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*Pastor Laurie Evans, president of the South Pacific Division, and Richard Saronga at the Solomon Islands Mission session.*

## Solomons Mission appoints first officers

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Officers were appointed to the newly formed single mission of the Solomon Islands ("One local mission established in Solomon Islands," News, June 17) during a historic special session of the Solomon Islands Mission at the end of September.

Pastor Andrew Kingston, current pastor of the Erina Seventh-day Adventist church in New South Wales, Australia, has been appointed president of the Solomon Islands Mission. His wife, Janette, has been appointed to work as women's and children's ministries leader for the new mission.

The three local missions in the Solomon

Islands—the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission, the Western Solomon Islands Mission and the Malaita Mission—will combine and operate 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.

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

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## PNG's deputy PM visits PAU



It was what he *didn't* say that revealed his wisdom.

# The heart of an Outlaw

AS I BOARDED THE *SPIRIT OF Tasmania* in Sydney for the 22-hour journey to Devonport, I was sure we were in for a rough ride—due not to the weather, but to the number of leather-clad bikies who thundered into the cargo hold. More than 50 “Australian Outlaws” were returning to Tasmania after a national convention in Queensland. I didn’t expect to have much peace on deck, so I headed to bed early to avoid the mayhem.

When I awoke in the morning I was amazed to see everything in its right place. The tables and chairs were still bolted to the floor and nothing was broken. A few bikies were watching the sunrise from the top deck. I wandered up next to one large Outlaw who was leaning against the rail and said, “Would you like to jump your bike from here?”

He didn’t even glance at me as in a deep rumble he replied, “Any day, mate. Any day.” Then he turned his head ever so slightly and sized me up.

I don’t think he was intimidated, and I was doing my best to appear likewise. Somehow conversation got flowing and we exchanged names and occupations. When I revealed that I was a church pastor, he didn’t even flinch. I thought that would gain me some form of respect or disdain, but he just nodded and continued staring into the sunrise.

I asked him if he was allowed to tell me about the Outlaws. He said there were

some things he couldn’t reveal, but, “What do you want to know, mate?” I asked him about the complete lack of drunk-and-disorderly behaviour among his peers. “Aren’t you guys supposed to destroy stuff and be rude?”

He laughed. He actually laughed! “Not a chance, mate. We’d have hell to pay when we got back to the clubhouse. We’ve got rules, harder rules than society. We are not allowed to play up in public. If one of us was to get drunk and do something stupid, we’d be severely punished.”

“What would happen to you?” I pried.

Calmly he stated, “Can’t tell you that. But it wouldn’t be pretty.”

I moved on. “Can you tell me about the patches on your vest? What does that one mean?” I pointed to a small one per cent sign inside a diamond.

“That’s the one-percenter creed. *No law, no politics, no religion*. We operate by our own law, not society’s laws.”

I asked the first question that popped into my pastoral head, “So, what would happen if you ‘found God?’” He smiled and pointed to another patch that read, “God forgives, Outlaws don’t.”

“So, you’d be kicked out?” I asked.

“Nah,” he shrugged. “I guess we all believe in God in our own way. But I gotta be honest with you—I don’t.”

“I used to think maybe there was a God. Until my 13-year-old niece died from cancer. If there is a God, why did He let my niece die? There is no God.”

A thousand answers flooded through my head. But none were the right answer. I stood next to my new friend, who had revealed so much of himself to me, and we both watched as sunlight played on the morning sea. We continued talking about his niece, his life, his bike and his family.

It wasn’t until much later, when reflecting on what he had said, that I realised the clear picture he had of God. We spend so much time trying to understand or, even more difficult, *explain* God and His actions. But this heartbroken Outlaw had a firm grasp of God’s true identity.

It was what he *didn't* say that revealed his wisdom. “If there is a God, why did He let my niece die? There is no God.”

God is love.

Or nothing at all.

The Outlaw had a picture of an all loving God and it didn’t gel with the reality of death around him. And rightly so.

I wonder what I would have said if I had been looking for a statement of faith from the Outlaw. Perhaps I would have said, “You’re right, mate. God is love.” And I wonder what my one-percenter friend would have said in reply.

I’ve decided to look more carefully, listen more intently and care more deeply when it doesn’t seem reasonable to do so. And perhaps I will see Jesus, hear the gospel and find the love of God in the heart of the next Outlaw.



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# Carter biography launched in South Queensland

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

The Signs Publishing Company presented a copy of *John Carter*, the story of the Russian evangelistic campaigns over the past two decades of expatriate Australian John Carter, to Susan Piraino, representing Pastor Carter and The Carter Report at the recent South Queensland Conference camp-meeting on September 28.

The almost 300-page biography was authored by Phil Ward, of Queensland's Sunshine Coast, who worked closely with The Carter Report to produce the book.

"The book tells the story of the the 'Russian window' of opportunity for Pastor John Carter to convert thousands to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Read



John Carter.

the amazing and fascinating details of the way God works when His gospel is being preached in hostile territory. It also includes 16 pages of full-colour photographs,"

says Liz Dunstan, Signs Book Department manager.

She adds, "The *John Carter* book will be promoted on 3ABN and is available now from Adventist Book Centres."

Lee Dunstan, Signs Ministry coordinator, gave tribute to the work of The Carter Report—especially in the Russian campaign—and wished them well for their outreach work in India in 2007.

Ms Piraino attended the camp in an effort to raise awareness of and funds for John Carter's upcoming India "big cities" outreach, which begins on November 11. The campaign is one of many by different evangelists around the world, all part of a coordinated plan to reach into large, unentered cities of many nations.

Pastor Carter will be assisted in India by a team of some 100 volunteers, including a Queensland Gold Coast team of led Pastor Geoff Donovan of the Burleigh Gardens church. Pastor Donovan will work in nine centres around the central city where Pas-



Malcolm Potts

Elizabeth Dunstan (right), Signs Book Department manager, presents Susan Piraino of *The Carter Report* with a copy of a new book profiling expatriate Australian Pastor John Carter's life in evangelism, with Signs ministry coordinator Lee Dunstan (centre).

tor Carter is presenting.

In addition to evangelism the team will engage the locals in a range of activities, such as cricket matches.

Sanitarium has donated four Brett Lee autographed cricket bats to the Australian team for prizes or fundraising.

The team's fundraising included the Great Race ("The amazing race for India' kicks off," News, October 7), a 10-kilometre walk and a picture show by wildlife photographer Glen Trelfo.—*Lee Dunstan/Adele Nash*

**John Carter is available from Adventist Book Centres for \$A19.95 or \$NZ24.95**



◆ In the past eight months, 10 babies have been born to families attending Livingston church, WA. In a recent article in *The West Australian*, local suburbs Canning Vale and Thornlie are listed as two of the top three suburbs to report a huge increase in the number of babies born.—*Jo Laing*

◆ On September 15, 16 some 300 people attended the first **Filipino retreat** and reunion held in New Zealand at Hillsborough Baptist church in Auckland. Guest speaker was the Philippine Ambassador to New Zealand, **Pastor Bienvenido Tejano**, a literature evangelist, church pastor and government-appointed chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Board for the Philippines. During his visit, he presented a proposal for the **Adventist University of the Philippines Medical Center**. An offering raised \$NZ2500 in cash and pledges for the project. Among

the many items on the weekend, the cultural group Philippine Impulse Dancers presented five traditional Philippine folk dances. Earlier in the year, the **Croatian ethnic churches held their regular annual meeting** at the Adventist Alpine Village in Jindabyne, NSW. Some 150 members from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane came to hear guest speakers **Professor Tihomir Sabo**, dean of the Adriatic Union College, Marusevec, and **Frederik Miler** from Slatina. **Vladimir Jakopanec**, president of the Adventist Association of Croatian Churches in

Australia, says, "We are the only official church denomination beside the Catholic Church in our ethnic community in Australia and our mission is to proclaim the gospel."—*Robert Fish/Damir Posavac*

◆ The **Australasian Research Institute (ARI)** has recently launched a **newsletter, ARI-NEWS**. The ARI uses the combined resources of Adventist academic, health-care and nutrition networks.

More @ [www.australasianresearch.org](http://www.australasianresearch.org)



# Solomons Mission appoints first officers

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will be a coordinating body for church programs for the entire regional district.

The reduction of leadership in administrative roles will provide local churches with a strengthened pastoral leadership and lessen bureaucracy at a district level.

The current Trans-Pacific Union Mission branch office operating on the Lunga compound in Honiara would cease to operate on the appointment of the one mission in the Solomon Islands.

Also part of the new structure put in place during the session was the formation of the 10 regional districts and the appointment of their regional directors. They were dedicated to their new role by Pastor Kingstone.

Pastor Tanabose says, "With the amalgamation of the three Solomon Islands Missions, the Solomon Islands Mission is now our biggest mission within Trans-Pacific



The new pastors and their families ordained during the historic special session held by the Solomon Islands Mission.

Union territory with a membership of more than 43,000 baptised members.

"The highlight of the session was the ordination of eight ministers into full-time gospel ministry. It was a joyous occasion for the churches in the Solomons to see their ministers and their families ordained during the session," Pastor Tanabose reports.

"The Solomon Islands Mission with its new leadership and under God's blessing and guidance will develop into a strong mission for the Lord."—*Melody Tan*

## Da Vinci Decode goes worldwide

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

The *Da Vinci Decode*, by Pastor Grenville Kent and Dr Philip Rodionoff, has been globally influential. Adventist publishing houses in Croatia and Brazil have translated the book after Signs Publishing and the Australian Union published 14,000 copies, selling across the English-speaking world.

Since its creation, the website <www.thedavincidecode.net> has received more than 230,000 visits from people on six continents.

"More than 110,000 people hit the website in May," says Pastor Kent. "Then that dropped to 11,000 in August, so it was like a huge wave of interest that passed in a few months. Thank God our church had a surfboard ready and caught the wave."

Dr Rodionoff says, "We've had encouraging emails from a wide variety of people worldwide telling us they appreciated that we stayed positive and put forward a credible case for faith."

Pastor Kent adds, "We need to become skilled and speedy at grabbing opportunities presented by the secular media, to take any excuse to focus people's attention on Jesus and the gospel."—*RECORD staff/Grenville Kent*



◆ Students at Lilydale Adventist Academy, Vic, were recently involved in a performance based on the C S Lewis classic *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Year 12 student Robert Cooper adapted the well-loved novel into a musical drama titled *Thru the wardrobe*. Students are planning a matinee session for local primary schools.—*David Jones*



◆ Carmel Adventist College staff and students and Western Australian Conference president Pastor Glenn Townend recently led out in a series of meetings dealing with the claims made in *The Da Vinci Code*. The series of five meetings was held at the college and attracted both school families and those from the community. Students featured prominently in each

program, which included drama presentations.—*Kerrie Long*

◆ Children in the South Pacific Division (SPD) are being encouraged to tell the story of salvation to their friends and family. Directors of every union in the SPD were taught how to make a colour salvation book and challenged to teach children throughout their union the gospel story. During a "secret agent" Week of Prayer, children at Balmoral Adventist Primary School, Auckland, NZ, learned to use the book as a witness to their friends. The Riverside Chris-

tian School, Qld, also undertook "secret agent" Week of Prayer training, learning how to use a "gospel flipper flapper" (pictured) to share the message of salvation. Some 950 children at the combined worship day for Adventist schools in Victoria (News, September 30) were given the "gospel flipper flapper" also.—*Kids GraceLinked*



DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ NOVEMBER 11—ANNUAL SACRIFICE OFFERING (GLOBAL MISSION)

## Celebration as ministry is affirmed

FERNTREE GULLY, VICTORIA

It was a time of celebration, affirmation and worship on August 19 when Kylie Ward, pastor of the Ferntree Gully and Glenhuntly Adventist churches, was commissioned to gospel ministry.

Family and friends, church officials and members of the churches where she has served as a pastor came to the Ferntree Gully church for the occasion.

Ms Ward first sensed God's call to service and ministry when she was 11 years of age. However, it wasn't until she was 18 that she became aware that she could become a pastor. Having completed a psychology degree at Western Australia's Curtin University, Ms Ward worked at Disability Services for a year and then pursued her dream of ministry as a volunteer pastor at Ringwood church (Victoria) for two years.

After completing her postgraduate theological studies at Avondale, she returned to Victoria to minister in a number of churches. The leading elders of the Burwood, Glenhuntly and Ferntree Gully churches participated in her commissioning service.

"If you were to ask Kylie to describe the flavour of her ministry, to articulate her passion, we would discover, naturally enough, that it reflects a care and concern for those who are often overlooked for whatever reason," stated Pastor Tony Knight, Adventist



*Director of the Institute of Worship in the South Pacific Division, Pastor Lyell Heise; Victorian Conference president, Pastor Denis Hankinson; Kylie Ward; local Anglican pastor, Olivia MacLean; and church planting coordinator for the Victorian Conference, Pastor Peter Roennfeldt.*

youth ministries director for the Australian Union Conference, who has ministered beside Ms Ward for 15 years.

In Ms Ward's words, "My ministry is about ferreting out what people are good at. Everyone has gifts, and I believe the church is made up of whatever people have to bring."

Pastor Lyell Heise, director of the Institute of Worship in the South Pacific Division, was the key speaker for the celebration. Ms Ward is the third woman to be commissioned in Australia.—*John Denne*

## New Review editor appointed

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

Bill Knott, a nine-year veteran associate editor of *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* has been elected editor and executive publisher of both publications.

The vote came during the October 8 session of the General Conference's 2006 Annual Council, a gathering of close to 300 leaders from around the world.

"I am honoured and humbled by the company you have placed me in," Pastor Knott told delegates. "I thank you for your confidence and trust, and I would invite you to pray for the ministries of the *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* as we move beyond our own framing, our own sensibilities, as we seek to serve the entire [Adventist church] community."

Bill Knott, a native of New York State, age 49, replaces the current editor, William G Johnsson, age 72, who has edited *Adventist Review* for 24 years.

Pastor Knott has written close to 200 articles and columns for the magazine, including nearly 40 cover stories. Many of these features have dealt with church history subjects, most recently the links between the church and former US President Warren G Harding.—*ANN/APD*



◆ **Playing with parachutes**, constructive cut-outs, interactive worship, and learning to pray and learn memory verses in meaningful and different ways were all part of the **Children's Ministries Training Day** at the Advent Centre, London, UK, on October 1. The day also covered areas of Child Protection, teaching "beginners" and worship and ministry for "unchurched kids." "Church should be the place

they look forward to being at all week," says **Pastor Bernie Holford**, South England Conference family/children's ministries director.—*BUC News*

◆ North Pacific Union secondary students, USA, have a Christian service recognition award—**The Caring Heart Award**—awarded to students who have demonstrated a personal commitment to service and witnessing activities. Those awarded receive a **\$US500 scholarship to be used toward a mission trip** or for college tuition. The scholarship was

established by the North American Division Board of Education with private funding.—*Kara Kreiger-McGhee*

◆ **A marriage renewal seminar series and ceremony** were held for **47 couples** recently in Los Angeles, California, USA. The weekend encouraged awareness of society being only as strong as the family. "The 'My family matters' strategic plan, adopted by Greater LA Region churches, promotes and fosters healthy family relationships because the church, too, is only as strong as individual fami-



lies," says **Pastor Adolphus Garnett**, Southern California Conference's director of the Greater Los Angeles Region churches. Four couples **who never had a church wedding** shared in the ceremony. "We were pleased that some couples came from the community as the weekend was not intended just for members," says Pastor Garnett.—*Betty Cooney*

# Deputy PM visits PAU

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA  
NEW GUINEA

According to Don Polye, Papua New Guinea's deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Civil Aviation, the country's education, research, science and technology sectors have untapped potential, which can aid economic recovery and development.

Mr Polye said this to staff during his August 14 visit to the Pacific Adventist University (PAU). He also told them about government plans for approaching education in a fashion that would be "a national innovation," and would work to meet local and global changes.

He encouraged PAU and their programs to create a niche, and become a frontier of knowledge. In the case of PAU it had an important resource in its agriculture and farming system.

"In terms of the combination of skills and theory, agriculture has them all—in sociology, accounting, civil engineering, technology, health and medicine, chemistry and many more. A fertile ground to test teaching and learning through the idea of the unity of knowledge. I am sure you will find you niche and delivery approach to



(L-R) Acting deputy vice-chancellor, Dr Ian Whitson; vice-chancellor, Dr Nemani Tausere; deputy Prime Minister, Don Polye; and development director, Bav Kamba.

impart your form of institutional innovation," Mr Polye said.

Part of the new government plans for education focus on the coming 30 years, in which universities will be encouraged to target specific needs in science and technology through training and deploying graduates in partnership with industries, government agencies and international development partners.

"The government has begun considering ways to raise the quality of education and in promoting learning society with the aim of maintaining competitiveness in regional and global markets," Mr Polye said. "Global trends in movement in capital, goods and technologies require novel approaches."—  
**Edna Worri**

# CHIP program fries fat in Landsborough

LANDSBOROUGH, QUEENSLAND

Participants in the Landsborough church's Coronary Health Improvement Program (CHIP) lost an average of 4.1 kilograms and walked a combined total of more than 1000 kilometres in the five-week program.

Landsborough's Pastor Mike Brownhill also benefited from the program, losing seven kilograms, and comments that he feels like he has much more energy after changing his lifestyle.

"With cardiovascular disease killing one in two Australians, the message to 'eat whole foods as grown' and 'avoid crinkly bags/highly processed foods' so you can eat more and weigh less is needed more than ever," says Daniel de Bruyn, a Landsborough church member.

CHIP aims to reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke by improving the diets and lifestyles of participants. The 11 participants in Landsborough's program also dropped their cholesterol by 21 per cent. Blood pressure levels were also decreased.

As well as health assessments, the program contained a variety of activities to encourage people to live healthy lifestyles, including cooking demonstrations and shopping tours.—**RECORD staff/Daniel de Bruyn**

◆ **The Amish community**, recently devastated by the murder of five of its schoolgirls, is raising money for the killer's family. **Dwight Lefever**, a spokesman for the Roberts family, says an Amish neighbour comforted the killer's family and **extended forgiveness** to them after the shooting. **Tom Shachtman**, who wrote a book on Amish culture, says, "This is imitation of Christ at its most naked. If anybody is going to turn the other cheek in our society, it's going to be the Amish. I don't want to denigrate anybody else who says they're imitating Christ, but the Amish

walk the walk as much as they talk the talk." Amish expert **Gertrude Huntington** noted, "The hurt is very great, but they don't balance the hurt with hate."—**Australian Christian Channel**

◆ **Baptising 70 people** in a lake has resulted in **Pastor Sergei Poznyakovich** from the Salvation Pentecostal Church being **given a fine** of 4,650,000 Belarusian roubles (\$US2171) for not gaining permission to run a mass public event. Poznyakovich's fine, more than 150 times the minimum wage, was so large because the church

performed similarly unsanctioned baptisms in the same lake in 2005.—**Jeremy Reynolds**

◆ Responses from a recent poll indicated that sexually addictive behaviours are not foreign inside churches and a large number of women struggle with the same temptations as men. According to a poll by ChristiaNet.com and Second Glance Ministries, half of all Christian men are **addicted to pornography** and also found **20 per cent of all Christian women** to be addicts to pornography.—  
**crosswalk.com**



◆ Over the past 10 years, PeopleAid have helped find sponsors to supply more than **14,000 rickshaws** for families living in **poverty in India**. A family owning their own rickshaw is an instant small business that allows them to earn an ongoing living. Each rickshaw has "Jesus is Lord" written on the back, along with the donor's name.

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# Narromine Christian School celebrates past and future

NARROMINE, NEW SOUTH WALES

The new Pre-Kindy Centre at the Narromine Christian School was opened by the local mayor Les Lambert on October 2.

An appreciative audience enjoyed the opening ceremony as Mr Lambert emphasised the significance of the new centre, encouraging the community to support it. He applauded Debbie Robertson, the Pre-Kindy teacher, and spoke of how fortunate the centre was to have her expertise.

In particular, Mr Lambert described how Mrs Robertson was the first student at the school to move from Kindergarten to Year 6, and returned in later years to be the principal and then most recently the Pre-Kindy teacher.

Principal Evelyn Quick noted that vital foundations for sound learning in the main school will be solidly laid by the Pre-Kindy's educational program for four-year-old children.

Richard Heckendorf, the School Council chairperson, gave a historical sketch of the centre and described the way parents had been motivated and then activated the project. He also gave recognition to the project coordinator, Christian Florida. The chief financial officer for the South New South Wales Conference, Gavin Howie, pronounced a blessing on the centre.

The opening of the Pre-Kindy Centre was a part of the "Family fun day" proceedings



*Greg and Shirley Hinze sign the guest book at Narromine Christian School's celebrations.*

that culminated the "Back to Narromine" weekend that celebrated 30 years of quality Christian Adventist education provided by the school.

Around 150 enthusiastic past staff, students, families and friends converged on the town to participate in the reunion, services and sharing of food, memories and laughter. Participants included the first principal at the school, Greg Hinze (1976) and his wife, Shirley, as well as Dr Daryl and Tiani Murdock.

Dr Murdoch was the speaker at the Saturday worship service. Colleen Buxton gave a thoughtful presentation for the Vespers service on the Friday evening.

A unique Narromine Christian School commemorative mug celebrating 30 years of Christian Adventist education gave the returnees memorabilia to add to their personal archives.—*Evelyn Quick*



*Narromine Christian School's anniversary celebrations were attended by close to 150 people.*

# Church leaders pray in wake of apparent nuclear test

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

Adventist leaders united in prayer on Monday, October 9, in response to an apparent test of nuclear weapons by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, more widely known as North Korea. This was during the meeting of the General Conference's Annual Council.

At the beginning of the morning session, Pastor Jan Paulsen, world Adventist church president, asked Dr Jaiyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific region, to discuss the emerging situation.

"This makes many people in our territory nervous and upset," Dr Lee said. "I called our union president, [Pastor] Myung Kwan Hong . . . and I asked about the situation there, and he said it is true, that we are in crisis now. Many people are in panic.

"In Korea we have about 200,000 church members. North Korea is very close to us, in fact it is 25 miles [40 kilometres] from our divisional office; in half an hour's drive, you can see North Korean people.

"From a human point of view there really is not much to do but pray," Dr Lee said, "But South Korea is the only Protestant Christian country in the region. We believe the Lord has a special plan for us."

Dr Lee said he had made several trips to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang to meet with government officials there. On these trips he said he spoke with these officials about having North Korean medical staff receive training from Adventist medical facilities. He said he hopes to make additional trips.

Dr Lee asked for continuing prayer support from the world church. Pastor James Wu, president of the Adventist church in China, then prayed with the Annual Council delegates for the situation.—*ANN staff*

*A full report of the General Conference's Annual Council will be included in the December issue of Adventist World in RECORD.*

# Sharing *Secrets* for vibrant living

BY BRENTON STACEY

**S**EVEN SECRETS FOR FEELING FANTASTIC is the most recent book published by Signs Publishing Company (see “Author dedicated to *Feeling Fantastic*,” News, October 21). The author, Dr Darren Morton, is a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Lifestyle Education and Visual Communication at Avondale College. Dr Morton talks about the book and his reasons for writing it.

**Am I going to feel good or guilty after reading the book?**

Good, I hope. *Seven Secrets* is about the pursuit of health, happiness and vibrant living from a Christ-centred perspective. I’m passionately interested in these topics, and the book is my attempt to package in a short but meaningful way the best information about how to attain these goals.

I’m convicted God wants us to be shin-

ing examples of life and living. And, by and large, Seventh-day Adventists are. Those in the community recognise us for our unique stance on health. But for how much longer? I think our stance is being diluted, only partly because the community is catching on to many of our health principles.

**There seems to be more awareness about eating better foods and exercising, but what about the other principles, such as rest? That seems to be largely ignored.**

It is. In the book, I complete the wellness formula by highlighting the issue of rest—the Sabbath is a key component to this, of course. I also look at others, such as adopting a positive outlook, immersing yourself in a positive and uplifting environment, and living with an attitude for service and contribution. It’s time for us to step up again and share what we have.

**What motivated you to write?**

So many books on the market claim to hold the keys for revolutionising your life. But most promote anti-Christian values—they typically adopt a New Age perspective. I felt compelled to demonstrate how the Christian approach to living surpasses any other. God designed us, so it should come as no surprise that His guidelines work well.

The world can be a negative place and many people, Christians included, are not experiencing the joy of living God desires for them. I wanted to write a book to help remedy this.

As you’ve said, there are many “secrets”-



Dr Darren Morton.

**type health books on the market. Yours is Christ centred. What else sets it apart from the others?**

It’s not just a “how to” book. It actually provides information about the “why.” I’ve drawn on my experience as a physiologist, as a person who studies how the human body is designed to function. I did this to illustrate not just what the secrets of feeling fantastic are, but also how and why they work. That’s an important distinction. Understanding makes a big difference.

**Who’s your reader?**

Everyone—young and old. We all want to feel good because when we do, life takes on new meaning. I use plain language so the book’s accessible to teens and adults.

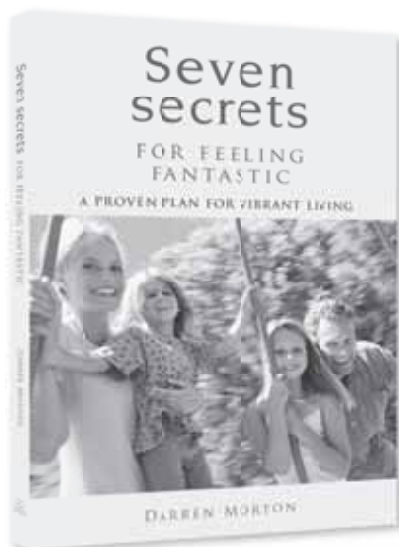
**What do you hope your book achieves?**

Easy. Three things. First, that it gives Christians the foundations for abundant living. Second, that it makes a positive influence on non-Christians by impressing them with the guidelines for living well we find in Christianity. And third, that it helps re-energise our church’s health message. **R**

*Seven Secrets for Feeling Fantastic: A Proven Plan for Vibrant Living*, by Darren Morton, Signs Publishing Company, 2006, paperback, 115 pages. Available from Adventist Book Centres, price \$A14.95; \$NZ18.95.

More at [www.SevenSecretsForFeelingFantastic.com](http://www.SevenSecretsForFeelingFantastic.com)

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# The computer programmer

BY DESRE NIKOLICH

ONCE UPON AT TIME, THERE WAS A programmer with a new computer. He was given a brief from the Head Programmer that a new language was to be used to create the program design work the Head Programmer had in mind for him. Little did the programmer know that it was an original language the Head Programmer had created. The programmer was given a guidebook demonstrating how to operate the new language. However, the programmer was an experienced programmer. He had read the guidebook before and knew the gist of it.

The Head Programmer trusted the programmer and gave him freedom to complete his work. The programmer had previously used another language and he knew how to manipulate it exceedingly well. While he was working at implementing the new language some of the syntax and features of the old language crept in. And before he knew it, he had forgotten the new language. What he found was that “the programming I want to do, I do not do, because of my familiarity with the old language is second nature.”

When he tried to run some of the new programs, he found certain files had been corrupted. Without going to the guidebook, he tried to find the error but to no avail. “Oh, what a wretched hacker I am. I am poor, blind and unplugged,” he said with growing frustration.

Finally he pulled out the guidebook and found there was a fatal error in the system. No amount of programming could get him out of his predicament.

The new language involved close liaison

with the Head Programmer and was too complex for the programmer alone. So in desperation he called upon the Head Programmer. Not only had the Head Programmer designed the language and the software, he had designed the hardware too. The central processing unit of the new computer could now longer function. Much of the processor was affected and many data files had been corrupted.



The only solution to fix the problem was by renewing the central processing unit. The Head Programmer told the programmer, “Forget what is behind and press toward the goal.”

The Head Programmer realised that even if the programmer followed the guidebook, because of the fatal error, nothing the programmer could do could rectify the problem. The programmer asked the Head Programmer, “What must I do for my computer to be saved?”

The Head Programmer said, “You know that you must follow the guidebook and the teachings it contains. But one thing you lack and that is that you must give up your

role and take a lower profile.”

The programmer was exceedingly sad as he would lose much income. The Head Programmer said, “I tell you the truth, unless you give up your role, you will never obtain the goal I have for you.

“With your current central processing unit, you will never be saved. But I have made a way of escape for you. I will take my own Central Processing Unit and exchange your corrupted hardware and software and transform your computer by the renewing of your central processing unit.”

For the Head Programmer so valued His programmer that He gave His own Central Processing Unit so the programmer’s computer could be saved. The programmer was so relieved. It took a huge weight off his shoulders.

The Head Programmer said, “What was impossible for you to do, I can do for you because I designed your computer’s hardware, software and have renewed your central processing unit. Because you have relinquished your role, I will never leave you and I will be your guide. Because you have a new central processing unit the old guide is gone and I am your Living Guide—and so shall I ever support you.”

All the corrupted files were deleted and removed. Once again the programmer’s computer was restored to his original design and he received favour with the Head Programmer and his fellow programmers. **R**

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*Desre Nikolich writes from  
Glendenning, New South Wales.*

# Local church: Papatoetoe, NZ

BY CHRISTINE MILES

ON SABBATH MORNINGS, THE PAPA-  
toetoe Adventist Community  
church in the southern suburbs of  
Auckland, New Zealand—popu-  
larly known as Papsda—vibrates with life.  
Some 1000 people call Papsda their home  
church, with weekly attendance up to 650.  
During the week, the church continues  
to hum as small groups, Playgroup, team  
meetings and community groups use the  
facility. So what is it that makes Papsda an  
attractive place to so many people?

A casual observer doesn't need to look  
far for an answer. A banner hangs from the  
front of the sanctuary with a motto devel-  
oped by the church congregation: "Growing  
inwards, outwards, upwards, together in  
Jesus." Look a little further and the same  
observer would see the catchphrase used  
on Papsda's communications: "Papsda—  
Where you belong."

Papsda's roots are sunk firmly in early  
Adventism in New Zealand. In 1923, Pas-  
tor J W Kent conducted an evangelistic  
series in a tent in Papatoetoe. As a result, a  
group of 19 Sabbath-believers began wor-  
shipping together.

The church grew steadily and in the  
1970s an extra worship service was begun.  
By the early 1980s, it was decided to build

a bigger church and the current  
building was officially opened  
in April 1988. The new building  
was too big for its congregation  
but Papsda has continued to pro-  
vide spiritual support for those  
in its community and has, in 2006, required  
significant extensions.

## "Everyone a minister"

Lead pastor Stephen Davies grew up  
with Papsda being his spiritual home. After  
developing his own business he realised—as  
he describes it—that nothing much mat-  
tered except that he encourage people to  
develop a relationship with Jesus. The end  
result is that Papsda, rather than having a  
degree-trained pastor, is led by a staff team  
who work within the framework that eve-  
ryone is a minister. "Every person in our  
congregation is called to minister," says Mr  
Davies. "Our staff team works toward help-  
ing people recognise their spiritual gifts so  
they can be used by God."

Several courses have been offered in which  
participants learn to recognise their gifts  
and share their faith. Other courses provide  
training to existing and potential facilitators  
of small groups. As a result, people have  
become more confident in their discussions  
with contacts in their communities.

There is a secret to Papsda's success.  
"When a church focuses on growing  
small groups, developing children's  
programs, and creating relevant and  
meaningful worship, it will naturally  
grow," says Mr Davies. "Bible teach-  
ing is crucially important. Our mes-  
sage each week must come from God's  
Word. Every team has a responsibility  
to include prayer and Bible study in  
their planning process.

"One of our goals for 2006," he con-  
tinues, "was to have 30 small groups  
operating by the end of the year. We  
have recently achieved this goal—30



small groups meet midweek and a further  
eight meet on Sabbath morning."

Sharleen Mischefski is one of Papsda's re-  
cently baptised members. She was raised in  
an Adventist home but her picture of Jesus  
was as an imaginary person who did amaz-  
ing things in other people's lives. Then she  
joined a small group. "It has been a wonder-  
ful experience," Mrs Mischefski says. "I have  
come to understand Him by reading His  
Word and in fellowship with others."

## Worshipping together

The goal of Papsda's worship team is to  
create an environment where people expe-  
rience the presence of God and grow in  
their relationship with Him.

"It's a challenge planning a worship ser-  
vice that will be meaningful for everyone,  
from children right through to people in  
their 90s," says director Leanne Davies.  
"With prayer and planning we aim to cre-  
ate an 'experience' rather 'bits and pieces'  
strung together. We identify what people  
should know when they leave this service  
and what they will do as a result. We look  
at how we can best capture people's atten-  
tion and convey the message in the most  
powerful way. A lot of visuals are used and  
as many of the senses are engaged as possi-  
ble. A cross-section of ages are represented  
throughout the worship service.

"In the planning process I think about spe-  
cific people and how they will relate to the  
program. Almost any topic can be presented  
in a way that is understandable and relevant  
to people whether they have been attending  
church for two weeks or 40 years.

"We value excellence," she explains.  
"Professionalism is essential in the market-



Children join with children's church at  
Papatoetoe in June this year.

place and we believe church should be no different. Nobody would attempt to do a presentation at work with no preparation; to be done well, a worship service needs planning and effort put into it."

Papsda's weekly worship service is viewed as an evangelistic program. Regular attenders can safely invite their unchurched friends any Sabbath, without being anxious about what might happen. "It is possible," says Mrs Davies, "to present a seeker-friendly service without watering down the message."

"I love it when people leave the worship service changed," she adds. "After a recent Communion service a young adult who had attended church all her life said, 'I never understood Communion until today. I can see what Jesus did for me.' Changed lives, whether they have just walked in off the street or have been sitting lifeless in a pew for years, is what it is all about."

## In the community

Besides encouraging an environment in which relationships can develop, Papsda has worked to create a presence in its local community. Ray Cazalet is responsible for overseeing many of the service-evangelism projects sponsored by the church.

Every Friday evening the ADRAcare Burger Van team goes to Otara, which is perhaps Auckland's poorest socioeconomic area. Vegetarian burgers are distributed free, team members play with children and pray with adults. The person who ate the

first burger the Burger Van produced was baptised in 2005.

"We support ADRA fundraising, provide several food boxes each week to families in crisis, run a Late Night ministry providing hot drinks and blankets to drunk people and street workers," says Mr Cazalet. "Several small groups visit the blood-donor centre on a regular basis. Plans for vegetarian cooking classes are underway, and in 2007 there are plans for our young people to lead an evangelistic series.

"By serving others," he reflects, "we can raise the profile of our church in the community. More importantly, by serving others we are serving God."

## Including children

Currently more than 200 children attend Papsda regularly. "We recognise that children are able to make a decision to follow Jesus," says Keryn McCutcheon, the church's director of children's and family ministries.

Every Wednesday morning, nearly 100 children attend Playgroup. Parenting seminars are hosted once a year, usually with well-known presenters drawing crowds of parents from the community. Midyear, a week-long school holiday program is run at a public school where close to 200 children learn about God's love in a kid-friendly way.

A branch Sabbath school is a spin-off from the holiday program. Kids Day Out provides a day of kid-friendly entertainment, games, crafts and food during the school holidays. Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs also take their place in the line-up of activities available to children and their families.

"Our goals," says Mrs McCutcheon, "include discipling children to an understanding of God's love, introducing unchurched children to Jesus, and encouraging parents to actively pass their faith on to their children."

## Growing relationships

Because Papsda members consider relationships an integral part of church, steps have been taken



The ADRAcare Burger Van, operated by Papatoetoe church, attracts a crowd in Otara, south Auckland.

to create opportunities for relationships to grow. A recent initiative is the Lunch Ministry, in which rostered teams provide Sabbath lunch each week. "We predicted 150 people would stay for lunch," says Mr Davies, who was a driving force behind the idea, "but we average about 220."

Apart from providing hospitality to guests, lunch ministry has met a social need within the church. "The aloneness that can happen so easily at church is less acute," says Mr Davies.

All visitors are offered a visitor's pack filled with information about Papsda, the local community and an offer of a free book. Where possible, the Hospitality Team phones visitors early in the week and sends a note, thanking them for attending and inviting them to come again.

"This church is amazing," said a recent visitor when she was phoned. "I have never been made to feel so welcome anywhere in my life."

## Growing together

Papsda's motto summarises well the activity which goes on at this church: "Growing inwards, outwards, upwards, together in Jesus." There is intentional growth of people within the church, intentional growth of people into the church and, above all, intentional growth of personal relationships with God.

And when all this growing is happening in Jesus, you know that Papsda is where you belong. **R**

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

**Christine Miles writes from Auckland, New Zealand, where she is a member of the Papatoetoe church.**



*Papatoetoe's pastoral team: (back, left to right) Stephen Davies (lead pastor), Keryn McCutcheon (children and family), Ray Cazalet (evangelism and community care), Richard Newson (small groups), Emma Weslake (small groups and discipleship); (front) Leanne Davies (worship and programming), Christine Miles (secretary and children/family), Virginia Christensen (administration and ministry placement), Karyn Newson (small groups and discipleship), Jacinda Turnbull-Harman (communications).*





# Help—someone asked a question!

BY JOHN GATE

**M**ANY PEOPLE AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN OUTREACH FOR fear someone might ask a question to which they don't know the answer. That idea centres in the belief that outreach is about sharing information and knowing facts. As we have seen in this series, video ministry is more about connecting with people and friendship. The videos deliver the information. The video minister connects with people and builds friendship.

Questions will be asked, and we need to welcome them. Questions show an interest and involvement in the subject. Questions reveal people's thoughts and their attitudes. It's always appropriate to respond to a question with another questions—Jesus often did. You can ask: "Why do you ask that?"

When questions are asked in the early stages of video ministry and of the friendship, do not be quick to give answers, but use

**"I love it when people ask questions. I arrange a time to visit, we sit down together, open the Bible and see what God has to say."** —Pastor Clive

**Nash, Singleton and Muswellbrook**


**churches, New South Wales.**

respond to a question by saying: "That is a good question, and I need time to give you a Bible answer. Next week I'll plan to come for longer and we'll sit down and open the Bible to see what it says." The next visit can become the first in a series of Bible studies.

If a question is asked that needs a Bible answer, don't be ashamed to simply say: "I don't know offhand, but I'm sure God's Word has an answer." Then you can research the answer for yourself, or speak to a pastor or friend who can give biblical texts for the answer. People show interest by asking questions, and by arranging for an answer on a return visit gives opportunity for continued contact and for a growing friendship. **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,  
Do you remember what the second plague that God sent to Egypt? It was frogs! Read all about the plague of frogs in Exodus chapter 8.

RR

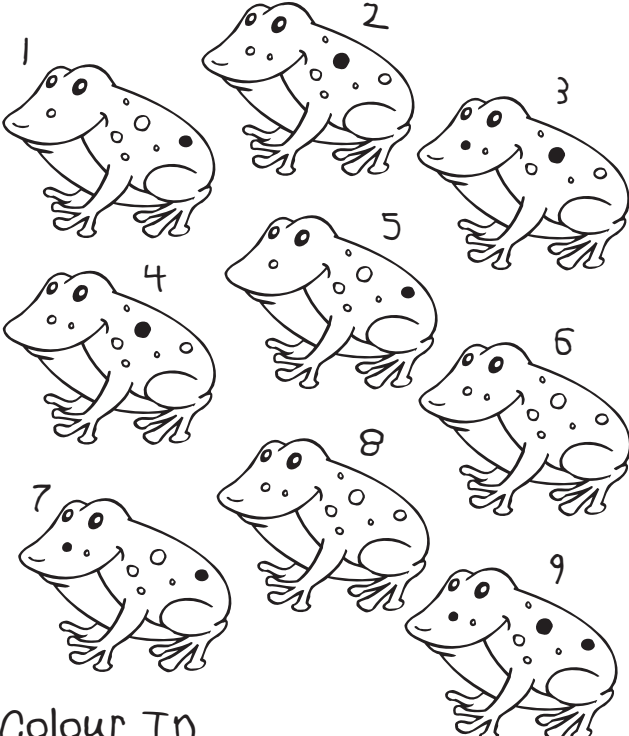
### Fill in the Blanks

"And the \_\_\_\_\_ shall bring forth \_\_\_\_\_ abundantly, which shall go up and come into your \_\_\_\_\_, into your \_\_\_\_\_, on your \_\_\_\_\_, into the houses of your \_\_\_\_\_, on your people, into your \_\_\_\_\_, and into your \_\_\_\_\_."

Exodus 8:3 NKJV

### Spot the Difference

There would have been thousands and thousands of frogs in Egypt at the time of the plague. Can you spot which two frogs are exactly the same?



### Colour In

Colour in the pictures of all the frogs.

Answers: number 6 and number 8 are the same.

## For young and older

ANDREW IRVINE, VIC

One Sabbath recently I was sitting in church and noticed a group of three teenage girls seated in front of me reading RECORD. Nothing unusual there—they do it every week during the sermon—but what caught my interest most was what they were reading: the editorial. I have never seen these girls read an editorial!

I was pleased. “The whale’s tail” (Editorial, August 26) had obviously connected with them because there was some discussion as to the thoughts expressed—much to the consternation of the long-suffering adults nearby! Good news: RECORD was connecting with Generation Y.

People often forget that the church does not consist of just them and for them—they forget the example Jesus set—He met people where they were and connected with them in a way they could understand. And still not everybody got it.

Not everybody will understand everything you write—that’s life—but somebody will understand something and be changed by the encounter.

Thank you for connecting in a meaningful way with the future of the church. And in RECORD too! Well done.

JAN CLARKE PEARCE, UK

On the same day I received the October 7 issue of RECORD I received the renewal notice for my subscription. Each year I think I should save the money and read it online. But, no, there is something special about handling the paper.

The report of developments at Camp Somerset (“Adair Hall opens at Camp Somerset,” News, October 7) set me thinking nostalgically of the wonderful times we had at Maranatha 50 or so years ago: swimming in the creek and jumping over Wappa Falls, eating Mrs Cullen’s cooking, getting to know friends from around the conference, enthusiastic song services, Lorraine Lawson (Ferris) at the piano, a Bible conference weekend with Pastor Des Hills, dormitories with roofs that leaked in the rain, the call of whipbirds in the early morning and earth toilets far from the dormitories.

I hope the new, modern facilities will create as many happy memories for today’s

users and reinforce their commitment to the church.

Reading Helen Whittaker’s obituary (Noticeboard) also stirred my thoughts. I was at the Zillmere School in Brisbane with her children. One afternoon brought unexpected heavy rainfall. She rode a push-bike several kilometres to bring raincoats to her children before we all headed to the train. Real care by a mother. I thought of her husband, Ivan, valiantly carrying on at the organ while suffering the hayfever caused by the floral decorations for Albion church’s spring service.

As mentioned, the Whittaker fam-

ily were part of the Sanitarium family. When somebody once referred to Ivan as a vegetarian, Mevyn sprang to his defence, “No, he’s not a vegetarian, he’s a Sanitarium.”

Not only does RECORD bring us current news, it also reminds us of happy times in the past. My renewal is on its way.

## Sabbath ours

KASIA THOMSON, WA

In response to the writer of “Sabbath voting” (Letters, September 30), if the whole world was enjoying the Sabbath day—as we hope and pray for—do you think those people who were working at the polling booths would all rush there to open up for you at 5.39 pm?

Throw away your watch. Go and watch the sunset and let it linger.

## For the articles

ELLEN B PAUL, NSW

I’m 77 years old and I didn’t see anything wrong with the Sanitarium advertisement (“How not to advertise?” Letters, September 30). I was more interested in the product than what was being worn. I read the ad, glanced at the picture and went on to read the articles.

It didn’t occur to me that it was inappro-

priate advertising. After seeing some of the objections to it, I still don’t see it that way. But to each his own thoughts. We don’t want to offend anyone.

## NAME SUPPLIED

It isn’t often one gets a good laugh from reading RECORD, as it’s a serious magazine. However, on reading the “How not to advertise?” letters, I had to race to church and find a back copy to see what they were talking about. After I looked at the advertisement in question and read the letters again, I had to laugh.

Surely there aren’t many people in the

## Healthy, happy young people enjoying life as pictured in that photo show what life is all about.

church who actually think the Sanitarium advertisement was pornographic. There is more skin on view just walking down the street. They must wear blinkers all the time and look at their feet when walking around.

Healthy, happy young people enjoying life as pictured in that photo show what life is all about. How can we expect young people to respect us older ones when we spout such negative ideas? I hope we do not turn away any young people from our church by our judgmental attitudes.

Keep up the good work, Sanitarium. Without you the church would not be where it is today.

JULIE ZILM, SA

The letters regarding the recent ad for So Good sent me scrambling to find the RECORD issue with the mentioned ad. I, too, found the ad appalling, offensive and shocking. If only the happy, healthy, vibrant couple—who “seem to be having lots of fun”—had been holding a can of Nutmeat! What a great promotion that would be!

**Note:** Views in Letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All letters are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author’s original meaning will not be changed. Not all letters received are published. See masthead (page 2) for contact details.

## Appreciation

**Wallace**, Hillary, Dianne and Alastair would like to express appreciation to the many people, both in Australia and overseas, who offered support and sent messages of condolence after the recent passing of their loved one, Pastor Cedric Wallace. Your support through prayers, flowers, cards and phone calls, have been a great encouragement. Thank you.

**Whittaker**. The family of Helen Whittaker wish to thank their many friends for the warmth of sympathy expressed to us in so many meaningful and practical ways. We want to especially thank Lorelley Malletin, our cousin, for her tender care to Mum over the years, and to the staff at Elizabeth Lodge for providing a loving and secure environment for our dear mother who passed away 28.6.06.

## Anniversaries

**Marshall**, Malcolm (Mac) and Joan (nee Prentice) were married on 18.8.56 at Christ Church in Wanganui, NZ. In 1964 they joined the Adventist Church after attending Pastor Jim Cherry's mission program. Both are faithful and hardworking members of the Wanganui church, which was recognised with flowers and a card. Mac and Joan have three adult children, who put on a surprise afternoon celebration for family and friends.

**Gosev**, Risto and Slobodanka (nee Avramova) celebrated 60 years of marriage on 20.7.06. In 1968 they joined the SDA Church, along with their eldest daughter, Zaprena (Penny). They have five chil-



dren, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In 1997 they moved from Macedonia to Melbourne, Vic, to be closer to all of their children who reside in Vic, and from whom they had been separated for over 25 years. They are members of the St Albans church.

## Weddings

**Barber—McGlashan**. Adam Barber, son of Robert and Kim Barber (Parkes, NSW), and Katie-lee McGlashan, daughter of William and Leonie McGlashan (Parkes), were married on 23.9.06 at Memorial Hill, Parkes.  
*Errol Webster*

**Humphries—Mucha**. Isaac Humphries, son of Terry and Nerolie Humphries (Lismore, NSW), and Kleodora Mucha, daughter of Islan and Julie Mucha (formerly of Albania, now London), were married on 27.8.06 at Byron Bay, NSW.  
*Doug Martin*

## Obituaries

**Beecroft**, Arthur George, born 25.7.1928 at Fitzroy, Vic; died 15.9.06 in Pacific Private Hospital, Southport, Qld, after a very brief battle with cancer. He was predeceased by his son, Wayne, in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Marg; his daughters, Denise Hemsley, Carol-Joy Patrick and Andrea Norris, who were all with him when he passed away. He is also survived by his children's spouses; and his grandchildren. We anxiously await the coming of Jesus.  
*Ken Martin, André van Rensburg*

**Bylund**, Mary Margaret (nee Scascighini), born 19.4.1921 at Albany, WA; died 9.9.06 in Fremantle Hospital. On 21.12.41 she married Carl, who predeceased her in 1998. She is survived by her children, Terrence and Milton (both of Perth), Annette Gullan (Mandurah), and John (Collie); and their families. A mother in Israel, Mary was loved by many and is missed by all. Rest soundly until morning.  
*Phil Rhodes*

**Cross**, Elizabeth Fanny (Betty, nee Stevens), born 16.8.1917 at Devonport, Tas; died 12.9.06 at Cleveland, Qld. On 11.3.48 she married Norman, a literature evangelist, who predeceased her on 2.5.58. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Del and Geoff Hamper (Banora Point, NSW), Faye and Clive Baron (Logan Reserve, Qld), Len and Lynette Cross (Canungra); her nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was a foundation member of the Southport SDA church. She loved the Lord, her family, gardening and reading. She had a strong faith, a pleasant nature and thought of others. She will be sadly missed.  
*Keith Miller*

**Dorman**, Lionel Keith, born 24.11.1923 at Penrith, NSW; died 4.9.06 at Gosford. On 28.7.48 he married Rita Hawken. He was predeceased by his son, Calvin, in 1974. He is survived by his wife; his children and their spouses, Rhonda and Peter Cherry (Cooranbong), Eric and Ruth (Coffs Harbour), and Adrian and Michaele (Cooranbong); his 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Keith was a fitter and turner by trade; had farmed, and spent many years as a literature evangelist in NSW and Qld. He was also a volunteer minister for west NSW churches; very focused on the church's commission and in recent years supported volunteer mission work in PNG and Africa. His faith always remained strong and his life encouraged many. He loved his family and will be sadly missed by all.  
*Adrian Craig, Ray Dickson*

**Ferguson**, Merleen Grace, born 11.2.1920 at Gulgong, NSW; died 8.9.06 at Orana Gardens Nursing Home, Dubbo. On 25.9.44 she married Selwyn, who predeceased her on 30.6.02. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Van Der Molen (Dubbo), her son, David (Surfers Paradise, Qld); her sister, Betty Clarke (Parramatta, NSW); her grandchildren, Bradley Gill (Surfers Paradise, Qld), Randall Gill (Dubbo, NSW), and Christian Ferguson (Japan). Grace was a loving wife, dedicated mum, car-

## Volunteers!

**Volunteers needed—ADRA—NZ**. Adventure Plus (NZ). Adventure based learning program delivery, group facilitation, program development, outdoor recreation instructing (training provided). Term: 11 months. Stipend paid and accommodation provided. For more information, contact Hayley O'Donnell.

**Volunteers needed—Asian Aid Orphanages**. Hostel Assistant—Elim Adventist Home and School to assist the director with all aspects of running the busy institution. Term: 12 months. **Teacher—School for the Hearing Impaired**. Duties include teaching sign language and English. Term: 12 months in 2007. **Hostel and Teaching Assistant—School for the Blind**. Duties include teaching English, running a music program for the children. Term: 12 months..

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ing nanna, faithful church member, gifted musician, talented seamstress, wonderful cook, meticulous organiser and a special friend. Her practical, busy life blessed many. Treasured memories.  
*Graham Wynniatt*

**Guizzardi**, Angela (Ann), born 30.9.1922 in Brescia, Italy; died 14.9.06 at Cooranbong, NSW. Ann graduated as a nurse from the Sydney Adventist Hospital in 1946. She then trained in midwifery at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne, Vic, and after working for two years at the Warburton Hospital, returned to the Sydney Adventist Hospital (NSW), where she worked until her retirement, except for two years spent at Sopa Hospital in Papua New Guinea. Ann was a quiet, faithful Christian nurse, who spent her entire working life caring for the sick and dying. She rests in the blessed hope.

*David Judd*

**Heise**, Edna Isabel (nee Ferris), born 7.1.1922 on Lord Howe Island; died 12.9.06 at Gosford, NSW. On 5.3.46 she married Vern. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, Joseph Copertino. She is survived by her husband, Pastor Vern Heise; her children and their spouses, Dr Lyell and Gaylene (all of Cooranbong), Rhonda Copertino, and Dr Geoffrey and Keren (all of Sydney); her eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Edna graduated as a teacher and lady Bible worker from Avondale College. She and Vern provided a great ministerial partnership in Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia and north NSW. In her early years she taught at Karalundi Aboriginal Centre (WA), and was a conference departmental secretary. A woman of note, she wrote extensively and was a sought-after preacher.

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*Adrian Craig, Des Ford*

**Hinze**, Alma Sarah, born 15.3.1922 at Nerang, Qld; died 19.9.06 at the Storm Retirement Village, Taree, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Edwin, in 1996. She is survived by her children, Greg (Sydney), Jeff (Kempsey) and Leona Matthews (Taree); and their families. Alma was a devoted member of the Kempsey church for over 20 years. During a celebration of her life, Greg and Leona shared some highlights of her life and the blessing she had been to their family.

*Lindsay Laws, Barry Satchell*

**Johanson**, Eric John, born in 1922 in Shanghai, eldest child of missionary parents, Pastor and Mrs E J Johanson; died 9.9.06 at Kings Langley, NSW. In 1945 he married Lorna Harrex. He was predeceased by his brothers, Lyn and Jim. He is survived by his wife (Kings Langley); his daughters and their spouses, Christine and Pastor Gordon Oaklands (Ipswich, Qld), Nettie and Peter Vetter (Mount Colah, NSW), and Donna and Barrie Saville (Cooranbong); his seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Eric was greatly loved and widely experienced. From literature evangelism to Adventist Book Centre management, administration and teacher at Carmel College; Sanitarium Health Food Company; CEO, Karachi Hospital; Sydney Adventist Hospital; manager, Sydney retirement villages. In retirement, he spent two decades serving in multiple church offices, sharing by word and loving deeds his deep Christian faith.  
*Wal Taylor, Robert Craig Gordon Oaklands, Ron Pieterse*

**Malielegaol—Mulitalo**, Sarona Ianeta, born 21.6.1972 in Apia, Western Samoa; died 19.9.06 in Mount Druitt Hospital, Sydney, NSW. She is survived by her parents, Pastor Ativale and Selesa Mulitalo; and her sisters, Auauoletai, Senara, Oilau, Sepora, Eunike, Tuluiga and Siala. Sarona made a lasting impact on high school students to whom she taught English at Border Christian College, Albury, NSW, and Nunawading Christian College, Vic. Sarona leaves a large family to cherish the memory of her 34 years. Though her life was short, it was lived to the full.  
*Garth Bainbridge, Tuni Laiqum*





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David Kosmeier

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