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David Gibbons (left) with Roger Climpson (right), who is providing assistance to the Adventist Media Network in preparation for the new weekly "Adventist News" service.



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## More news for Adventists in SPD

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Commencing on July 28, a new weekly Adventist news service will be available. Focusing on the South Pacific Division, "Adventist News" will be produced by the Communications Department, a section of the Adventist Media Network (AMN).

This initiative aims to deliver news quickly, with each weekly "episode" available to watch and download online.

David Gibbons, associate director of communications for AMN, says, "This will enable churches with data projectors to show it between Sabbath school and church, with each news update being

between three and five minutes long each week."

People with iTunes will also be able to subscribe to the weekly news service for free, and watch it on their iPods and MP3 players.

The weekly bulletins, containing seven or eight stories, will be available online on the Friday of each week and will remain there for seven days.

"The news will be presented in a format that will be clearly understood by viewers who are not Adventist," says Mr Gibbons.—

**RECORD staff/David Gibbons**

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# Our multimedia God

**W**E WORSHIP A MULTIMEDIA GOD. He communicates to us through a range of channels—dreams, visions, prophets, His Written Word, miracles and other signs, by His Spirit and of course supremely through His Son, Jesus Christ. The writer of the book of Hebrews said it right: “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past” (Hebrews 1:1, NKJV). If God had not spoken in “various ways,” His message may not have gotten through. To use only one method risks a partial or misunderstood message.

That’s why the South Pacific Division has amalgamated its communication office, Adventist Media Centre and Signs Publishing Company, forming Adventist Media Network (AMN). Following God’s example, the church must use all communication channels in a coordinated way, if it wishes to get its message across to people today.

If you really want to communicate with someone—and if it’s really important—you have to use as many channels as possible. The message and intent must be consistent but the methods by which they are received should be widely varied, so they are perceived as reinforcing and credible.

It follows, therefore, that assuming one method of communication as the sole means of conveying something as important as the gospel message both overrates the medium and denigrates those who work in other areas of ministry. Some may say, “TV is the way to reach people today,” “The internet

is the way people communicate today,” or “The only way to bring people to the truth is through personal contact.” But any of these statements is only partially correct.

People still read books, magazines and newspapers, and that may be how they are introduced to Jesus. Others, particularly in aural or rural societies, get most of their information about Him from radio. Others may be reached by TV or the internet.

There are a number of introductory methods to help people meet Jesus. In the end, personal relationships with other believers will bring them into the family of God. But, even then, the work of media doesn’t stop. Different media can be great tools for nurturing people as they grow in the family of God.

Each medium we use to connect with people has its strengths and weaknesses. To be fully effective, any medium must work in harmony with other media and they are many: radio, TV, internet, books, magazines, newspapers, CDs, DVDs and personal contact. And we must remember that the Holy Spirit will be involved in the process, working on that person’s heart. The aim of AMN is to utilise all media, cooperating with the Holy Spirit, to get the Adventist message to people in our world.

Since it was established in 1885, Signs Publishing Company in Warburton, Victoria, now part of AMN, has published pages by the millions, like “the leaves of autumn.” This important work must continue and expand.

Adventist Media Centre in Wahroonga, NSW, has been a premiere producer of video programs ever since this medium came into its own only a dozen years ago. They have created incredible video series such as *The Search*, *Chasing Utopia* and *The Code*. An extension of this work is the full-time broadcast of Hope Channel in the South Pacific region and plans to increase the amount of local content on Hope Channel.

The South Pacific Division’s Communication Department, an equal partner in the AMN, continues to seek ways to serve the church. The current exciting initiative of the department is the launch of a division-wide local church website system. It promises to become the centre of Adventist Church communication in this part of the world.

Radio is a powerful medium and the church needs to use it to maximum effect. It is a unique communicator in aural societies and to isolated people, whether in city skyscrapers, on remote islands or in the outback. AMN plans to launch a radio program service later this year.

With God’s help and in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, you can expect your church to move forward with a coordinated, powerful message to a world hungering to hear words of hope and joy. Isn’t that why we’re here?

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our **hope** in Jesus Christ!

# “Invisible” mission finds its place in the world

## PORT VILA, VANUATU

**V**anuatu Mission is one of the eight administrative offices in the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) that has registered to be a part of the South Pacific Web Network project.

“This is one mission that’s virtually invisible to the rest of the world,” says Antonio Josiah, systems administrator and part-time director of communications for Vanuatu Mission. “Hopefully, this move toward having websites will help make people aware of our work in this country.”

Five local churches and two Adventist Schools in Vanuatu will also become part of the South Pacific Web Network project. Vanuatu Mission is currently the only administrative office in the TPUM with local churches and entities joining the project.

Portoroki, Freshwind, Kaweriki, Tapua and Sarakata Adventist churches will all be part of the project and as well as Port Vila Seventh-day Adventist Junior Secondary and Aore Adventist Academy. The websites have yet to be created due to technical problems but are scheduled to

be completed by the end of the year.

According to Mr Josiah, “the mentioned entities are the ones located in town, where there is electricity and internet available to maintain their websites. All other churches and schools will be getting theirs later.”

The South Pacific Division (SPD) is

The South Pacific Web Network project is an initiative of the Adventist Media Network.

“Our local churches have tremendous needs,” says Mr Josiah, who cites the need to complete constructing unfinished church buildings as well as build new ones as one of the most pressing..

“People in this country are so poor that they can’t afford to finish building their church houses. Some are still worshipping in shelters but most have to travel a very long way to get to church.”

The website features local news and Mr Josiah hopes that by letting the rest of the SPD know of the activities in Vanuatu through the website, “we can get help in sorting out our needs.”

Collection from the annual Adventist Media Offering this week will go toward the costs of providing the website service free for 12 months, including hosting requirements. The Adventist Media Network is also hoping to ensure there is continued financial support for this project.—*Melody Tan*

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The Vanuatu Mission website on <<http://www.adventist.org.vu>>

the first division in the world to embark on this project, which will see more than 900 Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools, conferences and various ministries of the SPD, interconnected through an interactive framework of individual websites.



◆ An eight-year-old student from the **Esperance Christian Primary School, WA**, competed in the **Multiple Sclerosis Readathon** Competition, which finished on June 30. **Brandon Ward** was having trouble finding sponsors, so he opened the Perth White Pages and wrote letters to six businesses in Perth (700 kilometres from Esperance), asking for sponsorship. He made a

tape of himself asking for sponsorship and recorded himself actually reading one of the books on his list. Before long Brandon was receiving \$A200 donations in the mail from some of the businesses in Perth and has collected \$A2018 so far.—*Rhonda Morcombe*

◆ Students now have the option of studying **psychology at Avondale College**, after the college signed a five-year memorandum of understanding with the **University of New England (UNE)**. The college is offering psychology as a major, or specialisation as

part of an undergraduate arts or science degree. The course will be available in arts second semester this year and in science from first semester next year. Students will complete core subjects and minors at Avondale and graduate with an Avondale degree. The three-year course is accredited by the Australian Psychological Society, which allows students further study in the field. “This is an extension of the church’s health ministry,” says Dr Graham Stacey, a clinical psychologist and senior lecturer in the Faculty of Theology. “This course fits well

with our ethos of holistic care.”—*Brenton Stacey*

◆ Best-selling Christian author **Philip Yancey** is returning to Avondale College. The Lake Macquarie campus will host “An evening with Philip Yancey” in the **Chan Shun Auditorium** on **September 7**, at 7.30 pm. Yancey will speak on the topic of prayer—the theme of his most recent book. The program will also feature Christian drama group Saltmine, from England. Yancey last visited Avondale in 2001.—*Brenton Stacey*

# Avondale lecturer uncovers fishy secrets

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Research by an Avondale College lecturer may bring more stability to the social life of a sex-changing fish.

Jason Morton has received a PhD from the University of Newcastle for his four-year study of crimson-banded and Maori wrasse, at Catherine Hill Bay and Norah Head on the Central Coast.

He found the fish begin life as females but can become males at age four or five years. They then live in a harem of up to 10 socially ranked females with the largest, highest ranking female likely to be the one to change sex after the male dies.



Gilmore Tanabose

Jason Morton's wrasse study reveals that the fish change sex to climb the social ladder.

Promiscuity is popular with females visiting other harems to determine whether joining will improve their rank.

Enter the zealous fisher—who can eliminate the only male in a territory. “The bag limit is 20 fish per person per day but if you bring a mate, that’s 40, which could result in removing all males in a large reef,” says Dr Morton.

If so, the highest ranked female in a harem changes sex and the remaining females re-contest their rank. The process takes about three weeks, “but in that time, the territory might be fished again,” says Dr Morton. He describes wrasse at Norah Head as more “skittish” than those at Catherine Hill Bay, which is less regularly fished.

Crimson-banded wrasse can live at least 10 years and Maori wrasse at least 13—partly because they have no known natural predators. They also prolong life by wisely using resources—each species eats similar food but in different proportions and spawns in different seasons.

The 300 hours Dr Morton spent under water has helped him identify individual fish by using unique facial and body markings.—**Brenton Stacey**

# ADRA observes World Refugee Day

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) joined the international community on June 20 in observing World Refugee Day—a day that honours the courage, persistence, and strength of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) around the world.

ADRA's humanitarian initiatives reach hundreds of thousands of refugees and IDPs, both by improving their living conditions in camps and helping them reintegrate into their communities, re-establishing their lives once they have returned home.

In 2006, there were more than 14 million refugees and 24 million displaced persons worldwide, according to UNHCR and the Internal Displacement Monitoring centre.

ADRA is currently working with refugee and IDP communities that include Sudan, Somalia, Liberia, Burundi, Sierra Leone and Colombia. In the Darfur region of western Sudan, ADRA has distributed 35 tons of emergency supplies for more than 16,000 people. A project is underway to construct 450 latrines and 70 wells to meet the water and sanitation needs in the affected regions.—**Nadia McGill/Ansel Oliver/ANN**

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◆ Douglas Gildersleeve of Perth, WA, was invested as a Commander in the Order of St John Ambulance in a recent ceremony held at government house by His Excellency, Dr Ken Michael, Governor of Western Australia. Mr Gildersleeve, now 83, joined the St John Ambulance Service as a cadet in 1938, and has since done thousands of hours of volunteering. He also

designed and built the Fremantle church, and did building work at the Maida Vale campground. Mr Gildersleeve founded the Melville, Gosnells and Victoria Park divisions of St John. After instructing for 28 years and being an operations branch member for 47 years, he retired from his other activities and is now a member of the Community Care branch. “I will keep on going until I can’t anymore”, he says. “Many people are dependent on you and you become their lifeline, as they live in isolation and have no family.”

—**Jillian Fitzgerald**

◆ When the students at Auburn Adventist School, Sydney, NSW, heard about the tsunami that hit the Solomon Islands earlier this year, they decided to hold a mufti day. The proceeds are to go to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), to help the people of the Solomon Islands. They raised a total of \$A166.55. Auburn Adventist School regularly sends money to ADRA, and any money found and not claimed is sent as well. The students have also collected clothes and toys for the ADRA Op-shop store in Blacktown,

and some have even personally delivered the donations.—**Claudia Martin**

◆ Former school captain of Carmel College, WA, and current Australian Rules football star, Max Bailey, has recently spent the day visiting his old school. The 207 cm giant Hawthorn Hawk talked to the students during assembly, about the need to set goals and work hard to achieve them. He also mentioned the importance of having a balanced approach to life and taking care of your body. He then walked around

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ JULY 21—MEDIA EVANGELISM OFFERING



## Adventist school develops leaders

ERINA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Students at Central Coast Adventist School (CCAS) are being given the opportunity to hone their leadership skills through a new program, which was created to meet a perceived need for leaders in the local community.

The “Leadership development program” is a six-week course, designed to foster the growth of individuals as leaders and to encourage involvement within the wider community in leadership roles.

More than 20 students from Year 11 are participating in the program, which aims to nurture and develop the leadership qualities of these students through character development, skill development and practical application.

Two CCAS teachers, Paul Glasbergen and Joanna Darby, have been instrumental in developing the program. It is hoped that the course can be offered to students throughout the secondary school and a modified version can be introduced into the primary school at some point in the future.

“We have seen a real need for this kind of mentoring and equipping process in schools, and acknowledge that leadership skills are not specifically addressed in the curriculum,” says Mrs Darcy.—**Brenton Luchow**

## PAU hosts women’s ministries leadership workshop

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

A women’s ministries leaders training workshop held at the Pacific Adventist University (PAU) from June 10 to 13 was attended by 59 women from the local area.

The Level 1 Certificate course of the Women’s Ministries Department was conducted by Joy Butler, the South Pacific Division’s director of women’s ministries, and Lynne Hughes.

Subjects covered in the course included an introduction to women’s ministries, communication skills, principles of public speaking, effective leadership, advertising women’s ministries, strategies for evangelism, how to study the Bible and self-worth.

Mrs Butler commented that developing and cultivating the abilities of the women is a commitment of the church.

Many participants expressed appreciation for the program, with a number of the wives of theology students saying the leadership program was “an answered prayer.”

They believe the information learned over the four days of the program will enhance their roles as pastors’ wives and



*Women taking part in the women’s ministries leadership workshop, held at Pacific Adventist University.*

enable them to work with courage and strength.

Mrs Butler said she was impressed with the way women’s ministries had grown at PAU. “Today the ministry is a flourishing and wonderful one,” she comments. “Lynne and I have been so blessed to hear women sharing their faith. The program is for women who have no opportunity for training and leadership, so these courses provide this help for them.”

She encouraged the women to do the subsequent courses as a follow-up to the leadership workshop, in order for them to be better equipped to lead other women to Christ.—**Edna Worri**

campus, talking to students and intends to spend time at Carmel—at least one visit a year when the Hawks are in town for a game.—**News West**

◆ The **New Zealand Pacific Union Conference** is undertaking the development of **French materials**, for the support and service of the two French-speaking entities in the South Pacific Division. Union administration has employed two fluent French speakers, **Pastor Emile Maxi** and **Maheata Taruoura**, who have been active in the development

of these materials. The four main projects underway are the translation of the *40 Days of Prayer*, a small-group training manual, the translation and production of 26 Voice of Prophecy Discover Bible-study guides and the production of 21 French training seminars on PowerPoint. The Prophecy guides mainly target non-Christians and non-Adventists, in an attempt to interest them in Bible studies.—**Xchange**

◆ A program involving leaders of 10 faith groups, working together to eliminate **malaria** in eastern

Africa, kicked off June 27 with the United States first lady, **Laura Bush**, commending participants in Maputo, Mozambique. A grant of nearly **\$US2 million**, funded through the US President’s Malaria Initiative, will reach more than 1.5 million people in Mozambique—a country in which malaria causes more deaths than AIDS. “Faith communities exist in every village in the country; therefore, faith leaders can reach their members and impact their attitudes and behavior related to malaria,” Mrs Bush says. The initiative, **Together Against Malaria (TAM)**—includ-

ing education and disbursement of supplies such as mosquito nets—will be managed by the **Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)** in Mozambique and implemented by the **Inter-Religious Campaign against Malaria in Mozambique**. Almost 6 million cases of malaria are reported each year in Mozambique and the disease is a major cause of death in the country. “We are honored by Laura Bush’s visit and for her support of the TAM project,” says Darcy de Leon, ADRA director for Mozambique.—**Ansel Oliver/ADRA/ANN**

# Connecting Adventist graduates

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Seventh-day Adventist college or university graduates in Australia can look forward to an association—to be established later this year—to cater specifically to their needs.

Initiated by church members and supported by various departments in the South Pacific Division (SPD), it will function as an alumni association for Australian graduates from all tertiary institutions.

“We are suggesting that some of the main functions of the alumni association would be to provide a network and networking opportunities for members, and assist them to maintain relationships,” says Daniel Brown, one of the initiators of the association and a member of Eight Mile Plains church in Queensland. “Support could be provided for recent graduates, who face a big change in their lifestyle and often geography. More specifically, the association could provide the opportunity for mission opportunities, which are unique to specific skill sets and disciplines.”

Plans have been put in place for a national association, with local chapters in major cities around Australia. The ad

hoc leadership team plans to consult with interested professionals, and is coordinating a series of meetings to finalise plans for the establishment of the association before the end of the year.

“We are still seeking representatives to be a part of the leadership team,” says Leighton Cantrill, recruitment promotions officer for Adventist Employment in the SPD. “Anyone of any age from academics, business professionals to degree holders from a variety of specialised areas is welcome to get involved.”

The new—as yet unnamed—association will provide support in areas such as mentoring, employment and business opportunities. There are also ideas for mission opportunities, which members of the new association can initiate and sponsor.

Local association meetings are currently being organised in locations such as Canberra, Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Newcastle. These will be followed by a centralised meeting in Sydney in November when the leadership



*Adventist students at an Adventist Students Association meeting in Adelaide. On graduation, these students will be able to participate in the alumni association being formed by the South Pacific Division.*

team will be formed and the structure of this new association determined.

“Adventist students have the Adventist Students Association and we would like to continue the support for them after they have graduated through this new association,” says Mr Cantrill. “It will give them the opportunity to interact with peers who follow the same belief system as they do, after entering the workforce in what may be a completely foreign environment.”—

**Melody Tan**

*For more information or on how to get involved, contact Mr Cantrill at <lcantrell@adventist.org.au>.*



◆ A robot has acted as master of ceremonies at a South Korean wedding, in what its creators claim is a world first. Tiro the robot assisted at the wedding of Seok Gyeong-jae, one of the engineers who designed it, 130 kilometres south of Seoul. In a male voice, the robot introduced the couple to the crowd and performed its duties. After this, Tiro—whose

value was put at \$A260,000—would be upgraded to perform various other functions. Other robots were also at the wedding ceremony, to guide guests or give performances.—**The Age**

◆ A satirical video on teenage affluence is influencing hearts and minds through YouTube. With the title “**Teenage Affluenza is Spreading Fast,**” the video clip from World Vision is a clever parody of materialism in the suburbs. It received more than 200,000 hits in its first four days on the web. Starring two

typical teenagers, Erin and Red, in Melbourne, it uses the same male voice-over artist as the mainstream World Vision television appeals. Instead of starving children in the YouTube clip, we watch the Australian teens struggling with such horrors as eating dry cereal without milk because the family has run out. The scenes are intercut with footage of children in developing countries struggling with the harsh realities of their life in war zones and famine-stricken regions. The clip is to promote the upcoming 40-hour famine.—**Alison Cameron**

◆ The release of the 16th Hillsong live praise-and-worship album, **Saviour King**, recorded at Sydney’s Acer Arena in March with 13,000 worshippers, coincides with the 21st annual Hillsong Conference, which gathers more than 26,000 Christians from around the world. *Saviour King*’s release follows the recent success of Hillsong United’s album, **All of the Above**, which reached number six on the ARIA charts and was the second most downloaded album on iTunes. Hillsong has sold more than eight million units worldwide since 1992.—**Australian Christian Channel**

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# Adventists respond to NSW floods

## NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES

The recent floods in northern New South Wales affected a number of Adventist churches in the Hunter region, with church buildings and members' properties damaged.

The low-lying areas around Avondale College's Lake Macquarie campus were flooded by a waterlogged Dora Creek during the wild weather.

Staff members and students on the campus also lost power for more than three-and-a-half days, following the Hunter's worst storm in 30 years.

The storm blacked out the college from 1 am on June 9, to 3.30 pm on June 12. Fortunately, the loss of power coincided with the first day of the Queen's Birthday long weekend, which in turn coincided with the beginning of study vacation, a week dedicated to study. Only about 80 female students and 70 male students remained on campus, with most "viewing the blackout as an adventure," says director of student services Kevin Judge.

Students showered under cold water as the blackout prevented the college pumping any hot water from the boiler to the residences. On Sunday morning, women's residence director Deirdre Hough negotiated the use of hot showers at the Charles Harrison Memorial Home, on the Avondale Estate. Thirty students accepted the offer. Only eight males accepted an offer to use hot showers at a nearby Christian camp.

Food services director, Nick Hartigan, offered a mostly deep-fried menu from Saturday morning until president Dr John Cox



*The Charlestown Adventist church in Newcastle suffered damage during the Hunter region storms.*

sourced a generator on Monday. Mr Hartigan cooked all meals on the cafeteria's two gas appliances. Fridges remained below five degrees, so fruit and vegetables were also available. The generator in the cafeteria's barbecue trailer powered a set of stage lights in the kitchen and in the servery, and a single incandescent bulb suspended from the ceiling in the eatery. The blackout caused more than \$A3000 worth of stock loss.

Tony Martin, a lecturer at Avondale College, discovered that a neighbour was killed in the recent Hunter region storms. The 29-year-old neighbour died when a tree fell on his ute while he was travelling near his home in Brunkerville. The Martins offered comfort to the family, along with the use of Gateway church, Cooranbong,



*Volunteers answering the phones at the Newcastle ADRA disaster response centre.*

for the wake after the funeral.

Around 400 people arrived for it, and Gateway church members busied themselves for three hours organising and serving food and drink. The family and friends of the deceased were astounded that a group of Seventh-day Adventist church people, who they didn't know, would come and help on such an occasion.

The Charlestown Adventist church, located in a suburb of Newcastle, was damaged by a large tree, which had been uprooted and fell on the roof of the main worship area during the storms.

The front doors had also been blown open by the cyclone-strength winds, with rain pouring into the foyer throughout the night. The children's Sabbath-school rooms were flooded, with damage to carpets and equipment. Church pastor Graeme Loftus says, "Charlestown has a wonderful sense of



*Avondale College students stand on the swing bridge over the flooded Dora Creek.*

family and will pull together to rise above these setbacks."

With 5000 people forced to evacuate Maitland, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) disaster response teams in the area provided accommodation to more than 100 people—with around 20 of them being people with special needs. Four evacuation centres were established around the town, including the Adventist church, each staffed by ADRA volunteers, who are members of the Kurri Kurri and Maitland churches.

An ADRA disaster response centre was also established in Newcastle, providing shelter and food packages to people affected by the floods in the Newcastle area.

ADRA Australia has committed \$A50,000 toward supporting those affected by floods in the Hunter Valley, Newcastle and Central Coast areas.

ADRA Australia's funding will be used to support those affected by the floods who are not insured and do not qualify for the full range of government support. ADRA will work in partnership with the NSW Department of Community Services to identify and assess those in need of supplementary support.

Immediately following the disaster, ADRA Australia's Disaster Recovery Volunteers facilitated emergency accommodation for approximately 700 evacuees and emergency services workers, as part of the NSW Disaster Recovery Service.—**RECORD staff/Brenton Stacey/ADRA Australia/Lindsay Sleight/ Graeme Loftus**

*Donations to ADRA's Hunter Valley Floods Appeal can be made by calling 1800 242 372 or visiting <www.adra.org.au>.*



# Not the ADRA Appeal!

BY CANDICE JAQUES

**Y**ES, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN—the launch of the annual Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Appeal. And you're dreading it, right? You don't want to spend several of your Sabbath afternoons alone in the heat/cold/rain/sun dragging your feet up and down local streets, asking strangers for money to support an organisation with a name too long to remember and projects too far away. It's all too hard and you're too tired/busy/young/old/nervous to think about supporting it this year. And, really, Sabbath afternoons are for napping, right?

Sound familiar? Perhaps you've heard these excuses before. Perhaps you've even used them yourself.

But the decision you make about what you do with that Sabbath afternoon will affect someone. Did you know

- In Western countries, suicide is one of the 10 major causes of death by injury, ahead of car accidents and homicides?
- Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their name?
- One in three Australian women over the age of 15 has experienced physical violence?

## Your time does make a difference

Spending just a few hours on the ADRA Appeal does make an amazing difference to people in need, both overseas and at home. Because people like you have previously

chosen to spend their Sabbath afternoons raising donations, ADRA in Australia and New Zealand has been able to provide opportunities for people in our own backyards to change their lives. Here's how:

In **Australia**, ADRA provides a range of projects to help those in need—including drug and alcohol counselling, at-risk youth intervention programs, women's refuges and community centres. For example:

- In Queensland, the Slacks Creek ADRA Centre in Brisbane offers a range of free

## The decision you make about what you do with that Sabbath afternoon will affect someone.

services, such as counselling, computer training, literacy classes and food parcels for those in crisis situations.

- The Blacktown ADRA Centre in Sydney, NSW, provides free support services such as counselling, referrals, drug-intervention programs and adult literacy education for those struggling with unemployment, abuse, addiction, depression and relationship problems.
- An exciting program in Mildura, Victoria, helps at-risk youth through adventure therapy techniques. This project, called Get'n'High on Life, uses hot-air ballooning activities to teach skills such as teamwork, communication, respect

and healthy self-esteem.

- In Moonah, Tasmania, ADRA's support of Chance on Main provides at-risk youth and young offenders with vocational, personal and educational training and skills, through practical training, mentoring, life skills and job readiness programs.
- In Western Australia, a resettlement program for African refugees provides material support, such as clothing and food, driving lessons and conversational English education.

In **New Zealand**, ADRA's projects include:

- ADRA's New Start Gardens program in New Plymouth engages unemployed youth to work in vegetable gardens. Participants of the program learn new skills and receive training to better equip them to enter the workforce.
- A counselling centre in Nelson provides support to families on issues such as divorce, parenting, and drug and alcohol misuse.
- ADRA's Adventure Plus Pinnacle Challenge, a mobile adventure therapy unit, visits schools throughout New Zealand to provide activities that help young people address issues of communication, decision-making, fear, risk, goal-setting, team-building, trust and support.
- A range of smaller local projects across the country, including parenting classes, budgeting advice, English literacy and food parcels.

Most of these projects are only possible because generous people volunteer their



time, raising money on the annual ADRA Appeal. And there's something in it for you too!

## But what's in it for me?

The ADRA Appeal door-knock campaign provides great benefits for you, your church and your community.

- It gets you outdoors. Your local conference office has deliberately chosen the best time of year for your ADRA Appeal so you can be outside, enjoy fresh air, get some exercise and feel rejuvenated!
- Sense of well-being. Believe it or not, volunteering for a worthy cause makes you feel good. Please remember that what you do for people in poverty really is a remarkable thing. You are special! On behalf of the people who benefit from your efforts, ADRA thanks you.
- Time to socialise. The ADRA Appeal provides an opportunity to spend time with church family and friends. Don't go on the door-knock alone—make it a social event by going in pairs and meeting the larger group before or after for a celebration meal. Why not make it even more interesting by providing prizes to those who raise the most on any given day and across the time of your church's campaign?
- Connect with your community. The ADRA Appeal provides an opportunity to show your local community that the Seventh-day Adventist Church does care about the needs of others. Introduce yourself as a member of the local Adventist church, volunteering to collect for the ADRA Appeal. Highlight to people the work ADRA is doing in your neighbourhood (refer to the projects mentioned above or ask your conference office ADRA Appeal coordinator for more information).

Of course, participating in the door-knock campaign is just one way you can raise money for people in need.

## Creative fundraising

In the past, ADRA Appeal donations have come from a range of creative fundraising activities, such as concerts, garage sales, trivia nights, auctions, bake sales,



multi days, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, working bees, hosted dinners and the \$100 Challenge.

Take, for example, the Canberra National church, ACT, which raised \$A7000 last year by combining the traditional door-knock campaign with a DVD promotion, a walk-a-thon, a fishing competition and BBQ event—as well as a challenge to in-

## Most of these projects are only possible because generous people volunteer their time raising money on the annual ADRA Appeal.

dividual church members to collect their spare change.

Last year in Queensland, four riders with support crew rode 400 kilometres from Ipswich to Bundaberg. Combined with door-knock collections, the ride raised a total of \$A9577 for the Ipswich Church ADRA Appeal.

In Auckland, NZ, a charity run for ADRA every November stops the city and raises approximately \$NZ30,000 each year. The event, running for its eighth year, has grown from just a few hundred runners to, this year, an expected 1000 or more. The event

provides options for a five-, 10- or 21-kilometre run or walk.

Children can also play a part. In Young, NSW, three young people aged 10-12 years played a range of musical pieces in a local supermarket to raise money for the ADRA Appeal and, in Waitara, NSW, primary Sabbath-school children worked at odd jobs to raise donations.

Age is also no barrier. For the past 10 years, an Invercargill, NZ, church member, now in her 60s, has approached her local business community to support ADRA, and raises more than \$NZ6000 each year.

And, of course, there is the \$100 Challenge, where we ask each Adventist to either raise or donate \$100 for the ADRA Appeal. If this happens, the ADRA Appeal in Australia will raise more than \$A5 million (currently raises approximately \$A1.2 million) and in New Zealand will raise more than \$1.1 million (currently raises approximately \$NZ80,000). That would be amazing!

## ADRA needs you!

After reading this far, we hope you're convinced that your individual contribution really does make a difference and is vital to helping those less fortunate. ADRA needs you! And so do thousands of people in need around Australia, New Zealand and overseas. To get involved in the ADRA Appeal, contact your local church or conference office ADRA Appeal coordinator.

Happy collecting! **R**

*Candice Jaques is communication coordinator for ADRA Australia.*

# African church grows and changes

BY NATHAN BROWN

**P**ASTOR GEOFFREY MBWANA IS PRESIDENT of the East-Central Africa Division, based in Nairobi, Kenya. He recently visited the South Pacific Division and RECORD took the opportunity to ask him about the Adventist church in Africa.

**After four-and-a-half years as president of the newest and one of the largest divisions of the church, are you enjoying the role?**

Yes, I like challenges—and this role is full of challenges. We have a fast-growing church and growth always brings challenges with it.

**As a leader of about 2.2 million members, how do you coordinate that many members, leaders, churches and pastors?**

The local congregations are led predominantly by church elders. Because of the numbers we are working with, a pastor pastors on average 1197 church members in seven churches.

What we do is to try to train and equip the church elders as much as we can, through seminars and providing some basic materials. They are the people working day-to-day in the local church situation.

Then you have the other levels of the church, where we work to prepare programs and develop resources. And that is partly why I am here—to see what resources are available in other parts of the world that we can make use of.

**What is your impression of the church in Australia?**

I can appreciate the challenges the church here is facing, because of the secular environment you find yourselves in. Yet I am impressed by the leadership's focus on finding creative ways of carrying the gospel to this environment. I have looked at the resources that they make available for the mission of the church and the variety of material is impressive. We all face the

challenge of being relevant to the environment that we work in.

**Why is the church growing so fast in Africa?**

There are a number of reasons. One of them is that the church members have embraced evangelism as a part of their life and, being people who are very community-oriented, anyone who converts to Adventism shares that with their neighbours and their relatives. With extended families, it becomes a chain. Therefore, you have something that can work immediately once someone has embraced the faith and then can share that with the other members. I think this has contributed to this growth—and will continue to do so.

**What are the challenges of a fast-growing church?**

When you have such large numbers, nurturing church members is a huge challenge. Usually, we would count on the pastor to do that but if a pastor has seven churches, it is limited and we still have to do much more to try to equip the local church leaders.

So that's one huge challenge we have—and it's reflected in the number of people who go through the backdoor after baptism. We are not happy with those numbers. They tell of the need to do much more in nurturing church members.

And this is where we need other things to be put in place, like producing more literature than we are currently doing and putting it in the hands of our church members. We are now trying to set up a media centre and produce materials that can be more readily available for pastors to use in nurturing church members.

But it is a huge challenge and the challenge will continue to be with us because, right now, we don't have to promote evangelism. Because the church members have embraced it and they have come alive, we just see people coming for baptism. So I really can't say when we might catch up



*Pastor Geoffrey Mbwana, president of the East-Central Africa Division, visiting Signs Publishing Company.*

with nurturing to a level where we are comfortable.

**What are the other challenges?**

Again, because of growth, housing our members for worship is a huge challenge. We have these great numbers and yet we don't have churches to house them.

But we are putting some processes in place. We have a program called "Roof for Africa," where we try to get funds, encouraging church members to come up with structures and we will provide the roof. Through that plan, we have been able to roof thousands of churches. It is working well.

**What is the church doing to help address social issues that many of us think of when we think of Africa, such as HIV/AIDS and poverty?**

The area of HIV/AIDS is an area in which we have only recently engaged as a church. It's something, unfortunately, about which we stood back at a distance and asked, "Do we really have anything

to do with this?" That was until it caught up with our members in the church.

What we are now doing is sensitising local churches to be support centres for the infected and the affected. Stigmatisation is something these people suffer a lot. They need to know God loves them and we love them, too. So we are creating an environment whereby, at the local church, anybody affected or infected will feel at home, loved and cared for. We have had some pilot projects, which have had good results and we are spreading these to try to get many churches on board with these programs.

In the area of poverty, except for what ADRA has been doing, the church has been laid-back on this issue. At times, we have entered into the argument, "Do we really have anything to do with poverty as a church? Should that really be our agenda?" And I don't know why we shied away from this for such a long time but it has come to our realisation that we are not being relevant by just saying, "Let someone else do it, we will just evangelise."

What has struck us, especially, was the fact that the spread of HIV/AIDS has a lot to do with poverty. And we have asked ourselves, "Why are we doing something on what is a symptom of a problem, while not addressing the problem?" So we are embarking on discussions on how we should formally respond to poverty.

We think we have carried stewardship with a certain bias of just bringing tithes; but when you look at stewardship as it is given in the Bible, it is holistic—it covers economy, industry and work. So we want to go back to a biblical model of stewardship and from that we can develop a model to respond to poverty.

It's a huge challenge because it's something we have not been into, so we have no prior experience—yet we are saying, "Let's start walking and see how the Lord will lead us." Within the church, we have members who are trained in some of these areas but as a church, we have not encouraged them to use that talent within the church and the community.

**So what are the priorities for your role and leadership in the church?**

We do mission and are focused on mission but we also try to see what has been our role relative to the worldwide church in carrying out this mission. We are predominantly a dependant church, because of the missionary work that came to our region and we grew up with this dependency—in a way that has not been good for us.


Some of the parts of our division are celebrating 100 years of the life of the church and to be 100 years old and still dependent is not good, when you consider the fact that there are parts of the world that still need to be evangelised. Therefore, our focus is how to make a paradigm shift to change the attitude of the membership and the leadership, to say, "We will play our role here, significantly enough to even be able to play an increased role as part of the global church in finishing the work."

Changing attitudes is not an easy thing and processes, materials and programs are being put in place to help nurture the membership to grow toward that direction of self-reliance but, at the same time, interdependence. **R**

*Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.*

# Record Roo's

Kids Corner



Hi Kids,  
 Jesus performed many miracles during His ministry on Earth. One of His earliest miracles was to turn water into wine at a wedding in Cana. Read the story in John 2:1-10

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### Fill in the Blanks

Jesus said to them, "\_\_\_\_\_ the waterpots with \_\_\_\_\_." And they filled them up to the \_\_\_\_\_.

And He the them, "Draw some out now and \_\_\_\_\_ it to the master of the \_\_\_\_\_."

John 2:7, 8 NKJV

### Word Search

Jesus turned water into wine!  
 Find the words listed in the puzzle below.

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**WEDDING**    **GOOD**  
**JESUS**        **FEAST**  
**DISCIPLES**   **GROOM**  
**INVITED**     **TASTED**  
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Peta Taylor

## Foundation denied?

DAVID CHESNEY, VIC

The comment of a Christian politician, as reported in “A faith that embraces” (Editorial, June 30), that there should be a moratorium on Muslim immigration because they don’t believe in the Resurrection, does seem extreme. But I am concerned the editorial downplays the significance and influence of Christianity in Australia’s history.

Professor David Landes’s book *Wealth and Poverty of Nations* argues the secret of success of the Western world in the past three or four centuries has been largely due to the Protestant Reformation, which brought freedoms, tolerance of dissent, effective judicial structures, disciplines, competition and the consequent flowering of sciences. Similarly, Professor Mead’s article “America will prevail” (*The Australian*, June 28) says, “Anglo nations are the mainstays of the UN and the World Bank. . . . Non-Western countries . . . are not moralistic but conformist. . . . Most regimes outside the West are corrupt, weak and ineffective.”

A significant proportion of the media and academia have belittled Australia, the United States and other Christian nations for decades, even though most other societies range from the grossly inequitable to the downright disgraceful.

We should welcome immigrants of all types, provided they don’t want to change Australia into the hellholes they come from. But Australia’s greatest danger is that it is gradually losing its Christian heritage.

## Not just English

MICHAEL LEE, NSW

I was pleased to read of “DVDs to help ‘tell the world’” (News, June 30). This kind of multimedia is a good way for reaching out to the community but it does little for the non-English speaking populations in Australia. Church membership is changing and continues to change at a significant rate. Compared to 10 years ago, a significant proportion of non-English speaking people from countries like China and Korea live in our major cities. But the services and promotional materials provided by our church

has not kept up with this trend and it sometimes seems “tell the world” really means “tell the English-speaking world.”

From my outreach experience of the past 18 months, the non-English-speaking church members are largely left on their own to procure books and other outreach media and materials from overseas. I urge church leadership at different levels to take appropriate action to catch up with the changing trend in the Australian population.

## Surely, thinking church members should be speaking out about socioeconomic issues.

### Engaging issues

MALCOLM FORD, NZ

Adventists who keep abreast of national and world events cannot help but be influenced—even conditioned—by the anti-Christian philosophical bias that infiltrates the news, documentary and general entertainment media. These programs daily challenge the Christian mindset, so why does the church not address these concerns?

I refer to the Adult Bible Study Guide—the Sabbath-school lessons—which, I believe, should be topic-centred. Instead of the typical historico-biblical topics, why not a series of studies providing Bible-based information to such relevant topics as multiculturalism, gambling, substance abuse, various forms of exploitation, sex, pollution or the spread of Islam, to name just a few? Why does the church not provide a forum where these issues can be discussed and informed from a biblical perspective?

The old format of subjects plucked from a devotional, doctrinal or theological list no longer has the significance it once had. Bible study needs to be made relevant to today’s issues.

PETER SCHAPER, QLD

I’ve been giving a lot of thought to political issues, not so much to the daily cut and thrust of it but the main trends, and I am concerned about the widening rift between the privileged and the underprivileged, and the decline of public health and education. And it seems to me that Christians should be speaking out on these issues.

I know the risks of political involvement.

But I believe that we should participate in the democratic process, not just at the ballot box but also by taking part in the political debate to the extent that we are able to.

A major reason that the wicked prosper—putting it in Solomon’s words—is because too few good men and women have the courage to stand up for what is right and they won’t get involved in the wider world until they themselves are directly affected by evil. Can it really be right to just “preach the kingdom of God” in the

purely theological sense and engage in a bit of non-controversial social work, yet ignore the political environment in which we live and work?

Surely, thinking church members should be speaking out about socioeconomic issues that could have political solutions and doing whatever they can politically to make the world a better place for people to live in.

## Less music?

TIM GOLSTAJN, NSW

If music is such a big problem (“Practise harmony,” Letters, June 30), why don’t we just remove all music from church for a while? I am happy to go without. I go to church for the Word and fellowship—not just for the music.

Last Sabbath, I decided to visit a nearby church for the first time. I experienced warm handshakes, dusty old hymnbooks and the worst elderly singers I’ve heard in my life, but I couldn’t help but smile at the genuineness. It wasn’t the most organised and professionally orchestrated event but it was the most enjoyable and best song service I’ve been to in a while.

Regardless of your taste, when I come to your church, just give me Jesus.

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## Anniversaries

**House,** Stan and Hazel (nee Davis) were married on 19.6.1947 in St John's Church, Capel, WA. The couple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family members at the Secret Garden Restaurant, Annangrove, NSW. They had three



children, Jan Eastman (Perth), Jenny King (Sydney) and Robert House (deceased 1969); five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Stan and Hazel live in Glenorie, Sydney and attend the Galston church.

**Gooding,** Laurence and Dulcie (nee Corker) recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at a quiet family luncheon in their home, Australind, WA. After their wedding at "Silverdale" Mayanup, (the Corker Family Property) performed by Pastor Bertie Bryant on the 20.5.1942, they took up farming in Harvey for five years at Nicklup. For health reasons, as well as advancement, they



shifted to Darkan where they successfully farmed until 1977. Their union was blessed with four children, and they now have 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Since their retirement in Australind, they have attended Bunbury Church when health permits.

**Presecan,** Pero and Ljubica, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family luncheon, organised by their five children. The Garden City church (Brisbane, Qld), also presented the couple with a small gift. Both events were a wonderful surprise to the couple, who moved to Australia over 30 years ago from the former Yugoslavia, and were members of the Summit church before moving to Brisbane.



**Zivanovic,** Miodrag and Zorka also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Garden City church. They were presented with a gift by the church and celebrated with their three children. Like the Presecans, the Zivanovics also made their home in Australia over 30 years ago, coming here from the former Yugoslavia.

## Centennial

### Cambridge Church, NZ

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See you there!

## Weddings

**Berkeley—Webster.** Sean Dalton Berkeley, son of David and Verice Berkeley (Cooranbong, NSW), and Cara Michele Webster, daughter of Graham Webster (Mona Vale) and Michele Robinson (Mona Vale), were married on 8.6.07 in Avondale College church.

Paul Goltz, Andre Van Rensburg

**Cherry—Clark.** David Elwyn Cherry, son of Elwyn and Ruth Cherry (Wishart, Qld), and Amy Loise Clark, daughter of Barry and the late Judith Clark (Rockhampton), were married on 24.6.07 in the St Albertus Chapel, Maleny.

Bob Possingham

**Male—Binning.** Andrew Male, son of Bill and Karyl Male (Carmel, WA), and Rebecca Binning, daughter of Derek and Sue Binning (Forrestfield, WA), were married on 6.5.07 in an outdoor setting at Rosehill Country Club, Guildford.

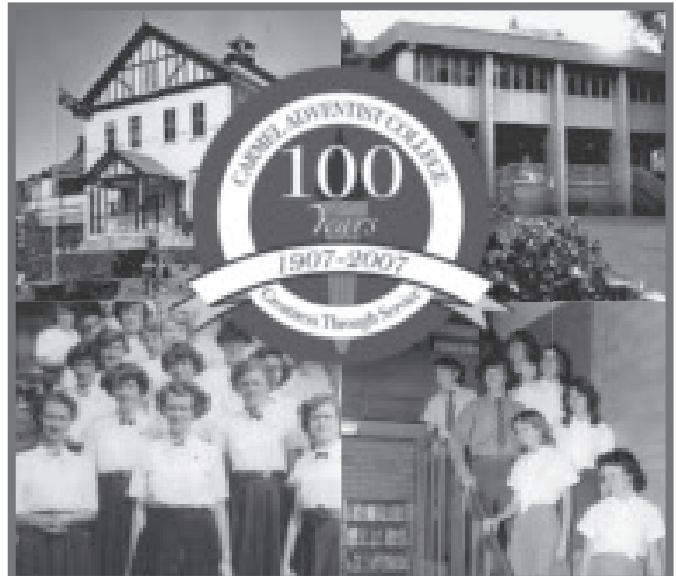
Graeme Loftus

**Waldron—Turnham.** Graeme Stephen Waldron (Lismore, NSW) and Robyn Mae Turnham (Bonalbo) were married on 10.6.07 in the Lismore church.

Paul Von Bratt

## Obituaries

**Dowling,** Wynstan George, born 17.5.1924; died 24.4.07 in Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW. In 1947, he married Milbree Rosendahl. He is survived by his wife; his daughters and their spouses, Julie and Ross Gilmore (Kariong, NSW), and Beverley and Chris Till (Peterborough, England); and his grandchildren, Shaun, Sharlene, Carla and Jay. Wynstan graduated from Avondale College in 1946 and commenced work as a young minister, first in evangelism, then providing leadership in the youth and health departments for many years and many places. He spent his last nine years of service at the South Pacific Division headquarters at Wahroonga, NSW, where he gave strong leadership in the Health department. Wynstan was a gracious person, always kind and always helpful. He was loved and respected not only by his family but by all who were



## Homecoming Weekend

### Friday 28th September

7.00 pm Friday Night Vespers

### Sabbath 29th September

8.30 am-9.30 am Centenary Breakfast  
10.00 am-12.00 pm Sabbath Program  
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privileged to work with him over the years. He is now at rest, safe in God's keeping until that wonderful day when all the dead in Christ shall rise.

*Clive Barritt, Jim Beamish,  
Roger Henley, Ron Baird*

**Gannaway**, Helen Euphemia Christie (nee Hamlin), born 8.6.1926 at Napier, NZ; died 5.6.07 at Masterton. On 22.2.1947, she married Hartley Gannaway, who predeceased her in 1987. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Helen and Phil Tompson (Feilding), Joan and Peter Meyrick (Masterton) and Joy Rankin (Melbourne); her sons, Ian, Alan and Mark; her brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Judy Hamlin (Taradale); her sister, Mary Chambers (Taradale); her 16 grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. Helen had been a faithful member of the Masterton church since the mid 1960s. Helen loved her family and the Lord, and passed away with the assurance that Jesus was her Saviour.

*Laurence Lane*

**Lacey**, Iris Winifred (nee Hornett), born 31.7.1920 at Epping Forest, England; died 7.6.07 at Nambour, Qld. On 29.11.1948, she married Ivan John Lacey in the Mont Albert church, Vic. She was predeceased by her sister, Daisy, and her brother, Bernaud. She is survived by her husband; her daughter, Beverly-Joy and partner Ariel Hardoiun; her son, Grahan John and fiancée Katie, and her six grandchildren. Iris became an Adventist during Pastors A Anderson and Stewart's 1929 Glen Huntly mission. She and Ivan worked for Granose Foods in Stanborough, England, for six years and then for the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Victoria, until retirement to the Sunshine Coast, Qld. Iris sleeps in Jesus and is sadly missed by all her family and friends, who eagerly await a wonderful reunion on that great Resurrection morning when Jesus calls.

*Lionel Smith, Ralph Williams*

**Pascoe**, Thelma Mary, born 4.6.1924; died 3.5.07 in the Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village, Qld. On 25.10.1945, she married Clifford Pascoe, who predeceased her in 1982. She is survived by her daughters, Sandra Crawford (Auckland, NZ), Brenda Ball (Perth, WA), Rhonda Silver (Nowra, NSW) and Diana Knight (Hamilton, NZ); and her son, Kenneth Pascoe (Toowoomba, Qld); her 10 grandchildren, and her 6 great-grandchildren. Thelma's faith remained strong throughout her life and was a great legacy to pass onto her children. She was much loved by her family and friends. *Alec Thomson*

**Perks**, Robert Bruce, born 28.10.1926 at Wyalkatchem, WA; died 7.6.07 at Gingin. He is survived by his wife, Joan (Gingin); his children, Deanne, Wayne and Nadine; and his six grandchildren. After farming in Salmon Gums for several years, they shifted to Perth and had several businesses there, eventually retiring in Gingin. Bindoon church became their place of worship, which they supported for many years. Bob will be missed by his many friends and church members alike.

*Les Barrett, Tom Bowran*

**Reid**, Colleen Isabel, (nee Saunders), born 13.12.1938 at Auckland, NZ; died

8.6.07 in Nelson Hospital. On 6.4.1959, she married Douglas Reid and lived at Rai Valley for 34 years. She is survived by her husband, Douglas; her children and their families, Pauline and Kevin, Helen and Geoff, Craig and Linda, Richard and Michelle, Pamela and Mark; as well as her brothers and sister. A glowing tribute was paid by the Rai Valley Community for her continued involvement in community organisations, especially the building and everyday functioning of the school-community library. Colleen was a faithful servant of God. She was a beloved wife, an excellent mother and a doting grandmother. Her eternity is sealed with God.

*Phil Leenhouders*

**Sweeney**, Matther Lincoln, born 13.6.1970 in Sydney, NSW; died tragically 12.6.07. He is survived by his parents, Peter and Stephanie Sweeney (Sydney); his wife, Susan (Sydney); and his children, Ryan and Rachel (Auckland, NZ). Matthew was admired and loved as one with a heart for ministry, which he lived out as a pastor in Northern Australia and North New Zealand, and as a nurse in various Sydney hospitals. He was frequently called on to preach, led an interdenominational Bible-study group and a discipleship group at Fox Valley church. He has been a school chaplain, and was a popular speaker at youth camps and rallies. Besides his immediate family, Matthew will be missed by his 90-year-old grandmother, Lorna Liddell, and many cousins, uncles and aunts who were very much part of his life. His church and his family have entrusted him to the arms of Jesus.

*Garth Bainbridge, Ian Howie,  
Brad Melville*

**Tallis**, Hazel Grace Foster (nee Geelan), born 27.10.1915 at Galston, NSW; died 18.6.07 at home in Arcadia. She was predeceased by her husband, Don, and her son, Rodney. She is survived by her daughter and her husband, Julie and Ron Stevens (Sydney); her daughter-in-law, Julia Tallis Young (Sydney); her five grandchildren and her four great-grandchildren. Hazel has been a faithful member of the Arcadia and Galston churches, continuing the work of the first Geelan family who arrived in the area in 1885. Her life was well spent in the service of her family, community and church. As a nursing sister working in the Hornsby Hospital, she had the wonderful opportunity to serve those who needed special comfort and support. She was a gentle, compassionate and caring person; loved by all who knew her and will be sadly missed by family and friends.

*Barry Wright*

**Weekes**, Doreen Jean (nee Lambert), born 24.5.1933 at Taree, NSW; died 13.6.07 in Taree Hospital, after many years of sickness. On 1.2.1954, she married Jack. She is survived by her husband (Taree); her four daughters and their spouses, Julene and Ralph Raymond (Valley Heights, NSW) Ruth Everett (Taree), Jennifer and Craig Davis (Chirnside Park, Vic), and Jacqui and Pastor Tony Knight (Chirnside Park); and eight grandchildren. The respect in which Jean was held and how much she was loved, was evidenced by the hundreds that attended her funeral, in

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the Taree church. She died in the blessed hope and now awaits the return of her Saviour.

*Alexander Penman, Tony Knight*

**Williams**, Elsie Joy, born 11.06.1918; died on 6.6.07 at Manly Vale Nursing Home, NSW. She is survived by her son, Christopher (North Narrabeen) and her daughter, Patricia Williams (North Narrabeen). She was a secretary for David Jones, counsellor for LifeLine, Sabbath-school teacher, president of civilian widows at Dee Why, church clerk at Mona Vale church and secretary of the educational department and maritime museum in Sydney.

*Gilberto Dias*

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For further information, please contact:  
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## Finally

Write injuries in the sand,  
kindnesses in marble.

## Orm and Win Speck: Now retired

**Then**—Orm was only eight or nine when he watched some movie pictures of Papua New Guinea, shown by veteran missionary Pastor A G Stewart at a camp-meeting in South Australia. That triggered an ambition that he, too, would be a missionary to the South Pacific islands someday.



He met the love of his life, Winsome Gallop, at Carmel College in Western Australia on their very first day. The friendship grew as they discovered that both were interested in serving in the mission field, so Win began nursing training.

After graduation from Avondale College, Orm's first appointment was as a teacher to Hamilton in New Zealand. They were married there when Win made the long journey from Western Australia in 1946, just over 60 years ago. After one more year in Hamilton, they were appointed to the highlands of PNG, then later to open new work 412 km up the Sepik River at Ambunti.

Life was different in that isolated and primitive area in 1950—but very rewarding. Later, several years were spent caring for work in the mountainous Kokoda Track area. Then from a base in Lae, he pioneered new work among the Kukukuku people. They spent a total of almost 20 years in PNG. The call of the homeland saw the Specks located in southern Queensland, then Victoria and finally at Wahroonga in Sydney.

**Now**—They are happily settled in Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village, back in Queensland. They enjoy the fellowship of several of the people they worked with in the mission field and other locations. They have the time also to enjoy the fellowship of new acquaintances and be involved in the many and varied activities of the village. They say they haven't actually retired—just retired! They also appreciate the security and the convenience of a church right in the village.

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