance arrived, we filtered away from the scene, each with our own thoughts.

Are we so attached to our earthly possessions that we would lose our life for them? As Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21, NIV). **R**

*Phillip Lomman writes from Werombi, New South Wales.*



## Record Roo's Kids corner

Hi kids,  
This week we will be looking at how two different kings ended up using the same building materials for their building projects! Read about King Asa and King Baasha in 2 Chronicles 16:1-6.

RR

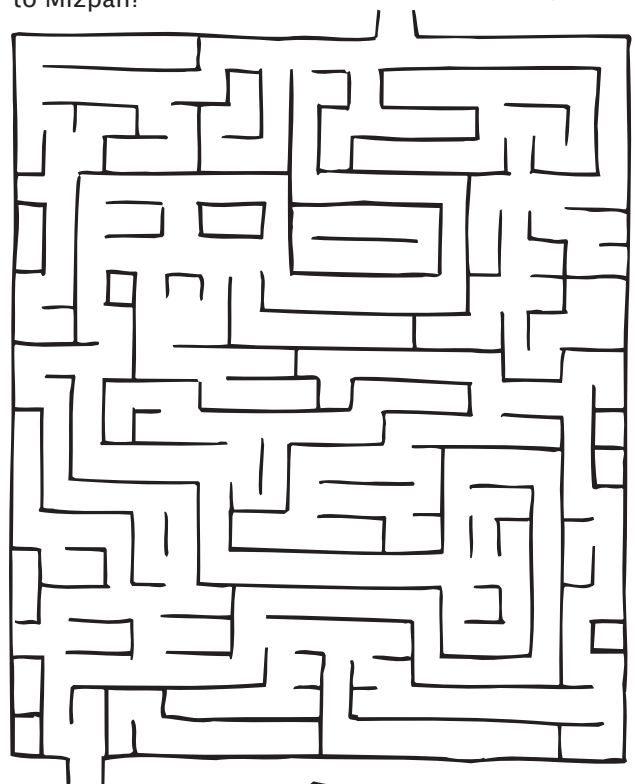
### Fill in the Blanks

"Then King \_\_\_\_\_ took all Judah and they \_\_\_\_\_ away the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Ramah, which \_\_\_\_\_ had used for building; and with them he \_\_\_\_\_ Geba at \_\_\_\_\_."

2 Chronicles 16:6 NKJV

### Maze

Can you get the rest of the timber from Ramah through the maze to Mizpah?



**MIZPAH**



## Concerning worship

MARIE FORD, NSW

Although I pride myself on being able to sing in harmony and enjoy it, I am often part of “the absolutely silent sector” (Perspective, May 6) as suggested in this article. So many points in this article resonated deeply with me. As the writer suggests, I get tired of standing for long periods while the singers up front enjoy their performance, frequently singing songs no-one else knows or is even likely to hear again.

For me “the non-negotiable element of worship” is prayer—listening and talking to God. Is there anyone else out there who longs for more prayer-filled worship experiences, times for reflection, meditation and openness to the Holy Spirit at corporate times of worship?

Is there anyone who would join me in a worship service that emphasised the invitation for God to speak to His gathered worshipping people through listening to His quiet voice, fine music and reading of Scripture? Maybe I should join the Quakers.

MARGARET TAYLOR, NSW

I am in total agreement with all the views expressed in “The absolutely silent sector.” I too believe the Word of God should have preference over any other distracting elements, including music.

Our pastors would do well to be reminded of Ellen White’s counsel that “amusement is not to be interwoven with instruction in the Scriptures” (*Evangelism*, page 211).

OLWEN ALEXANDER, VIC

I believe the solution to catering for all worship styles is to have a mix of ages and preferences within the church’s worship committee so each week is not predictable.

For example, I love gospel music and when I’m asked to be the presenter for the day I will always choose that type of music for the song service, or play a DVD of a great performance or attach a terrific song to a PowerPoint. Some will love it, some may not. But I couldn’t think of anything worse than the sound of dreary, uninterested voices just singing through the traditional style of service. Most presenters take

the job seriously and put a lot of time into researching the music so as to complement the message of the day.

As for having the sermon first, what will stop people with the writer’s views from leaving early and missing the whole worship experience? I’m sure the Lord loves to hear us making a “joyful noise” in praise to Him.

## The non-negotiable part of the worship service is the actual worship of God.

ANNETTE JONES, NSW

Music is the language of the heart. Lyrics direct the heart’s thoughts. Worship in song is actively engaging the whole person: “heart, soul, mind and strength.” The music and the lyrics are used for the preparation of the heart; to lead the worshipper to the foot of the cross, sometimes to a place of brokenness, but often to a place of open receptiveness—where the heart has been prepared to receive the message of the sermon by the theme of the songs.

Worship is engaging the heart with God. You can sing with your heart without using your voice. But worship in song accomplishes this to a greater degree than listening to a speech.

The non-negotiable part of the worship service is the actual worship of God. For me, this happens by engaging my heart through music and lyrics, not listening to someone else’s interpretation of something I can read and interpret for myself. If you are not engaging your heart you are not worshipping, no matter what part of the service you see as most important.

KEVIN RILEY, VIC

We are right to recognise that not everyone enjoys singing, or finds it the most effective way to worship. But the same is true of any element of worship. All of us, at least at times, find some part of the worship service needs to be endured rather than enjoyed.

But I would question whether the primacy of the sermon can be defended either biblically or from Ellen White. To say it is “the non-negotiable element of worship” ignores the fact that much worship portrayed in the Bible happened without a sermon, and Ellen White thought it was

not necessary (perhaps even not good) to have a sermon every week.

I am uncomfortable with equating hearing the Word of God with preaching, rather than with Bible reading. We need to hear God’s Word read at least as much as we need to hear it explained.

I am not sure having the sermon first is really a good idea. Being led into God’s

presence and having your mind and heart focused on Him before hearing His Word explained works well. Perhaps this is because, rather than coming in to the service “fresh and alert,” most people come in burdened with the cares of the week, or thinking about many things apart from God. Even having your mind filled with thoughts arising from the Sabbath school lesson can distract from worship. There is always a period of “gathering” necessary before people can focus on worship and this is reflected in most forms of worship.

Most people will not be adequately fed by an hour of worship on Sabbath, no matter how well balanced the elements of worship are, unless they are also getting a healthy diet of worship during the week. We need to persuade people to stop worrying about programming details and start working on their own worship at home if we want to see effective worship services.

## Bad language

IVAN COLLEDGE, QLD

I agree with “Lost in translation” (Letters, April 22) regarding the lack of local editing in our publications. The American spelling in the Bible Study Guide can be quite distracting, and the American expressions with which we are unfamiliar in Australia can be puzzling and frustrating.

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**Nash**, George and Isabel met at Hay, NSW, while George was engaged in military service there. They were married on 10.5.46 in St Paul's Church of England, Hay, then moved to Tamworth, George's birthplace, where they have lived the 60 years of their married life. On Sunday,



7.5.06 George and Isabel were surprised with a limousine pick-up from home and a tour of Tamworth, before their arrival at their anniversary luncheon at the West Tamworth Leagues Club. Family and friends travelled from Sydney, Dubbo, Melbourne (Vic), Katherine (NT) and Papua New Guinea to celebrate this milestone with them. They have four daughters, two sons, 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and are both active members of the Tamworth Adventist church.

## Weddings

**Justins**—**Bacon**. Lauren David Justins, son of Lyndon (Brisbane, Qld) and the late Elaine Justins, and Emma Mae Bacon, daughter of Peter and Carol Bacon (Brisbane), were married on 1.1.06 at St Andrews Anglican church, South Brisbane.

*Allan Moore, Trafford Fischer*

**Schwamm**—**Gunn**. Andrew Schwamm, son of Colin and Carol Schwamm (Whangarei, NZ), and Fiona Gunn, daughter of Morris and Vera Gunn (Hamilton), were married on 12.3.06 at the Hamilton Adventist church.

*Martin Luke*

**Wegener**—**Miles**. Caleb Wegener, son of Graham and Elisabeth Wegener (Glenorie, NSW), and Jane Miles, daughter of Ray and Margaret Miles (Beecroft), were married on 30.4.06 at St George's Anglican church, Mount Wilson, Blue Mountains.

*Peter Theuerkauf, David Weslake*

## Obituaries

**Allen**, Myrtle Marie (nee Allum), born 4.5.1919 of missionary parents in China; died 18.3.06 at Coorabong, NSW. She was predeceased by her first husband, Pastor Walter Ferris; and also her second husband, Ed Allen. She is survived by her daughter, Merian Richardson; her stepson, Elwin Ferris; and her stepdaughter, Gwen DeVries. Myrtle had a lifetime of service as a registered nurse and missionary. She was awarded the MBE for nursing services in the South Pacific.

*Lyell Heise, Adrian Craig*

**Barden**, Kevin John, born 25.5.1937 at Windsor, NSW; died 27.4.06 at Redcliffe, Qld. On 27.12.62 he married Coralea McLane. He is survived by his wife (Redcliffe); his daughters, Melissa Barden and Linley Barden (St Leonards, NSW); his mother, Vera Barden (Erina); his brothers, Allan and Ian; and his sister, Robyn Collins. Kevin was generous, loving, caring, and a loyal friend. He loved God and was an active supporter of the Epping SDA church, Sydney.

*Bruce Grosser, John Bagnall*

**Bentley**, Hector Arthur, born 21.1.1927 at Mount Morgan, Qld; died 27.4.06 in Rockhampton Hospital, after fighting a prolonged illness. On 16.9.47 he married Alice. He was predeceased by his son, Ross, in 1982. He is survived by his wife; and his daughters, Helen Clark and Marilyn Swayn (all of North Rockhampton). He was a committed and loving husband, family man and devoted follower of God. He will be sadly missed.

*Andy Krause*

**Brunner**, Thelma Mary, born 9.9.1929 at "Rockyvalley," home farm near Dubbo, NSW; died 4.5.06 at "Mizpah," home farm near Gilgandra. On 15.2.48 she married Arthur. She is survived by her husband; her children, Lola, Elaine, Ev, Arty and Una; her 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Thelma was a caring sister, a devoted wife, a loving mum and grandma, a faithful church member, and a hardworking person. She had a strong faith and was looking forward to meeting all her loved ones on the Resurrection morning.

*Graham Wynniatt*

**Lowrie**, Trevor Ernest Roy, born 13.2.1943 at Thames, NZ; died 7.5.06 in Auckland. He is survived by his wife, Jo; his daughter, Jane; his son, Simon; and his sister, Lois Lowrie. Roy was a man of integrity, who was loved by all who knew him. He served as chairman of both the South Auckland Primary School and the Auckland Adventist High School. He was involved in many ministries at Papatoetoe church over the years and will especially be remembered for his heartfelt prayers. Peacefully awaiting Jesus' return.

*Stephen Davies, Clive Newson*

**Reid**, Ruby Deasley, born 19.6.1913 at Motueka, NZ; died 2.4.06 at Oxford, Canterbury. She was predeceased by her husband, Allan; also her son-in-law, Graham. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Kathleen and Noel, Douglas and Colleen, Brenda and Ian, Kenneth and Judith, Robin and Claire, David and Carol, Lorraine, and Geoffrey and Virginia; her 38 grandchildren; her 73 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Ruby was a faithful member of the Oxford church for nearly 50 years. A celebration of her life was held on 4.4.06 at the Oxford Cemetery.

*Stew Presnell*

**Roby**, Eliza (Bess), born 26.9.1920 at Bradford, England; died 7.5.06 in her sleep in the Tweed Heads Nursing Centre, Tweed Heads, NSW. She is survived by her husband, Erwin, known as Jack (Terranora); her children, Beth Buchanan (Canberra, ACT), Brent (Townsville, Qld) and Denise Anderson (Terranora). Bess was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She truly loved her Lord and family and

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*Warren Price*

**Stafford**, Ethel Emily (nee Wicks), born 23.6.1925 in Sydney, NSW; died 30.4.06 at home in Cooranbong. On 10.7.46 she married John. She is survived by her husband; her children and their spouses, David and Ann (Cooranbong), Kevin and Marilyn (Carmel, WA), Bettie and Grant Gambrell (Cooranbong, NSW); and her six grandchildren. Ethel was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who was highly respected and loved by a wide circle of friends. Greatly loved and greatly missed, she now sleeps safe in God's keeping until that grand reunion day.

*Bev Christian  
Leigh Rice, Clive Barritt*

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Graduate, 2003*

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