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Director of children's ministries Julie Weslake (centre) previews the new GraceLink Sabbath school guides with Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, president of the Trans-Pacific Union Mission, (left) and Pastor Thomas Davai, president of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission (right).



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WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

**T**he South Pacific Division's (SPD) Department of Adventist Children's Ministries and Signs Publishing Company are making changes that will benefit children in the Pacific and Papua New Guinea. Pacific editions of Sabbath school study guides for juniors and teens will be replaced with the PowerPoint Bible-study guide commencing in the final quarter of this year.

The PowerPoint Bible-study guide is part of the GraceLink curriculum developed by the General Conference. It has been used worldwide since 2000. Production of the old guides, in circulation for more than 15

years, will cease.

GraceLink is a 12-year curriculum comprising 624 lessons, grounded in Scripture, the doctrines of the church and supported by the Spirit of Prophecy and the *SDA Bible Commentary*. Each story has been selected to develop one of the four faith dynamics: grace, worship, community and service.

"The lessons focus each Bible story on a central message based on one of the four faith dynamics," says Julie Weslake, director of children's ministries for the SPD. "The activities provided allow the children to be engaged in their learning and experience the story." (Continued on page 4)



“Let woman realise the sacredness of her work and . . . take up her mission.”

# Touch a heart

**T**OUCH A HEART—TELL THE WORLD” is the motto for women’s ministries during the next quinquennium—and until Jesus comes.

Predictions about the world environmentally, socially and spiritually, are not good and many people despair. Yet hundreds of women, whom I have been privileged to meet recently from across the world, have committed to touch others with a message of hope. Women and young people are astir and it seems that “those times” Joel spoke about are upon us (see Joel 2:28, 29). They are speaking, writing, preaching, teaching and praying wherever I go and it is exciting to be aware and part of it. They have purposed to do evangelism and ministry in a more direct way.

Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day every year<sup>1</sup> is an opportunity to remind the church that this department is here “to lift up Jesus Christ that through His transforming grace, women will be nurtured, valued and empowered to have an effective ministry in the home, church and community.”<sup>2</sup>

There are women and children throughout the world who hurt and women’s ministries focuses our attention on six major issues:

- The World Health Organisation reports that around the world one in every three women suffers some form of abuse.
- In many parts of the world women shoulder the primary responsibility for 90 per cent of all agricultural work.<sup>3</sup>
- The United Nations estimates that

almost one billion adults cannot read and the majority of this number are women.

- Women who globally represent 50 per cent of the world’s population do two-thirds of the world’s paid and unpaid work, earn 10 per cent of the money in the world and own 1 per cent of the world’s property.<sup>4</sup>
- Globally the health of women is deteriorating and 1600 women die every day due to complications in pregnancy and childbirth.<sup>5</sup>
- There is a growing need in the church for more women to be involved in leadership. Considering we are a church that began with women in prominent leadership positions, the state of affairs now is lamentable. Therefore women’s ministries attempts to help the situation by providing specialised leadership training.

If we have the heart of Jesus, we will weep too. God calls us to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy” (Proverbs 31:8, 9, NIV).

If we have a mind like Jesus, “we may safely say that the dignity and importance of woman’s mission and distinctive duties are of a more sacred and holy character than the duties of man. . . . Let woman realise the sacredness of her work and, in the strength and fear of God, take up her mission.”<sup>6</sup>

Reports at the recent women’s ministries advisory meetings in Australia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea revealed stories and examples of women addressing these six focus areas. Women in the South Pacific are planting churches, leading prayer ministries, reclaiming lost members, marching and singing, teaching and preaching, giving instruction on radio and TV, providing prayer and support groups for women in government, conducting literacy and health programs, training leaders and touching the poor in body and spirit.

In the Sydney Adventist Hospital chapel recently, after three days of prayer, study and strategic planning, 20 women recommitted their lives to Jesus to be maidservants and leaders. They returned to their homes and workplaces across the South Pacific region, focused and committed to touch hearts and tell the world. Will you join with them in this mission?

1. June 10 is Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day.
2. South Pacific Division Women’s Ministries Spiritual Vision Statement.
3. Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome, 2005.
4. International Labour Organisation, Rome, 2005.
5. Millennium Project Taskforce on Educational and Gender Equality, 2004.
6. Ellen White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol 3, page 565.

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# AUC launches *Code* evangelism

RINGWOOD, VICTORIA

The Australian Union Conference (AUC) launched an evangelistic strategy responding to *The Da Vinci Code* at the studios of Adventist Media on May 22. The \$A450,000 project includes *The Code* DVD series (see “Adventists respond to *Da Vinci* challenge,” News, May 20), seminars to be conducted in local churches, television advertising and letterbox invitations.

“The AUC was contacted by the Greater Sydney Conference with a suggestion that the AUC produce some resources to respond to the claims made in Dan Brown’s book, which unfortunately have been taken as fact by many who have read the book, and no doubt the movie will be even more influential in sabotaging fundamental elements of the Christian faith,” recalls Kingsley Wood, AUC chief financial officer and executive producer of *The Code* series and seminars. The evangelistic resources have been jointly funded by the AUC, a number of local conferences and the South Pacific Division. The project will also be the beneficiary of the Adventist Media Offering to be collected on July 22.

The AUC is working with the Adventist Discovery Centre to offer free viewing of the first episode of *The Code*. According to

Pastor John Gate, director of the Discovery Centre, two million letterboxing cards have been printed for distribution by church members and a series of 12 television advertising campaigns has been booked with regional stations around Australia.

“The intent of this series was to allow church members to be able to distribute it on the basis of a call-in—like we have done with *The Search* series—in response to TV advertising and letterboxing,” says Mr Wood. “It was also intended to be something that could be retailed to church members and the general public. And we would like to see if we can distribute it overseas as well; a couple of divisions have expressed an interest.

“We see this as an opportunity to engage the community and particularly those coming from a secular point of view,” he explains. “We feel this is a great opportunity because people have become interested in the issues raised by *The Da Vinci Code* book and movie.

“It’s not about attacking anybody but we are saying this book has impacted the world—whether it’s right or not—and this is a response from a Christian perspective. And, particularly in number 5 of our series, it is also from an Adventist perspective, touching on prophecy and how we live our lives.



Michael Heath

AUC’s chief financial officer Kingsley Wood (left) with *The Code* producer Behren Schulz at the series launch on May 22.

The DVDs will come with discussion and study-guide material to prompt thought and reflection. “We have also prepared notes for seminar presenters,” reports Mr Wood. “We would like to see churches and church members using these in various ways. It could be one-to-one contact or it could be a series run in a local church.

I think this will be a valuable resource for church members. We are making this available very inexpensively for use in local churches but it would be great if church members would like to buy it for themselves to use in their homes, share with friends, use in Sabbath school groups or youth groups.”—**Nathan Brown**



◆ Three years ago the **Thirteenth Sabbath Offering** was designated to help build up to **26 chapels in Papua New Guinea** (pictured, the first built in Butuwini, New Britain) and an Aboriginal care centre in Western Australia.—**Lyn Price**

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◆ More than **90 school chairs** were recently donated and shipped to the **Port Vila Adventist School**, Vanuatu, thanks to donations from



members of the Greater Sydney Conference. Members of the **Wauchope church**, NSW, recently crafted **30 quilts** for orphans at an Asian Aid orphanage in India.—**Stephanie Lorens/Eva Everett.**



◆ Lists of the **birds sighted** around the grounds of **Pacific Adventist University (PAU)**, PNG, can be traced back to 1985—its second year of operation. **Pastor Len Tolhurst**, then head of the theology department, pioneered the bird lists and continued for 11 years until he left PAU. In 1998 the interest was taken over by **Dr Michael Tarburton**, the former dean of the School of Science and Technology and ornithologist by profession. Their combined work has enriched the biology department with information to study. Also a bird sanctuary, PAU

has spotted some **190 species** on their grounds.—**Harina**

◆ On April 30, the group of **Russians** who have their worship service in a room at **Bishopdale church**, NZ celebrated God’s goodness by having a harvest festival. More than **70 Russians** attended on the day, which included a large harvest display.—**Peter Burton**



# Students front Avondale appeal

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

One current and two former Avondale students are the faces of the college's 2006 appeal to raise money for a new residential complex.

Boris Ambrus, Braden Blyde and Kate Hollingsworth have featured as part of the appeal's DVD and print-advertising campaign. The theme is that of providing a spiritual home for students.

Mr Blyde, the Avondale Student and Faculty Association president, explains the advantages of being an indoor as opposed to an outdoor student. "Students who live on campus are given more opportunities to participate in spiritual activities," he says.

Ms Hollingsworth now serves as the youth and communication secretary for the Northern Australian Conference after graduating in 2003. She says studying at Avondale helped develop in her a "deep passion to serve God." "Living in a place that has a spiritual focus, with students who are spiritually focused, it rubs off."

The quality of education at Avondale and the context in which the college offers it appealed to students applying online this year. In a survey of 196 students, one in three said



A 3-D drawing of the planned residence halls.

receiving a quality education in a Christian environment influenced them to study at Avondale. But this Avondale experience is in jeopardy. More than 1200 students, a record, are studying at Avondale this year, and enrolment is growing annually by about 14 per cent. The residence halls are full, so Avondale is planning to build an 80-bed complex to house more students.

"We're concerned students will be forced to live in unsatisfactory circumstances off campus if we cannot provide housing on campus where proper spiritual and academic nurturing can take place," says president Dr John Cox.

"You've helped us in the past provide a spiritual home for students, and we thank you for that," says Dr Cox. "Would you consider helping again?" —*Brenton Stacey*

# SPD adopts new kids' lessons in Pacific

(Continued from page 1)

"The whole hour of teaching is focused on the central message. Not only do the children understand a Bible story, but they also apply it to their lives and learn how they can share it with others."

SPD president Pastor Laurie Evans comments: "I am delighted to know that the churches in Papua New Guinea and the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) will soon be able to use GraceLink. The message of grace needs to be the foundation of our church. These resources will be a great blessing to our children."

Marica Tokalau, director of children's ministries for the TPUM, is also excited about this initiative. "Many of our children will benefit," she says. "At the moment only a few can afford to buy the children's Bible-study guide. It will be lovely to have it in colour. It will attract the parents as well."

"I encourage parents and churches to order these important children's Sabbath school Bible-study guides," says Mrs Weslake. "Children need to be given the opportunity to develop a strong faith."

The guides will be available through Adventist Book Centres and will retail for the same price as the current guides.—

*RECORD staff*



time and 12-part time teachers. The celebrations included musical features by students, memorabilia displays and the cutting of a cake by the school captains **Jordan Hiscox** and **Brittany Higgins** (pictured, with the four principals to have served at the school).

◆ More than 500 people attended the **25th anniversary** of the **Gold Coast Christian College**, Qld, on May 6. The school started in 1981 with 15 pupils in the rear room of a church in Tweed Heads and has grown to the current enrolment of 148 students, with seven full-

◆ For a special Mother's Day celebration the **youth at Fahefa**



**church, Tonga**, greeted the arrival of mothers to Sabbath school with **flowers and Mother's Day cards**. It was their first Mother's Day program conducted by the youth.—*Lusitania Latu*

◆ **Woodland Adventist Christian School**, northern California, USA, students competed in the annual **Kids Can Food Drive** recently and of 413 schools participating, in 14 counties, Woodland placed second. Though Woodland is a one-room school with **only 12 students** in grades one to

eight, the winners were based on an average of food items per student. Woodland had an average of 112 items per student. More than **300 tonnes of canned** and non-perishable food items were collected by the schools.—*Tyler Kraft*



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*Jim Tonkin*

**Janetzki—Polonski.** Glen Janetzki, son of Jeff and Lyn Janetzki (Wheeler Hill, Vic), and Beata Polonski, daughter of Michael and Krystyn Polonski (Noble Park), were married on 21.5.06 at Poets Lane, Sherbrooke.

*Morrie Krieg*

**Pankhurst—Murphy.** John Anthony Pankhurst, son of Geoffrey Pankhurst (Inverell, NSW) and Janet Hughes (Scone), and Tamara-Jade Elyse Murphy, daughter of Victor and Meryl Murphy (Inverell), were married on 18.9.05 in Inverell Adventist church.

*Phillip Bishop, Ken Love*

**Potts—Muggeridge.** Michael Potts, son of Ross and Coral Potts (Wauchope, NSW), and Rosemarie Muggeridge, daughter of Lynn and Julia Gall (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 25.9.05 at Oceanscape, Scotts Head, NSW.

*David Erickson*

**Robson—Adams.** Cameron Allen Robson, son of Allen and Pamela Robson (Kings Langley, NSW), and Linzi-Jane Adams, daughter of Rodney and Nerylee Adams (Hornsby Heights), were married on 14.5.06 at Milanos, Pelican, NSW.

*Bevan Craig*

**Whittaker—Adams.** Bradley Paul Whittaker, son of Victoria (Mooloolah, Qld) and the late Bruce Whittaker, and Monica Anne Adams, daughter of Roy (Brisbane) and Jeanette Adams (Stanthorpe), were married on 23.4.06 in the Stanthorpe Adventist church.

*Reg Harris*

## Obituaries

**Denham,** Beatrice Golder, born 2.4.1916 in Sydney, NSW; died 17.5.06 in the Esther Somerville Nursing Home, Normanhurst. She is survived by her sister, Jean; her nieces, Marguerite Wilson (Cooma), Barbara Downie (Sydney), Annette Callaghan (Grafton); and nephews, Richard Cooper (Sydney), Colin Schofield (Lithgow) and Greg Schofield (Brisbane, Qld); and their families. Beatrice became an Adventist more than 40 years ago and became an active member of the Chatswood church, Sydney, NSW. She was a gentle, caring person who was loved and respected by all who knew her and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

*Barry Wright*

**Finney,** Kathleen Mavis (nee Tiller), born 23.9.1923 at Broken Hill, NSW; died 18.1.06 in Inverell Hospital. In 1946 she married Ronald, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Joan Thompson, Robert, and Irene Hamner; and their families; her siblings, Freda Hawkes, Evelyn Mathams and Fred Tiller. Kath (at 10 years of age) and her mother became Adventists during meetings run by Pastor Gillis and Mrs Haberman. Kath awaits the return of her Friend and Redeemer.

*Phillip Bishop*

**McLaren,** Miriam Alice, born 26.7.1911 in Wellington, NZ, into the family of Joseph and Ellen Redward of Ormondville, where Edna and Irwin were her siblings; died 5.06 in the Gosford Hospital, NSW. On 12.1.38 she married Gilbert, a graduate of the Melbourne Medical School. She supported him in his ministry in the Sydney Adventist Hospital and in Adventist hospitals in Singapore and Malaya. Dr Gilbert McLaren predeceased her on 20.1.89. She is survived by her children, Margaret, Thomas and Jillian; and her grandchildren, who all "rise up and call her blessed," and others who mourn her loss.

*Austin Fletcher, Ross Goldstone*

**Pendleton,** Ruby (nee Nobbs), born 30.11.1930 on Norfolk Island; died 19.5.06 on Norfolk. On 13.10.60 she married Alan, who predeceased her on 22.5.82. Ruby was the eldest child of Charles and Sylvia Nobbs (nee Robinson). She is survived by her children, Wayne and Kaye; her grandson, Allan; her mother, Sylvia Nobbs; her siblings, Steve, Les, Alex, Roy, Joe; and their spouses (all of Norfolk Island). Ruby now rests from a prolonged illness and awaits the call of her precious Saviour. She was a silent sufferer and shared her pleasant nature and smile to the end.

*George Porter*

**Pinkerton,** Joanne, born 15.2.1961 at Tamworth, NSW; died 30.4.06 at Mullumbimby. In 1998 she married Bruce. She is survived by her husband (Gympie, Qld); her stepson, Ian; her mother, Maisey Dean (Mullumbimby, NSW); and her brother and sister-in-law, David and Kathy. Joanne was baptised in 1905 by Pastor Alvin Coltheart. She studied horticulture and specialised in budding and grafting. No doubt Joanne will be delighted to see the tree of life in the paradise of God.

*Beth McMurtry*

**Schirmer,** Henry Joseph Conrad, born 6.6.1915 at Rockhampton, Qld; died 14.10.05 at Armadale, WA, after a short illness. In 1941 he married Bessie James, who died in a car accident. They had four children. He was predeceased by his daughter, Lorelle Streatfield. On 25.6.68 he married Valma (Val) Cook. He is survived by his wife (Kelmescott); his children, Carolyn Smith, Neil Schirmer, Ken Schirmer, Stan Schirmer and Robyn Coulston; her 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Henry was a quiet, gentle man dearly loved by his family, who went to sleep as gently as he lived.

*Jim Tonkin, Andrew Skeggs*

**Shonga,** Tatenda, born and died 7.10.05 at Armadale, WA. She is survived by her parents, Willie and Patience Shonga; and her sister, Yvette (all of Armadale). The name "Tatenda" means appreciation to God and acceptance of whatever happens.

*Jim Tonkin*

**Webb,** James, born 12.1.1935 at Tutnall, county of Worcester, England; died 11.1.06 at Caboolture, Qld, after a short illness. On 21.12.54 he married Florene (Florrie) Poiner. He is survived by his wife; his children, Lynda Tonkin (Perth, WA), Jenny Topp (Caboolture, Qld), Elizabeth (Dawn) Dovey (Caboolture); his 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

*Jim Tonkin*

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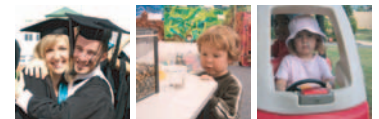
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