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COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

A partnership between two Adventist schools in the South Pacific Division has provided the impetus for a string of fundraising initiatives and valuable resources for a Vanuatu school.

Entering into a "sister school" agreement in 2005, Aore Adventist Academy (Vanuatu) and Avondale School (New South Wales) have created an even closer bond, under the leadership of Aore principal and former Avondale teacher David Rogers in 2007.

In 2007, Avondale students participated in a range of fundraising activities, including a Saturday-night variety concert,

weekly car washes and regular mufti days. The funds from these activities will provide a new generator and some computer equipment.

"Aore has been very much blessed by the ongoing support provided by Avondale School," says Mr Rogers. "It is a great example of what sister school assistance can be."

Early in 2007, Avondale assisted Aore with the acquisition of two tractors (one new and one second-hand), vital for the production of food crops at the self-sustaining boarding school.

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JANUARY  
BOOK OF THE  
MONTH

by Patty Froese Ntihemuka

# THE Woman AT THE Well

## Fill My Empty Heart

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# PNG hosts Children's Ministries expo

LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

More than 400 Seventh-day Adventist children's ministries leaders from Papua New Guinea (PNG) have been trained and equipped to disciple, inspire and involve children in church life.

The leaders were attending a children's ministries expo organised by the Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) and supported by the South Pacific Division (SPD). The last expo in the region took place more than five years ago.

Held in October, 14 presenters from both the PNGUM and the SPD shared experience, information and resources with delegates in 168 workshops over a period of six days. Delegates learned about children's spiritual development, worship, health and evangelism.

"Our aim was to help leaders see that they have a responsibility to lead children to Christ, make them feel valued and help them realise they play an important part in the church," says Judith Nagamisovo, children's ministries director for PNGUM.

Pastor John Kembu composed an original song, bearing the title of the theme of the expo, "Tell a child, tell the world," while Pastor Matupit Darius, communication director for PNGUM, wrote a poem.

"It was wonderful to see mission directors, local church leaders and lay people who have a passion for children attend the expo," says Ms Litiana Qiosese, associate children's ministries director for the SPD.

There are plans to organise similar training events at local missions throughout PNG. "This will create more opportunities for participation with less cost, as the training will be conducted much closer to where



Five of the award recipients who attended the ceremony.

people are," says Ms Nagamisovo.

Nine Adventist children's ministries leaders also received awards in recognition of their "outstanding service and commitment to the spiritual development of children in PNG."

The recipients included those who have served in the children's ministries department in local missions for more than 10 years and those retiring from the job.

"We also gave awards to coordinators who served in the provincial level of their local missions," says Ms Nagamisovo. "We wanted to show our appreciation to these recipients, most of whom are volunteers. They have gone out of their way to serve in the ministry and have made a lot of sacrifices."

The nine recipients of the award were: Anne Raunga, Merilyn Andon Mareba and Elizabeth Jambby, all of New Ireland Province; Dorcas Wakit of East New Britain Province; Clare Ori of West New Britain Province; Aidah Aturoro and Rebecah Parangki of Manus Province; Joan Bubu Evei of Eastern Highlands Province; and Maye Porter, who is credited as the one who started children's ministries in PNG.

—Melody Tan

# New Chinese church planted in NZ

PAKURANGA, NEW ZEALAND

A new church has been planted among the Chinese community in Auckland. The "Chinese Fellowship Group" met to worship together for the first time at the Pakuranga Community Hall at the beginning of August last year. A total of 65 members and friends attended the morning program, where Pastor Philip Ko preached on "Jehovah Nissi." More than 30 people remained behind afterward for Bible studies.

Although the group is relatively young, they conducted evangelistic outreach seminars in September and October, with people responding positively to them. Pastor Ko also plans to conduct live radio broadcasts on the local Mandarin radio station.

The group is looking to establish themselves officially as a church with their own building but are currently working on planting other worship groups in the Auckland area, which has a Chinese population of more than 100,000.

The group is a result of six Chinese people being baptised into the Glen Innes church in 2000. The number of Chinese members attending grew to 47, as many people made contact with the church via English language classes run by a church elder, Robin Greenfield.

With the growth, the group integrated into the worship service, as well as working on conducting outreach seminars presented by Mandarin-speaking ministers.

Pastor Ko and his family arrived in early 2007, and the group decided it was time to make their vision a reality by forming the Auckland Chinese Adventist church, which would serve the Howick and Pakuranga area.

The group quickly secured the use of the community hall, as well as equipment for services, with strong support from the Glen Innes church members.—Willie Wu



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# School partnership works for Aore

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After Aore's old standby generator broke down in 2006, the school was in serious need of a backup power supply.

The fundraising efforts by students at Avondale have secured a new generator, which is due to be shipped to Vanuatu early this year.

With an increasing demand for information technology experience, Aore has been struggling with limited computer resources. Their computer room houses nine computers, clearly insufficient with classes ranging from 25 to 35 students. Again, Avondale offered its support and secured a number of desktop and laptop computers from

Sanitarium Health Foods, which will be shipped to both Aore and Epauto Adventist School in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

"After suffering an earthquake and some serious breakdowns, Aore staff members have been working hard to restore systems and provide a quality education for their students," says Mr Rogers. "The support offered by Avondale School has provided resources that would have been unattainable otherwise."

However, he notes that Aore is not a unique case, "Mission schools are still running all over the Pacific and still have real needs. Support them when and where you can, and continue to pray for us."

—David Rogers/Braden Blyde



The baptisms of a number of students from the Aore Adventist Academy.

# Student's retreat in Inonda

INONDA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Inonda Adventist Primary School in the North East Papua and Milne Bay Administrative Office region organised a three-day student retreat, with the theme of "Guarding the doors of your life." Doctors, health workers and pastors led the sessions, focusing on the important things in life.

Deputy provincial administrator Paul Namono talked on the importance of education and stressed issues affecting the education of young children, as well as the effects of education reform on the lives of all young children.

He was impressed with the school taking the initiative to organise the retreat, saying, "This is the first time I have been invited to attend such a unique primary school program in the 32 years of my service."

—Namaan Beso



Staff and students at the retreat.



◆ **North West Christian School** (formerly Penguin Adventist School, Tas), recently hosted four students and a teacher from their sister school in **Hong Kong**. The 13–15 year olds attend **Tai Po Sam Yuk Adventist Secondary School**. They marvelled at our night skies, open fields, green paddocks, empty roads and carefree lifestyle. However, they were not too keen

on the traditional Tasmanian diet, including potatoes and peas each evening.—Cheryl Walsh

◆ **TV advertising** for a free viewing of *The Search 6* videos will screen in Gippsland, Vic, on Prime Television, January 19 to 27.

◆ Watching television has gained **Maclean church, NSW**, two new members. When **Errol** and **Anna Muir** saw an advertisement in the local TV Guide for a **satellite dish** to receive Christian television stations, they were immediately interested. After signing

up and receiving **Hope channel** and **3ABN**, the couple discovered the Sabbath and started going to church. They have been regularly attending ever since. Senior elder **Ivan Bell** had known Mr Muir for some time, from playing bowls together. He welcomed them, then visited them regularly, studying and going over what they had been learning. **Paul Richardson**, intern minister for Maclean and Grafton, completed the studies and they were baptised.—Sue Bodycote

◆ **The Faleula church, Upolu,**



**Samoa**, recently ran a three-week **Elijah Project** evangelistic seminar, in an effort to connect with new people and reclaim "lost" young people. This is the second such program led by the church, which has been running for three years. On a limited budget of WST300, **18 people** were baptised. The baptism was conducted by **Pastor Olive Dean**.—Levi Mote

# Welcome to heaven?

CAROLE PLATT, NSW

I believe the message contained in “The blink of eye” (Feature, November 17) is an urgent wake-up call to all of us enjoying the privileges of life in the “lucky country.” One thing I would question, however, is the ending. The family was depicted as entering into heaven. I think, on the basis of Luke 16:19-31 and Matthew 25:31-46, they would have been turned away at the gate.

# Signs to share

BERYL O’HARE, WA

I realise many church folk do not subscribe to the *Signs of the Times*. I would like to recommend it as a really great investment. Contents include book reviews, DVD offers and wonderful historical Christian features, Bible-study opportunities, recipes and health articles, and testimonies.

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**I would like to recommend [*Signs of the Times*] as a really great investment.**

anything—before passing it on.

For people travelling, there are always areas in caravan parks to leave Bibles and *Signs*, such as TV rooms, laundries and so on. A few magazines will often already be there!

# Australia Day at church

RAY BOYCE, NSW

This year, Australia Day—January 26—falls on Sabbath and this would be a wonderful occasion for anyone in our church who wears a uniform—Pathfinders, schools or other roles—to attend dressed for the occasion.


I am hoping to encourage all churches, schools, conference offices, hospitals and other church organisations in Australia to fly the Australian flag outside, if possible. It may be appropriate to have a small ceremony at church and play the national anthem to show how patriotic and civic-minded we are. Perhaps other groups in the community could also be invited.

We live and worship in a free country, and we should be proud and thankful every time we see the flag flying or sing the national anthem.

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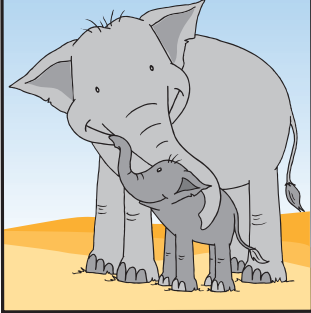
Kids corner



Hi Kids,  
I have decided to share some of my favourite Bible promises with you this week. You might have your own favourite verse that you would like to make a bookmark out of too. Happy holidays!  
RR

### Cut out and keep

Ask an adult to help you carefully cut these promise cards out and glue them onto some thick card. You could laminate them or just put them straight into your favourite book!

<p>O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set Your glory above the heavens! Psalm 8:1</p> 	<p>If any good thing has happened or there's any reason to praise man or God, think about those things. Phillipians 4:8</p> 
<p>The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad. Psalm 126:3</p> 	<p>Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5, 6</p> 

Peta Taylor

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**Hodder, Kevin.** We, the family, would like to thank all those who have sent flowers and cards, and for all the support through phone calls and prayers from family and friends at the time of Kevin's passing. From his loving wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Ormiston, Fay.** Pastor Gordon Ormiston and family wish to thank all of you dear people for the phone calls, cards and flowers at the sad passing of a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She is now resting in Jesus, till He comes. Please accept our heartfelt thanks to all.

## Weddings

**Chapman—Chaney.** Darren Chapman, son of Robert Chapman and Eileen Wilson, and Brenda Chaney, daughter of Rosemary Chaney, were married on 3.11.07 in St John's Anglican church, Wilberforce. The bride was given away by her godfather, Thomas Waller.

*Andrew Mahaffey, Bruce Shield*

**Clarke—Trevena.** James Benjamin Clarke, son of Brian and Jan Clarke (Brunkenville, NSW), and Natalie Joy Trevena, daughter of Pastor Mel and Lyn (Dunedin, NZ), were married on 22.7.07 in the gardens of an old tithe barn in the village of Bibury, the Cotswolds, England, UK.

*Mel Trevena*

**Faber—Cachatoor.** Jaron Elliot Faber, son of Robert and Jill Faber (Paso Robles, California, USA), and Sara Veronica Cachatoor, daughter of Razmik and May Cachatoor (Tauranga, NZ), were married on 3.12.07 on the cliff top at Caves Beach, NSW.

*Bruce Manners*

**Lecciones—Drury.** Bryce (Lemuel Bryce Dasoy) Lecciones, son of Lemuel Tuloo Lecciones and Leilane Elumir Dasoy (Philippines), and Lecee Anne Drury, daughter of Wayne Stanley Drury and Leanne Faye Bailey (Australia), were married on 25.11.07 in Dooralong Valley Resort, NSW.

*Kenn Duke*

**Mercer—Allen.** Dean Scott Mercer, son of Brian and Susan Mercer (Melbourne, Vic), and Jenni May Allen, daughter of

Pastor Malcolm and Valda Allen (Bowral, NSW), were married on 25.11.07 in Bowral church.

*Garth Bainbridge*

**Pinkerton—Wheat.** Glen Stuart Pinkerton, son of Donald Stuart Pinkerton (Tamworth, NSW) and Dorothy Grace Pinkerton (Sydenham, Vic), and Marita Rose Wheat, daughter of Nene Cowled (Victoria Point, Redlands Bay, Qld) and the late Croft Cowled, were married on 2.12.07 in the Gamekeepers Secret Country Inn, Rockbank, Vic.

*Morrie Krieg*

**Sams—Schubert.** Kevin Milton Sams, son of Trevor and Alana Sams (Lismore, NSW), and Sarah Jane Schubert, daughter of Peter and Susan Schubert (Coffs Harbour), were married on 11.11.07 in Yarrahapinni chapel, Yarrahapinni youth centre.

*Gordon Smith*

**Smith—Judd.** Kevin Howard Smith, son of Howard and Geraldine (Joy) Smith (Bowral, NSW), and Kelly Ann Judd, daughter of Robert and Roslyn Judd (Wangarratta, Vic), were married on 4.11.07 at Briars Lodge, Bowral.

*Garth Bainbridge*

**Thomason—Howard.** Christopher Thomason, son of Simon and Louise Thomason (Cooranbong, NSW), and Vanessa Howard, daughter of Alec and Jenny Howard (Balcolyn, previously Cooranbong), were married on 9.11.07 in the Watagan Lodge, Martinsville, NSW.

*Melissa Cooper*

**Van Moorsel—Smith.** Roy van Moorsel, son of John van Moorsel (Bridgetown, WA) and Lynette Kenyon-Weston (Perth), and Rebecca Smith, daughter of David and Felicity Smith (Esperance), were married on 18.11.07 on the beach at Busselton Adventist Youth Camp.

*Glenn Townsend*

## Obituaries

**Brendling** Sydney Arthur, born 2.4.1919 in Sydney, NSW; died 3.11.07 at his home in Bilpin. On 4.7.1941, he married Ruth Ward. He is survived by his wife (Bilpin); his son, Arthur; his daughters, Sue Chatman, Beth Morrison and Ruth Brendling; his two grandsons; and four great-grandchildren. He served as a medic in the warzones of PNG. He will be missed by family and many friends who knew him over his lifetime.

*James Fletcher*

**Cairns** Jean, born 6.12.1914 at Warburton, Vic; died 6.6.07 at Mildura. On 14.12.1935, she married Ted. She is survived by her husband (Mildura); and her daughter, Beverley Jones (Mildura). Ted, Beverley and family would like to thank the church family for all their prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls, food, hugs and support during their time of sorrow. You have all been so kind. We look forward to seeing her again soon when Jesus comes to take us all home.

*Graham Chapman*

**Christie** Reginald Alexander, born 8.8.1907 in Sydney, NSW; died 27.8.07 at Armidale. Reg was predeceased by his first wife, Jean, in 1982. He is survived by his second wife, Joyce; his children, Brian and Margaret; as well as numerous

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grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. Reg was a true soldier of the cross. A firm believer in the soon-coming Jesus, and the gift of eternal life through grace.

*Kevin Brown*

**Dunn** Joan (nee Lewis), born 14.10.1926 in Melbourne, Vic; died 16.8.07 in the Greenslopes Hospital, Qld. In 1947, she married Vic in the Avondale Village church and lived in Coffs Harbour. She is survived by her husband (Brisbane); her children and their spouses, Rodney and Margaret Dunn (Brisbane), Judy and Peter Roennfeldt (Melbourne, Vic), and Vicki and David Harris (Brisbane, Qld); her eight grandchildren, her nine great-grandchildren; her sister and five brothers. For many years, Joan was a faithful member of the Eight Mile Plains church, Brisbane.

*Jorge Munoz*

**Gaudelius** Alfred Teun, born 21.5.1931 in Amsterdam, Netherlands; died 12.10.07 in the Hospice, Dunedin, NZ. Fred is survived by his wife, Nell (Dunedin); his children, Judith Oats (NZ), Allan Gaudelius (NZ), Lynn Bridle (Qld), Renae Smit (Vic), and Jackie Walker (NZ). Fred and his wife were baptised together in the Dunedin church, September 1989. Fred was a dedicated and active member until his death. His passion was to spread the gospel of his Lord. Fred will be missed by the Dunedin church family.

*Mel Tevena*

**Kazy** Elizabeth, born 22.10.1920 in Lugoj, Romania; died 29.11.07 in Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband in 1988. She is survived by her five daughters and their spouses, Maria and Tibor Shelley (USA), Georgine and Ian Grice (Qld), Barbara and Barnabas Shelley (Sydney, NSW), Angela and Richard Koziol (Melbourne, Vic) and Judy and Craig Small (Sydney, NSW); her 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. A loyal and sincere Adventist, Elizabeth has left an inspiring record of compassionate service for the needy. Her friends and family look forward to a grand reunion when Jesus comes again.

*Jim Beamish, Barnabas Shelley*

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