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LAUTOKA, FIJI

Student ministry by the Adventist Students Association (ASA) in the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) will become more focused in its efforts to support Adventist young people in the future.

A working document outlining the structure of the ASA and its relation to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as a list of strategic plans has been drafted to "strengthen and provide the direction of tertiary students ministry in TPUM," according to Pastor Nick Kross, ASA chaplain and South Pacific Division (SPD) associate director of youth

ministries.

Pastor Waisake Raiubi has been appointed as the new ASA chaplain for the Adventist Church based at the University of the South Pacific (USP) in Suva, and other campuses in the TPUM. He will replace Pastor Tabua Tuima, who will be leaving his role at the end of the year. Pastor Raiubi will work in conjunction with the youth directors at the TPUM and the various missions in the region.

Upcoming plans for ASA in TPUM include nurturing and establishing formal student groups in countries such as Vanuatu, Samoa and the Solomon Islands, where



We protect our children with passion and ferocity.

The animal parade

IN FIRST GRADE I WAS IN AN ANIMAL parade on a Sunday afternoon. While my classmates brought dogs, cats, birds and even rabbits, I had the show stealer—a goose.

“Goose-Goose” wasn’t just any goose—she had a unique passion that took her to the top of the class when it came to animal parades. Goose-Goose was in love with my little red wagon. (Every boy has a little red wagon, right?)

Wherever I pulled my little red wagon Goose-Goose was sure to follow. While other students dragged their humiliated cats around the circuit on leashes or waited for their rabbits to decide to take another hop, Goose-Goose happily continued her love affair with my wagon as I leisurely pulled it along. Waddling unaided a few webbed paces behind the wagon and quacking with gusto, Goose-Goose easily stole the show.

In Isaiah 11:6-8 the prophet tells us about the new earth. It is a place where leopards and goats will nap in each other’s embrace, wolves and lambs will share space, cows and bears will have lunch together (and not at the cow’s expense!), and if you want to see the show stealer, just wait till the children show up!

Isaiah reveals with amazement, “A little child will lead them.” Can you see it? No fences. No leashes. Just kids who are finally allowed to play with the big animals! Can you hear the kids? “Mum, Dad, you have to come to the animal parade! All of us kids are in it!”

Snakes will even be fair game for the little ones. Isaiah says, “The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper’s nest” (Isaiah 11:8*). It doesn’t seem realistic, does it? No wonder the much loved children’s Sabbath school song says “Heaven is a wonderful place!”

But while we wait for Jesus to return and take us to His beautiful home, we remain wary of the wild—sin remains. We protect our children with passion and ferocity—they are our precious possession, our righteous responsibility. This is the parents’ charge: “Impress them [the commandments] on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (Deuteronomy 6:7). It is our daily plod and plight that reveals both the nature and nurture of God to our children. The example they receive is the God they believe.

And thus it is so hideous that lions, wolves and snakes abide unabated in our homes and churches. It was such horrors of the wild that caused Jesus to cradle a child close to His heart and say, “If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea” (Matthew 18:6). God is in the business of judgment.

More so, God is in the business of forgiveness. Paul promised, “I want you to know

that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you” (Acts 13:38). Jesus lives (and died) to create new hearts. Through the prophet He demonstrated His passion for new-hearted people: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26). If God can make the lion eat straw like an ox, it stands to reason that He can do even greater things with those created in His image.

Perhaps today is the day for you to seek the healing Jesus is offering, or to encourage someone else to do so. Abusing children is not OK. Hiding it doesn’t heal it. Ignoring it damns the offender, devastates the child and delights the devil.

Parents, a day is coming when your children “will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children’s peace” (Isaiah 54:13). We must do our utmost to protect the children until the trumpet sounds and all people are changed by the brightness of His coming. Then we can be at peace, knowing that our children cannot be harmed.

I am excited about the day when my children can walk through the streets of the New Jerusalem pulling a little red wagon. I wonder what peaceful giant will follow them. I can’t wait to watch the animal parade!

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Festival lights up Sydney

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

More than 2500 people from 69 Seventh-day Adventist Churches from the Greater Sydney Conference gathered at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on the last weekend of October to celebrate and worship together at the Festival of Worship.

“There is a need to join together as a unified city church,” says Pastor David Blanch, president of the Greater Sydney Conference. “Let us focus on venturing into the unentered suburbs of the conference that desperately need the warmth of God’s light.”

During the opening night on Friday, Pastor Brendan Pratt, director of the Stewardship, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Departments of the Greater Sydney Conference, challenged everyone to think what life would be like when God’s light is shining in and through them.

Spreading and sharing the love of God was the focal point of the festival on Sabbath, themed “Light Your World.”

Keynote speaker Ty Gibson from America addressed attendees with what it means to be living in the light of God’s love. “The human heart longs to be loved in a love

that only God can offer, a love that will not fail,” Mr Gibson said in his concluding sermon on Sabbath afternoon.

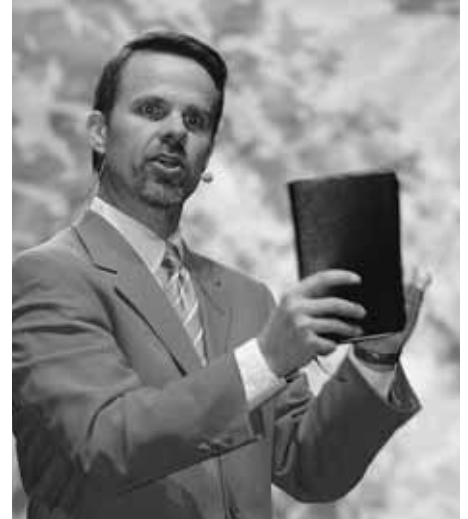
He explained that people are disinterested in religion because society had painted a wrong picture of God. He urged those present to remove the darkness as God’s ambassadors and light their world about the truth and beauty of the character of God.

Attendees were inspired and informed of ways in which churches in the Greater Sydney Conference have been lighting their world, with reports of activities from various volunteer ministries, mission projects as well as literature evangelists.

It was also reported that nine new churches have been established in the past year, in fulfilment of the Greater Sydney Conference’s plans to plant 20 new churches before the year 2010.

Pastor Garth Bainbridge, Ministerial Association secretary, Pastor Michael Worker, general secretary, Pastor Pratt, Pastor Martin Vukmanic, pastor of the Kellyville church, and Pastor Blanch, all from the Greater Sydney Conference, also shared the conference’s future directions with members during the afternoon.

“I’m really excited about the possibilities for the church in Sydney,” Pastor Blanch



Keynote speaker for the Festival of Worship, Ty Gibson.

says. “We have a strategic plan that came from the pastors who want to see a 10 per cent growth in church membership in Sydney. There is so much to do and we need a concerted effort to reach the people in the city.”

Attendees of the Festival of Worship were also blessed with music from individuals and groups such as the Mile-End Quartet, The Promise from Avondale College, The Essence and Bridge.—*Melody Tan*



◆ Earlier this year the **Sanitarium Development and Innovation (SDI)** held the **Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser** for cancer research. The hour-long event included a **SDI Sky Scraper Competition**—where teams built a freestanding tower out of nothing but **Weet-Bix and peanut butter**. The total money raised

was some \$A1400—complete with heaps of fun and laughter.—*Sanco News*

◆ The **Aranui church, NZ**, on a corner of a main thoroughfare and seen as a light on the hill, commemorated their **50th anniversary** on October 28 with a special service of celebration, along with the baptism of **Warwick Morrison**. Many previous members returned and caught up with old friends—reliving many memories. **Pastor Jerry Matthews** led in a service of celebration and thanksgiving that

was followed by a lunch and cutting of a cake.—*Allan Matthies*

◆ On Sunday, November 12, **Singleton church, NSW**, pastor **Clive Nash** led out in a public **prayer service for those affected by drought**. With more than 90 per cent of New South Wales and much of eastern Australia in drought, prayers were offered in an **interdenominational service**. Other clergy leading out were from the Anglican, Catholic, Presbyterian, Uniting, Baptist, Evangelical and Salvation Army Churches.

◆ **Pastor Peter Roennfeldt** has enjoyed supporting and **equipping church planters** and pastors in some 50 countries. Now he’s sharing his experiences and discoveries **via a blog**. His internet presence has been made available to help others “create new environments for people to have a relationship with God and their communities and explore possibilities for biblical and **relevant expressions of church** that will honour God and reach friends with the gospel!”

More @ <http://newchurchlife.blogspot.com>

Adventist Students Association formed in South Australia

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A leadership team to initiate the Adelaide branch of the Adventist Students Association (ASA) has been formed during a dinner hosted by the South Australia youth ministries.

"It is very exciting to see young people step up for leadership," says Pastor Nick Kross, ASA chaplain and South Pacific Division associate director of youth ministries. "We will continue to support them as they continue to grow in their ministry."

A group of about 45 mostly Adventist tertiary students met with ASA representatives from Sydney over the last weekend in September, and decided to formalise a group in Adelaide that will minister to their peers.

Stacey Panozzo, a PhD student in psychology, Wilson Chee, a sixth-year medical student, Adrian Peterson, an engineering student and Tanya Davidson, who is in her second year of pharmacy, make up the newly formed leadership team in Adelaide.



Wilson Chee (left) participating in a game during dinner with other South Australian Adventist Students Association members.

"Studies show that we are losing 70 per cent of our tertiary students from church attendance," says Pastor Kross. "We at ASA have a desire to help our students maintain their faith relationship with God and their alliance to church."

According to Pastor Kross, he believes there are more than 3000 Adventist tertiary students in Australia, many of whom are unknown to him. "I have a desire to touch base with all of them in order to support them and create a safety net for them," he says.—*Melody Tan*

Rising sea levels concern for Pacific

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The impact of climate change on Kiribati is a major concern, according to researcher John Corcoran, who spoke about the issue to students at Pacific Adventist University (PAU) during a recent colloquium.

"The impact of climate change is affecting everyone and every country. The atoll people are really feeling this," he said. "Since the 1970s, there has been the frequent occurrence of cyclones, tidal waves and floods due to the rise in sea levels. This has affected the small islands of Kiribati, resulting in flooding of villages and roads."

Mr Corcoran and his wife, Lupe, are currently involved in a joint research project between PAU and the University of the South Pacific on the impact of climate change on low-lying atolls, with the case studies being those of Kiribati and Tuvalu.

Funded by the Oceania Development Network, the objective of this research is to examine and evaluate what climate change is doing to the economy and people of low-lying atoll states. This research will contribute to current knowledge on climate change, as well as environmental policies.—*Jennifer Faraimo*



◆ A group of students from Prescott Primary Southern, SA, put together a performance of the Noah's ark story for the Wakakirri Story Festival Competition—Australia's largest multi-arts event. They competed against other South Australian schools in September, winning their division. In the finals, on at the Adelaide Festival Theatre, 28 schools competed across

three divisions. Prescott Primary Southern achieved a silver medal for their Division One performance. Following their award-winning performance the students again performed at Morphett Vale church.—*Mitsy Bullas*

◆ Mr Lyndsay Hiscox and the agricultural students of Darling Downs Christian School, Qld, maintain an organic vegetable garden that provides for their tuckshop and wider school community. Students pick the vegetables on tuckshop mornings and, within the hour, fresh salads are



Rebecca Bernoth

produced. The newest acquisitions for the garden are Indian runner ducklings that will help to keep pests out of the garden—the natural, organic way. The school's organically fed free-range hens also provide the eggs used by the tuckshop.—*Debbie McKay*

◆ Port Macquarie Adventist Primary School, NSW, recently hosted a two-week display of Egyptian artefacts. While most of the 300 artefacts were replicas, a few were the "real deal." The school's art room was turned into the "Tomb of Tutankhamen." Invitations were sent to schools in the area to visit the display and it was also open to the general public. The display generated interest with local television stations and two newspapers. Approximately 500 visited the exhibition.—*Northpoint*

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ FEBRUARY 11—SOUTH PACIFIC RECORD OFFERING

Philosopher endorses Avondale's greater vision

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

A Christian philosopher has endorsed the greater vision philosophy of education at Avondale College during a series of speaking appointments in November.

In a four-day visit to the Lake Macquarie campus, November 1-4, Dr John Mark Reynolds from Biola University (La Mirada, California, USA) presented four lectures, spoke at a colloquium and preached at two worship services.

Dr Mark Reynolds is a philosopher (and founder of the Torrey Honors Institute at Biola) whose desire is to see the evidences for Christianity promoted more strongly. A theme among his presentations would be that in tertiary institutions and the Christian life there needs to be a combination of the "head, heart and hand."

Dr Mark Reynolds spoke critically of universities focused solely on producing technicians or people with knowledge and skills in narrow fields. They were not developing well-rounded people, he said. At the colloquium, he called for Avondale to use a holistic approach in its training—to educate for the head,



Dr John Mark Reynolds, a Christian philosopher from America.

heart and hand. In this way, while "you may be small, you can be great," he said of the college.

He visited the college with his wife, Hope. The two were sponsored by and travelled with Dr Bernard Branstater, a retired anaesthetist from Loma Linda (California, USA). Dr Mark Reynolds is a member of the Primitive Adventists, a group that grew out of the Advent Movement of the 1840s—the same roots as the Seventh-day

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informal networks have already been set up. Regular meetings, newsletters and websites can also be expected.

"We want our young people to meet regularly to help them establish their identity as Adventist young professionals," says Pastor Kross. "Coming together will also help them be inspired and encouraged by the testimonies of what other students are doing on their campus for Christ."

Plans for a more focused effort on student ministry in the TPUM came at the end of the annual ASA Convention in Fiji, attended by more than 200 students from the nine tertiary institutions in the country.

Themed "Standing tall in a real world," the convention held at the Lautoka Teacher's College had Pastor George Munoz from the Eight Mile Plains church in Brisbane as keynote speaker.

"We wanted to allow students to network and fellowship," says Pastor Kross, "as well as catch of vision of the ministry potential that is on campus while they attend university."

Students at the convention also took on a service project at the nearby Lautoka Adventist Primary School, where they cleared the school grounds and created gardens.—

Melody Tan

◆ The North American Division has **filmed its fifth Christmas program**, entitled *Love's Pure Light*. The hour-long program will be **broadcast during December** on many affiliate stations in the United States, Canada and Bermuda and on the Trinity Broadcasting Network and the Hallmark Channel. The musical drama features four-time Grammy winner **Deniece Williams**.—*George Johnson, Jr*

◆ By skipping one meal, thousands of **Adventists have fed 65,000** of the poorest people in Colombia. The project went hand in hand

with World Hunger Day on October 16. ADRA—Colombia requested the 1000 Adventist churches in the country to motivated church members to donate a meal to someone less fortunate. ADRA volunteers, the volunteer group Dorcas Society and church members were organised to **prepare and assemble boxed meals**, which included a sandwich, fruit, biscuits and juice. "It has ignited the Dorcas Society volunteers and young people throughout our churches to do something like this every month," says **Gabriel Villarreal**, ADRA—Colombia director.—*Libna Stevens/IAD/ANN staff*

◆ The **first Adventist youth group** to appear on the television show *Virtual Memory* has become the **highest scoring team in the show's history**. *Virtual Memory* is a Bible trivia game show for teens between the ages of 13 and 18 on TBN—America's most watched faith channel. They scored an all-time high 5100 points (scores usually average 1500 to 2500 points). "It was a divine appointment," said **Edye Campos**, leader of the youth group. "One of the producers called our church by mistake. Before I knew it, I asked if he would allow some of our youth to



appear on the program. He began laughing and said, 'We've never had an Adventist youth group on our station.' He extended the invitation and we accepted." As a result of the hugely successful appearance, other Adventist youth groups have also been contacted to appear.—*Edye Campos/Edna Maye Gallington*

“Hymns and Songs” airs on Hope Channel

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Hymns and Songs of Praise” will find a new audience when it appears on Hope Channel this month.

The program, recorded in the Avondale College church in October, features a 45-piece orchestra, the Salvation Army’s Sydney Staff Songsters and the college’s Contemporary Choir.

“Hymns and Songs”—now in its second year—“models the power of music in worship, and participation plays the most important role in giving music its power in the life of a Christian,” says Dr Lyell Heise, director of the South Pacific Division’s Institute of Worship. “The program also shows hymns are not old fashioned but, with creative arrangements, have continuing power in a contemporary culture.”

Dr Heise illustrated this by inviting the Contemporary Choir to sing. The group practised singing hymns for a month leading up to the program. Director John Venegas is proud of the performance. “The



Ann Stafford

The second annual “Hymns and Songs of Praise” will air on Hope Channel on December 15.

choir members showed a lot of character,” he says. “Singing hymns helped them learn to appreciate other styles of music.”

The program features hymns such as “All hail the power of Jesus’ name” and “O come, all ye faithful” and contemporary worship music such as “What the Lord has done in me” and “He’s got the whole world in His hands.”

The Staff Songsters, the top choral group for the Salvation Army in Sydney, sing seven items, including the hymn “How great Thou art” and the spiritual “Give me Jesus.”

“Hymns and Songs of Praise” will air on Hope Channel on December 15 at 7.30 pm (AEDT).—*Brenton Stacey/Elly Lukale/College Church News*

Adventist Review editor receives achievement award

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

On October 14, William Johnsson was bestowed the Society of Adventist Communicators 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr Johnsson, who has served as editor-in-chief of the *Adventist Review* for 24 years, has contributed much to communicating the gospel message to the world, including writing 20 books and more than 1000 articles and, in 2005, starting a new church magazine called *Adventist World* (with a circulation of 1.3 million copies worldwide).

Dr Johnsson, also a highly regarded voice on theological issues, was one of five nominees and was “deeply honoured” to receive the award. In his acceptance message, Dr Johnsson applauded the society, stating that he was “impressed by the youth, creativity, and energy of the participants.” He encouraged his fellow professionals to “go from strength to strength, remaining Adventist but always open to fresh air.”

Dr Johnsson plans to retire at the end of this year. *Adventist Review*’s assistant editor Kimberly Luste Maran accepted the award on his behalf.—*Adventist Review*

◆ **Indian Christians** have recently been **forced to worship Hindu deities** in Karnataka. When Hindu villagers in Kurumaradikere noted that local Christians had not participated in the annual Depavali festival, they demanded that **Pastor Naik** and the eleven families of his congregation worship Hindu deities. Eight of the eleven families in Pastor Naik’s congregation gave in to the demands. The local council chief ordered the three families who refused to cooperate be **ostracised from the village**. Hindu militants also forced Christians

in the village of Bevainahalli to bow down before Hindi deities. Christians who questioned their orders were slapped, marched to the temple and **forced to bow down before the gods**.—*Voice of the Martyrs*

More @ www.persecution.net

◆ A new **“Business Bible”** has been produced as a joint venture by the Bible Society and Australian Marketplace Connections. **Printed by the Amity Press in China** (where Bibles were once banned), it has various features designed to **appeal to business**

people, including: An introduction giving a biblical perspective on leadership, ethics, truth and honesty, wealth, temptation, sin and forgiveness, and being ambassadors in our work; testimonies; and a list of biblical texts to look up in various life circumstances. Christian business people have been encouraged to buy multiple copies to use as **corporate gifts**.—*New Life*

◆ **Australian Prime Minister John Howard** proposes to place government-approved **chaplains in Australian schools**, handing

out \$A20,000 to employ a chaplain, to fill what Mr Howard says is a **void of spiritual and pastoral guidance** available in Australian schools. Mr Howard says the \$A90 million scheme will be open to chaplains of many faiths and is not designed to discriminate in favour of one religion. Democrats leader **Lyn Allison** said the program risked blurring the line between **church and state**. “We say government schools should be secular and this money would be much better spent on school counsellors or youth workers.”—*Col Stringer*

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Ordinations around the South Pacific

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

A number of ordinations have taken place within the South Pacific Division in the past few months, from Vanuatu to Kyogle.

Pastor Eddie Mackie

Eddie Mackie was reordained on June 17 at the Alstonville regional meeting. Pastor Mackie serves as the volunteer minister for the Casino and Kyogle churches in the North New South Wales (NNSW) Conference.

After a period of time away from ministry, Pastor Mackie's commitment, with support from his wife, Ruth, has been acknowledged and reaffirmed.

Assisting in the service with Pastor John Lang, president of the conference, were Pastor Graeme Christian, Australian Union Conference ministerial secretary; Pastor Murray Chapman, NNSW ministerial secretary; and a number of ordained pastors present on the day.

Pastor Ericson Simon Peter Restuetune

Ericson Simon Peter Restuetune and his wife, Dorothy, celebrated his ordination on October 7 in the Sarakata church on Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu.

Pastor Restuetune began church work in 1992, serving as assistant church pastor at the Sarakata Adventist church on Santo. As



Pastor Eddie Mackie and his wife, Ruth.

well as pastoral duties in a variety of churches, he also taught and worked as boys dean at Aore Adventist Academy.

Following his graduation from Pacific Adventist University (PAU) with a diploma in theology in 1991, he went on to obtain his bachelor of theology from PAU in 1995.



Pastor Lindsey Wells and his family.

Pastor Lindsey Stuart Wells

On September 2, Lindsey Stuart Wells was ordained at the Glenorchy Adventist church, Tasmania.

Pastor Graeme Christian led out in the ordination service and was assisted by Pastor Kevin Amos, president of the Tasmanian Conference, and Pastor Karl Winch-

combe, ministerial secretary of the conference. Pastor Amos says, "Lindsey has a strong desire to empower people into meaningful ministry."

At the beginning of 2006, Pastor Wells and his wife, Tanya, a primary schoolteacher, with their three children, transferred to Hobart, Tasmania, where he has been ministering with the Glenorchy and Collinsvale churches, and serving as chaplain at Hilliard Christian School.

Pastor Wells graduated from Avondale College's theology program in 1998. After working for a number of years in volunteer positions, the family moved to New Zealand, where Pastor Wells commenced his internship at Gisbourne.—Northpoint/Douw Venter/Kevin Amos/RECORD staff

GC president and women set time to talk

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

While there is no doubt that women have contributed greatly to the world and their churches in general, "women feel they are not being heard," said Heather-Dawn Small, director of women's ministries for the General Conference (GC).

"We don't think change will happen until the leadership at the highest level talks to us," she added.

On December 14, Pastor Jan Paulsen, president of the GC, will talk with women about issues they are dealing with in their personal and church life.

In "Time to talk," Pastor Paulsen—who has long supported and encouraged women to play active roles in the church—will take advantage of a live television format to talk specifically to Adventist women. The participants will come from all walks of life and will include pastors, mothers, professionals and others, and will represent the church's diverse global community.

"I want to know what's on their minds, understand their concerns, hear their ideas," said Pastor Paulsen. "The women of our church embrace such a diversity of cultures, backgrounds, education and interests. And yet there are certain significant issues that transcend lines of nationality and language, and these are what I hope we will focus on during our time together."

Although the broadcast will be unscripted, Mrs Small says she anticipates some of the questions will involve "some very serious issues that women are dealing with: abuse, poverty, health issues, community involvement and leadership opportunities within our own church. These are community issues and they are global issues that impact the church."

"Time to talk" is based on the "Let's talk" series of talks with young people of the church, and will be broadcast on the Hope Channel. Broadcast times are available on their website, <www.hopetv.org>.—Taashi Rowe/ANN

Your call to service

BY MEL LEMKE

PAUL STATES EMPHATICALLY, “IT IS absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. . . . Use your freedom to serve one another in love” (Galatians 5:13-15, *The Message*).

Peter backs up this call to service: “The end of all things is near. Therefore, be clear minded. . . . Above all, love each other deeply. . . . Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. . . . If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised” (1 Peter 4:7-11, NIV).

There are dozens of ways you can serve others with the gifts God has given you. Adventist Volunteer Service (AVS) provides some of these. Those who serve discover the miracle of giving: that “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35, NIV).



10 ways you can get involved in the adventure of service in 2007

- ▶ **STORM Co.** Every conference and a number of missions in the SPD run STORM Co trips each year. They change communities and change lives. Get involved in one. It might change yours! Contact your local conference or mission youth department.
- ▶ **Fly’n’builds.** If you have never been on one, you should. It is a great opportunity to visit one of the Pacific nations you have heard so much about in mission stories and reports. You will build friendships for life, and make a real contribution that is always very much appreciated. There are huge needs for help in the Pacific right now. Why not join a team or, for the truly adventurous, start something new in your church. Those that go usually keep going. Service to others is addictive! God meant it to be so. Contact your local conference short-term mission coordinator, keep an eye on the RECORD, or call us at AVS.
- ▶ **Fly’n’preach/teach/mentor.** These are often done in conjunction with fly’n’builds, but there is also a large need for skills training and support. No matter your trade or profession, the gift of your life experience and technical knowledge for a short time can make a large difference.
- ▶ **Your own backyard.** There is no need to go overseas to serve. Many are the needs in your own backyard, with many churches and local communities needing support. You could make a real difference at home.
- ▶ **ADRA lend-a-hand.** Go to www.adralendahand.org.au for dozens of ideas of ways you can be a helping hand in your community. Imagine if every one of us committed to giving 2 hours of our week to serve others in our community each week? It would change our church. Let’s be the light, salt and yeast Jesus intended us to be in the places we live and work.
- ▶ **Longer-term service through AVS.** For hundreds of long-term opportunities around the world go to www.adventistvolunteers.org. Many have done it, and counted it as the best year/s of their life.
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- ▶ **Be a tentmaker missionary.** See www.andrews.edu/partners/index.htm for how you can use your trade/profession to be a tentmaker missionary in an unentered area, particularly in the “10-40 window.”
- ▶ **Be a financial and prayer partner of missions and missionaries,** and of great organisations like Asian Aid, International Children’s Care, Volunteers in Action, Sonship and OneMission.

2007 service opportunities

Short Term

- ▶ PNG: Qualified builder to oversee the work of building the mission headquarters at Kokopo.
- ▶ PNG: The Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission are needing some assistance to renovate/restore the first permanent material church built in the Highlands. The church is located at Kainantu and there is a team of local builders ready to assist but they would like a qualified person to supervise and assist in the work. The money for materials is in hand and they want to commence asap. The work involves restumping the whole building, reroofing, replacement of some weatherboard walling, replacement of some floorboards, replacing plywood ceiling and wall lining, repainting interior and exterior.
- ▶ PNG: Builder/plumber/electrician to carry out the approved maintenance work on the Adventist Aviation houses at Goroka. The work involves a bathroom renovation including new bath/shower and vanity, a kitchen renovation including cabinets and cupboards, a laundry renovation, the building of a carport, cement work, plumbing and electrical upgrading, some painting and security-fence construction.
- ▶ PNG: Sonoma College have an urgent need right now for the renovation of their cafeteria. The needs are as follows: Tiles for the floors, replacement of tables and chairs; a new cooking area that will be

connected to the main building; proper cooking equipment for 400 students; the main building has to be restructured to have a better flow of students during serving times; expansion of the dining area to increase capacity (the maximum capacity at the moment is for only 200 students).

- ▶ Cook Islands Mission: A major maintenance project at the mission administration office.
- ▶ Cook Islands Mission: Renovation of a house to be used as a transit house.
- ▶ New Caledonia: Building a church for 200 members in the south of New Caledonia. "With the prices of land being so high and our funds quite limited, we would welcome any volunteer labour available to help us build a church for our Lord."

Longer Term

- ▶ Youth pastor—Murwillumbah church. Commencing asap for 12 months. Involvement in Bible studies and visitations; youth leadership and Pathfinder chaplain.
- ▶ Nurse—PNG Union Mission. Commencing January 2007 for 24 months. Duties include: coordinate all PNGUM HIV/AIDS mainstreaming plans and activities; support all local missions and educational institutions HIV/AIDS mainstreaming coordinators. Organise, conduct or support health workshops, seminars or conventions, as authorised by the PNGUM health director. Network with the division Health Department, union departments, government and non-government organisations as required. Maintain professional growth and expertise in one's own health speciality and keep current with the latest relevant health research, government policies and community needs.
- ▶ Teachers needed—Thailand, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Russia, Botswana, Indonesia, Micronesia, Peru and many more countries! Commencing January 2007.



- ▶ Marketing/design/communication assistant—Newbold College, United Kingdom. Commencing asap for 12 months. Should be able to do graphic design projects using Quark Express/Photoshop/Illustrator. Be proficient in Microsoft Office suite applications. Must be competent in digital and SLR photography, coordinating on and off campus events, mail-outs, newsletters, along with copy for adverts, brochures, research ability, and teamwork. The ability to have a professional approach.
- ▶ Assistant deans needed in: United Kingdom (commencing ASAP) and Denmark (commencing July/August 2007).
- ▶ Maintenance assistant—Helderberg College, South Africa. Commencing January 2007 for 12 months. Duties include: mainly carpentry duties; at times, to assist with building construction.
- ▶ Asian Aid positions available: music coordinator at Blind School, India. Volunteer teacher at school for hearing impaired, India. Assistant to orphanage director, India.

For more information about any of these service opportunities and others not listed, contact your local conference or mission, or Hayley on +61 2 9847 3275, email volunteers@adventist.org.au or mail to Adventist Volunteer Service, Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga, NSW 2075, Australia. **R**

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When do we reap?

BY JOHN GATE

HARVESTING”—PEOPLE MAKING decisions for Jesus and being baptised—seldom happens by viewing videos alone. Effective video ministry aims to network with other outreach ministries, and often a person is led to a decision for Jesus and baptism in another context, for example, in a seminar or in a small group.

Our witness is to be a loving and lovable Christian (being) and also go and share the good news (doing). There is no tension between Christian living and outreach or

“I believe in video ministry because it is one of the best tools in soul winning.”—Pastor Graham

White, Capalaba, Queensland.

witness. The two go together and are not separate. Our commission in Matthew 28:19, 20 is to go and make disciples and to baptise. So, as followers of Jesus, we are looking for all possible ways of connecting with people, leading them to a positive decision and to demonstrate their decision through baptism.

Jesus promised He would make us fishers of men (see Matthew 4:19) and, at Pentecost (see Acts 2), with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, God launched the church into that ministry.

In setting our strategies for outreach, Jesus encourages us to be “as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.” We are to work with people’s cultures and behaviours, rather than against them, in winning their confidence (see 2 Corinthians 5:20). God makes His appeal through us.

God gives us a strong mandate in our outreach, to put the question to people to accept Him and to follow Him in life, and to demonstrate it in baptism.

In video ministry, we need to look at ways that we can take the initiative to invite people to follow Jesus. Our divine strategy says that, although Jesus started His outreach in a social way by mixing with people as one who desired their good, He finished by inviting them to “Follow Me”—that’s reaping.

And we need in all of our outreach to include events or programs where people are invited to accept Jesus and to give their lives to Him. This requires a lot of prayer—prayer for the video minister and prayer for the people who are watching the videos. It requires a sensitivity to how people are responding and developing in what they are watching.

We need to be bold in the Spirit in asking people whether what they have heard is new, is it clear, and is it doable? The devil will do all he can to stop us from putting these questions to people, because so often they respond positively.

A powerful communication tool in post-modern culture is storytelling. Jesus has encouraged us to tell our story of what God has done for us. This is our testimony. It is a great way of encouraging others and leading them to make a decision for Jesus too.

We can move toward the reaping by turning questions into Bible studies and leading people to accept Jesus through His Word. On the basis of the video friendship, people can be invited to join a small group. They can be invited to a video ministry Sabbath school class where they’re being prayed for. They can be invited to a reaping evangelistic campaign or to a satellite program. We need to pray that God will guide us in providing these opportunities for people to respond to what they are seeing on the videos. **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.

Teaching and praying

WITH PAUL PETERSEN

ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, **teaching them to pray to the Father in my name by the help of the Spirit.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20, NIV).

Here is the gospel commission. Surely the words in bold do not belong. Jesus did not say that, did He?

True. He did not. That is not how Matthew records the farewell speech of Jesus. But my added words are really unnecessary. Prayer is already part of the teachings of Jesus.

This is sometimes forgotten. Prayer is perceived as part of some spiritual sphere unrelated to teaching and doctrine. Such dichotomy is not biblical. It creates an unhealthy understanding of both prayer and doctrine. Preaching without praying is sterile. But praying outside the context of the teachings of Jesus does not lead to the God of the Bible, and the resulting spirituality may very well be caused by another. Jesus is the one who teaches how to pray (see Luke 11:1).

Addressing God in prayer assumes a basic understanding of His character. Wrong doctrine leads to wrong concepts of God. Belief in hell brings fear. Rejecting creation leads to doubt in His care. True doctrine helps us to know Him as He is. Sabbath highlights God as a person, tithing expresses trust in His ongoing providence, and the Second Coming reminds us that God is for real.

When praying, the Bible paints the true picture of the God we address. We see Him in Jesus and understand who He is by what He teaches. Praying and teaching go hand in hand. **R**

Paul Petersen is the field secretary for the South Pacific Division.

Unsaintly saints

BY MARTIN BROWN

THE CHURCH HAS OFTEN DONE GOD A DISSERVICE BY PRESENTING the stories of Bible people almost as if they were fairytales. In these retellings, the stories of people like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Gideon, Esther and David often have the human weaknesses and failures left out.

When Jesus came He called Matthew, a dishonest man and a social outcast, to be among His close followers. In His ongoing association with people like Matthew, Jesus explained, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17, NIV). He may have been reflecting on much of Old Testament history.

Esther was not following many biblical teachings when she joined the king's harem, and yet God, through Mordecai, used her.

We overlook the fact that David lived in the equivalent of the "wild west" where he had to kill or be killed while he was fleeing from Saul and others, waiting for the right time to take the throne of Israel.

The fact that God chose Solomon, son of Bathsheba, to succeed David as king, demonstrates the extent of God's forgiving grace in view of David's total repentance. God gave Solomon the name Jedidiah, which means "beloved of God."

Jacob, having gained the birthright by trickery, got some of his own medicine when he was married to Leah instead of Rachel, but God used it all for His own purposes even so. Jacob, as Laban's son-in-law, became a wealthy man due to God's blessing and it was Jacob's sons who became the fathers of the 12 tribes of Israel.

Gideon's putting out his fleece was really a demonstration of his failure to believe God's instructions, rather than the opposite, as is so often represented when his story is told. But Gideon finally succeeded because God was merciful and patient.

We think of Abraham as a misty-eyed patriarch leaning on his staff, and overlook the fact that at one stage he grabbed his sword and jumped on his horse and went off as the leader of a marauding tribe to deliver his nephew, Lot, from his enemies. And Abraham clearly saw the blessing of God in this because he is paid tithe on the plunder he had gained on his marauding expedition.

Isaac was the obedient child who did as his father told him. We see Isaac devoted to the purposes of God when Abraham is instructed to sacrifice him, but he became a weak father, playing favourites, when he had the responsibility of being the patriarch.

Moses deserves our commendation as well as the Lord's for his 40 years as a leader of the rebels in the wilderness, but he was a grumpy old man. Whether he was beating on the Egyptians or beating on the rock, it was all the result of bad temper.

This should encourage all of us "warts and all" Christians to have faith in God and to live our lives in the light of His love; without us having to concentrate on the idea of being perfect. **R**

Martin Brown writes from Toowoomba, Queensland.

Record Roo's

Kids corner



Hi kids,
 The plagues of Egypt brought terrible suffering for the Egyptians.
 The sixth plague was boils. You can read the story in Exodus 9:8-12.

RR

Fill in the Blanks


Then they took _____ from the _____ and stood before _____, and Moses _____ them towards heaven. And they caused _____ that break out in _____ on man and _____.

Exodus 9:10 NKJV

Word Search

Circle the words from the list as you find them in the puzzle below.

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Colour in the picture of the man.

Love the Outlaw

ELVIRA SEAMANN, NSW

I liked the editorial “The heart of an Outlaw” (October 28). We never know what is hidden in the heart and mind of another person. Good or bad experiences play a part in our life. To peel off the crust of a person sometimes takes a long time and a lot of patience.

We all try to build a wall of protection around us because we don’t want to get hurt. I felt sorry for the guy—he tries to hide his pain behind a facade of strength. If we would take more time to get to know people, we could help them. It is possible the heart of that bikie was touched by those few moments of conversation.

God on My Side

CAROLE FERCH-JOHNSON, NSW

I breathed a sigh of relief when I discovered the thrust of the review of Andrew Denton’s *God on My Side* (Perspective, November 11). Well done!

But, has nobody told Doug Batchelor that Adventists are not *fundamentalist* Christians? Our tradition is *evangelical*. We depart significantly from fundamentalism in our views on inspiration, the nature of man, the state of the dead, the millennium, heaven, hell, prophetic interpretation, the law of God and the Sabbath—to name a cluster of significant doctrines.

It is true that too many of us lost our way a bit during the first half of the 20th century, particularly on the issues of inspiration and biblical interpretation and found ourselves influenced a little too much by fundamentalism. But since the 1960s most of us have been recovering from that detour and embracing a healthier evangelical Adventism.

God on My Side is an intentionally provocative title, but taken at face value it is a dangerous claim. Better to make sure, I think, that I am on *His* side.

RUSSELL SCHULZ, NSW

Thank you for your review of Denton’s film. It would be interesting to know what Doug Batchelor said to Denton. He certainly is a fundamentalist Adventist—so from the Denton perspective, that is fairly

right wing. Like many tele-evangelists, Batchelor takes an extreme position, and then uses his personality to defend it. That is not a good analytical approach.

The American Religious Right is a powerful lobby, and the Texas tele-media convention that Denton used as the focus for this film must have had a big share of odd and larger-than-life characters—in their white suits. I hope Batchelor was wise enough to see the excess around him at this convention. It disappoints me that we go to places like these Bible-belt tele-evangelist right-wing “conventions” to

God’s” (NIV). It is obvious we have a civil duty. To shirk this responsibility is to invite eventual tyranny. Whether it is a duty to perform on the Sabbath or not is up to the conscience of each individual Christian.

MICHAEL DOBESCH, QLD

To everyone who doesn’t believe in being involved politically, consider again what the Bible says about it. Look at Joseph and his political position, Daniel and his three friends, King David and the many other Bible characters who took political posi-

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promote our Adventist programs. It just opens up the possibility of being aligned with all the oddballs.

Despite the hype that “Amazing Facts” self-generates, not much of their 1950s-style evangelistic content remains in our churches today, although 3ABN seems to depend on it. We have allowed our spokesmen to denigrate other religious groups for too long. Yes, Catholics, Muslims and others can be as fundamentalist and wrong as we can be. What we may need is a paradigm shift to understand that they can be as compassionate and caring as we attempt to be—and as committed to God.

My vote

DANIEL MATTEO, QLD

A quote from *Gospel Workers* is often used to imply that Adventists should not vote (“Voting question,” Letters, November 11). In context, the counsel was to not vote for men who promote Sunday worship.

Writing elsewhere on the involvement in political voting, Ellen White stated, “The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by precept and example—by voice and pen and vote—in favour of prohibition and total abstinence” (*Gospel Workers*, pages 387-8).

Let us also not forget the advice given by Jesus in Matthew 22:21: “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is

God’s” (NIV). It is obvious we have a civil duty. To shirk this responsibility is to invite eventual tyranny. Whether it is a duty to perform on the Sabbath or not is up to the conscience of each individual Christian.

Second, regarding walking to the polling booth on the Sabbath because by the time you get there Sabbath will be over (“Polling Sabbath,” Letters, October 21), what about thanking God for the Sabbath in “closing Sabbath” worship? Would the polling booth still be open after closing Sabbath in a meaningful way?

God must always come first. We can always apply for a pre-polling or postal vote. Remember, God always makes a way for us to do what we have to do without us having to do our own stuff on His holy day.

No kidding

MARGARET LOVE, NSW

The November 4 RECORD cover “Kids’ health study points to mums” should read “Children’s health study points to mums.” I believe we had children, not “kids.”

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Anniversaries

Sutcliffe, Howard and Ethel were married on 22.10.31 in Nanango, Qld, and have recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary with their family. Howard, aged 99 and Ethel, aged 96 have four sons, Lyall, Geoff, Barry and Herb; also nine grandchild-



dren; and eight great-grandchildren. This wonderful Christian couple are an inspiration to everyone who meets them and are loved members of the Yeppoon church.

Appreciation

Kent, Tom, Phillip, Sharlene, Kylie, Brandon and their families would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all who offered support and encouragement following the passing of their much-loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Joan. The love shown by the many phone calls, floral arrangements and beautiful cards was greatly appreciated.

Weddings

Arevalo—Prokop. Jonathan Emanuel Arevalo, son of Fernando and Rita Arevalo (Forest Lake, Qld), and Ewelina Joanna Prokop, daughter of Slawomir and Danuta Prokop (Oxley), were married on 12.11.06 at Bundaleer Rainforest Gardens, Brookfield.

Jorge Munoz

Carr—Goddard. Richard Harold Carr, son of Malvin and Molly Carr (Brisbane, Qld), and Louisa Anne Goddard, daughter of Kevin and Pam Goddard (Mansfield), were married on 20.8.06 at the Broadway Chapel, Woolloongabba.

Jorge Munoz

Hallam—Vidler. Lucas Murray Hallam, son of Murray and Gail Hallam (Brisbane, Qld), and Benita Alison Vidler, daughter of Ross and Karen Vidler (Cleveland), were married on 17.9.06 at Wanganui River Gardens, Yeronga.

Jorge Munoz

Heise—John. Luke Heise, son of Bruce and Lynda Heise (Sydney, NSW), and Sheryl Getsy John, daughter of George and Yap Yam (Maggie) John (Malaysia), were married on 12.11.06 in the SDA Russian church, Strathfield, NSW.

Garth Bainbridge

Herrmann—Crossingham. Ross Leslie Herrmann, son of Les and Desley Herrman (Hervey Bay, Qld), and Carmel Violet Ruth Crossingham, daughter of Lyndon (Whiporie, NSW) and Kay Grace (Julia Creek, Qld), were married on 5.11.06 at Gatakers Bay, Point Vernon, Hervey Bay.

Phil Downing

Kerwin—Murdoch. Nicholas William Kerwin, son of Bill and Wendy Kerwin (Gladstone, Qld), and Belinda Murdoch, daughter of John and Margery Murdoch (Glamorgan Vale), were married on 4.11.06 at Tanja's Beach Pavilion, Kings Beach.

Sandor Gazsik

Maffullo—Gear. John Battista Maffullo and Pamela Norelle Gear, daughter of Ashton and Beryl Wingate (Oak Flats, NSW), were married on 15.10.06 in the Wollongong Adventist church.

Kerry Hortop

Priore—Chappell. Paul Ugo Priore, son of Jack and Sue Priore (Darwin, NT), and Kristine Rosemary Chappell, daughter of Richard and Barbara Chappell (Albury, NSW), were married on 19.10.06 at Casuarina Gardens, Noosa, Qld.

Sandor Gazsik

Saunders—Clua. Rodney Saunders, son of Bob and Angela Saunders (Wahroonga, NSW), and Hannah Clua, daughter of José and Beth Clua (Balcolyn), were married on 20.4.06 at Shingle Splitters Point, Balcolyn.

Bob Saunders

Stojanovic—Reynaud. Brenden Stojanovic, son of Pastor Peter and Mary Stojanovic (Gold Coast, Qld), and Brittony Reynaud, daughter of Andrea (nee Wood, Cooranbong, NSW) and the late Gabriel Reynaud, were married on 5.11.06 at Nambour, Qld.

Peter Stojanovic

Stone—Berry. Malcolm Stone, son of Margaret (Carrum Downs, Vic) and the late Dale Stone, and Delrene Berry, daughter of Col and June Berry (Nunawading), were married on 5.11.06 at St Cuthbert's Chapel, Menzies Creek.

Morrie Krieg

Strong—Smith. Timothy James Strong, son of Kevin and Pat Strong (Cooranbong, NSW), and Kareena Lorraine Smith, daughter of Pastor Gordon and Julia Smith (Grafton), were married on 29.10.06 at Greenway Chapel, Green Point, Central Coast.

Garth Bainbridge, Gordon Smith

Obituaries

Arnold, Grace Shirley, born 14.1.1928 at Loxton, SA; died 12.10.06 at Loxton. On 26.10.46 she married Roy. She is survived by her husband; her children, Kevin, Owen, David (all of Loxton), Stephanie Mansell (Wodonga, Vic), Karen Waechter (Loxton, SA), and Cheryl Topsfield (Gawler). Shirley was hardworking, kind, caring and compassionate. She worked voluntarily for the aged to the end and was a good friend to all.

Robert Porter

Bullock, Bronwen (nee Davis), born 3.5.1930 in Newcastle, NSW; died 22.10.06 in Albury. She is survived by her beloved husband, Alan; her sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Kerrie, and John and Julie; her six grandchildren; and her great-grandchildren. Bronwen will not only be missed by her family, but by the members of Albury church, both young and old. She was very active in her church, heading up the wor-

ship and music committee, serving the community through the ADRA Op Shop, and as a church musician.

Mike Parker, Neil Lawson

Clark, Judith Ann (nee Hill), born 2.8.1957 at Biloela, Qld; died peacefully 19.10.06 at Yeppoon, after a long and courageous struggle with a terminal illness. She was predeceased by her father, Ted Hill. She is survived by her husband, Barry; her children, Amy and Susan; Barry's daughter, Jodie; her mother, Norma Hill (Biloela); her siblings, Ted, John and Jenny, and their families (Biloela). Judy had a positive and loving effect upon everyone she met and a little bit of Judy will live on in the hearts and minds of those with whom she came in contact. "Thank you, Judy, for being such an important and memorable part of so many lives."

Geoff Donovan, Andy Krause

Coyte, Julie Doris, born 12.10.1954 at Wahroonga, NSW; died peacefully 27.6.06 in Royal Perth Hospital after a very brief illness. On 23.12.73 she married Anthony. She is survived by her husband; her daughter, Emma (Perth); her son, Nicholas (Central Coast, NSW); her mother, Pearl Tinworth (Perth, WA); her sisters and their spouses, Marita and Dr Ian Whitson (Cooranbong, NSW), Heather and Glenn Slade (Wallaroo, SA); and their families. Julie was a never-ending source of love, humour and encouragement, not only to her family and friends, but to the wider community. She sleeps in the knowledge of meeting family and friends at the end of The Table.

Clem Van Ballegooyen, Gervais Cangy

Dawes, Melva Renee, born 1.10.1911 in Collinsvale, Tas; died 22.10.06 in Cooranbong, NSW. Melva graduated from the Sydney Adventist Hospital before marrying Ray on 28.12.37. Ray predeceased her in 1997. She is survived by her daughter, Maree Colyer; her son, Peter (both of Cooranbong); her six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Melva had a bright personality, a keen sense of humour, and a deep love for her God, her church, her family and her friends. Greatly loved and greatly missed, she now rests in peace until that glad day when the dead in Christ shall rise.

Clive Barritt, Colin Winch

Ellinger—McConville, Darren Craig, born 28.6.1965 at Carlton Vic; died 24.10.06 at Clayton. He is survived by his mother, Bev Boff (Cheltenham); his father and stepmother, Graham and Donna (Hampton East); his brother, Brendon; and his stepbrothers and sisters, Jason, Shannon, Darren, John, Dean and Tracey. Darren faced many obstacles in his life, but kept a smile on his face and found a joy in his heart through an experience with Jesus. The influence of his life has been like a pebble in a pond that radiated out to affect many lives for the better.

Barry Whelan

Fisher, Irene Myrtle, born 26.12.1911 at Chinchilla, Qld; died 27.10.06 in the Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, George (Cooranbong); her daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Les Sullivan (Canberra, ACT); her son, Alan; her son and daughter-in-law, David and Merilyn; her two granddaughters (all of Co-

oranbong, NSW); and her siblings, George and Lilly. Irene lived a long and fruitful life and we look forward to sharing with her its continuance when Jesus calls her back to her eternal life at His soon return.

*Max Hatton, Aaron Jeffries
David Judd, Peter Watts*

Gomarsall, Ruby Isabelle May, born 13.5.1907 at Warburton, Vic; died 21.10.06 at Coronella Retirement Home, Nunawading. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur, in 1992. She is survived by her daughter, Thelda Gomarsall (Nunawading); and her grandson, Terrance (Torquay).

Tony Campbell

Green, Joycelyn Florence Lillian (Joyce, nee Pearce), born 16.3.1926 in Mackay, Qld; died 3.10.06 in Mackay. She is survived by her husband, Frank; her children and their spouses, Ken and Glenice (Mackay), Laurie and Jenny (Lake Eacham), Dorinda and Graeme Mau, Cathleen and Graham Symes (all of Mackay); her eight grandchildren, and spouses; her four great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Rose, Dawn and Ruth. Joyce was a "Mum" and friend to many. She had a contagious smile, a great sense of humour and conveyed an encouraging word and a positive attitude to all whom she met.

Rick Ferret, Arthur Faro

Grosser, Roy Arthur, born 26.5.1925 at Orororo, SA; died 23.10.06 in Holywood Hospital, Perth, WA. On 24.3.49 he married Beryl. He is survived by his wife; and his sons, Lindsay, Kelvin and Ronald (all of Perth); and their families. Roy was a founding member of Mount Lawley church and served with devotion as deacon for many years. He loved and was loved.

Phil Rhodes

Harris, Muriel Jean, born 8.4.1919 at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga, NSW; died 6.10.06 in the Port Kembla Hospital, NSW. On 6.4.48 she married Frank. She is survived by her daughters, Anne, Beth, Margaret and Allison; and her nine grandchildren. Jean was a dedicated teacher, having taught at Port Pirie, Port Lincoln, Wollongong, Betikama College in Honiara, and in Japan. She travelled extensively; loved camping and the outdoors; and was dedicated to her family and her Lord.

Kerry Hortop

How, Ronald Arthur Reginald, born 28.7.1929 in Sheffield, Tas; died 19.9.06 in Deloraine. On 11.5.54 he married Cynthia Martin. He is survived by his wife; his children and their spouses, Chris and Patricia, David and Sonya, Junior and Debbie, Debbie and Malcolm, Adrian and Rose, Noel, Trudy and Brian; his 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Ron lived a full and rewarding life. His great loves in life were planes, gardening, music and fixing things. He will be remembered for his quiet and gentle nature and never once losing faith.

Junior How, Graham Sutherland

Kennedy, Mary Winifred (nee Pennell), born 30.6.1910 at Guyra, NSW; died 24.9.06 at Port Macquarie. In 1938 she married Herb, who predeceased her. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Len and Faye Pennell (Wauchope).

Joseph Maticic

Kent, Melvin Edward, born 9.7.1922 in Sydney, NSW; died 17.10.06 at Lismore. On 9.12.47 he married Julie. He is survived by his wife (Lismore Heights); his sons, Chester (Sydney), Jasper (Rosebank), and Pastor Anthony (Washington, DC, USA); and his daughter, Rosemarie Els (Sydney, NSW); and their families.

David Kosmeier

Kuzniarski, Karol, born 27.11.1917 in Biala Podlaska, Poland; died 12.10.06 at Stanthorpe, Qld. Karol migrated to Australia in 1961. He lived and worked in Melbourne until retirement in 1987, moving then with his family to Stanthorpe where he enjoyed an active life until the onset of a chronic illness that finally led to his death. Although not a member of the church, he displayed a simple faith in God and attended the Polish church with his wife, Regina, while living in Melbourne. Karol is survived by his wife; his son, Kazimierz; and his daughter, Margaret (all of Stanthorpe). Karol will be fondly remembered and missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Warren Fedorow

Low, William Eric (Bill), born 5.6.1912 at Bradford, Manchester, UK; died 15.10.06 in Busselton, WA. In 1939 Bill married Doris Hawkins, and following their first anniversary, he was called into the UK forces and did service abroad. In 1956 Bill and Doris, together with their sons, were baptised and became members of the SDA Church. He is survived by his wife; his sons, Graeme and Eric (both of UK); and his daughter, Mary Corker (Perth, WA). Bill, a gifted musician, made a significant contribution to church programs for many years. His sense of humour and musical talent will be missed by many.

Frank Dyson, Eric Lowe

Manderson, James Frederick (Jim); born 12.12.1925 at Glen Afton, NZ; died 14.9.06 at home in Auckland after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Pat; his sons, Ken and Brian; his seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Jim was very accepting and loving towards all people and he and Pat filled their home with extended family and those in need of a helping hand. He was an elder of the Otahuhu church for many years, and more recently a loved part of the Papatotoe church family. Jim's legacy will live on in the lives of the many people that he shared with.

Stephen Davies, Jake Ormsby

Randall, Eric Charles, born 30.1.1920 at Angaston, SA; died 24.10.06 in Fremantle Hospital, WA. On 22.8.45 he married Valma Willis. He is survived by his wife (Merredin); and his children, Delys Rogers (Albany), Lindsay (Merredin), Don, and Nola Price (both of Perth). Eric was the first graduate of Carmel College's building construction course. He was a builder of churches and empowerer of those whom he loved.

Phil Rhodes

Reye, Effie Frances (nee Beveridge), born 14.11.1904 at Swan Reach, Gippsland, Vic; died 21.10.06 at her home in Warners Bay, NSW. On 23.7.33 she married Ernst and completely organised her

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Tui Rosevear, Jan Janekiewicz

Robbie, Renie May (nee Morton), born 26.6.1910 in Banksia, NSW, eldest of nine siblings; died 13.9.06 at Paynesville, Vic, aged 96. She was predeceased by her husband, Norman, in 1988. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Doug MacBalrae (Bairnsdale); her granddaughter, Leanne (Qld); and her great-grandchildren, Scott (USA) and Ashleigh (Gold Coast, Qld). Renie was a gracious, loving Christian lady, who now sleeps awaiting the return of her Saviour. She was deeply loved and is sadly missed.

Marcus Mundall

Sanderson, Richard Lauchlan, born 16.9.1922 at Otford, Kent, UK; died peacefully 1.10.06 in the Tauranga Hospital, NZ. He is survived by his wife, Doris; his children, Gwenda, Fraser and Martin; and his grandchildren, Tanya, Olivia, Heidi, Lynda, Nathan and Alecia. His wonderful smile and gentle nature endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Asleep in Jesus until the Resurrection.

Kayle de Waal

Sedgman, Maisie De Moldrup (nee Williams), born 7.1.1911 at Trafalgar, Vic; died 21.10.06 at Normanhurst, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Pastor Athol Sedgman, in 1974. She is survived by her children, John, David (both of Sydney), Carol (Sale, Vic), and Lynnette (Perth, WA); and their families. Since Maisie was eight years old she was committed to serving others. She was a devoted minister's wife for 35 years.

Robert Craig, David Sedgman

Positions vacant

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West, Ernest Owen, born 12.4.1932 at Tauramunui, NZ; died 17.9.06 at Hawera. On 30.5.53 he married Joan. He is survived by his wife (Hawera); his children and their spouses, Mark and Diane (Hawera), Andrew and Norah (Rotorua), and Derrylea and Ian Price (Putaruru). Ernie worked as a farmer/contractor; and was a great family man. Rich with friends, he and Joan welcomed all who arrived at their door.

Laurence Lane

Wiltshire, Alethea Verna (nee Carr), born 24.7.1916 at Millicent, SA; died 27.10.06 in Toronto Private Hospital, NSW. She is survived by her husband, Alvyn (Cooranbong); her children, Claude (Queanbeyan), Marilyne (Hawkesbury River) and Glenda (Brisbane, Qld); her three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Verna was greatly loved and will be sadly missed by her devoted husband, children and grandchildren. She will be remembered fondly for her happy disposition and her love of roses.

Aaron Jeffries, David Blanch

Winter, Ronald Frederick, born 21.5.1923 at Grafton, NSW; died 2.6.06 at Mullumbimby. In 1953 he married Margaret Davis, who

predeceased him in 2000. He was also predeceased by his brother, Pastor Stan Winter. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Kathryn and Rod Hutton (Brisbane, Qld), Evelyn and Elmo Charles (Berkwick, Vic), and Merryl and Lawrie Heymer (Brisbane, Qld); his seven grandchildren; his brothers, Pastor Cliff Winter (Bendigo, Vic) and Arthur Winter (Mullumbimby, NSW); his sisters, Irene Leeson (Mullumbimby), Iris King (Canberra, ACT), Ruth Taylor and Dorothy Winter (both of Mullumbimby, NSW). Ron was a highly respected and valued member of the Mullumbimby SDA church and was well known in the local community for his kindness and wisdom. He served for many years in church leadership positions and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Ron's great faith sustained him until the end.

Mike Collum

Yob, Winifred Frances, born 5.10.1919 at Murrumbidgee, Vic; died 19.10.06 at Preston after a short illness. She is survived by her daughters, Iris Yob (Bloomington, Indiana, USA), Beverley McCracken (Melbourne, Vic), and Judith Clarke (Albury, NSW); her three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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