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Church members from around the South Pacific Division (SPD) shared their stories of church successes at the beginning of the annual meetings of the SPD's executive committee on November 14. According to Peter Brewin, special assistant to the SPD president, who chaired the first morning session, this scheduling was intended to set a theme of mission for the three days of meetings.

"'Tell the World' is an initiative launched at the 2005 General Conference Annual Council," Mr Brewin reminded committee members. "The aim is to reach everyone on the planet with the gospel by 2010. And,

as we work together on this mission, great things will happen in this division."

The head elder of the Broken Hill church in western New South Wales, John Harris, emphasised the involvement of local church members in sharing his church's experience. In a church of about 60 members, Broken Hill has seen 17 people baptised in the past six years and a 33 per cent increase in church attendance in the past four years.

According to Mr Harris, the critical moment in this growth came in 1997 when church members were told they would no longer have a resident pastor.

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Mentored by visiting pastors and conference administrators, the church members have taken on the challenge of growing the church through prayer, friendship building and focused evangelism. “‘Tell the World’ must happen at the local church level and through the teams and members within those churches,” said Mr Harris. “Let us become a church that focuses on equipping church members to do this.”

Dennis Perry, sales and marketing manager (International Trade) for Sanitarium Health Food Company, reported on Sanitarium’s Operation Food For Life, which has now connected with more than 10,000 people in countries such as Fiji, Cook Islands, Tonga, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Kiribati. “Sanitarium is not just selling products,” commented Mr Perry, “it is taking Jesus Christ to where people are through our words and actions.”

Operation Food For Life has provided breakfasts to people in schools, prisons, hospitals, settlements and villages in these countries. Mr Perry reported the trust and goodwill this project has developed for Sanitarium and the church with national leaders and populations. “Connecting with thousands of people in a small county impacts the whole country,” he said. “But it’s not the food they want, it’s you.”

Operation Food For Life has also made an impact further afield with reports of the project in PNG featured around the world on CNN and BBC.

For many years, the church has struggled to make progress in New Caledonia but, according to evangelist Jean-Noel Adeline, “with much struggle and prayer things have begun to change in New Cal-

edonia.” Beginning with a revival series in early 2005, the church has grown more than 70 per cent.

Mr Adeline told stories of individuals impacted by God through the church. Through a number of the newly baptised members, the success in New Caledonia has opened doors to the Wallace and Fortuna Islands, previously areas without any Adventist presence.

“We have a big problem because our churches are too full,” he reported. “But we are seeing the way open up for different ways of doing church.

“‘Tell New Caledonia’ is our motto, our theme and our desire,” he concluded.

Also reflecting on the challenge of telling the world, Dr Mel Lemke, outgoing director of Adventist Volunteer Services (AVS) for the SPD, reported that more than 5000 people worked through AVS in the past five years. “‘Tell the World’ is intertwined inextricably with ‘show the world,’” he reflected. “And this division is blessed with our volunteers.

“I think largely that has been bred in young people by STORM Co,” he explained. “Our church is in great hands. We have young adults who are brilliant in their commitment to service and to telling others about Jesus.”

Concluding the “Tell the World” reports, Pastor Gary Webster, secretary of the Ministerial Association for the SPD, prayed for the presenters as representatives of other stories and for the church’s continued mission across the South Pacific.—**Nathan Brown**

For more reports from the annual meetings of the South Pacific Division executive committee, see the December 16 issue of RECORD.

Editor’s book launched at DEC

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A book collecting monthly columns in *Adventist Review* from the past four years, selected editorials and previously unpublished articles by RECORD editor Nathan Brown was launched at the annual meeting of the South Pacific Division (SPD) executive committee (DEC) on November 16.

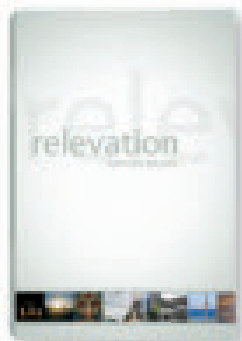
Mr Brown presented copies of *Relevation* to SPD leaders, before copies were distributed to committee members. He thanked SPD personnel for their support of the revitalised publishing program at Signs Publishing Company. *Relevation* is the sixth book released by Signs Publishing this year.

“The opportunity to contribute regularly to *Adventist Review* over the past four years has been a great experience,” says Mr Brown. “Writing—and having people bother to read what one has written—is both a privilege and a responsibility; that’s something I take seriously.

“With my time as a columnist with *Review* coming to an end, it was great to be able to pull this material together in this form. I also thank Dr Johnsson [editor of *Adventist Review*] for his mentoring in this role over the years and for his generous foreword to the book.”

Mr Brown says he hopes this book will serve as a “discussion starter.” “I believe God works through our efforts—and sometimes in spite of them—to make a difference in the world,” he comments, “so I leave it in His hands.”—**RECORD staff**

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Costs shut “Gate” for Pathfinders?

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Last-minute visa requirements are causing Pathfinder clubs from the Pacific islands to face increasing difficulties in meeting the costs to attend the South Pacific Pathfinder Camporee at the Stuarts Point Campground, New South Wales, early next year.

The Australian High Commission in Papua New Guinea has recently asked that every Pathfinder planning to attend the camporee go through a full medical examination and chest X-ray, in order to be granted visas to enter Australia in January. This requirement was not brought to their attention at the time the applications were lodged.

“We have kids who have to walk for miles to go to an urban township just to fulfil all these new requirements,” says Pastor Geoffrey Pomaleu, director of youth ministries for the Papua New Guinea Union Mission.

“Others have to travel more than 320 kilometres to Lae or Port Moresby to go to a medical practitioner recognised by the Australian High Commission for their examinations.”



Tabubil Pathfinders at their Easter camp.

Pathfinder clubs are required to pay a participation fee to help with the running cost of the camporee. Clubs arriving from the Pacific islands also have to pay for airfares and transportation, costs that are causing some to withdraw their attendance.

Pathfinders from Kiribati or Tuvalu will not be attending the camporee because of financial constraints.

In an attempt to assist these clubs, the Youth Ministries department for the South Pacific Division, organisers of the camporee, have called on Australian clubs to adopt sister clubs from the Pacific islands.

Other Pathfinder clubs facing difficulties raising funds to attend the camporee include those from Solomon Islands, Tonga, Malaita and most recently, Vanuatu.

Some 6500 Pathfinders from 300 Pathfinder clubs representing 16 different countries are expected at the camporee, themed “The Twelfth Gate.”—*Melody Tan*

Vanuatu reaches out to children

PORT VILA, VANUATU

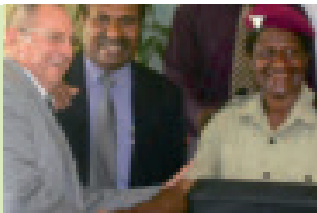
As one of the key strategies of the Vanuatu Mission, 45 people were trained as Vacation Bible School trainers for their local communities by Julie Weslake, director of Adventist children’s ministries for the South Pacific Division, and Sandra Weslake from the Wahroonga church in New South Wales.

The Children’s Ministries Department, together with Adventist Education and Pathfinders, established a set of learning skills and nominated participants for the course.

Director of children’s ministries for the Vanuatu Mission, Dorolyn Laloyer, states, “One of our aims is 100 per cent child participation and involvement in the church.”

Vanuatu Mission’s director of education, Josés Seth, adds, “A spiritually healthy church is dependent on nurturing spiritually healthy children.”

“Reaching children builds foundations,” says Pastor John Leeman, president of the Vanuatu Mission. “We want children to know the importance of a relationship with God, and help them learn how to study the Bible. We also know that when children know Jesus they outreach to their parents.”—*Julie Weslake/RECORD staff*



◆ **Keith Grolimund** (pictured, left), who works with Volunteers In Action, and his son, **Pastor Lloyd Grolimund**, minister of Wahroonga church, NSW, visited Mt Hagen, PNG, to run a two-week evangelistic series. More than **4000 people attended the meetings**, many camping close by, and 27 people were baptised at the final meeting. The Grolimunds’ first

Sabbath was spent visiting **Baisu Prison camp** where they **donated a keyboard** to the Adventist prisoners. Their trip to Papua New Guinea was funded by Hagen Central Adventist Laity Association Inc and they left promising to return to PNG next year to run a similar event.—*Wako Napasu*

◆ Some 18 men from **Apotiko, Talair Compound and Poasum**, PNG, recently graduated after attending a six-week **laymen-training program**. **Lawrence Puteya**, the minister of the three churches, says the training was



needed because his churches were growing. “This program was for **training laypeople to do pastoral work**,” says Puteya. “A key component of this training program is evangelism because evangelism is the heartbeat of the church.”—*Matupit Darius*

◆ An attempt to boost the promotion of a remote Adventist high

school in the **Central Tasimate District** on Guadalcanal resulted in a double victory at a recent **National Speech Contest** in Honiara, Solomon Islands. School participants **Hazel Hou** won first place in the junior category and **Sikadra Tovosia** came third in the senior category.—*Jasmine Navala*



PAU's graduating class raises funds for shelter

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The 2006 graduating class of Pacific Adventist University (PAU) on the outskirts of Port Moresby is giving back to the university in the form of a shelter for patients, as its token of appreciation for their years of education.

The class hosted a breakfast on October 29 on campus and raised K6500 for the building of a shelter for patients at the new health science clinic block.

Several pledges and donations should see the figure rise to K8000. Inhabitants of the city from all walks of life, students and families from the university, attended the breakfast. Among them was Anglimp-South Waghi MP Jamie Maxtone-Graham.

They were entertained by PAU's talented singing groups, including Art of Praise, Oikos, Authentic and The One Pacifica.

The guest speaker, Ivan Pomaleu, managing director of the Investment Promotion Authority, challenged the students to use



Guests at the breakfast hosted by PAU's graduating class for 2006.

the knowledge they acquired from PAU to bring about positive changes in their communities, societies and the region as a whole. "Be pebbles that will create ripples of positive change in the vast Pacific Ocean," he said.

Mr Pomaleu told the graduating students that they represented the cream of the crop at family, community and country levels and should use their knowledge and skills positively and wisely.

Meanwhile, Solicitor-General Fraser Pitpit also encouraged the students to show the values the university had imparted to them. Mr Pitpit donated K2000 toward the project.—*Edna Worri*

Record numbers for Adventurer camp

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

More than 400 people from 20 Adventurer clubs in the Greater Sydney Conference (GSC) and one club from the South New South Wales Conference attended the recent GSC Adventurer Camporee held at Crosslands Youth and Convention Centre from November 3 to 5.

The speaker for the event was Litiana Qiosese, known to the children as Miss Q. She shared stories with the children about being best friends with Jesus.

Families were invited to attend with their Adventurer-aged children, and the program was designed with this in mind.

Throughout the weekend the Adventurers completed two awards, "Steps to Jesus" and "Olympics." On Sunday the camporee concluded with the children and parents coming together for a "mini Olympic Games."—*Alicia Cooke*



Sydney's Adventurer camporee attendees.

◆ A 94-year-old retired pastor, **Willam Baines**, was held at gunpoint recently while visiting some friends in PNG. During the car trip from Goroka to Kainantu, three armed men wearing balaclavas stopped the car, **pointed guns at the passengers and robbed them.** Pastor Baines has conducted outreach programs for PNG and coordinated sending clothes and books to the poor and needy.



from **Gabensis Adventist School** in Lae were baptised in the Gabensis River, next to their school. The baptism came at the end of Week of Prayer meetings conducted by the schoolteachers. At the close of the **Wewak Island District camp-**

meetings, the first district campmeeting in many years, 11 people were baptised. During a **meeting held in Balimo**, in the Fly River District, 87 people were baptised. The size of this baptism surprised the local mission because they hadn't had any big baptisms for decades. "This district has only one full-time worker who is the district director, **Pastor Bruce Maruwapi**," says **Pastor Michael Kave**, secre-



tary general for the local mission. The **Elijah Project** has helped lead 37 young people to baptism at **Konepoti beach** in National Capital District, Port Moresby.—*Martina Darius/Dipson Yehisembi/Martupit Darius/Thomas Davai*

◆ There have been many baptisms in Papua New Guinea recently. Five teenage students



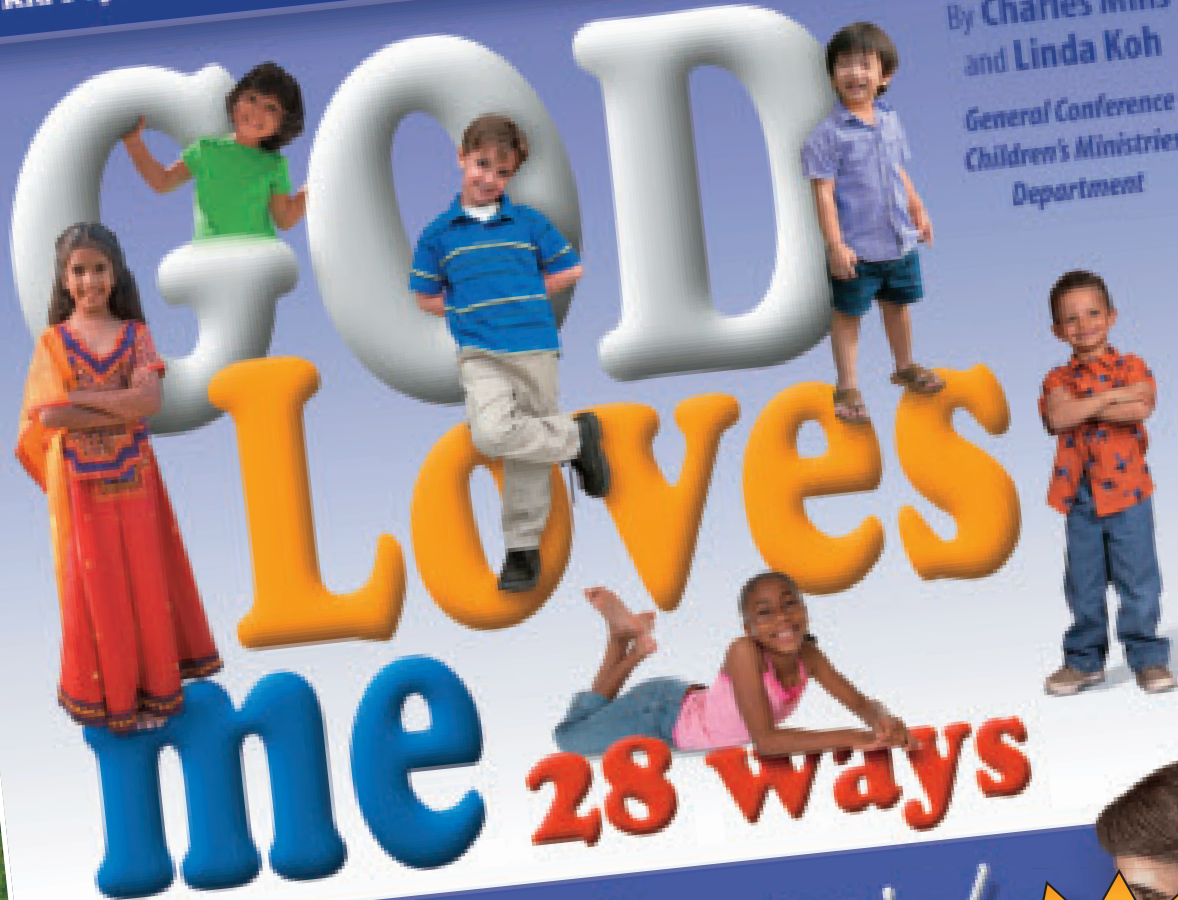
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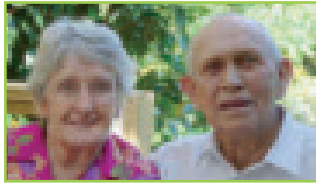
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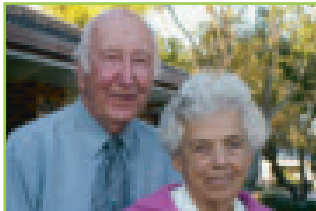
Anniversaries

Chapman, Bill and Gwen (nee Wilkinson) were married on 30.9.46 and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in WA with family and friends, including Wendy Blucher from SA (Gwen's sister and flower girl), and Bill's WA family.



Congratulations were received from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Governor-General, the Prime Minister of Australia, and other government officials. Bill and Gwen then travelled to Melbourne early November to celebrate with family based in the east. Eight children, 23 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren rejoice with them.

Thomson, Pastor Alec and Shirley (nee Price) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, 13.8.06 at the Sizzlers Restaurant in Cleveland, Qld. Forty of their friends and family were present to mark the occasion. They have two daughters, Michelle and Claire; their spouses; and



six grandchildren. Alec and Shirley were married on 15.8.46 in Fremantle, WA; retired in 1985; and now reside at Victoria Point, Qld. Congratulatory messages were read from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Premier of Qld, the Prime Minister of Australia, and the Governor-General.

Appointments

Avondale College appointments 2007:
 ● **Angie Alford**, Assistant Accountant, South Queensland Conference, Australian Union Conference (AUC).
 ● **Kerry-Ann Bibby**, to teach lower primary, Prescott Primary—Southern, South Australian Conference (SAC), AUC.
 ● **Kim Briden**, ministerial intern, North New Zealand Conference (NNZ), NZPUC.
 ● **De'Arne Chapman**, to teach middle primary, Prescott Primary—Southern, SAC, AUC.
 ● **Joanna Darby**, chaplaincy and to teach Bible, Central Coast Adventist School, North New South Wales Conference (NNSW), AUC.
 ● **Nigel Eales**, Upper Primary School teacher, Heritage College, Victorian Conference (VC), AUC.
 ● **Leesa Fletcher**, to teach Senior Secondary Art, Gilson College, VC, AUC.
 ● **Andrew Harris**, Music and English teacher, Blue Hills College, NNSW, AUC.
 ● **Madelyne Hodges**, Primary Teacher, Riv-

erside Christian School, Northern Australian Conference, AUC. ● **Matthew Hunter**, ministerial intern, VC, AUC. ● **Benjamin Martin**, ministerial intern, NNZ, NZPUC.
 ● **Paul Richardson**, Minister, NNSW, AUC.
 ● **Braden Oliver**, Outdoor Recreation and Mathematics teacher, Darling Downs Christian School, South Queensland Conference, AUC.
 ● **Jennifer Reid**, to teach Home Economics, Carmel Adventist College, Secondary, Western Australian Conference, AUC.
 ● **Troy Roberts**, ministerial intern, Greater Sydney Conference, AUC.
 ● **Monique Rogers**, to teach secondary English, Heritage College, VC, AUC.
 ● **Rebekah Saalbor**, to teach Junior Home Economics and Science, Mountain View Adventist College, Greater Sydney Conference, AUC.
 ● **Debra Topperwein**, Early Childhood teacher, Carmel Adventist College—Primary, ● **Benjamin Townson**, ministerial intern, VC, AUC.
 ● **Rebekah Tually**, Lower Primary School teacher, Gilson College, VC, AUC.
 ● **Kris Twine**, to teach PDHPE, Maths and Industrial Technology, Nunawading Adventist College, VC, AUC.
 ● **James Venegas**, ministerial intern, NNSW, AUC.

Weddings

Johnston—Liso. Robert William Johnston and Viviana Ulia Liso were married on 8.10.06 at the National Adventist church, Canberra, ACT.

Dale Arthur

Stott—Presecan. Kevin David Stott, son of George and Janet Stott (Sydney, NSW), and Yasna Isabell Presecan, daughter of Jakob and Emilia Presecan (Melbourne, Vic), were married on 5.11.06 in the Croatian St Albans Adventist church, Melbourne.

Nikola Trajkov

Till—Trajkov. Jay Lawrence Till, son of Christopher and Beverley Till (Sydney, NSW), and Karmen Trajkov, daughter of Pastor Nikola and Danijela Trajkov (Melbourne, Vic), were married on 13.8.06 in Holy Trinity Anglican church, Melbourne.

Nikola Trajkov

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