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The Adventist Media Centre, the Communication Department of the South Pacific Division (SPD) and Signs Publishing Company will merge to form one new entity to be known as Adventist Media Network on July 1, 2006.

To be situated at two locations, Warburton (Signs Publishing Company) and Wahroonga (Adventist Media Network headquarters), the proposal was voted through during the Seventh-day Adventist Church (SPD) Ltd board of directors midyear meeting on May 25.

"This is a golden moment for the church and over time will greatly benefit the

church in this division," says Pastor Laurie Evans, president of the SPD. "With the synergies created by Adventist Media Network, the church will now have a 'one-stop shop' that will cater for all its communication needs."

Adventist Media Network will provide unions, missions and conferences with a complete communication strategy for their projects that will include media ministries, public relations, marketing, design, news dissemination and the production of resources such as books and DVDs.

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The secret provides the power for life change and spiritual growth.

TnT—a powerful secret

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW A SECRET? It's a secret that has come down to us through the ages. Noah knew the secret. Moses knew it. Elijah knew it. All the prophets knew it. Jesus knew it. From Genesis to Revelation the secret is revealed through the lives recorded and the stories told in those hallowed pages. What is the secret?

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Jesus' implementation of the secret changed 11 headstrong men into soul winners and through the influence of those disciples the secret continues to change men and women the world round into Christ-followers.

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and training.

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Elijah threw his mantle over a young man working in a field. The young man, Elisha, knew what it meant—"I am to follow him and learn his message and ultimately I will wear this mantle as my own." The prophets told story after story trying to reconnect a wandering people with their steadfast God.

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Jesus said, "Follow Me," and once they did, the teaching commenced. Ultimately those disciples—because they listened and learned—went making disciples, baptising them and teaching them everything Jesus had taught them. Now the mantle rests on your shoulders. Go and tell your story—and never stop learning!

Because of the power of testimonies and training, we are including an occasional "TnT" page in Record. It will be filled with powerful stories and helpful tips for your ministry. See page 8 and look out for it in future issues.

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Adventist secondary schools receive report card

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A South Pacific Division (SPD) study of Seventh-day Adventist secondary schools has revealed that many staff members are unsure of what it meant to be an Adventist and view Adventism separately from Christianity.

"This is a cause of major concern for the church," says Dr Barry Hill, SPD director of Adventist education. "How our schools view the Adventist identity is something that has huge implications for the church."

The aim of the study was to find out how Adventist secondary schools are pursuing their mission and how well they are achieving their key objectives. Some 260 interviews were conducted with principals, deputy principals, chaplains, teachers and students from 19 schools throughout the SPD.

Eighteen questions were asked during the interviews and it was concluded that Adventist schools have "very dedicated and evangelistically minded teachers. There appears to be a high level of spirituality among the staff, which is very much to the credit of leadership at school level." The same statement holds true for principals

and deputy principals. Principals however, appeared to need more support in maintaining an Adventist philosophy and ethos in their schools.

Data revealed the emergence of two dominant perceptions, the first being a clear distinction between "Christian" and "Adventist" in a school, and that the Christian part takes precedence. The second associated perception saw interviewees questioning the definition of being an Adventist, with Adventism constantly associated with attitudes to jewellery, vegetarian diet, entertainment and music and worship style.

There was also no strong evidence that teachers grasped what an Adventist world view was, nor were they trying to refer to it systematically. Close to half of the teachers in Australia and New Zealand were making a reasonable effort to refer to their world view while the majority of teachers in the Pacific did not know what a world view was and made little reference to it in teaching.

As a result of the findings, the Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pacific) Ltd Board of Directors has voted that strategies be drafted to address the issues raised by the study. Actions include the organisation of



Dr Barry Hill, director of Adventist education for the South Pacific Division.

a working group to identify some key attributes of the terms "Adventist" and "Adventist teacher." The indicators would then be made available for education directors in the unions, conferences and missions to use in system documents.

Education directors of conferences and missions will also be asked to report on how their administration are supporting the development and maintenance of Adventist philosophy and ethos in their schools and how the schools are interacting with the Adventist Church in the integration of the ethos. The audit processes on Adventist faith and ethos in schools will also be reviewed and amended as necessary.

"We need to keep exploring ways to develop our teachers spiritually and provide them with practical support," says Dr Hill. "Administrators such as the presidents of unions and conferences will also need to be more involved in supporting the schools and sharing their vision." —Melody Tan

◆ The next TV advertising campaigns for the free viewing of the *Beyond Da Vinci* DVD (RECORD, May 20) will be: **Sydney**, Channel 10 (33 spots) from June 17 to 25; **Canberra**, WIN TV (72) and **Toowoomba/Rockhampton**, Channel 7 (104) from June 24 to July 2. Search video advertising will be broadcast in **Griffith** on WIN TV (58) from June 17 to 25.

More @ www.thecode.com.au

◆ *Signs of the Times* added the 500th article to their online archives on June 1. More than 150 people are visiting the website

every day with the most popular features being **Nick Vujicic's** "No Limbs, No Limits" article, a **Falafel Wrap** recipe and a **Da Vinci Code** special.—*Scott Wegener*

More @ www.signsofthetimes.org.au

◆ For the second year in a row, **Prescott College**, SA, students have been invited to **Government House** and presented with Merit Certificates for having gained a **perfect score** in a Year 12 subject. **Wesley Dose** (pictured, left) gained a perfect score in Religions in Australia, and **Sarah Stefani**



(middle) in Religions in Australia and Modern History. The Hon **Jane Lomax Smith**, MP, Minister for Education and Children's Services, has requested that Sarah Stefani's Year 12 major artwork, for which she received full marks, be **displayed in the office of the Minister** for 12 months. **Marcel Neuhoff** (right), who attends Prescott Primary-Northern, received a gold medal for achieving the **highest mark**

in **South Australia** and Northern Territory in the University of NSW 2005 Australasian Schools Writing Competition. Marcel also received distinctions in the English Competition and the Spelling Assessment.—*Pam Oliver*

◆ **Papatoetoe church**, NZ, started a **Contagious Christian** course on April 29. A group, who have a long-ing to develop their skills in becoming more contagious in their Christianity, registered for the course and are learning various **skills and principles** of sharing faith with others.—*Karyn Newson*

Local churches to receive better financial aid

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Actions and policy changes will be made by the end of this year to look into ways to better assist local churches in Australia and New Zealand to finance the purchase of church buildings.

"One of the SPD's priorities for the current quinquennium is the local church," said Mr Rodney Brady, chief financial officer of the South Pacific Division (SPD), in a report to the Seventh-day Adventist Church (SPD) Ltd board of directors. "We need to help rectify the current difficulty to grow and expand the local church in Australia and New Zealand due to rising real estate values."

Only five new Australian capital city churches were built during the past eight years due to the rise in property prices, three of which were made possible because of

bequests and grants. Lack of available resources from church members and inability to purchase property strategically at lower prices before a congregation is established has also led to the current situation.

Although the SPD currently operates a revolving loan fund over a 10-year term for local churches, congregations are still facing difficulties with loan repayments.

The SPD will be looking into amending current policy to reflect the priority of acquiring local church properties and proposing changes to the board of directors at the end of this year.

Suggested policy changes will include allowing new churches to borrow from the loan fund with the first year interest-free, have either union- or conference-wide offerings for local church buildings as well as investigating ways to increase the reserve in the current loan fund.—*Melody Tan*



Fox Valley Community church, one of five Australian capital city churches built during the past eight years.

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tremendous blessing to the church," says Pastor Jerry Matthews, president of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. "Church members are often unsure who to approach with their projects. Adventist Media Network will make things less confusing since they would only need to approach one party now."

The Adventist Media Network will facilitate an integrated strategy and a cooperative effort in church communications, enhancing the profile of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the community.

Dr Allen Steele, who has been the assistant to the president for advancement of Avondale College, has been appointed chief executive officer of Adventist Media Network as well as the communication director for the SPD.

Adventist Media Network will fulfil the action voted by delegates in the SPD Session six years ago to "establish a Communication/Public Relations and Marketing Centre that would combine or utilise the resources and skills of trained and competent staff along with those of the Adventist Media Centre, Signs Publishing Company and other institutions as appropriate."

—*Melody Tan*



◆ With the state of South Australia celebrating the 150th anniversary of Polish settlement, the College Park Polish church went on an outing to visit the site of the first settlement at Seven Hills. Visiting the museum at Polish Hill River they found an exhibit that mentioned the Polish Adventist church as a part of the settlement history.—*Grapevine*

◆ **Manning Adventist School**, Taree, NSW, has had an injection of funds from the Australian Government's "Investing in Our Schools" initiative. The **Hon Mr Mark Vaile**, MP, Australia's Deputy Prime Minister (pictured), officially opened the **\$A75,000 upgrade** on May 16. The second round of funding was also announced—a further \$A75,000. The grants have provided many improvements, including a renovated, air-conditioned library with a \$A10,000 book injection, computers, multi-purpose tennis/basketball/volleyball court and music and technol-



ogy equipment. This government initiative is unique in that the school's parents and church supporters were directly involved in the application and expenditure processes.—*Karen Horsley*

◆ Some 18 volunteers from the **Stanthorpe church**, Qld, helped clean up the aftermath of a **local house fire**. The owner's house and belongings were uninsured.



Blankets, towels, crockery, cutlery and more were provided by the **ADRA shop at Toowoomba**. Though the couple has a large painted notice on the gate saying "religious callers are definitely not welcome," help from local church members has helped **demonstrate Christianity in action** and changed their attitude.—*Susan Johnstone*

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One local mission established in Solomon Islands

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The three local missions in the Solomon Islands will be combined into and operating as one mission from January 1, 2007, to more effectively nurture the membership and the communities of the country.

The headquarters of the one mission will be located on the Lunga compound in Honiara, currently occupied by the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission. Officers of the new mission will be appointed at the mid-year meetings of the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) this month.

"I think this is a great initiative," said Pastor Laurie Evans, president of the South Pacific Division (SPD), during the Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pacific) Ltd board of directors midyear meeting that voted for the move. "I believe this is a historic day for the church in the Solomon Islands and it will help give them more of an identity in the country."

Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, president of the TPUM, proposed the move at the TPUM session in November 2005. "The church established three local missions in the Solomon Islands years ago due to

communication and transportation limitations," he says.

"However, the improvement of communication services and transportation over the years has meant that there is no need for three different missions. There also has not been a concerted voice from the church in the country since the removal of the Western Pacific Union as its coordinating body."

There are currently more than 400 Adventist churches and companies in the Solomon Islands with a membership of close to 40,000.

Church administration is currently separated into the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission, the Western Solomon Islands Mission and the Malaita Mission. There is no central coordinating body or strategic plan for all three missions.

The establishment of one mission in the Solomon Islands will mean the country's government will no longer be confused over which local mission to approach and there will be a coordinating body for the church programs for the entire regional district. The reduction of leadership in administrative roles will provide local churches with strengthened pastoral



Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, president of the Trans-Pacific Union Mission.

leadership and less bureaucracy at a district level.

"This is a completely new management of church in the Pacific," says Pastor Tanabose. "It will take good administration of the one mission to foster development growth and direction to help the region move toward conference status."

Pastor Tanabose also believes the set-up of the 10 regional districts under the new one mission "will need to be organised and empowered properly."

As well as being endorsed by the TPUM session last year, the plan has also been voted upon by representatives of the three Solomon Island missions and recommended by the the SPD executive committee at its annual meeting last November.—*Melody Tan*



◆ The **Adventist Lego League Odyssey Robotics Challenge Tournament** was hosted by Glendale Adventist Academy, California, USA, on March 13. Student teams demonstrated their entries in six 2.5-minute trials, earning points as their robots performed practical **on-water or underwater activities**, including lining up a Lego pipeline. The league, now

three years old, was developed to accommodate Sabbath observance, with **tournaments scheduled on weekdays**, since public-school tournaments are scheduled on Saturday.—*Betty Cooney*

More @ www.adventistlegoleague.net

◆ Members from two Seattle, USA, churches, Emerald City and Breath of Life, joined the Northwest Connection Community Choir to perform the national anthem before a **Seattle Sonics NBA basketball game** in Key Arena before 15,000 fans. The performance was intend-



ed to bring awareness to **Habitat for Humanity's Hurricane Katrina** recovery efforts and a portion of ticket sales from the game against the New Orleans Hornets went to benefit Habitat.—*Darren McPherson*

◆ **Adventist World Radio (AWR)** has dedicated its **new Europe office building**. The facility is located in Bracknell, five minutes

from Newbold College and offers increased space for staff serving the Europe region and AWR's global services. During the dedication program, **Bertil Wiklander**, president of the Trans-European Division (TED), described the church's evangelism challenges in Europe. "Approximately 65 to 70 per cent of the 600 million people living in this division are Muslim, and the Adventist Church cannot communicate directly with them," he said. "AWR is their link to the church and serves as a sort of 'radio church.'"—*Shelley Nolan Freesland*

Evangelism school empowers members

CAMDEN HAVEN, NEW SOUTH WALES

After successful completion of its first two-year diploma course in 2005, Eastward Missionary College this year commences its inaugural four-month Field School of Evangelism from July 23 based at the Camden Haven church.

Eastward College is committed to training Christians to be effective soulwinners for Christ, through a program of high academic and practical excellence. Eastward is a recognised supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and was established three years ago to inspire and support Adventist young people with a vision of what they may become if they willingly submit their lives to Christ.

Course content includes Christian fundamentals, final events, personal and public evangelism techniques, conversion and righteousness by faith, health ministry,

English, voice and preaching.

Mark Roberts, academic dean of Eastward College, will lead out in the training school and is sourcing dedicated teachers to help conduct the various aspects of the program. One exciting feature of the school is that, with permission, it utilises aspects of both the Amazing Facts and It Is Written training programs, combining them into a school suited to Australian needs.

Eastward College is based in the Hastings valley (NSW) and will be working closely with the established churches in the region. Eastward will continue their diploma classes after the field school.

The North New South Wales Conference has a focus on Camden Haven with Pastor Danny Milenkov, and Alisha Fenwick as Bible worker. Pastor Milenkov has a love for evangelism and youth work. Ms Fenwick and Mr Roberts are already visiting homes and signing up people to study the Bible.

“The Camden Haven church members are very excited at the prospect of having Eastward in our part of the world,” says Pastor Milenkov. “For a small church of 20-30 attendees, it’s a great blessing to be assisted by the staff and students of Eastward in our outreach programs. We believe God has answered our prayers in bringing to our area dedicated people who love to share our church’s precious message with our community.”

Ms Fenwick, a recent graduate of Amazing Facts, and evangelist Lyle Southwell from the Greater Sydney Conference, also a graduate of a joint Amazing Facts/It Is Written training school, will be having valuable input into the school’s program.

Toward the end of the school, students will put their skills into practice by participating in a four-week public evangelistic campaign to be run in Port Macquarie, with the students’ Bible-study contacts encouraged to attend. Students are involved in all aspects of the evangelistic campaign through to the reaping. The campaign will be conducted by Mr Southwell, who works with the Global Mission church-planting project Fountain in the City, in Sydney’s central business district.—**Brett Higgins**

For more information contact Mark Roberts on 0407 892 573 or email <info@eastward.edu.au>



Mark Roberts, Alisha Fenwick and Pastor Danny Milenkov in front of Camden Haven church, reviewing a map of the town for door-to-door work.

◆ Meeting in South Africa recently, DAWN (Discipling a Whole Nation) directors and associates set a goal of **20 million new churches** around the world by 2020, and an initiative to mobilise 100 million prayer intercessors by the year 2020. Of the 20 million new churches, **9 million will be planted in Asia** (including Australia and the Pacific), 4 million in Africa, 3 million in North America, 3 million in Latin America, and 1 million in Europe.

More @ dawnministries.org

◆ Time Beijing bureau chief described it as one of the most

unusual and **successful smuggling operations** of the 20th century. June 18, 1981, Open Doors’ Project Pearl delivered **one million Chinese Bibles**, weighing 232 tonnes, to Christians in China in one night. A 30-metre-long tugboat travelled at three knots per hour towing a semisubmersible barge loaded with the Bibles, **through a maze of anchored Chinese navy ships** and delivered the Bibles to thousands of Christians waiting to unload the shipment. Over the past 25 years, Open Doors has received many stories of the impact of those Bibles. One Bible was received by

a young Christian who had been **praying for a Bible of his own** for three years. After reading it through three times in three weeks, he felt God calling him to become one of the many evangelists preaching in China. Now, after 20 years of ministry, he pastors a network of house churches that has grown to **more than 400,000 members** who require more than 20,000 Bibles a month just for new believers.—

Paul Estabrooks/Assist News

◆ Voluntary prayer had been a part of graduations at Russell County High School in Kentucky, USA, for

decades without a complaint until an anonymous graduating senior collaborated with the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky to file a lawsuit claiming he was **offended by graduation prayers**. Just 12 hours before the ceremony on May 19, a US district judge ordered school officials **not to proceed with a scheduled prayer** in the ceremony but the senior class handed out small cards with the Lord’s Prayer printed on them and when the principal rose to deliver his opening remarks, some 200 students began to pray aloud.—*Erin Roach/Baptist Press*

Pathfinder Camporee 2007 “will be safe”

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A health and safety policy for the first South Pacific Pathfinder Camporee in early 2007 (see RECORD, March 19, 2005) has been approved by the Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pacific) Ltd board of directors to ensure the safety of everybody involved with the event.

“The safety of our young people is our top priority,” says Pastor Gilbert Cangy, South Pacific Division (SPD) director of youth ministries. “We want to ensure that we have a conducive environment to minister to the spiritual, emotional, social and physical needs of the campers.”

Mr Ken Marsh, the occupational health and safety coordinator for the SPD, will be involved in helping the camporee planning committee to develop a systematic process of hazard identification, risk assessment and control applied to all activities and venues.

Staff and leaders of the camporee will also be trained and instructed to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of the young people. A discipline committee



Pathfinders climb higher at Stuarts Point.

will also be set up to overview and decide on appropriate action for those who choose not to cooperate on safety requirements.

“We want to minimise the risk of injury that may take place during the camporee as far as practicable,” says Pastor Cangy.

Due to the overwhelming response of close to 10,000 applications received, each union conference and mission has been given a number allocation to ensure a fair distribution of representation at the camporee from January 9 to 13, 2007. The camporee will be held at Stuarts Point Campground, New South Wales, which has a maximum capacity of 6500.—*Melody Tan*

Adventist Alpine Village aims higher

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Adventist Alpine Village in Jindabyne (NSW) undertook an improved maintenance program and a stronger customer focus since coming under new management in July last year.

Changes were made in marketing, food services, maintenance and occupational health and safety policies. “We want to improve the quality of things that we can offer our clients,” says Mr Allan Butler, property manager of the South Pacific Division (SPD). “I am happy with the progress so far.”

Under the management of Mr David Afele, the main lodge building has been high-pressure cleaned, its timber re-oiled and its painted surfaces repainted. The chalets have also been repainted and refurbished, with some carpets being replaced. Steps have also been taken to ensure the safety of occupants at the site.

Mr Afele has introduced new stationery, brochures, and healthier food and snack



The recently refurbished Adventist Alpine Village, Jindabyne.

options are becoming available. Plans are being made to provide guests with more recreational facilities and activities, especially during the summer off-peak season.

Non-Adventist school groups make up most of Adventist Alpine Village's current occupancy. According to Mr Butler, “We would like to see more church members making use of these facilities.”

Adventist Alpine Village is open to church groups, families and schools.

—*Melody Tan*

More @ www.alpinevillage.com.au

ADRA responds to Indonesian earthquake

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)—Australia has contributed to an ADRA network-wide response to the earthquake that struck Yogyakarta Province, in Central Java, Indonesia, on May 27. In the days following the disaster, ADRA had emergency response teams on the ground in Java and rushed additional emergency staff into the affected region.

ADRA—Australia's contribution is part of an initial ADRA network-wide allocation of more than \$US100,000 to get relief efforts underway immediately. Funds are intended to provide tents/shelter, medical care and supplies, mats, blankets, sarongs, hygiene items, food kits and cooking supplies for affected families and psychological support for affected children. A Seventh-day Adventist church in the hard-hit subdistrict of Bantul has been opened as a shelter for displaced families. ADRA will work in collaboration with other non-governmental organisations and the United Nations to expand its response efforts.

“ADRA has been working in Indonesia for several years, including responding to the recent tsunami,” states David Jack, CEO for ADRA—Australia. “This response is part of our continued assistance to the people of Indonesia.”

Initial reports state the earthquake measured 5.9 on the Richter scale. The death toll is approximately 6000 people, with thousands more injured and displaced.

—*Michelle Oetman*

To assist ADRA—Australia in its response to earthquake survivors, donate to its Indonesia Earthquake Fund online at www.adra.org.au or by phone on 1800 242 372.



Ministry to children



BY JULIE WESLAKE

OUR MISSION IS TO CONNECT CHILDREN to a lifelong loving relationship to Jesus and His church through discipleship, worship, community, service and outreach.

We operate with these core values:

Joy—children celebrating who God is.

Safety—ensuring physical and emotional safety.

Family—recognising and empowering the children's family.

Sharing—equipping children to share God's grace.

Application—planning for a changed life.

Engagement—encouraging active learning.

Relationships—intentionally building relationships.

Teaching tips

Sabbath school gives us only a short time each week with the children. Make sure the precious time you have is used to connect children to Jesus.

Teaching that builds faith

Ensure children have more than just knowledge of the Bible, but that they have a faith that gives them a lifelong connection to Jesus and His church. Allow the Bible to transform their lives by linking the Bible stories to the faith dynamics of grace, worship, community and service.

Teaching so kids learn

- Devote the whole hour to the understanding of the message for each week.

GraceLink is working well. Children each receive the Bible Study Guides and parents have the opportunity to study at home with their children. "When the kids study at home we are reinforcing on Sabbath what their parents are teaching them," says Rebecca. "Parents say their kids are asking more questions about Jesus," says Fiona. "I know I'm hearing Zack [her son] ask about Jesus all week."—*Avondale College church, New South Wales*

Reinforce it throughout the Sabbath school program.

- Follow a learning sequence that captivates the children's interest, enables them to experience the Bible story, shows them how to apply it to their own lives and challenges them to share the biblical message.
- Ensure children are actively involved in the learning activities—discussing, thinking, teaching, moving, creating.
- Use a learning sequence that caters for all learning styles.
- Help the children enjoy Sabbath school—when their emotions are engaged, children will remember.
- Allow plenty of opportunities to build strong friendships: kid-to-kid; teacher-to-kid; and teacher-to-parent.

Five essentials of children's Sabbath school

1. Readiness activities

Activities to start the program to help the children feel comfortable, start talking, prepare their minds, and connect new Bible stories with what they know already. It answers the question, "Why do I need to learn this?"

2. Prayer and praise

An important time of singing, praying and focusing on mission. A time when children can learn about other children's needs and respond by giving an offering.

3. The Bible lesson

Time needs to be spent each week when the children can hear/see/be actively involved in, and understand a Bible story.

Sabbath school provides a fantastic opportunity to reach our own children and those outside our community. The GraceLink Leader/Teacher Guide is excellent, and provides all the information and guidance you need to make your Sabbath school a success.—*Tim Lawrence, Avondale Memorial church, New South Wales*

This is an important time when children use their Bibles, memorise scripture and hear God's voice. It answers the question, "What do I need to know?"

4. Application

The Bible story remains just a story until time is taken to help children apply it to their own lives. This section helps children test the new information in a variety of real-life settings and think through some scenarios. It answers the question, "How does this work?"

5. Sharing

The message the children have learned is practised and made into something to be shared. A group project could be planned, a service project could be started, something could be learned to tell someone else, and a craft could be made that depicts the Bible message. It answers the questions, "What if?" and "What can this become?"

A team from Papatoetoe church have been using GraceLink to run a branch Sabbath school at a state primary school. Recently one seven-year-old boy came to me before the program and said that even though his brother wouldn't come, "I believe in God and I want to give my heart to Him." During a special Easter program he wrote his name on a piece of paper and nailed it in commitment to Jesus on the wooden cross that we had.

We encourage the children to share the message they have learned with their friends and family. We make sure the children have made or written something they can take home to help them.

Prayer time is a big focus and they are constantly amazed at how God is answering their prayers. It is such a wonderful time of spiritual growth for our children.—*Annette Barlow, Papatoetoe church, New Zealand*

Tips for teaching the Bible story

The GraceLink Leader/Teacher Guide gives many suggestions, but also try these ideas collated by Leanne Deanshaw, director of children's ministries in Victoria:

- Always use props and concrete materials—the more multisensory the better.
- Never just read the story—at least know it well enough to tell it.
- Draw the children's attention to the story in their Bibles.
- Stand up, move around, or sit on the floor—anything different to attract the children's interest.
- Use a puppet or puppets to tell the story.
- Use a sandbox, Lego or playdough figurines.
- Dress the children up in Bible costumes and narrate the story as they act it out.
- Invite guests to come and tell the story. This will help the children to get to know other Sabbath school members.
- Dress yourself up and tell the Bible story.
- Ask suitable questions and encourage discussion.
- Spend time each week preparing the Bible story. If the children are engaged in the story, they will remember it! **R**

Julie Weslake is director of children's ministries for the South Pacific Division.

The numbers at beginner Sabbath school at Nunawading were growing too big to accommodate all the children and parents. It is a good problem when too many parents want their children to have a strong spiritual foundation. The parents were staying because they didn't feel comfortable in adult Sabbath school classes, and wanted to be close to their children. To meet this need a parents class was started just outside the beginner Sabbath school room. This is working really well. Many other activities have been organised for the parent class: kid-friendly social activities; family camps; Tool Box Parenting classes. Our young mums and dads are important to us.—*Leanne Deanshaw, Nunawading church, Victoria*

Video ministry: What did you expect?



BY JOHN GATE

MOST OF OUR EXPECTATIONS IN life are subconscious. They have been built upon similar, previous experiences. Expectations can be changed only through education or a new experience. When expectations are not fulfilled, we can become discouraged.

When it comes to evangelism and outreach, many of us have the expectation that we advertise, evangelise and baptise, and that this happens in a short period of time. But that is an unreal expectation in today's world. It seldom happens like that in Western, postmodern societies. It is a process and it takes time. By owning that

"It takes time for people to build confidence in you, grow in faith and surrender to Jesus. But patience brings results."—Beryl

Morris, Rowville, Victoria

reality we begin to have realistic expectations, and are not setting ourselves up for disappointment. It is surprising the number of new video ministers who have the unspoken expectation that viewers will make a decision for Jesus, the Sabbath and other teachings by the end of the *Search* series. That is totally unrealistic. The reality is that video viewing is entertainment. Response opportunities must be provided for people to act upon what they have learned. We're going to explain how that can happen.

A similar expectation is that videos will lead people to make decisions. Sometimes people do decide purely on the basis of what they have seen and heard on the videos, but the reality is that the videos provide information. People make decisions when they



A baptismal group in the Dandenong Polish church, many of whom were contacted through Search TV advertising.

are convicted and invited to do so. Therefore, video ministers are always looking for opportunities to lead their video-viewing friends to an environment or a program where they can be invited to act upon what they have seen and heard.

Another unreal expectation is that if viewers are not talkative when you call, they are not interested. The reality is that viewers accept further videos because they have an interest, and that interest must grow. It won't be until they are satisfied that the video minister is a genuine, caring person that they will want to talk and share with them. Some people form friendships quickly, while others take time before they begin to open up and share.

Another unreal expectation is that interested viewers will view the video within one week. The reality is that video viewers are busy people just as we are. We need to be patient and give them as long as they need to view the video. Some viewers will view the video within the week and will want to borrow two in the week. Others will take up to four weeks to view a video. The time that it takes is no sure gauge of their interest in what they are watching. We must be persistent and not be discouraged. When people take longer to view a video, then arrange to call at longer intervals and don't waste time by calling every week. **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.

No agenda

BY JERRY UNSER

STORM (SERVICE TO OTHERS REALLY Matters) Co is a youth initiative of the South Pacific Division organised in collaboration with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. It began 13 years ago and has continued to grow as a “grassroots” youth movement with little top-down organisational structure.

But I’ve been worried about one of the trends I have seen for a while in STORM Co. It would seem that some of the young people I have heard give reports, seen on stage or spoken to don’t really know what the concept of STORM Co is. And I’ve heard many administrators refer to clowning and puppets as “STORM Co activities.” It hit me when I saw a STORM Co report at a recent youth rally where the emphasis was on how cool it was to be a STORM Co leader, and to do that you had to really like kids. No mention of service, humble spirit or community.

It seems the first foundation of STORM Co is so radical that many STORM Co teams miss it.

The question

It was an unusual phone call to the South Queensland Conference office: “I’m the policeman in Yuleba, and the community has asked me to call and see if we can have a STORM Co team for ourselves. We know of a few towns in our area that have had teams and we’d like one to come and visit us.”

It was a remarkable opportunity. We are a church longing to spread the gospel, looking for ways to impact lives for Christ and to be invited to visit a community—imagine the evangelistic potential



Foundation No 1

No agenda—Listen

STORM Co teams enter a community with the express purpose of building a relationship with that community. A team will go first to listen, and then to serve.” —*STORM Co Guidebook*

of whole towns eager for us to come and share our message!

The duty to follow up the phone call fell to STORM Co team organiser Melissa, who asked one simple question: “What would you like us to do?”

She could have said any number of things when she responded to the invitation: “Sure, we’ll bring a band and put on a wonderful concert,” or “We’ll be there in a flash to mow all of your lawns,” or “You’ll love our puppets and clowns!” But she didn’t tell, she asked. She asked the question that is the defining key for a STORM Co team—and for all kinds of Christian service—“What would you like us to do?”

Don’t miss that question. It’s a simple one, but it’s one that Christianity in general has forgotten how to ask. Instead we tend to go into a place with a “program”—something we have prepared, practised and are ready to perform—most often with the goal of adding numbers to the church.

Let me quickly add: That’s not all bad. After all, Christians are called to “make disciples” (see Matthew 28:19). God has impacted our lives, we are compelled to spread the good news, and so we take what we have “on the road” and show others

how to do it like we do. The gospel has been spread to many in that way.

Listening

To listen is a first step in presenting the gospel message that Jesus didn’t overlook. He knew the hearts of the people He served: “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27*).

Jesus was careful to discern the culture of the places He visited. In some towns, He could do no miracles because they weren’t receptive; in others He was received with open hearts. He listened.

In one of His greatest lessons on winning souls, Scripture records a long conversation with the woman at the well (see John 4:5-26). He was God and He already knew her heart and everything about her, yet He took the time to ask and let her tell her own story. He listened to her, and won her heart in the process.

Jesus met people in the context of a relationship and Scripture repeatedly calls for us to do the same: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34).

Reponse

When we know the needs of a person or a community, we can respond to them. It is really the essence of the gospel. He loves us because He knows us. Our job is to pass on the good news of the God of relationships, not programs.

Sometimes in our eagerness to make disciples, we Christians have neglected the servant-hearted, relational aspect of the gospel of Jesus. Instead, we tend to focus

on our own needs: bigger congregations, more baptisms, a nicer building, more money.

The world sees this (rightly) as our “agenda.” We’re often happy to help in some way, as long as we can hand out a pamphlet, invite someone to church or promote an evangelistic program.

We serve, but everyone knows why. What if—just sometimes—we were willing to serve without that agenda?

Imagine going to a place and first listening—listening to find out who that community is and what their needs are, then offering to serve. That is the base that STORM Co is built upon. That is the first foundation, perhaps the most defining characteristic, of a STORM Co team.

I wish it was always the practice of a STORM Co team, but sometimes it is not.

Reassessing STORM Co

I shudder when I hear a STORM Co team member say something like: “STORM Co is great. We ‘do’ a Kids Club and have a great time.”

I’m sure a children’s program is welcome in many communities, but if that is what “we do,” then we have a problem. Suddenly the STORM Co team has become a program, a travelling show—and when that happens, we’ve stopped listening. That is not what STORM Co is about.

As soon as we stop listening, we stop serving the whole community. Doing something for children is easy. We’re good at it and maybe it is something that will serve a community well. But a community is made up of more than children. They grow up to become young mothers, football players, mechanics, cleaners, high school students, retirees. They grow up to be a “community.” The mission of STORM Co is to share “God’s love by building bridges to all peoples” in a town (STORM Co Mission Statement).

Aroma or program?

Christians are not called to be “deliverers of a program”; we are called instead to be the “aroma of Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:15). There is a big difference.

A program comes and goes and the emphasis is on the program. Our goal is to build a relationship with an entire community that will survive whatever “programs” we happen to run. For that reason, the name STORM Co was chosen to represent rain that falls everywhere, bringing refreshment to all.

“No agenda” is a radical concept. It is not evangelistic. It is not imposed. It may not even be prepared. This is hard for us program-oriented Christians to do.

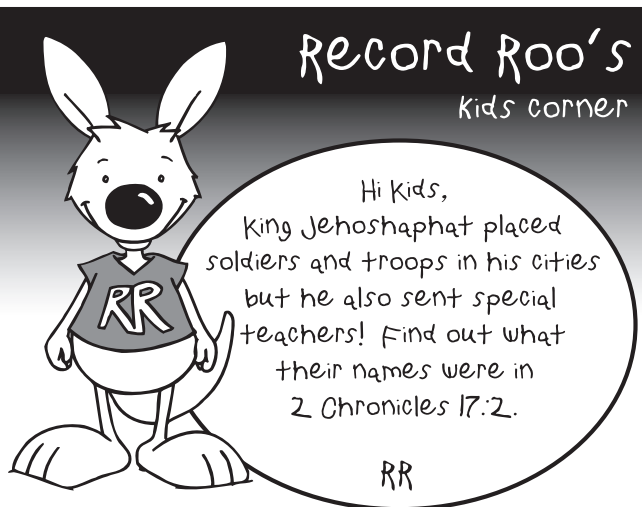
STORM Co teams: try scaling down Kid’s Club and go out and meet the rest of the town.

Try Christianity without the agenda for yourself sometime. Try considering the needs of others without deciding first what you think they need.

Listen. You might be surprised at what you hear. **R**

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

Jerry Unser is the founder of STORM Co and continues to volunteer supporting teams and their leaders. He writes from the Gold Coast, Queensland.



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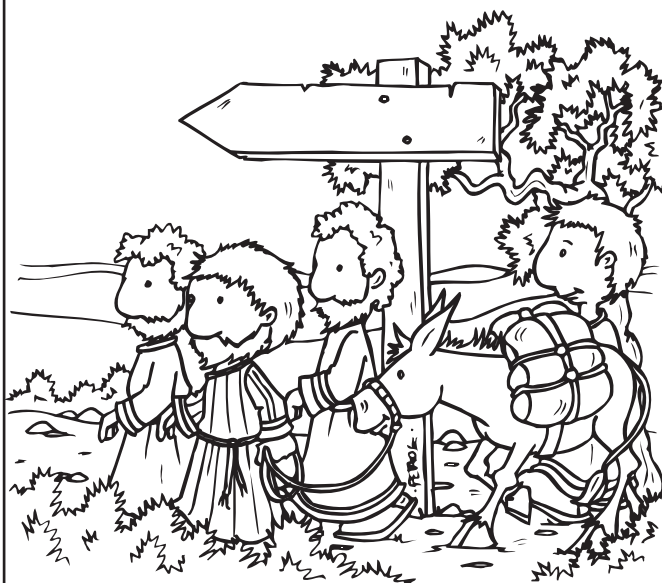
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2 Chronicles 17:2 NKJV

Write

The signpost on the roadside is blank. Can you write the name of the place the scholars are heading for on the sign?

You can find the answer in 2 Chronicles 17:9.



Colour In

Colour in the scholars on their journey.

A “redneck” gospel?

FRANCO GIARRAPUTO, QLD

I have noticed a disappointing spate of letters to the editor, characterised by what may be termed a “redneck approach” to the gospel. I refer to comments on the recent courageous, challenging and thought-provoking editorials relating to issues facing humanity and Christians today—environmentalism, materialism, HIV/AIDS, violence and war—urging us to abandon our fortress mentality and comfort zone and to be “in the world” as Jesus lived and taught us to be.

The latest of these was “Finding a balance” (Letters, May 20) in which an appalling pseudo-justification is provided for “just wars,” utterly alien to Jesus’ teaching and that of early Christians.

While the logic may appear impeccable, it is not the logic of Christ. As His followers, we are to be “the salt of the earth,” not the sword of the earth. Calling a war “just” does not make it any less horrific and devastating in its effects than an “unjust” one.

I suspect this kind of reasoning may be the result the church’s ambiguous and ambivalent stance on war and military service. What makes the sixth commandment any less binding and more malleable than the fourth or the eighth? Surely such double standards cannot and should not endure.

As followers of Jesus, our calling is to love our enemies, not to be like them or use their methods of resolving disputes; to be the fragrance of Christ to others, not the toxic fumes of violence and retaliation.

If the early Christians, the Ghandis, the Martin Luther Kings and the Quakers of this world can do it with such spectacular benefits, why do Adventist Christians find it so hard to walk in Jesus’ footsteps?

Prayer for ex-pastors

DANNY BELL, WA

“Prayer for pastors” (Letters, May, 27), left one thing unsaid. The 16 or so other “classmates” who are now no longer in ministry need prayers too. As one of those who was forced to step down from pastoral work I speak from experience. Many of these families have had nothing in the way of contact or support from the church since

leaving. They are now living lives outside the church in a disillusioned state of anger and pain. I have been one of the lucky ones, managing by God’s grace to keep my faith and regard for the church intact.

What is most sad and yet important about this is why these families have been left and what the church is doing to stem the flow. Most of my classmates are no longer

in ministry either and it all could have been avoided if we had a recovery program like other denominations do. We could have healed, moved on and engaged in pastoral work once more, filling the shortfalls that now exist and having a wiser, more experienced team of pastors.

Daniel or Stephen?

ROSALIE WAINWRIGHT, NZ

“The question” (Feature, May 6) contrasts Daniel and Stephen, and asks why we don’t use Stephen instead of Daniel as a role model because he is “ordinary” like most of us.

The point is well taken, in its context, but maybe it should be pointed out that the song “Dare to Be a Daniel” used Daniel instead of Stephen because the point of the song was temperance and healthful living, for which Daniel is the best role model (see Daniel 1). And that is a good thought for a health week issue of RECORD.

Church-swap?

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I read with ever-increasing excitement the article “The absolutely silent sector” (Perspective, May 6). I learned there is a song leader at his/her church who intersperses the song service with testimonies and prayer! How wonderful! It sounds like a relational church to me.

Will you ask the writer to tell me which church this is? I’ll respond with information of the whereabouts of the church I attend, and we can swap!

I’d love to attend a relational church where the members are connecting with each other. What an opportunity for love to be shown and grown. What a forum for caring and trust to be exercised. What a classroom for the saints to learn how to bear each other’s burdens through listening to them, praying for them, hanging-in-there with them, sharing resources with

them, standing with them!

Surely the writer writes with tongue in cheek, because I would have thought singing is marvellous exercise to prepare the *worshippers* (active verb) for a short, encouraging devotional exhortation to equip them for the week ahead, because surely everybody has already had the Word expounded to them in the Sabbath school lesson in the previous hour. Those who can’t sing can be free to sit back, listen to and worship along with the songs, hymns, testimonies and prayers of the day.

“Identity” question

DON MITCHELL, NSW

In “The heart of Adventist identity” (Feature, April 29), it is all very well telling us how Ellen White got it right, quoting “We should have no misgivings in regard to the perfect sinlessness of the human nature of Christ.” But what about statements like, “He took upon His sinless nature our sinful nature, that He might know how to succour those that are tempted” (*Medical Ministry*, page 181).

Yes, I believe Jesus was sinless, and I know we will be told it was a reference to Jesus’ physical being. But I find that hard to accept. It would be good if the church could be “honest” in all these issues.

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Anniversaries

Hall, Bob and Jessie (nee Chapman) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends on April 30, at home in the Adventist Retirement Village, Rossmoyne, WA. It was a very enjoyable occasion with inter-



esting pictures and history. Those present included George Chapman (best man) and Ivy Laird (bridesmaid) of the original bridal party. They were pleased to have all their descending family present, although many travelled from the east and other locations in WA. A great number from the large Chapman family, were also present, along with many friends. There were many congratulatory messages from representatives of the Commonwealth and State, including HRH Queen Elizabeth II. Bob and Jessie thank God for His continual presence and leading in their lives, and also in the lives of their family.

McIntyre, Bob and Nerelle (nee Maisey) met as children at Ashfield SDA church and later married there as 22-year-olds on 23.5.46. On 21.5.06 they celebrated 60 years of marriage at a buffet lunch with family and friends. They have lived all their married life in suburbs of Sydney



and have been active members of Epping SDA church for more than 40 years. They have one daughter, Colleen, and a wide circle of friends. All those who come in contact with them are touched by their love and devotion to each other and to their faith.

Way, Norm and Joan (nee Wheeler) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Rustic Charm restaurant in the Yarra Valley, Vic, surrounded by beautiful autumn sunshine. Joan met Norm in the early 50s when they worked at the Signs Publishing Company. They were married on 20.5.56 in the Warburton church by the late Pastor Carl Ulrich, manager of the Signs at that time. Along with their children, Dean and Diane Way, and Linda and Syd Black, they created their original wedding day. The entire wedding party of Max Mitchell (NSW), Joy Darko (nee Ulrich, NSW), Noelene Pullen, Joan's niece (California, USA), and Heather Montagu, Joan's niece (WA) being present was a real highlight for them, considering the distance each travelled. The original photographers, Ivan and Olive Goldsmith, also joined the many family and friends in the joyful celebration. God has greatly blessed their 50 golden years in their local Warburton community where they reside in Donna Buang Road.

Appreciation

Sika, Teisa. Oli. Joseph, Dianne, Reno and Alsha would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to all who offered support, encouragement and assistance following the passing of their much-loved husband, brother-in-law, father and grandfather, David Sika. Special thanks to those who travelled to Wellington at such short notice, and also to those who sent flowers and cards bearing such precious messages of hope. We are especially grateful to the Wellington and Tongan SDA church members for the love and care shown to us during this difficult time.

Weddings

Caldwell—Crabtree. Donald Roderick Caldwell and Eileen (Betty) Crabtree were married on 30.4.06 in the Albury Adventist church, NSW.

Lawrence Landers

Peterson—Carmichael. Troy Peterson, son of Kym and Annette Peterson (Dalby, Qld), and Sarah Carmichael, daughter of Craig Carmichael (Pittsworth) and Joanne Vaughan (Bowenville), were married on 29.4.06 at St James Anglican church, Toowoomba.

Lizzie Gaitskill

Sarader—Topperwien. Michael John Sarader, son of Jane (Sydney, NSW) and the late John Sarader, and Nicole Maree Topperwien, daughter of Kenneth and Jenny Topperwien (both of Perth, WA), were married on 30.4.06 at Eden Gardens, North Ryde, NSW.

Pablo Lillo

Skeers—Barnett. Lyndon Damien Skeers, son of Fred Skeers and Elaine North (both of Perth, WA), and Piari Renee Barnett, daughter of Jan (Perth) and the late Graham Barnett, were married on 7.5.06 at Newtown House, Busselton.

Jennifer Etherington

Wilbraham—Monson. Richard Wilbraham, son of June Croft (father unknown) of Blackpool, England; and Luella Joy Monson, daughter of Trevor and Carolyn Monson (Mildura, Vic), were married on 24.2.06 at Kellybrook Estate, Wonga Park.

Tony Knight

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Obituaries

Chalmers, Alice Vera, born 12.7.1919 at Martinborough, NZ; died 17.3.06 in Hawkes Bay Hospital, NZ. She was one of six children. She married William, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her son, Albert. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Earl Thomas, Marion and Colin Duncan (all of Napier), and Dorothy and Gary Cleaver (Upper Hutt); her five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Alice was a woman of great love, kindness and grace. Her life was a true witness of her love for Jesus. She served the Lord well in various positions within the Napier SDA church and was the welfare leader for many years. She passed away with confidence in the great resurrection day and will be greatly missed by all.

Frank Boniface

Cole, Dr Sidney John, born 14.2.1939 at Geelong, Vic; died 2.4.06 at Port Macquarie, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne (Port Macquarie); his daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Scott Hopkins (Brisbane, Qld), and Jenelle and Ian Rosendahl (Port Macquarie, NSW); and his grandchildren, Kayla, Mitchell, Kurt and Latasha. Sid was an active church member at Hillview (NSW) church where he was chairman of the church building committee, and for the last 10 years at Port Macquarie church. His most notable contributions were as laboratory director for Adventist health food companies overseas

and in research work with Sanitarium as reported in Record news article, May 20, 2006.

Justin Lawman
Joseph Maticic, Ross Cole

Moore, Joyce Alice (nee Rollo), born 16.4.1918 in Melbourne, Vic; died 16.12.05 in a nursing home in Adelaide, SA, after a long illness. On 23.11.66 she married John, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her brother, Pastor George Rollo and his wife, Nance; her stepson, Pastor Kevin Moore and his wife, Lorraine; and her stepdaughter, Marilyn Goding. She is survived by her nephew, Dr David Rollo (Melbourne, Vic); her niece, Marian Rollo (Sydney, NSW); her stepson, Len Goding (Adelaide, SA); her grandchildren, Greg, Craig (both of Adelaide), Mark Goding (Qld); their wives; Stephen Moore and his wife, Tracey (Sydney, NSW) and Sandra and Darren Tuit (Qld); and her 10 great-grandchildren. Joyce was well-known for her singing ability and beautiful voice. She was sincerely loved and will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Jim Zyderveld

Sills, Janette (Jan) Dawn, born 20.12.1942 at Kaeo, NZ; died 17.1.06 at St Joseph's Mercy Hospice, Auckland, NZ. She is survived by her husband, Ron; and her sons, David and Peter. Jan served for three years on Norfolk Island as a pastor's wife; and five years as a missionary in Papua New Guinea, where she lost two sons, Stephen and Paul. Jan, who is buried in the Wesley Lawn Cemetery in Dargaville, died with a strong faith in her Saviour.

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The presentation of the Education Medal is not intended to be a regular event, but is rather intended to recognise a singularly outstanding contribution to Adventist education.

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Any person with a legitimate interest in Adventist education in Australia may nominate a potential recipient of the Education Medal. Each nomination must be accompanied by two supporting signatures of individuals who must also have a legitimate interest in Adventist education in Australia.

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All correspondence should be directed to:

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