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Julie Stefani (a graduate in 1976) and Dr Arthur Patrick (1956) cut the Avondale Homecoming cake during the vespers program as Sarah Morton (1996) looks on.



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COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Avondale College alumni looked back at the past and then into the future during the 25th anniversary of Homecoming, August 25-27.

Dr Charles Scriven, president of Kettering College of Medical Arts (Ohio, USA), set the tone for the weekend during the Murdoch Lecture on Friday morning. He spoke of the "Adventist way" as a "matter of being and of becoming." "You take up a journey and the practice of hope becomes more and more authentic," he declared.

Dr Scriven proposed, in the light of how Seventh-day Adventism grew in depth of mission and in awareness of divine grace,

a rewording of the 1861 expression of the Adventist way. His proposal embraces what the church learned in experiences such as the General Conference of 1888 and from its continued study of Scripture: "Thanks to the grace and peace of Christ, we join together in keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus: we help one another flourish, and we dare to change the world."*

Avondale Student and Faculty Association president Braden Blyde based his address during vespers on Friday evening on a passage from Paul (Philippians 1:6) that

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We should recognise that the Bible itself is primarily a story.

Why three angels?

THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists comes in at few more than 4000 words. Of these, just part of one sentence—a total of 11 words, plus its scriptural reference—connects with “the three angels of Revelation 14.” Even the messages themselves are a mere half-a-dozen sentences in the midst of all the story, prophecies, symbols, drama, warnings and promises of Revelation.

But wandering around our church and churches, it soon becomes obvious that these “three angels” are more significant to our identity and mission than one might assume. From stained-glass windows in our largest churches to over-photocopied bulletin covers, from fading church signs to Adventist Aviation’s newly painted aeroplane in Papua New Guinea, from the three angels winging their way across the globe on the church’s old-style logos to the stylised flames encompassing the globe on the current church logo, the symbol of three angels is a recurring motif of Adventism around the world.

The Three Angels are also an important part of our church history and heritage. Writing more than 50 years after the initial urgent preaching that sparked the Adventist movement, Ellen White insisted the continuing relevance of the Three Angels: “All three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth” (*Counsels to*

Writers and Editors, pages 26-7).

And the proclamation of the messages of these Three Angels continues to be central to the Adventist Church’s mission—“to communicate to all peoples the everlasting gospel of God’s love in the context of the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14:6-12” (“Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church”).

But like many aspects of our spiritual lives and belief, their ubiquity can degenerate to cliché, their proclamation loses urgency with long repetition, successive generations only half-inherit and “present truth” fades into settled “understandings.”

So, if something is important to us, every so often we need to spend some time thinking upon them, ask ourselves the old questions and ask ourselves a new set of questions. Without necessarily abandoning our inherited understandings, we also need to look back at the texts themselves to see if there is something we might have missed, something more for us to add to our picture of God’s message for us. And without necessarily abandoning our specific understandings, we need also to look at them again as part of the Bible’s bigger picture of God’s plan for our world and for His people in our world.

And one such question, which I had not previously heard asked of the Three Angels story but that occurred to me recently, was simply why angels come in threes. Of course, there are angels before and after Revelation 14:6-12, but these three angels

are specifically introduced together, with three specific messages that fit together. So why three angels?

One possibility is that this is a specific literary device, known as trebling. Remembered from my first-year university English classes, this is a way of telling a story or explaining a truth that can be seen across a variety of literary forms. In many stories, we see this pattern repeated. In the language of logic, we have a thesis, an antithesis and a synthesis.

Reading the story of the Three Angels in this way, we see a proclamation of the greatness, goodness and judgment of God; in stark contrast, we see a warning of the brokenness, fallenness and evil of this world and its powers; and we see a resolution in the form of the choices we make to be part of one system or the other. Each of us is part of that story, but we choose the role we play.

While some might be hesitant to read the Three Angels by a pattern “borrowed from” storytelling, we should recognise that the Bible itself is primarily a story—the story of God and His dealings with people, from Creation to re-creation. When we learn to read in this way, we quickly find ourselves in this story and realise we are part of the continuing story. It is also this story in which we can engage others, connecting them with God’s story in and for their lives.

Nathan Brown



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Pathfinder competency-based training program reviewed

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Pathfinder leadership training program for the South Pacific Division (SPD) has been revised to meet current industry standards in areas involving outdoor skills, as well as Pathfinder-specific units such as administration and curriculum planning.

The department of youth ministries of the SPD, together with youth directors and volunteer Pathfinder district directors from six conferences that have engaged in the new training in Australia and New Zealand, met on July 24 and 25 to discuss ways to review and make recommendations to improve current training procedures and help conferences that have not yet started to develop their training programs.

“Pathfinding is the backbone of youth ministry in the South Pacific and in order to ensure its future, we have had to make some significant changes to the way training is conducted in the union conferences in view of some developments in the outdoor industry,” says Pastor Gilbert Cangy, director of youth ministries for the SPD. “We are endeavouring

to work toward a package that will improve the skills of all our leaders while minimising additional training hours.”

The changes, which will be recommended for release to conferences in com-

ing months, will mean that an improved training scheme to equip outdoors leaders and satisfy the outdoor skills industry will

be available. Competency-based training has also been developed for Pathfinder-specific training units such as drills, programming and Pathfinder philosophy.

The revised procedures, which will entail some additional time in training, will provide Pathfinder leaders with a better learning environment and a better approach to training.

The South Queensland, North New South Wales, Greater Sydney, Victorian, Western Australian and North New Zealand Conferences were involved in the revision of Pathfinder training procedures. The new work sheets, which accompany every unit of teaching, have been developed largely from revised materials from the Western Australian and South Queensland Conferences.

“The discussion has been good and it has been interesting to see what was happening in the other conferences,” says Mr Graeme Mitchell, deputy director of the Gosnells City Pathfinder Club in Western Australia. “Hopefully the new procedures will help Pathfinder leaders to have a standardised training across the different conferences.”—*Melody Tan*



(L-R) Roger Pengelly, chair of the Adventist Outdoor Board, North New South Wales; Pastor Jeff Parker, North New South Wales youth director; Paul Cresswell, district director for South Queensland; and Pastor Murray Hunter, South Queensland youth director.

◆ **South Pacific literature evangelist figures** for the 2005-06 year have delighted publishing director Pastor Terry Goltz. “We had a record year and were almost \$A200,000 ahead of last year,” he says. The **Western/Central Area in Australia** had a record year and the highest sales for any area in the South Pacific Division. More records were broken in **Papua New Guinea**, with 38 per cent increase in sales over the past year, and the **French territories**, with a 42 per cent increase. Despite the unrest in the **Solomon Islands**, they still gained a 3.5 per cent increase.—*ANZLE Pacific*

◆ A wet and blustery day did not dampen the excitement of those assembled for the official opening of the **new wing at Coronella Retirement Village**, Vic, on July 31. The building was named in honour of **Walter Fowler** (pictured), who has been associated with Coronella for 22 years. At the opening CEO **Ruth Welling** unveiled plans



for a further \$A10 million expansion of the nursing home for 20 high-care beds and 20 serviced apartments.—*Intraviv*

◆ **ADRA Op Shops** have been opened recently in **Coonababran** and **Laurieton**, NSW. The shops have received generous supplies from the Cooranbong Community Services Centre.—*Northpoint*

◆ The entire **Broome church**, WA, membership helped run a **health assessment program** at the annual Broome Expo recently. This two-day outreach had **320 people assessed** regarding their health and lifestyle habits and gained more than 240 requests for several different

follow-up programs—the **most popular topics requested** being the Weight Control (65), Improving Fitness (65), Stress Management (41) and Good Nutrition (40).—*Lyndon Schick*

◆ The **National Day of Thanksgiving** has become a regular event on the church calendar at **Lightning Ridge**, NSW. This small outback church first ran a thanksgiving service three years ago as a quiet congregational celebration but now invites the community join them.—*Northpoint*

Team beats setbacks in Fiji

SABETO, FIJI

In March and April this year, a fly'n'build team, under the leadership of Elwin and Val Ferris from the Gosford church in New South Wales, flew to Fiji to work on church buildings in Sabeto, north of Nadi. Team members came from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand to work on the projects.

The planned community centre and church for the Sabeto area had been unusable for seven years, due to not being completed. The fly'n'build team took on the task of finishing the construction of the building, as well as completing a smaller timber church at Jerusalemi and a new steel-and-concrete church at Natabua, a suburb of Laotoka.

The tasks were all accomplished in spite of the many difficulties the team faced.

John Bryant, a member of the team, says, "On our arrival at Nadi airport, customs and immigration officials were refusing to grant visas for more than two weeks on the grounds we were working—albeit as volunteers and not there as tourists. Some hours later, and after much negotiation, we left the airport with four-month visas."



Team member Glen Ellis with local children.

The problems didn't end there, with the shipping container with tools and equipment held for 10 days as customs haggled over import duties. This meant that construction on the roof of the building at Sabeto was delayed.

"We were forced to work out in the open, and it wasn't long before the heat and humidity took its toll on the team," says Mr Bryant.

This led to illness for a number of the team members, but in spite of the setbacks, including a break-and-enter, in which cameras and other items were stolen, the work was completed.

The buildings were officially opened by Dr Bruce Rudge in memory of Pastor Edmund Rudge, a missionary to Fiji in the 1920-30s.—*RECORD staff/John Bryant*

Literacy program launched for PNG

WATFORD, UNITED KINGDOM

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has launched the "Partnerships for Civil Society Adult Education Initiatives" project in Papua New Guinea (PNG), which is jointly funded by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and ADRA-UK.

Through this project, 25,600 people will learn to read and write and 2800 people will be involved in income-generation activities. Most of the participants will be women.

This initiative aims to reduce poverty by working with community-based organisations and the government of PNG to improve education and income-generation opportunities. The community and government will also learn more about the right to education, as well as the rights of women and those who are physically challenged.

Worth more than \$US656,000, the project will last three years. DFID has provided \$US630,000 and the remaining \$US26,000 was provided by private donations to the ADRA office in the United Kingdom.

Literate people have a greater chance at increasing their income and health levels, as well as being more involved in their communities.—*ADRA International*



◆ The small **Te Kopuru Pathfinder/Adventurer Club**, NZ, have been finding ways to raise money for their trip to the January 2007 South Pacific Division Camporee in NSW. One effort has them running **sausage sizzles** outside The Warehouse in Dargaville—who lend their barbecue, cost-free. They do this most Sundays, selling **vegetarian patties**, which

have proved popular, even with meat eaters. People show interest in what Pathfinders do and many appreciate their catering for vegetarians when most don't. The club also sells at the Te Kopuru market where, among various other items sold, their biggest seller is **fresh hot popcorn**. They have raised approximately \$NZ2000 to date for the four out of their club's five Pathfinders who will be attending the camporee.—*Sharrelle Hutchins*

◆ Almost 400 parents and children, approximately 80 per cent



from the community, swarmed into the **Wallsend church hall**, NSW, recently for the first "**Kids Reach Rally**"—a youth rally-style event aimed at a younger audience. Dressing up as pirates in search of treasure, their interactive, multimedia, drama, music and video event led the kids on an exciting **treasure hunt**. After searching, following clues and

giving the right password—"Jesus loves me"—the young pirates were rewarded with their real treasure—a portion of scripture.—*Rhonda Ward*

◆ **Heritage College**, Vic, had more than 100 VIGs (Very Important Grandparents) on July 28 for the school's first **Grandparents Day**. Nans, pops, grandpas and grandmas from as far away as Ballarat, Warragul and even New Zealand came to Heritage College to see firsthand **what their grandchildren do** when they're at school.—*Connected*

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ OCTOBER 14—ADRA APPEAL SUPPORT OFFERING; SPIRIT OF PROPHECY DAY

Family ministries explores church life

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Directors of Adventist family ministries from unions and conferences in the South Pacific Division (SPD) as well as the General Conference (GC) explored ways to create an emotionally healthy church and make it a safe place for family life and church members, during a recent advisory held at the SPD head office in Wahroonga.

“In many churches, people are often focused on ministry ‘out there,’ but we don’t often talk about how to create and nurture an emotionally healthy church,” says Dr Bryan Craig, director of Adventist family ministries for the SPD. “As a result, there are churches filled with conflict and people not knowing how to deal with anger and pain, which influences the nature of the community.”

The group of 14 considered the six major keys to building an emotionally healthy church, and reflected on how to address the issue as ministry leaders with the help of a book by Peter Scazzero, *The Emotionally Healthy Church*.

“As shepherds of the sheep, this will help us minister to the pains and hurts of church members,” says Pastor Fa’oliu Langi, director of Adventist family ministries for the Trans-Pacific Union Mission.

According to Dr Craig, steps will be



L-R: Dr Ron Flowers and Mrs Karen Flowers, co-directors of Adventist family ministries for the General Conference, and Dr Bryan Craig, director of Adventist family ministries for the South Pacific Division.

taken to network with ministerial colleagues and develop a greater concern for relationships, family and the heart of the church through this interaction.

The group were also charged with the responsibility of creating a safe place in churches from sexual abuse and domestic violence.

“Family ministries is very strong in the SPD,” says Karen Flowers, co-director of Adventist family ministries at the GC. “We have a capable team of colleagues with great expertise.” Mrs Flowers also expressed interest in seeing how the SPD will pioneer the next stages in the development of their family ministries curriculum.—*Melody Tan*

Joy at Mamarapha students’ baptism

ROSSMOYNE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

On August 5, three Mamarapha College students were baptised at the Rossmoyne church, WA. John Adidi, his wife, Nazareth, and another student, Miitungane (Mitch) Akai, were the candidates.

Mr and Mrs Adidi came to Mamarapha from the Torres Strait. They are in their third year of study. Prior to attending Mamarapha, Mr Adidi had been a deacon for another denomination, but was asked to resign when he chose to attend the college.

Mr Akai and his wife, Kelly, are both attending the college. He is in his first year of study.

“The decisions that John, Nazareth and Mitch made have brought great joy to the staff, fellow students, as well as to the members that know these dear people around Australia,” says Pastor Ross Goldstone, a guest lecturer at the college.—*RECORD staff/Ross Goldstone*



Mamarapha’s baptismal candidates.

◆ With 2000 Adventists at the airport, and another 3000 waiting at a hotel, **Pastor Jan Paulsen**, General Conference president, could say he was truly and warmly welcomed to Yaoundé, Cameroon, on August 14. During his visit, which marked 80 years of the church there, he recorded two “Let’s Talk” television programs.—*ANN*

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◆ The **2007 Guinness Book of World Records** has listed **Florida Hospital Centra Care** at the Osceola Heritage Stadium in Kis-

simmee, Florida, USA, as setting the world record for **most vaccinations given in a day**. A total of 2480 flu shots were administered by the hospital on December 3, 2004. The very next day, and a few times since, the hospital gave more than 5000 flu shots in a day. In the three years the hospital has been giving free flu shots they’ve averaged about **20,000 each year**. According to the US Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, more than 200,000 people are hospitalised from flu complications, and about 36,000 people die from the flu each year.—*ANN*

◆ When **Lighthouse Christian Resource Center**, a non-denominational street and prison ministry in Chehalis, Washington, USA, ran out of funds to give Bibles to prison inmates and street youth, the centre turned to KACS-FM for help—an independent **Adventist-operated radio station**. They asked to run a public service announcement as a way to ask the Chehalis Valley and South Puget Sound community to help out. Launching an on-air campaign to gather 200 Bibles and Christian books, listeners **contributed more than 300 Bibles**

and several thousand Christian books.—*Cameron Beierle*

◆ **Mark Finley**, a vice-president of the General Conference, conducted the **first satellite evangelistic series** in the history of the Adventist Church 11 years ago. It was downlinked to 676 sites across North America. In the last decade, more than **100 satellite events** have been held internationally. Estimates count more than one million new converts through satellite evangelism.—*GeneralConferenceCenter for Global Evangelism staff*

Sanitarium's breakfast success

BERKELEY VALE, NEW SOUTH WALES

On July 20, Sanitarium held a breakfast celebration entitled "All things are possible" to celebrate the past year's record sales success and to dedicate the next 12 months to God.

Some 150 Sanitarium employees joined the president of the South Pacific Division and chairman of the Sanitarium Board Pastor Laurie Evans, Sanitarium CEO Kevin Jackson, general manager—Australia Dean Powrie and business associates, including Australian cricketer Brett Lee.

The "All things are possible" theme, derived from Matthew 19:26, focused on continuing the success gained throughout the previous financial year as the company puts measures in place to achieve the strategic goals for the coming 12 months.

Each of Sanitarium's general managers attending donned aprons and served a wide range of Sanitarium's breakfast foods to the guests and employees before all sat down together to enjoy the program.

The program commenced with five speakers from different parts of the company sharing successful and amazing stories of their experience of God's blessing over the past 12 months. Guest speaker Murray Hunter, youth ministries director from the South Queensland Conference,



*Getting a serve from your boss—
Sanitarium employees collect breakfast
served by general managers.*

emphasised the importance of every single Sanitarium employee to the company, and that together, through service, the strategic goals would be achieved through God's leading.

During the past 12 months, Sanitarium has experienced one of its best-ever years, exceeding an ambitious sales budget by several million dollars and increasing revenue from its international businesses to 20 per cent of the total.

Cause for celebration has also come from exceptional growth in Sanitarium's products such as Weet-Bix, which has grown more than 10 per cent since 2005 and the *Up & Go* brand, which is now locked into fifth position in Australia's top 10 breakfast cereals.—*Julie Praestiin*

AYDC reaches out

LILYDALE, VICTORIA

For the young people of the Adventist Youth Development Centre (AYDC), based on the farm at Lilydale Adventist Academy, the year has been full of many different activities that have pushed the young staff to strive for God.

AYDC was started at the beginning of the year by four young people from Lilydale Adventist church; Nathan Hall, Luke Murray, Tara Turner and Lorinda Lister.

They've given their time to make a difference in the community, including visiting Yarra Valley Aged Care and spending time with residents there, taking classes with the Year 7 students at LAA and starting a foliage farm to support the program.

The group is currently searching for more projects to work on, as well as more members for the AYDC team.—*Chris Winzenried/RECORD staff*



The AYDC team (L-R): Tara Turner, Luke Murray, Nathan Hall and Lorinda Lister.

◆ **The First Baptist Church** of Watertown, NY, USA, **dismissed a female Sunday school teacher** with 54 years of service to the church on August 9 because they had adopted a **literal biblical interpretation that prohibits women from teaching men**. The dismissal letter quoted 1 Timothy, where Paul writes, "I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent." This came just days before more than **1500 United Methodist clergywomen** from around the world celebrated their rights and advancements in Chicago. "Jubi-

lee week" was held August 13-17 to celebrate **50 years full-clergy rights to women**. Today, there are about 9500 United Methodist clergywomen, accounting for one-fifth of all United Methodist ministers.—*crosswalk.com*

◆ During the latest round of violence in the Middle East, **Mormons and Muslims pooled their resources**. During the first week of August, an MD-11 plane filled with **85 tonnes of medical supplies** and other aid left Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, and landed in Lebanon. Mormons, with a long

history of disaster preparedness, had the supplies and Muslims, who consider charity one of the five pillars of Islam, had the contacts on the ground. Despite deep doctrinal differences, both groups believe **helping others is a central tenet of their faith**. "We kind of complement each other," says Mokhtar Shawky of Islamic Relief Worldwide.—*Adelle Banks*

◆ **Canon Chris Sugden**, of the Anglican Mainstream group, has backed the idea of **ATMs on church sites**. "With the withdrawal of banks and post offices

in rural areas, it is appropriate that churches, as community buildings, should be available for services of this kind," he says.—*Ananova*

◆ **Jews for Jesus** has poured virtually all its resources into New York City in July for its **largest evangelistic campaign ever**. The worldwide outreach group says it has already passed out more than 650,000 tracts. It has also spent \$US1.4 million to place illuminated panels in the city's vast subway system that read, "Jews for Jesus" and "Jesus for Jews."—*crosswalk.com*

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Homecomers urged to leave legacy

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speaks of God continuing to work through us until the Second Coming. “This is pretty mind-blowing stuff,” he said. “Not only does this begin to blur the lines between life and death—for our God sustains our life’s work even when we have passed away—but it has powerful ramifications for how we live our lives.”

Vespers included a live telephone interview between Dr Arthur Patrick, a graduate of one of the Homecoming honour years (1956), and Dr James Cox, a former college president who established Homecoming in 1981. Dr Cox lives now in California, USA, and woke at 3 am to speak with Dr Patrick. Senior music lecturer Dr Robb Dennis had earlier invited former members of the Avondale Singers to join the choir on stage to sing one of the choir’s signature songs, Karen Thrift’s “Who is this Man?”

The Avondale College Alumni Association presented its highest award to Dr Cox during the worship service the following day. Current president and namesake Dr John Cox received the Outstanding Alumni award on behalf of Dr Cox. The award recognises Dr Cox’s commitment to further education—he has served at the church’s Columbia Union College, Theological Seminary at Andrews University and College of Health and Sciences at Florida Hospital. It also recognises his service in education to the church in general, and Avondale in particular.

Each of the Homecoming honour years also honoured a class representative. Re-



Adventist Studies speaker Dr Charles Scriven continued exploring Adventism as “a journey of transformation” during the Homecoming weekend.

ceiving citations this year were Geoffrey Rosenhain (1936), a former head of the college’s Teacher Training Department, Wynstan Dowling (1946), Harold Halliday (1956), Gweneth Berkel (1966), Colin Raethel (1976), Tony Robinson (1981), George Buckley (1986) and Royce McMurtie (1996).

Members of the alumni association also re-elected Pastor Roger Nixon as president during the association’s annual general meeting.

The Promise provided support for the Sydney Male Choir during the Homecoming concert on Saturday evening. The vocal ensemble’s 30-minute set consisted mostly of an uninterrupted sequence of songs from the musical *Les Misérables*. The male choir, conducted by Alan Thrift, who served for more than 30 years as head of music at Avondale,

received two encores. The first ended with Cy Colman and Dorothy Fields’s “Rhythm of life,” an apt example of the energy and enthusiasm of the choir members.—**Brenton Stacey/Arthur Patrick**

***The Murdoch Lecture is available on CD from the College church office (call +61 2 4980 2272 or email <collegechurch@avondale.edu.au>).**



The Sydney Male Choir performed at the Homecoming concert on the Saturday evening.

Adventist identity and mission studied

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Christian hope is a paradox: it’s so bad out there, we can never fix it; it’s so good out there, it will be fixed,” Dr Charles Scriven declared at the climax of four lectures on the theme, “Being and becoming Adventist.”

The lectures were part of the Adventist Studies series, presented annually by Avondale College and the college church since 2002.

Dr Scriven opened the series with “The story behind the story,” the narrative of Scripture. “Against his age’s negativism, Abraham embraced hope; even in this life, even on this earth, a nonconforming community could be, thanks to God’s covenant of peace, a blessing.”

Jesus provided a reinterpretation of the story of Abraham, and such stories make a bigger difference than propositions, according to Dr Scriven. He presented Adventism as being shaped by the picture of Christ’s return, familiar with disappointment, enriched by the Sabbath. We “focus on the practice of hope: how you live when you live by the light of the returning Christ.”

At the end of each address, Dr Scriven posed three major questions and invited others from the audience. The presentations were an ongoing conversation between speaker and hearers, focused on Adventism as “a journey of transformation.”

Dr Scriven, president of Kettering College of Medical Arts (Ohio, USA), was invited to Avondale for the Adventist Studies series (August 18–20), as the presenter of the Murdoch Lecture and as speaker of the Homecoming worship service.

Dr Rebekah Wang Scriven, his wife, a medical doctor and noted author, gave lectures entitled “Living God’s grace” and “Hurry—worry sickness: is there a cure?”

The message of the series was well pointed in remarks by Dr Charles Scriven: “I want to help us get as simple an affirmation of our faith as possible. God has given us a mission of trust. Jesus is coming back to where He was wounded in the house of His friends. We have an identity that matters; a mission that matters.”—**Arthur Patrick**



Ben Beaden

Local church: Landsborough, Qld

BY NATHAN BROWN

WHILE SITUATED JUST A FEW MINUTES drive north of Brisbane's rapidly expanding suburbs, the Landsborough church in the Sunshine Coast (Qld) hinterland retains the character of a country church. The 150-member church community has a family focus but also a strong sense of mission and enthusiasm for reaching out to the communities from which the members are drawn. This has led Landsborough to plant a number of churches in nearby towns and to maintain active involvement in a variety of projects.

A church family

Pastor Mike Brownhill, with his wife, Dawn, has pastored the Landsborough church for almost five years. "What I love about Landsborough church is the family atmosphere," he reflects. "What I mean

by that is that we have a broad range of ages and they all seem to get on fine with each other."

His summary is echoed by church members, both longstanding and new.

"We have been at Landsborough church for 18 years, and have always been welcomed and loved," says church elder Beth Beaden. "And I suppose it is my love for our church family that I hold very dear and special."

"After becoming interested through reading the *Signs* magazines offered by the Landsborough ADRA shop, and requesting some *Search* videos and also attending Pastor Geoff Youlden's 'Life after life' seminars on the Sunshine Coast, I was baptised last September at the Landsborough church," adds Ivan Colledge. "Sabbaths are now the highlight of my week and I love my church family."

when numbers had increased to 19, the newly formed church company moved to the Landsborough School of Arts.

Land for construction of the church was purchased in 1956, building commenced in 1957, and the church on its present site was officially opened on June 22, 1958. Since that time, a church hall was built in two stages, and is currently undergoing renovations.

With continually growing numbers, plans were drawn up to extend the church building and to modernise the facility in 1994. In 2000, it became necessary to extend the church building again.

"Today we have a modern brick complex, air conditioned for the comfort of the congregation," reports senior elder Glen Woosley.

According to Mr Woosley, the Landsborough church has also maintained a vision to have an influence in surrounding communities. "For years, we tried to evangelise in Caloundra, but our efforts met with little success," he says. "Until a number of years ago, we had a group we were able to support in planting a church there and it has grown beyond anything we were able to do from here."

Planting to grow

But perhaps the most significant date in Landsborough's church history is more recent: April 8, 2006. "I guess one of the most exciting things that's happened here in recent times is planting a couple of new churches," Pastor Brownhill says with a hint of understatement.



Members outside the Landsborough church.

Above: Pastor Mike Brownhill preaches at a recent baptismal service.

Church history

Landsborough developed as a railway town and the original base for the Landsborough Shire Council, which with coastal population growth has now relocated to Caloundra. Seventh-day Adventists began meetings in Landsborough in 1948 in members' homes, and by 1950

“Early this year, I ran a mission program—a 20-meeting series in two towns,” he explains. “I ran one in Woodford, just west of Caboolture, a little town of a couple of thousand people. I also ran one in Kilcoy, about 25 kilometres further west. We didn’t have a presence in either of those towns but we ended up with a handful of people, non-Adventists from each location, at the end of the mission who were impressed with the truths of Adventism.”

To nurture these new interests, a group began meeting on Sabbath afternoons at a home in Woodford and a group of five church members and five newly interested people now meet on Sabbath mornings in Kilcoy.

“So that’s two of them; they both started on April 8 and they’re both holding their own very nicely,” reports Pastor Brownhill. “But the third one was one that we kind of planned. Landsborough church was getting a bit too crowded and we cast around: what are we going to do? Quite a number of our members lived in Maleny and came down to Landsborough every Sabbath, and so planting a church up there seemed the natural thing to do.

“There was also a desire on my part to get a little church planted up there to meet the different demographics, where non-Adventist people up there probably wouldn’t come down to Landsborough.

“So I’m excited, I’m very optimistic about that plant,” he enthuses. “Maleny is going from strength to strength. They average about 45 at worship these days. They also

started on April 8. I had planned that. But the other two were purely coincidental. My mission finished a few days earlier, and we couldn’t leave them for too long. I guess there has to be a balance between the strategic planning side of it and letting the Holy Spirit act when He’s ready to make a move.”

“Home” at Landsborough

According to Pastor Brownhill, these church plants have in no way lessened the dynamism of the Landsborough church itself. He lists the various projects and programs the church continues to maintain. Among these are an ADRA shop the church operated for a couple of years but that came to an end earlier this year when the lease on the premises expired. He cites an active, involved and self-motivated youth group and moves on to the Homes of Hope groups that continue to expand.

Homes of Hope is an initiative of the Australian Union Conference, which has been embraced in the Landsborough church community. Coordinator of the five current projects is Lindsay Grace.

“Homes of Hope in a nutshell is where God leads and directs, meeting people’s needs, building relationships into faith community,” Mrs Grace explains. “To me this is a formula for success in church growth, stability and nurture.”

The groups include weekly lunch groups, a youth group, a 50+ group and a moto group. According to Mrs Grace, as well as reaching out to the community, these groups also work to nurture those within the church. “It is amazing that out of 11 hosts for the lunch group, eight members are newly baptised and one isn’t even a member,” she comments.

Merril Clarke is a coordinator of Moto Landsborough. “We use motorbikes as an interest item to



Moto Landsborough is a Homes of Hope group that holds monthly events attracting church members and their non-Christian friends.

socialise and nurture church members and their friends,” she reports. “We schedule monthly events and these are a great opportunity for bonding between ourselves and an event that we can invite our non-churchgoing friends to. One recently baptised couple have used these events to introduce their non-Adventist family members and friends to their Christian friends and lifestyle.”

The Landsborough team

Talking with church members, the team spirit of Landsborough church is apparent. Members reference other members and the role they play in the church’s life and mission.

“Our pastor is a hardworking, out-going, dedicated man and his enthusiasm and love for the Lord and the Advent message encourages new and old members alike to enjoy the Sabbath experience,” says Mr Woosley.

“I see church as teamwork,” adds Mrs Beaden. “We are all part of the body of Christ and we are blessed to have a church family that is ready to lend a hand, pull together and support and spread the word.

“Even though Landsborough is situated at the bottom of a hill, we pray it will always be a church that boldly shines its light—and that those who walk through our door will find acceptance, friendship and the love of God.” **R**

This is part of a series of articles profiling healthy local churches in the South Pacific Division.

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.



Beth Beaden (left) greets Ivan Colledge. “The people in our church are my family,” says Mrs Beaden, a church elder and member for 18 years.



Does it have to be alright?

BY SIMON HOUSTOUN

I WAS WORKING AT AN AMBULANCE station in a rural town on a major highway. It was one of those sunny afternoons when even though you know better and your experience tells you otherwise, you still don't expect bad things to drop out of the sky onto your head.

We were called to a car and semitrailer collision 15 kilometres south of the town. When we arrived, we were told by a harassed-looking policeman that there was a "dead kid over there," pointing to an incongruous blue child seat, back to us, upright on the road. He then said that we needn't go and look as she had "lost most of her head in the prang."

I would normally have gone and looked immediately as I have been nearly caught out before. But I knew the officer in this case and decapitation is fairly difficult to mistake, so I took his word for it. As it turned out, he was correct.

The rest of the scene lay before me with five patients still alive: one woman—the driver of the car in her 30s—two older children, the driver's elderly mother and the truck driver. All, except the truck driver, had serious injuries with broken limbs and

lacerations to heads, chests and bodies.

We were 80 kilometres from a major town and I called for back-up. My partner and I proceeded to triage and provide care in that sort of stream of consciousness that emergency workers will be familiar with.

"Alright?"

Sometime later, I found myself looking up and seeing that everything we could do had been done. All our patients were on stretchers or backboards, as we had only two stretchers in our truck and we were still waiting for back-up to arrive. We had done all of the paramedic things with splinting, IVs, drugs, oxygen, blankets and reassurance. All our patients were conscious and they all knew that little sister (seven years old) was dead.

If I looked up I saw trees and sky and a lovely afternoon. If I looked down a bit I saw otherwise, in a kind of now-you-see-it, now-you-don't sort of way.

I was talking to the mother. She had been driving at the time of the accident and her car had crossed over the centre line of the road, colliding with the semitrailer.

The truck driver was shaken but unhurt

and waited with the police, giving his statement in that dazed sort of way that people do when these things happen.

It was immediately clear to the mother—and to me—that this crash was her fault. She knew it and stoically suffered us manipulating her nearly severed right arm in order to restore some circulation.

She looked me in the eye and said to me "It's alright, isn't it?" with an upward lift in her voice that told me she needed for it to be so, in some way. I have been in this situation before and since, and my one rule is not to tell easy, small, convenient "white" lies when people need and deserve the truth and may not have the time for polite insincerities.

"No, it's not alright," I replied.

I paused briefly, then said, "But it's OK for it to be that way just now."

She seemed to understand this and started to cry quietly for the first time since the accident 40 minutes earlier, 41 minutes after she had a seven-year-old daughter and a right arm and no greater problem than getting to Melbourne in time for what or whoever was waiting. Before her were months of physical healing and a lifetime

of dealing with an event that required only a few seconds of inattention to occur.

Thinking back

My statement to her may seem hard to some, but it is a simple truth Nietzsche¹ alluded to when he said that what does not kill us makes us stronger. It appeared to me from watching the experience of others that this woman would live through this ordeal, albeit with scars of the physical and psychological kind. She would come through and the horror of now would be replaced with something else. I hope she chose the positives, the value of what and who is left and the need to remember, in an appropriate and meaningful way.

I don't know what eventuated for her besides her immediate survival. But I often think back on that woman, her broken family and her uncertainty about the future. She is like me and I am like her.

I can look at the damage I have done, the injuries I have caused myself and others and I know that it is not alright. I am certain of my culpability. I can link cause to effect in my actions and no amount of blame-shifting to my society, my advantages and limitations, God's choice to allow sin to endure or any other thing can move the blame from me. It is mine.

I accept Jesus' forgiveness and I experience the renewal He gives in the return of some part of my innocence. I forgive myself and know I am a sinner. Jesus tells me this and accepts me, but the results of my actions remain and haunt me.

We are called to be the "light of the world" (see Matthew 5:14) and yet my own blame and the harm I cause lead me to run desperately toward the one conclusion that things are not alright just now, but it is OK for things to be that way.

Choosing hope

Oprah Winfrey tells of her discovery that the bad feelings she dealt with by overeating were OK.² It was, she discovered, OK to experience these feelings without having to resort to the destructive culinary responses she used to choose. This was so because the feelings were finite in their ability to hurt, and responding by eating only gave them more life and affirmed their hold over her.

In His decision to allow the world to

proceed past the event of Adam and Eve's sin, God Himself allowed and confirmed this idea of the finiteness of evil (see Genesis 20:7) by His withholding of what we might think of as instant justice.

He did so several times in the biblical record but did not do so for most of the world at the Flood (see Genesis 6:13) and in more localised instances such as Sodom (see Genesis 19:24) and the original inhabitants of Canaan (see Deuteronomy 7:2). In these examples, it seems that although evil is finite, our commitment to it can be total, reinforcing and sustaining the evil we pursue, giving it a longevity it does not deserve and would not have of itself.

We are confronted by murderers and abusers and genocide, and we ask the same question, "Is this alright?" Obviously it is not, but apparently it is OK for it to be that way just now.

I have struggled with this idea, but I find I must accept it as it is one of the first things that happened after Creation and the introduction of sin in the world. God tolerated it. He did not have to. He could have hit the rewind button—or at least I think He could have.

As a rational human being with eyes and ears, I see that of myself and others, things are not alright.

God has the long view (see Genesis 3:22 and Revelation 1:18) we lack and He can provide true justice for murdered children and raped mothers, justice that is as beyond us as they are in the grave, and away from our good intentions.

And so I ask myself the further question, "Does it have to be alright?" And I find that for myself and my family I believe that eventually "Yes, it must." It is unacceptable for it to be otherwise and God has promised that it will be alright in the end. This is called hope, the fruit of love that



"believes all things, [and] hopes all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7, NKJV).

Not "alright," but OK

As a paramedic, I work to make things OK now, as well as I am able—as Christ commanded me, to provide that "cup of water"—and by doing so helping both myself and that needy person I am privileged to assist. I hope for more help than I can give, both now and later. If I want this hope to be fulfilled soon, I find I must have faith, another fruit of love.

So if I love, I choose to know or believe that things will be alright in God. As a rational human being with eyes and ears, I see that of myself and others, things are not alright. *But* as a Christian and follower of the Author of love and that infinite seeming tolerance of me, I see that things are *not* alright, *but* that it is OK for them to be that way just now. **R**

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Video ministry: Expect anyone

BY JOHN GATE

VIDEO MINISTRY IS NOT COLD-TURKEY DOORKNOCKING. You are delivering a video at people's request. This is one of the strengths of video ministry. They are expecting the video. Experience has shown that video couriers are welcome. Occasionally a person will have changed their mind and not accept the video. But seldom, if ever, is anybody antagonistic at the door. Video ministry is an easy approach.

You connect with all kinds of people when you deliver videos. All kinds of people respond for all different kinds of reasons.

There's **Absent Albert**. He never seems to be home, and you have to persist with a number of visits before you finally catch him.

Curious Kate requests everything she sees on TV, just out of curiosity. You begin to wonder whether Kate has any serious interest in the videos at all, but she continues to request more.

Freebie Freddie specialises in anything that's advertised as free. Again, you wonder whether it's worthwhile because his interest seems to be so mercenary.

There's also **Bored Betsy**. Maybe she's a shut-in and has nothing to do, so responds to all the offers on TV. Again, it's easy to judge Betsy's motives—and be so wrong.

Lonely Lennie doesn't have a lot of friends and is the kind of person who is happy to talk and needs someone who can listen. He's more interested in you than the video—that's the way it appears anyway.

Then there's **Searching Sally**. She's been delving in many different spiritual areas looking for answers to life. She is the one we think we've been looking for.

But don't be deceived. Only the Lord knows the heart, and He uses many different ways to get people involved. Maybe the interest is in another area, but as people see the videos they are so often drawn to the message and the Saviour. Remember, every person is on their own spiritual journey. Every person has their own agenda and their own needs. They will view the video at their own speed. Some will take two weeks to view it, while others will be so enthusiastic they will want more than one video each week.

Some will seem to take a long time to become friendly. Others are hospitable; while others never invite you in. The point is that we need to reserve our judgment as to whether people have a spiritual interest or not. It's only with time as we get to know people and begin to speak in more depth on spiritual things that we really understand their hungering, their agenda and the journey they are on.

While people are receiving videos, don't give up! **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.

Record Roo's Kids Corner



Hi kids,
Little Joash had lived in hiding for the first six years of his life before he became king. Find out why Joash had to hide by reading 2 Kings 11:1-3.

RR

Fill in the Blanks

But Jehosheba ... took _____ the son of _____, and stole him away from among the king's _____ who were being murdered; and they _____ him and his _____ in the _____, from Athalia, so that he was not killed."

2 Kings 11:1, 2 NKJV



Spot Two the Same

Can you spot the two pictures of Joash that are exactly the same from the six pictures above?

“Slim” pickings

DAVID GIBSON, NSW

Paul’s verse to “become all things to all men” does not mean to compromise our standards with the world’s, as “Dear Slim” (Editorial, August 19) seems to suggest. The Bible tells us to remove ourselves from the world (see 1 John 2:15 and Romans 12:2). “Conformity to worldly customs converts the church to the world; it never converts the world to Christ” (*The Great Controversy*, page 509).

General Conference music guidelines advise that “not all sacred/religious music may be acceptable for an Adventist. Sacred music should not evoke secular associations or invite conformity to worldly behavioural patterns of thinking or acting.” The gospel is so powerful it breaks through barriers, whether they be cultural or spiritual.

I hope Adventists will seriously consider the form by which they share the gospel as it can make or break the message. When the third angel’s message is calling us from the world, to use the world to preach our message would be hypocritical.

JOHN RALSTON, SA

The editorial “Dear Slim” is disturbing because the proposition of respect for “contemporary art” is not in harmony with the three basic truths of genuine Christianity:

1. God’s forgiveness of our past is granted because of our change of attitude (repentance) and acknowledgment (confession) that our life has not been lived in obedience to His commands.
2. The “new birth” of the Holy Spirit results in a different lifestyle.
3. There has to be submission to and dependence on the presence and power of Jesus to bring victory over inherent self-pleasing that is the root cause of wrong-doing.

When KJ-52 continues to use this form of music, is he revealing a change in his own life? Christianity does not need to be dragged down to the “lowest common denominator” to make it understandable and relevant.

Texts like 1 Corinthians 9:22 and Philipians 1:18 should not be misused to support such practices. A Christian always has the greatest impact on others when, in everything he or she does, he or she uncompromisingly reveals the difference between what they were and what they now are.

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV).

DESRÉ NIKOLICH, NSW

The message of “Dear Slim”—that “we need to find better ways to engage with the art and entertainment of our culture”—rings true. The genres of popular culture, resonate more deeply in the modern psyche than traditional Christian art forms. As Christians it is our challenge to connect with cultural relevance—being authentic to our purpose and audience.

We often perceive culture through language and demographics. We Adventists have our own culture. But culture has fluidity over time and therefore our concept of cultural relevance must alter as the culture does.

Christian artists, using modern art forms, can authentically engage a new generation with a credible voice.

Jesus challenged the religiosity of His culture as a means of conveying spiritual truth to His listeners. In the early 1900s hymns were often set to popular tunes of the day. The Bible itself has been translated not only into different languages but many modern paraphrases written for the language and culture of today. Christian artists, using modern art forms, can authentically engage a new generation with a credible voice.

Crossing your teas

BRYAN BALL, NSW

In the final paragraph of “Veteran church leaders take a hike” (News, August 12) John Arthur’s imagination ran away with him. Weary walkers? Cornish cream teas? The only cream tea this walker saw was after arriving at Land’s End when we permitted ourselves a little celebration in the local hotel—cream tea only, of course!

This occasion was made even more enjoyable when John’s wife, Ruth, told us John had just been awarded an OBE in the Queen’s 80th birthday honours list. John is one of a very few Adventists in the UK to be honoured in this way. The official citation refers to services to charity

through the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

So well done, John, and well done, lads. But we ain’t weary yet! And hopefully RECORD readers are not weary of walking for ADRA each year when the opportunity comes.

Unfailing Word

RUSS PRINGLE, VIC

The letters under the title “Jesus’ nature” (Letters, August 19) need to understand what Scripture is saying. I was years in the mission field before I understood my Bible pertaining to the purity and nature of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was a divine human: 100 per cent divine and 100 per cent human. He was not

200 per cent; just as the Trinity is not 300 per cent. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one God. They cannot be separated. While they are distinct, they can never be separated—except at Calvary when Jesus was made to be sin so we could be declared holy. He was declared to be what He was not, so we can be declared to be what we are not.

I now stand before Heaven as holy, harmless and undefiled because I accept Jesus as my substitute and surety.

Jesus had an advantage to me in His humanity or He would have needed a Saviour just as I need one. Scripture sometimes understates things. He was tempted in all points like us, sin excepted. He was tempted more than I have ever been. I have never been tempted to make stones into bread.

The Old Testament is replete with statements that Jesus would not fail, so I believe He could not fail, even if some of our pioneers mistakenly thought He could. Scripture cannot fail.

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Stanfield, Athnee, Janelle Dennis, Leon, Helen Ryan and Pam Wold, and their families, would like to thank all relatives and friends who overwhelmingly supported us through your prayers and encouragement, flowers, cards, food, phone calls, visits and offers of help during Tom's sickness and after his death.

van Rensburg, Pastor Andre, Margaret and Martin appreciate the love and amazing kindness shown by so many of our friends and church family with the death of Erik. As a tribute to Erik we set up a trust fund "Destined for Leadership" held by the South Queensland Conference, to train young people. Thank you to those who gave \$10,727 to the fund, the flowers, cards, letters and many other ways you supported and upheld us. The love of God was poured on our broken hearts by you.

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Agafonoff—Jones. Samuel Peter Agafonoff, son of Peter (Brisbane, Qld) and the late Tamara Agafonoff, and Alison Kay Jones, daughter of Ion and Glenda Jones (Winston Hills, NSW), were married on 25.2.06 at Winston Hills, Sydney.
Sean Berkeley

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Larry Laredo

Trow—Heinicke. Pryce Charles Trow and Roma Mary Heinicke were married on 23.6.06 at the Maroochydhore Adventist church, Qld.
Eric Hursey

Obituaries

Ferris, Muriel Ruth (nee Ferris), born 4.5.1918 on Norfolk Island, of missionary parents, Arthur and Jessie Ferris; died 23.7.06 at Wangaratta, Vic. In 1943 she married Peter. She was predeceased by her elder daughter, Esther Garner; her brothers, Pastors Norman, Walter and David; also her sister, Esther. She is survived by her husband; her daughter, Irene Buckley; and her sister, Edna Heise; also nieces and nephews, who honour her memory. She lived for most of her life in the towns of Boweya and Glenrowan. Muriel's love for the Lord and His Word led the elders of her church to call on her frequently to preach for the Sabbath services. Her community spirit led her into the presidency of the CWA and to the establishment of a Senior Citizens Club in Glenrowan.
Lyell Heise, Colin Lockyer

Ginger, Edna, born 24.11.1917 in Ceylon (Sri Lanka); died 14.6.06 in Sydney, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband in September 1965; also her siblings, Mervyn, Denzil and Neville. She is survived by her sons and their spouses, Rohan (Melbourne, Vic), Caryle and Melanie, Derek and Margaret (all of Sydney, NSW); and her six grandchildren. Edna was a devout Christian who always put others ahead of herself and lived a life of giving. She was passionate about her church and served in a number of ministries. She looked forward to the Resurrection morning and will be sadly missed.
*Roger Govender
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Heritage Walk

Engrave your name in stone*



* Help preserve our heritage

The heritage walk

The Avondale College Alumni Association launched its heritage walk at Homecoming in 1999 to raise money for restoration and repair work on the Lake Macquarie campus. The walk between Bethel and College Halls features black granite pavers etched with the names of members of the association. The first paver bears the name of the oldest living member, Laura Kent, who celebrated her 107th birthday this year.

The cost

Members of the association are invited to make a \$175 tax-deductible donation to the college to have their names etched on the pavers.

The how-to

Contact the Advancement Office (+61 2 4980 2252, advancement@avondale.edu.au) to add your name to the heritage walk.

Alumni Association