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RECENTLY, I WAS INTRIGUED TO discover one of those predictions that, having arrived at the anticipated “future,” cannot help but seem quaint with the vision of hindsight. In his foreword to Donald Yost’s *Writing for Adventist Magazines*—published in 1968—Roland Wolseley, of the School of Journalism, Syracuse University, doubtfully references “predictions that by the year 2000 magazines may be concentrated in pills to produce an implosion of information in the mind.”

It’s interesting to imagine sharing RECORD, week by week, around the South Pacific and beyond, if this was the current method of distribution. A packet of pills sent to each church, office and institution could then be distributed to each person, providing their weekly “dose” of RECORD.

But what would we miss if we had such pharmaceutical-information technology at our disposal? If such means were available, it may be an efficient way of distributing information (and perhaps, a popular method of gaining some university degrees). We could know the news, reports, statistics and other details of the church with that “implosion of information in the mind.” But to consider such an approach satisfactory assumes RECORD—or whatever other magazine you might consume—is just about information.

For most of us, RECORD is much more than that. A dose of pure information misses the opportunity to share photographs of

different people and places from around the South Pacific. It does not allow the opportunity to reflect upon, re-read and respond to a news item, report or article.

Consuming pure information does not provide a forum to discuss issues that are important to the church, reading the opinions of others and contributing your own perspectives. And pure information is not about that well-written devotional article that might make you smile, touch your heart, bring a tear to your eye or challenge you to change your life in some way.

And, of course, there is the pleasure of sitting down to read a magazine that is a regular part of our collective and individual experience of church. I think that would be missed if just taking a “magazine pill.”

According to the policy statement that sets out what RECORD—as the official paper of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific Division—should be, the purpose of the magazine is “to nurture, educate and inform church members.” In more expansive, less formal terms, I would suggest RECORD is about information, conversation and inspiration.

The apostle Peter had an even better way of expressing his motive for writing, in the very early days of Christian publishing: “My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that the grace of God is with you no matter what happens” (1 Peter 5:12, NLT). Obviously, Peter was doing something more significant than putting together a weekly news magazine

for the early church—but the underlying purposes and aims are the same.

That’s why we produce RECORD and that’s why we keep working to grow RECORD to continue to meet the readership of a growing and changing church.

I always find it interesting to sit in church, waiting for the worship service to begin and watch people leaf through the latest issue of RECORD. It is intriguing to notice what catches the reader’s attention, what they stop to read more closely and what they might point out to the person sitting next to them. But I guess it isn’t a comprehensive or careful way of measuring the response to the magazine.

That’s why we are asking for your feedback on RECORD via our survey in this week’s magazine. You will find the RECORD survey on page 7 to complete and mail to us—or you can complete the survey online at <www.record.net.au/survey>.

Whether it’s completing this survey, submitting a letter to the editor, sharing news from your church or school, writing an article to be considered for publication or simply enjoying regularly reading RECORD and, perhaps, sharing it with a friend or family member, we appreciate your connection with RECORD. Thank you for the privilege of sharing different aspects of our church, faith and life through the pages of RECORD.

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NZ to find out if Bible is still believable

MANUKAU CITY, NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand Christian Foundation (NZCF) has purchased 10,000 copies of the book, *Can We Still Believe the Bible?*, to be distributed free to homes in Auckland and Christchurch.

It will serve as a test run for a bigger project, which will see copies of the books sent to homes throughout New Zealand, say NZCF trustees David and Joanne Davies. There are more than four million people living in New Zealand.

The NZCF was recently recognised as an official supporting ministry by the South Pacific Division (SPD). It supports the Seventh-day Adventist Church by providing funding for health, evangelism and other projects, and aims to help pastors and church members achieve their goals in ministry.

Can We Still Believe the Bible?, written by Dr Bryan Ball, was inspired by his regular interactions with a teen Bible class at his local church, Lakeside Adventist church, on the central coast of New South Wales, and published by Signs Publishing Company.

Tackling the questions of the Bible's relevance to people today, *Can We Still Believe The Bible?* delves into history,

geography, language, cultures, archaeology, prophecy and the world today to discover if the Bible can be trusted.

Dealing with questions such as "What about translation?" "Is it really inspired?" and "Why does it matter to me?" Dr Ball provides thoughtful answers, which he hopes will provide young people with the answers they need about the Bible.

The NZCF tested the book on both young and older readers and received favourable responses.

"We believe the book has a wonderful message that people will be interested in," says Mrs Davies. "It does not promote a particular church but quietly leads readers to the conviction that they can believe the Bible and that it can have a positive impact on their lives. The book is written in an easy-to-read style and uses very intelligent reasoning."

The NZCF will send flyers about the free book offer to 100,000 homes in Auckland and New Zealand. Those in-



David and Joanne Davies, trustees of the NZCF, are excited about the free book project, which aims to distribute copies of *Can We Still Believe The Bible?* to homes in Auckland and Christchurch, NZ.

terested can request a free copy by contacting the NZCF via email, the internet or by post.

Homes that receive the free book will receive an evaluation form about the book six weeks later.

"We will connect them with a local church pastor or direct them to the [Adventist Discovery Centre's] online Bible-study website, depending on their response," says Mrs Davies. —Melody Tan

More @ <www.nzchristianfoundation.org.nz> and <www.canwestillbelievethe bible.com>.

◆ **Central Coast Adventist School (CCAS), Erina, NSW**, has been recognised as one of the **top 200 schools** across both public and private schools in New South Wales, based on the results of its **graduating class** for 2007. It is one of only four schools on the Central Coast to be included in this list and the only Adventist school in the state to be included. "I'm pleased that the school, as a representative of **Adventist education**, can be recognised for offering opportunities for academic success inside a comprehensive,

non-selective school. Adventist schools really do have a lot to offer and we can hold our heads high," says principal **Dean Bennetts**. CCAS would like to congratulate the 2007 HSC students and their teachers on such a fantastic result. The school has an enrolment of 850 for 2008. —**Brenton Luchow**

◆ **Sean Curry**, 2007 Dux of **Longburn Adventist College (LAC), Palmerston North, NZ**, has reason to smile. Not only did Sean recently gain an A+ in an **Auckland University** paper he



was taking, he was also awarded an undergraduate **study award** worth **\$NZ50,000**. This award will cover all his tuition, boarding, coaching and travel costs while he studies for a Bachelor of Science at Auckland University. LAC principal, **Bruce Sharp**, says, "We are intensely proud of what Sean has achieved. He has worked hard and thoroughly

deserves the success that has come his way. Not only is he a top student, he is a top athlete as well." —**Longburn Adventist College**

◆ **TV advertising** for a free viewing of *Digging Up the Past* videos will screen in the **Townsville** region on Southern Cross Television, February 9-17.

◆ **TV advertising** for a free viewing of *The Search 6* videos will screen in the **Northern Australian Conference's outback region** on 7 Central, February 9-17.

Victorian government recognises nutrition course

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

A vegetarian nutrition course, developed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, has been accredited by the Victorian state government.

The course, now recognised by the Victorian Qualifications Authority and part of the Australian Qualifications Framework, replaces the vegetarian nutrition presenters certificate, which was only church-recognised.

It is funded by the Sanitarium Nutrition Service.

Originally developed for Adventists, the vegetarian nutrition course features a spiritual dimension based on Bible principles. Local churches can now run programs for the community, with the support of a registered trainer.

Graduates from the course will receive

a TAFE-accredited Certificate IV, which is recognised in New Zealand as well as Australia.

Sibilla Johnson, director of Adventist Health Ministries for the Victorian Conference, saw the accreditation process through and stresses the need for more qualified staff.



Katie Glover participating in a recent nutrition course run by the Adventist church.

“The church has plans to develop a Diploma by 2009, so trainers are needed in every conference,” Mrs Johnson says. “We’re already booked out this year in Tasmania, New Zealand and Melbourne.”

Mrs Johnson

is currently the only registered trainer in the region.

Church members should contact their local conference for information on how to become a trainer or conduct their own vegetarian nutrition course.—*Kristina Malarek*

Hawera community benefits from CHIP

HAWERA, NEW ZEALAND

On December 11, 2007, a group of 63 adults graduated from the second Coronary Health Improvement Program (CHIP), held at the Hawera church, New Zealand. All participants achieved health improvements, lowering their cholesterol levels and risk of heart disease, stroke and hypertension by an average of 18.8 per cent.

This was a follow-up program, run by Hawera church, after conducting the first CHIP course in the North New Zealand Conference earlier last year. Dr Trevor Hurlow led the program with a group of helpers from the church. People were given tips on exercise and healthy recipes, and participants were encouraged to walk regularly.

By the end of the second program, they had collectively walked a distance further than the distance around the north and south islands of New Zealand.

Church pastor Marilyn Pasione says, “CHIP has been an important means of breaking down the barriers of many people in the community and church. Friendships have blossomed and they will continue to grow as ‘CHIPpers’ encourage one another at the monthly meetings.”—*RECORD staff/Marilyn Pasione*



◆ **Ferntree Gully church, Vic**, experienced a bittersweet Sabbath recently as they said goodbye to **Kylie Ward**, their pastor of four years, who left to take up the position of director of Women’s and Children’s Ministries for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. It was also a day of celebration as **Kay and Andy Jessen**, and **Kylie and Emily Wilson** were baptised.

During the baptismal service the Jessen’s son was also dedicated. Pastor Ward married Kay and Andy in September. Sisters, Kylie and Emily Wilson, have been attending the church for most of their lives. Pictured (left to right) are Andy and Kay Jessen, Emily Wilson, Kylie Ward and Kylie Wilson.—*Denise Allen*

◆ The worship service at **Taupou church, NZ**, on December 8, was led by the children, who regularly make up more than **50 per cent** of church attendance. The church, complete with windows, an exit



door and floor lighting down the aisle, was fitted out to resemble an **aircraft**. Its destination was heaven. The children, aged three to 14, sang items, as “in-flight entertainment” and acted out a skit about booking a flight to heaven. Three of the girls then presented the sermonette, reminding the congregation that life is a journey in need of divine direction. At one point, the

pilots for the day veered off course as they gave in to the devil’s temptations to ignore the control tower. They were saved by a Scripture reading from the control tower, which got them back on track. The day’s offering was taken care of by the efficient hostesses with their trolley while the congregation sang “**We’re flying to Zion!**” The highlight of the program was a commitment service taken by the pilot (pastor), in which **12 children** committed their lives to Jesus.—*Lynelle Laws*

◆ Quite a lot of history emerged

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ FEBRUARY 9—SOUTH PACIFIC RECORD OFFERING

Adventist church in Solomons reclaims missing members

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Members of Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Solomon Islands successfully visited the homes of almost 100 missing Adventist members recently.

A majority of those visited have indicated their interest to return to church sometime in the future and requested a second visit by church members. Bible studies are currently being conducted in the homes of some of those visited and several started attending church soon after the visitation program.

"I am happy to see a good number of church members involved in the visitation program," says Pastor George Fafale, Ministerial Association secretary for the Solomon Islands Mission. "This is one of the needful areas that had been neglected for years in some of our local churches. The results are exciting. There was also the joy and happiness on the faces of those who went visiting, fulfilling heaven's law that says, 'Give and it shall be given unto you.'"

Some 130 church members from Adventist churches around the Solomon Islands divided into groups to visit 48 homes, belonging to 96 missing members, all on one day. A let-

ter was sent to those to be visited a few days before visitation day.

The decision to visit missing church members was a direct result of a training program conducted by Pastor Gary Webster, Ministerial Association secretary for the South Pacific Division. Pastor Webster's presentation on reclaiming missing members and how to visit them challenged those who attended the training.

According to the reports given the next morning, almost all those visited were waiting for someone from the church to pay them a visit.

"All of them have expressed heartfelt thanks—some with tears—to the church for not forgetting them, and for their care and concern for the spiritual life and their salvation," says Pastor Fafale. "Those who were not at home on the day of the visitations were also visited during the week."

Some of those visited have expressed that one of their New Year's resolution is to return to church.

The visitation program is part of the preparation phase of a public campaign Pastor Webster will conduct in Honiara, the Solomon Island capital, in June.

—Melody Tan

Food ministry celebrates first year in hospital

SUVA, FIJI

The Bethany Food First Ministry—a health-food outlet at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva—has celebrated its first year in operation.

The unique food ministry has been coordinated by Atelini Dakua, with six Adventist church members from the local area, and has been attracting the patronage of staff members and patients. The hospital allowed the ministry to use the premises free-of-charge on the understanding they will provide a model of healthy living and eating, while acting as a supportive arm of the hospital.

Every Friday, the food ministry feeds mothers at the children's hospital, as well as visiting the terminally ill.

"Ellen White directed our church that the health message is the 'right hand' of the gospel and an 'opening wedge,'" says Mrs Dakua, "Yet methods that are clearly short cuts continue to be resorted to."

The group's priority, according to Mrs Dakua, is the fulfilment of the gospel commission, and hope that, through prayer, it will have a broad influence.

—RECORD staff/Peni Dakua

as the people attending the **70th anniversary** of the **Narrandera church, NSW**, began reminiscing and sharing together. Ninety-one-year-old **May Henning**, who lived in Narrandera in the 1960s with her late husband, **Wal**, flew in from Melbourne for the occasion, and was asked to cut the huge cake, made by the Narrandera Bakery. **Marjorie Jago**, who lived in the area as a child in the 1930s, also came from Melbourne to honour her father, who was pastor of the Narrandera church at that time. Families in Narrandera, whose ancestors were foundation mem-

bers, also attended. After lunch there was a screening of photos from friends and relatives, and many spoke of their families and connections with the church.

—Margaret Jones

◆ Church plants in the **Greater Sydney Conference** have experienced recent success, reports conference president **Pastor David Blanch**. **Xcell**, started by Avondale graduate **Frank Ropati** with about eight people, has grown to about 100 attending Sabbath events and 40 to 50 involved in small groups. The group targets young former

Adventists. **3AM**, run by **Strathfield Chinese church**, is run for Asian University students and has seen six baptisms. Other plants include **Church in the Fields**, at Macquarie Fields, and **Fountain in the City**.

—IntraSyd

◆ A most enjoyable banquet was planned, presented and hosted by a small group of young people from the **Timaru church**, South NZ. Not only did they plan, prepare and serve a delicious meal, they also created an ambient environment, performed musical items and cleaned up



afterward. The idea for hosting a dinner for the church family and friends grew from a Friday night home group, where the young people meet each week. **Tuhi**, the 21-year-old youth leader, said, "If we can do this for our church, imagine what we can do next year when our new minister (graduate Jason Hankinson) arrives."

—Yvonne Stewart

Sanitarium launches free cookbook for Australia

BERKELEY VALE, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Sanitarium Nutrition Service (SNS) has launched a free new cookbook in Australia as a service to the community, aimed at encouraging healthy eating habits.

The new book, *Everyday Essentials*, is printed by Signs Publishing Company and contains recipes, as well as a section on simple ways to care for the environment and how to substitute ingredients to make recipes gluten-free, lactose-free or wheat-free. *Everyday Essentials* also provides tips on caring for your body, mind, heart and spirit.

Angela Saunders, senior dietitian for SNS, says, "Real health and wellbeing means taking care of your 'whole self' and includes eating good quality food, keeping active both physically and mentally, and spending time with the people you care about.

"People should try to base most of what they eat on plant foods, such as fruits, vegetables, wholegrains, legumes, nuts and seeds. Combining this with some activity



The Sanitarium Nutrition Service team.

each day can actually help individuals to feel more energetic."

The offer ends on June 30 this year, with one copy of the book available to each person who calls the SNS.

Ms Saunders says, "Our team is committed to helping you live a happier, healthier life. The information we provide on healthy foods and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle is part of our service to the community—that's why it's free! We'd love to hear from you."—**RECORD staff/Angela Saunders**

You can order your free copy of *Everyday Essentials* in Australia by calling 1800 HEALTH (1800 432 584). For more information or if you've got nutrition questions for SNS, email <nutrition@sanitarium.com.au>.

Members asked to help with evangelism series

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Adventists church members throughout the South Pacific and around the world are being asked to help with a major evangelistic series in Christchurch early next year.

"This is going to be the most significant program South New Zealand (SNZ) has seen in a long time," says Pastor Craig Gillis, president of the South New Zealand Conference. "Church members should come along, not only to help but to listen to one of the most profound and successful speakers of the church."

John Carter, who was the main speaker at the recent SNZ Adventist campmeeting, will be presenting "The Carter Report" in Christchurch from 31 January to 28 February, 2009.

A series of programs and seminars will also be developed throughout this year to help equip and prepare church members in SNZ for "The Carter Report" program. A leadership summit has been scheduled for February, where leaders from every church in SNZ will learn about the effectiveness of small groups and how to run them.

—**Melody Tan**

◆ **Israeli scientists** say they've created the **world's smallest Hebrew Bible**—on a gold-coated silicon chip, smaller than a pinhead. Scientists at **Technion**, Israel's Institute of Technology, were able to pack the **308,428 words** on to a 0.5 mm square of silicon by etching its surface with particle beams. "*The Guinness Book of World Records* has a Bible 50 times bigger," said **Ohad Zohar**, who directed the project. He said he now wants to take pictures of the nano-Bible and blow it up to a seven-by-seven metre poster, which will make it "pos-

sible to read the entire bible with the naked eye."—**Ananova**

◆ If Western governments do not address the Muslim persecution and economic plight of **Palestinian Arab Christians**, there won't be many Christians left in the Holy Land within **15 years**, Israeli scholar **Justus Reid Weiner** said, speaking from the Jerusalem Centre for Public Affairs recently. Loss of employment, land seizures, attacks on churches, intimidation, torture, beatings, kidnappings, forced marriage and sexual harassment of Christian women are clear **human**

rights violations, which have contributed to the exodus of Christians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In **Bethlehem**, the Christian exodus has been most acute. "No one city in the Holy Land is more indicative of the great exodus of Christians than Bethlehem." Christians used to be the majority there. —**Ramon Williams**

◆ Italian film and opera legend **Franco Zeffirelli** says he has agreed to become an image consultant to **Pope Benedict XVI**. The pope does not have a "**happy image**," Mr Zeffirelli told

Italian daily *La Stampa*. "Coming after a pope as telegenic as **John Paul II** is a difficult task," he says. Mr Zeffirelli says Pope Benedict, elected in 2005, "comes across coldly, which isn't suited to his surroundings" and added that his wardrobe "should be reviewed." The 84-year-old director of the 1977 miniseries *Jesus of Nazareth* and 1968 film *Romeo and Juliet* says the pope's robes are "too sumptuous and flashy." He says they should instead reflect "the simplicity and sobriety seen in the other echelons of the Church."—**AFP**

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RECORD SURVEY

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About you

Age:

- Under 18 18-30
 31-45 46-65
 Over 65

Gender:

- Male Female

Church you attend:

- Small country church
 Large regional church
 Small city/suburban church
 Large city/suburban church
 No regular church

How often do you read RECORD:

- Never
 Less than once per month
 Most of the time
 Every issue

For how many years have you been reading RECORD?

- This is my first time ever
 Less than 3 years
 3–10 years
 10–20 years
 More than 20 years

Rating RECORD

How do you rate the different parts of RECORD?

	Very poor			OK		Excellent	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
News articles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
News in brief	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Editorials	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Feature articles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Perspective articles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Record Roo (children's corner)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Letters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Noticeboard	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Adventist World</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
RECORD overall	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Does RECORD report news you want from:

	Not enough			OK		Excellent	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
General Conference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
South Pacific Division headquarters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A variety of places across the South Pacific	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Your country	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Your conference/mission	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Local churches	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

What is the most memorable/enjoyable/interesting article or other item you have read in RECORD in the past year?

How do you rate the layout, design, and use of photos and illustrations in RECORD?

Dull			OK		Excellent	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Comments about RECORD's layout:



What would you like to see more of, less of or otherwise changed in RECORD?

Have you ever participated in a program or event, volunteered or applied for employment, made a donation, or bought a product or service, primarily as a result of seeing it advertised in RECORD?

Yes No

On average, about how much time do you spend reading RECORD each week?

Less than five minutes 5–15 minutes
 15–30 minutes
 More than 30 minutes

Getting the news

Do church leadership and church organisations communicate news and information effectively to church members?

Not at all		OK		Well informed		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Comment:

From what sources do you get news and information about the Adventist church?

(Please number your top 4 news sources from 1 = most important to 4 = less important.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventist News Network—website or bulletin | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hope Channel | <input type="checkbox"/> RECORD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Do you feel you have enough access to news and information about the church?

Yes No

RECORD online

Have you ever accessed RECORD online at <www.record.net.au>?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Never | <input type="checkbox"/> Just once or twice |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Every issue | |

How often would you use a more interactive RECORD website?

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What features would encourage you to use a more interactive RECORD website?

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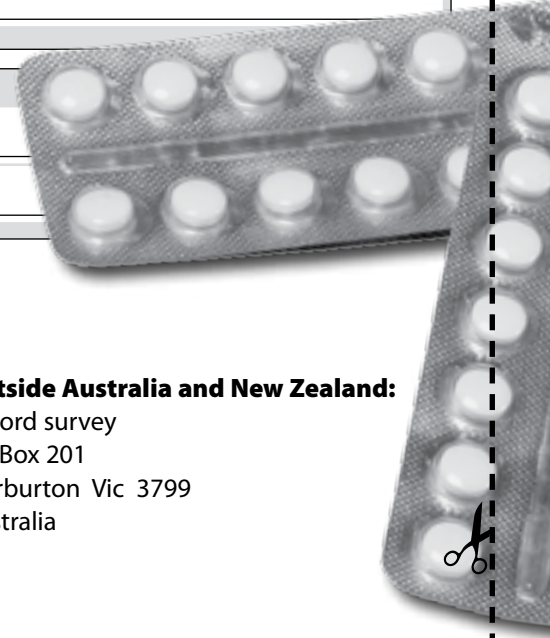
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The risks of health

BY DOUG MCLEOD

THE ESSENCE OF A HEALTHY LOCAL church is one that is being driven by an outwardly focussed vision. Such a church fills a space of relevant need and expression in its community, and so has a platform to take the gospel to its immediate world.

By contrast, an “unhealthy” church is inwardly focussed—so wrapped up and insulated in its culture, ministry operation and political function that it has lost contact with its immediate social environment. Such a church survives by keeping, maintaining and attracting existing church members.

One “looks out;” the other “looks in.” One concerns itself with the needs of the community; the other concerns itself with the needs of the church. And this happens at local churches as well as at wider levels.

This is not a philosophical debate but a practical reality. Many churches are convicted they should be “looking out” but the practical reality of their operation is the opposite. They exist to perpetuate themselves, not to serve. Even their occasional evangelistic intent is to meet their own needs by boosting numbers in the pews and the resources of the church, rather than being driven by a passion to serve and save the truly lost for God’s kingdom.

The Adventist church has a wonderful legacy of taking the gospel to the world, with a healthy outward focus on what we call the “medical missionary work.” The prominence of this outward focus cannot be overestimated in the establishment of our church.

Ellen White wrote, “Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel. It is necessary to the advancement of the cause of God. As through it men and women are led to see the importance of right habits of living, the saving power of the truth will be made known” (*Counsels on Health*, page 219).

There could hardly be a stronger statement. This was a thriving ministry of our church, as we met a huge need in a time



when good medical facilities and practice were scarce. And we won the hearts of countless people for God’s kingdom. However, with the development of medical facilities and practice in many parts of the world in the past century, this need no longer exists as it once did.

So does this mean the “right arm” of the gospel at a local church level is now paralysed? I would suggest the opposite.

The early Adventist church based this ministry on the methodology of Jesus: “The Saviour gave the disciples practical lessons, teaching them how to work in such a way as to make souls glad in the truth. He sympathised with the weary, the heavy-laden, the oppressed. He fed the hungry and healed the sick. Constantly He went about doing good. By the good He accomplished, by His loving works and kindly deeds, He interpreted the gospel to men” (*Counsels on Health*, page 498).

Taking such ministry forward today is simply to invest our efforts directing our focus to the real needs of people in the immediate community surrounding our churches.

And what are these needs? The best judges will be the local church members, who take the time and effort to find out

how and why people are “weary, heavy-laden and oppressed” in the communities surrounding the church.

Single-parent families, neglected children with working parents, young people with no positive outlet for their energies, spousal abuse, lonely refugee communities with poor language skills, drug and alcohol abuse, families without community support tearing apart, gambling problems, and simply no-one in the community who really cares. The list could go on.

Should you be brave enough to direct the majority of the energy and resources of your local church to meeting these needs, these objectives will be achieved:

- The legacy of our medical ministry work is continued, and the local church becomes “healthy” as its reason for being changes from mere survival to a vision of growing God’s kingdom by revealing His love in practice and in word; and
- To bring the kingdom of God into the arena of your community; to put self aside and serve others’ needs, opening hearts to the gospel. To lead people down the path of love, then to the Saviour at the foot of the cross, through the doors of your church and into a “healthy” body of Christ, to discover a place of discipleship, spiritual gifts and service to God and humanity.

So, are we willing to lay aside those aspects of our church culture that are a barrier to meeting society? Are we willing to give up our power base—our place of influence—and allow the Holy Spirit to lead and raise up ministries and people in our church? Are we willing to change? Are we willing to risk becoming healthy?

The cost of becoming such a church will be significant but we must be willing to pay that price. **R**

Doug McLeod is a local church pastor in Auckland, New Zealand.

Planning for mission

BY BARRY OLIVER

MANY TIMES I AM ASKED “Just where is the church going?” Some people who ask that question do so because they are dissatisfied or even critical of the church. Most ask it because they want to see their church being true to the commission given it by God and becoming a church that meets their deepest needs.

Because we share a common interest in what is happening in the church, I would like to discuss with you some practical issues that arise from time to time in the life of our church in the South Pacific. Initially, many of these discussions will consider the major focus areas, and strategic goals that form the Strategic Plan of the South Pacific Division.

First, I would like to provide an overview of the Strategic Plan of the South Pacific Division. This plan has been voted by our division executive committee. It should be of interest and concern to every church member in this region.

A major cultural shift has been taking place throughout our church in the South Pacific. We are thinking much more strategically now than we ever have before. And I am not just talking about large entities, such as the division executive committee or Pacific Adventist University. I would like to think I am talking about your local church as well.

We are all becoming more intentional about defining our goals and objectives; planning and resourcing our strategies to achieve our goals and objectives; and then being honest enough to assess our effectiveness and evaluate our success or failure. We need to continue to develop our capacity to look objectively at ourselves. That is strategic thinking.

I know that there will be some who will respond by saying that “we should leave our success or failure up to God. After all, it is His work in which we are engaged and He has promised that He will be present Himself in the form of the Holy Spirit. Surely God Himself takes responsibility for the success of His work.”

Of course, the work is God’s work. Of course, we have the privilege of stepping out and working with Him (if we were really serious about that, by the way, we may be surprised where He will lead us). Of course He has promised the Holy Spirit and, of course, He is good to His word.

But it is precisely because this is God’s work, precisely because He invites us to come with Him, precisely because we are assured of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, that there can be no excuse for slackness and mediocrity. We are not talking about an “either/or” situation here. We are talking “both/and.” We are talking about careful planning, resourcing and action, together with actively experiencing the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

God asks nothing more or less than our best. He asks us to be intentional, thoughtful and prayerful. He asks us to carefully consider what we are doing in our service for Him and why we are doing it. While as a church we have always been proactive in planning and resourcing our work, and while we have been blessed by God in much of what has been accomplished, we have not always been as thorough as we should have been in evaluating our outcomes. Careful, honest evaluation provides the best opportunity for growth and development. Strategic thinking enables us to assess our successes or failures—our strengths and weaknesses—and react appropriately.

Because the territory of the division covers some 17 countries, many hundreds of cultures, languages and specific contexts, its strategic plan must be drawn in broad brushstrokes to serve the needs of the whole church within the South Pacific region. Unions, conferences, missions, institutions, local churches and all other entities will have strategic plans, which will be integrative with the plans of the division but that will enable the church in each specific context to contribute to the fulfilment of our mission.

The strategic plan of the South Pacific Division has seven major focus areas. This strategic plan does not attempt to include



everything the church does. There are many other things we do and must do. Rather, these focus areas are practical categories to which it has been agreed that we need to give particular attention at this time.

Further, I am not describing here the more precise, measurable strategic goals and action steps which have now been articulated in each of these focus areas by each of the division departments, services and institutions. The document setting out the strategic plan in its entirety is huge. It has been developed and is reviewed annually by the division executive committee.

The seven focus areas are:

1. Grace:

The undeserved, redeeming, transforming attitude and action of God toward sinners—“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Strategic objective: To encourage the church to embrace grace as a gift of God in Jesus Christ. The aim will be for each member to:

- Know grace as the basis of assurance of salvation
- Experience the transformational grace of God
- Share the grace of God by respecting diversity and difference.



2. Worship:

The response of God's people to everything that God is and does—"Fear God and give Him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come, and wor-

ship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water" (Revelation 14:7).

Strategic objective: To inspire the church to respond to God in worship. The aim will be for each member to:

- Know that a relationship with God involves personal and corporate worship
- Experience personal worship through prayer, praise, study and response
- Share the joy that is experienced through worship with others.

3. Discipleship:

The growing, dynamic, witnessing relationship between God and each believer—"As you go, make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Fa-

ther, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Strategic objective: To educate the church to appreciate and practice discipleship. The aim will be for each member to:

- Know that we are each called to be a disciple
- Experience the nurture and growth that comes with discipleship
- Share in the commitment to disciple others.

4. Community:

The oneness that builds relationship and fellowship among God's people, and which compels them to respond with compassion, bringing healing to a world

in need—"As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. . . . I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all

be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:18, 20, 21).

Strategic objective: To train the church to serve people and build the community of faith. The aim will be for each member to:

- Know that God has called us to be one
- Experience loving relationships, a sense of belonging and the call to service
- Share love and the Adventist hope with the wider community through practical ministry.

5. Identity:

Confidence in, and ownership of, the special message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;

also an authentic, positive, relevant image of the church in the community—"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Strategic objective: To teach the church to cherish our unique identity. The aim will be for each member to:

- Know the unique message and mission of the church
- Experience confidence in the prophetic role of the church
- Share the relevance of the Adventist hope and message in a positive and authentic way.

6. Leadership:

Empowering, compassionate, informed service in the community of faith which inspires confidence, projects vision, and equips others for service—

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18); "I am among you as one who serves" (Luke 22:27).

Strategic objective: To equip the church to effectively utilise its gifts of leadership. The aim will be for leaders to:



- Know the meaning of servant leadership and God's will for their leadership
- Experience growth and empowerment
- Share vision and compassion, inspire confidence and equip others for service.

7. Governance:

Efficient, effective and functional structures and systems which facilitate the fulfilment of the mission of the church and which promote compassionate care for its human resources—"All things should be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40).

Strategic objective: To ensure that each entity in the church will:

- Know and understand its role and sphere of influence within the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Ensure accountability, corporate compliance and transparency
- Pursue best practice and be effective and efficient in its structural operation.

May I encourage you to review these focus areas. May I further encourage you to consider ways in which you may incorporate some or all of them into the strategic plan of the church entity to which you belong—your local church, your mission, your conference, your union. May God bless us together as we enjoy the benefits of careful strategic thinking and experience the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. **R**

Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division.



I like the summer

BY CAROLYNN CARNEGIE

LIKE THE LONG DAYS, WITH MORE TIME TO BE AWARE OF GOD'S presence.

I like the peace of a still, warm night. God feels close in the quiet of the night.

I like seeing the moon light up the sky with all stars shining too, sensing God and all His angels dwelling above.

I like the beautiful pink sunsets that show beauty on God's large open canvas.

I like the dawning of a new day, to walk and talk with God before the sun rises.

I like watching the birds play under the sprinkler, and remember God providing the fountain of life.

I like watching the flowers dancing with joy in the summer breeze with love for their Maker.

I like the abundance of fresh fruit, thinking of the Garden of Eden as a paradise of fruiting delights.

I like standing under a cool, shady tree, like standing with the One who provides all the needs of each day.

I enjoy eating ice-cream, knowing that God has sweeter treats to come.

I like the summer—I like the warmth of God's love every minute of the day. **R**

Carolynn Carnegie submitted this poem by email.

Record Roo



Hi kids!

What is your favourite part of the Creation story? When God made the stars, or humans? My favourite part is when He made animals!

Bible Text

And God said, "Let the _____ teem with living _____..." So God created the great creatures of the _____ and every living and moving thing with which the _____ teems...
Genesis 1:20, 21

And God said, "Let the _____ produce living creatures according to their kinds: _____, creatures that _____ along the _____, and wild _____..." Genesis 1:24 NIV

Unscramble

Can you make sense of these words? Here's a hint - in the first list are names of creatures you would find on the land and in the second list are names of creatures you would find in the water.

See if you can unscramble the letters and write the real names next to each one.

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REITG _____
NATLEPEH _____
PITAPPOSHOMU _____
NOLI _____
REDE _____
LOKAA _____
CHEDINA _____



HOESREAS _____
TANGYIRS _____
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Answers: zebra, cheetah, tiger, elephant, hippopotamus, lion, deer, koala, echidna, seahorse, stingray, octopus, shark, dolphin, whale, eel, starfish, seal

Plane speaking

EVA EVERETT, NSW

I agree completely with the “Aviation frustration” letters (Letters, December 22). Every word is true—no need for me to repeat it, except to say I don’t feel it’s God’s will to close the Avondale School of Aviation.

To do that would mean mission work in Papua New Guinea would fall flat and who could live with that on their conscience?

God’s ways are not always man’s ways and I am praying earnestly that God will overrule and keep our flying school operating.

Building for Jesus?

K MCMAHON, QLD

What a great idea—giving money to Pacific islands for building simple, low-cost, multipurpose church buildings (“SPD to help fund urban churches,” News, December 15).

Maybe we should extend this plan to Australia, and have all future churches here built as simple, low-cost, multipurpose structures. Think of the thousands—even hundreds of thousands—of dollars that could be saved by eliminating elaborate or unnecessary features. Churches can be comfortable and respectable without being extravagant.

If we spent less on new church buildings and put the money saved to better use, what a blessing it would be. If Jesus were building our churches, what would He do?

Creation, every day

JOANNE PLANT, NSW

With due respect to the intention of the article “Creation every day” (Feature, December 1) to honour God as Creator, I believe the article unwittingly undercut the creative power of God by suggesting the creation of a human baby takes place only with his or her first indrawn breath.

The Bible clearly points out that although mother and father have the privilege of sharing with God in the creation of a baby, God is deeply involved from the

first moments of conception. It is God who enfolds a baby in the womb, and covers him or her with a body (see Psalm 139:1, 13). It is in response to this covering that David sings, “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14, KJV).

There is a difference between the creation of Adam and the manner in which a baby is created by human reproduction.

Clearly, we must all acknowledge that what we are doing corporately is not working well.

Since Cain, both oxygen and life are passed down to a child by the parents through the power of God.

It is an important issue, because unfortunately, there are some in this world who would use this article’s formulation as an excuse for doing away with an unborn life that is inconvenient to them.

The Bible, however, shows that God already has loving plans for the lifework of the unborn—an example of which even includes one expectant mother being warned to guard her child from the dangers of alcohol consumption in utero (Judges 13:3-5).

Losing our religion

FRANCO GIARRAPUTO, QLD

The news report “Secretary reports growth—and plans for more” (News, December 15) appeared to put a rather triumphalist and positive spin on the report of the outgoing South Pacific Division (SPD) general secretary to the SPD executive committee. The article failed to provide any meaningful analysis—or proposed solutions—of the tragic reality highlighted by the statistics, which show 17,950 people joined the church in the SPD in 2006 but this was “offset” by a devastating 11,323 (63 per cent of gains) of our brothers and sisters who were “lost.”

I don’t wish to belittle the actual numerical growth—6627 precious souls who gave their lives to the Lord during this period—nor of the complex mix of what constitutes losses, including deaths and geographical losses, which in the past have nevertheless been identified as a small minority when

compared to the so-called “apostasies” or true losses.

But the statistics for the Australian Union are even worse. In July, the president, Pastor Chester Stanley, was reported as feeling “frustrated” by the church’s lack of growth in Australia (“Loss of members a ‘major issue’ for Adventist church,” News, July 28). The 2006 census of the Australian population appeared to reveal

an increase of only “2500 Adventists in the past 10 years.”

At the recent South Queensland Conference session, the secretary noted, with great sadness, a recurring phenomenon that in the past triennium, more than 318 members had been lost to the church.

All this seems extraordinary to me, in an age when more qualified human and financial resources have been channelled into a range of evangelistic approaches to attract people to our church than any other time in history. Clearly, we must all acknowledge that what we are doing corporately is not working well.

While it is heartening to note that “strategic plans” are being put in place at both the SPD and conference levels, the onus seems to fall on the local church.

I would like to suggest and encourage our leadership and membership to consider potential solutions to this crisis as a matter of urgency, such as establishing a members retention and reclaiming centre to help churches keep members; establishing evaluation processes for evangelistic programs to ascertain whether they work or not; analysing individual churches and their losses to find out why they have occurred and for experts to work with them; and to regularly review and evaluate how we are doing at every level of church governance.

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Anniversaries

Easthope, Douglas and Marjorie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends on 16.12.07. The couple were married on 17.12.1947. They



were joined by their children, Peter and David, and Susanne Munro and their respective spouses, as well as three of six grandchildren; to enjoy a happy family celebration at the home of Bryce (nephew) and Robyn Richardson at Rathmines, NSW.

Whyte, Amos (Moss) and Marjory were married 65 years ago on 24.12.1942, in the West End Baptist church, Adelaide, SA. Congratulations from the Prime Minister, the Governor-general and other lo-



cal identities were read out at the family celebration. They parented two children, Ruth (deceased) and Alan, and continue to enjoy close relationships with family. They couple are celebrating with a trip to Perth. Marj is still a valiant collector for ADRA, with Moss as her key support. They have been regular attenders of Trinity Gardens church for many years and their church family would also like to wish them God's continued blessing.

Weddings

Apineru—McGrath. Apineru Apineru, son of Rev Siviamoso and Filiata Apineru (New Zealand), and Carla Joy McGrath, daughter of Geoffrey and Debra McGrath (Baulkham Hills, NSW), were married on 16.12.07 in Galston church, NSW.

Bevan Craig

Bergemann—Barrett. David Anthony Erick Bergemann, son of Paul and Toni Bergemann (Imbil, Qld), and Juanita Natasha Barrett, daughter of Graeme and Frances Barrett (Qld), were married on 15.12.07 on the property of Paul and Toni Bergemann, Imbil.

Phil Downing

Chuang—He. Raymond Chuang, son of Chian Hui and Siok Kee Chuang (Kuching, Malaysia), and Chai Tian He, daughter of Mr and Mrs Herman Susilo He (Jakarta, Indonesia), were married on 9.12.07 in the Polish Adventist church, Oakleigh, Vic.

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Frew—Hergenhan. Adrian Geoffrey Frew, son of Geoffrey and Suzanne Frew (Central Coast, NSW), and Nancy Hergenhan, daughter of Barry and Nola Hergenhan (Booral), were married on 9.12.07 in St Patricks of Nulkaba.

Bevan Craig

Hawken—Ludlow. Scott Liam Hawken, son of Graham and Maree Hawken (Coooranbong, NSW), and Karly Jane Ludlow, daughter of Richard and Debra Ludlow (Yarrahapinni), were married on 23.9.07 in Port Macquarie church.

Bevan Craig

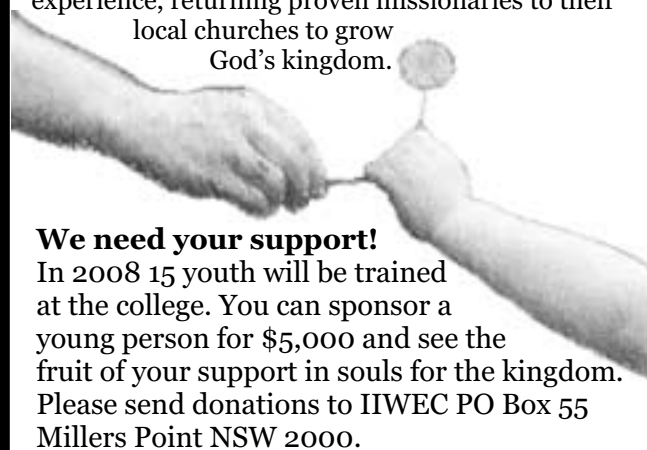
Ryan—Greive. Owen Jonathan Ryan, son of Owen and Anna Ryan (Apia, Samoa), and Alysia Faye Greive, daughter of Adrian and Kaye Greive (Charlestown, NSW), were married on 14.12.07 in Toronto church.

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Obituaries

Coone, Ronald Richard, born 13.1.1929 in Paddington Hospital, NSW; died 11.12.07 in Sacred Heart Hospice, Sydney. He was survived by his sisters, Valerie Ford (Engadine) and Joy James (Sydney). Ron was a faithful member of the Manly-Warringah church for many years and faithfully served as church clerk, deacon etc. Ron never married but looked after his mother until she died.

Gilberto Dias

Epps, Henry (Harry) Charles, born 17.9.1910 in Melbourne, Vic; died 22.12.07 at Nambour, Qld. On 22.12.1934, he married Grace Madeline Johnson, a loving union that spanned 73 years to the day. He was predeceased by his only son, Donald, in 1997. He is survived by his wife; his two sisters; his four daughters and their spouses, Carol and Carl Stoneman, Denise and Les King, Gloria and Tony Kuyper, and Antonette and Glen Mattingley; his 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. From 1940 to 1945, Harry was a Naval Reservist. In 1955, he teamed up with son-in-law Carl as Stoneman and Epps Builders. Together, they built the Croydon and Burwood churches, and extended Warburton church and the Signs Publishing Company, along with many others. They also worked on Coronella Homes and the original schools at Nunawading. In 1973, Harry and Grace retired to the Sunshine Coast, where he built their retirement home and assisted in the building of Nambour church. Full of life, he celebrated his

96th and 97th birthdays by taking his first tandem skydives. He is sadly missed by family and friends alike. How wonderful to be all together once more—for eternity! Maranatha.

Lionel Smith, Bob Possingham

Jeans, Dorothy May (nee Maxwell), born 18.1.1930 at Dromana, Vic; died 10.11.07 in Mt Olivet Hospice, Brisbane, Qld. In 1952, she married Donald Henry Jeans, who predeceased her in 1995. She is survived by Diane Jeans (Brisbane), David Jeans (Hunter Valley, NSW) and Denver Jeans (Beecac, Vic). Dorothy spent many years as a doctor's secretary at Warburton, Vic, where she was very active in the Dorcas Society. She also sang in the church choir. In her later years, she moved to Queensland. Dorothy showed a lot of courage and faith and now she sleeps, awaiting the Lifegiver.

Linda McWilliam, Bob Possingham


Mills, Colleen Elizabeth (nee Craig), born 12.12.1953 at Newcastle, NSW; died 22.11.07 in Toronto Private Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Clarence; and her four sons, Christopher, Glenn, James and Raiman (all of Cooranbong). Colleen was a loved and respected member of the Dora Creek church. She will be sadly missed. Despite her sickness this past year, her faith was strong and she was not afraid, and now sleeps peacefully waiting for Jesus to return.

Aaron Jeffries

Mondy, Anthony Charles Joseph, born 24.1.1923 at Cabramatta, NSW; died 24.12.07 at Ourimbah. He is survived

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by his wife, Gloria; his eight children, Suzanne, Patricia, Anthony, Jonathon, David, Peter, Geoffrey and Gloria; and his 14 grandchildren. The service was held at the Palmdale Crematorium, Ourimbah, on December 28. Tony served the Ourimbah church for many years in many capacities. He was highly respected in the community, and family and friends gathered in the church after the Palmdale service to reflect on the good life Tony shared with so many. We are confident that Tony will be called forth on the Resurrection morning, because of his dedication to the Lord and His church.

Gordon Lee, Janice Augustinsen

Ross, Patricia Victoria, born 17.3.1943 in Sydney, NSW; died 11.11.07 at Taree. She is survived by her husband, Roy; and her adult children, Linda, Jodie, Emma and Jodie Marlin. Though not a regular church attendee, Vicki died in the certainty of a resurrection to eternal life.

Mike Brounhill

Rushworth, Vera May, born 28.7.1918 at Botany, NSW; died 28.11.07 at Coffs Harbour. Vera was predeceased by her husband, Albert. She is survived by her children, David, Beverley and Paul. Vera fought the good fight of faith, and took hold of eternal life. She now rests in Christ, waiting to again take up the worship she gave Him to the last.

Colin Dunn

Steel, Rhoda Catherine, born 3.7.1917; died 24.12.07 in Port Macquarie Base

Hospital, NSW. In May 1940, she married Roy, who predeceased her in December 1979. Rhoda was baptised in Wagga church, December 1952. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Southwell (Port Macquarie); and her son, Archie (Dubbo). Rhoda was a strong, committed Adventist, who loved her Lord and her church. Her greatest desire was to see Jesus return, and she frequently spoke of the nearness of his coming and the need to be ready. By God's grace, we covenant to greet her on the great Resurrection morning.

Nicu Dumbrava

Siekla, Marta, born 25.8.1946 at Cieszyn, Poland; died suddenly 25.11.07 in Epworth Hospital, Vic. On 11.11.1963, she married Joseph at Cieszyn. She is survived by her husband (Oakleigh, Vic); her son, Mirek (Noble Park); her daughter, Joanne (Glass House Mnts, Qld); her two sisters, Krystyna and Janna; their respective spouses and families; and her four grandchildren, Daniel, Michael, Natalie and Kasia; as well as all the extended family, friends and Polish Adventist community. Despite years of poor health, Marta was known for her positive attitude to life for loving her God, her family, music and flowers. She was very generous, kind, hospitable and loving. See you in the morning of a new day.

Pawel Ustupski, Slawek Malarek

Todd, Janice Isabel (nee Walker), born 9.8.1941 at Townsville, Qld; died 17.12.07 of cancer in Caloundra Adventist Nursing Home. On 25.10.1964, she married Mervyn Alan Todd. She is survived by her husband (Caloundra); her son, Clin-

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ton, and his wife, Honey (Calgary); and her grandsons, Rhian and Sean. Jan was a wonderful Christian who made a powerful impact on her family, her church and her community. Her courage and positive attitude to the end made a profound impact on many, including hospital staff. "You have earned your rest until the morning."

John Rabbas, Bob Possingham

Toon, Muriel Mavis, born 5.10.1914 at Rockhampton, Qld; died 19.12.07 in Bethany Nursing Home, Rockhampton. Muriel, a quiet and unassuming lady, kept mainly to herself. She never married and outlived most of her family. Though small in stature, Muriel was a giant among Christians, witnessing for and about her Lord at every possible opportunity. Thank you, Muriel, for being such a powerful inspiration to Christians throughout Capricornia. We are better for having known you. Until we meet again at the promised Resurrection, we bid you goodnight.

Andy Krause

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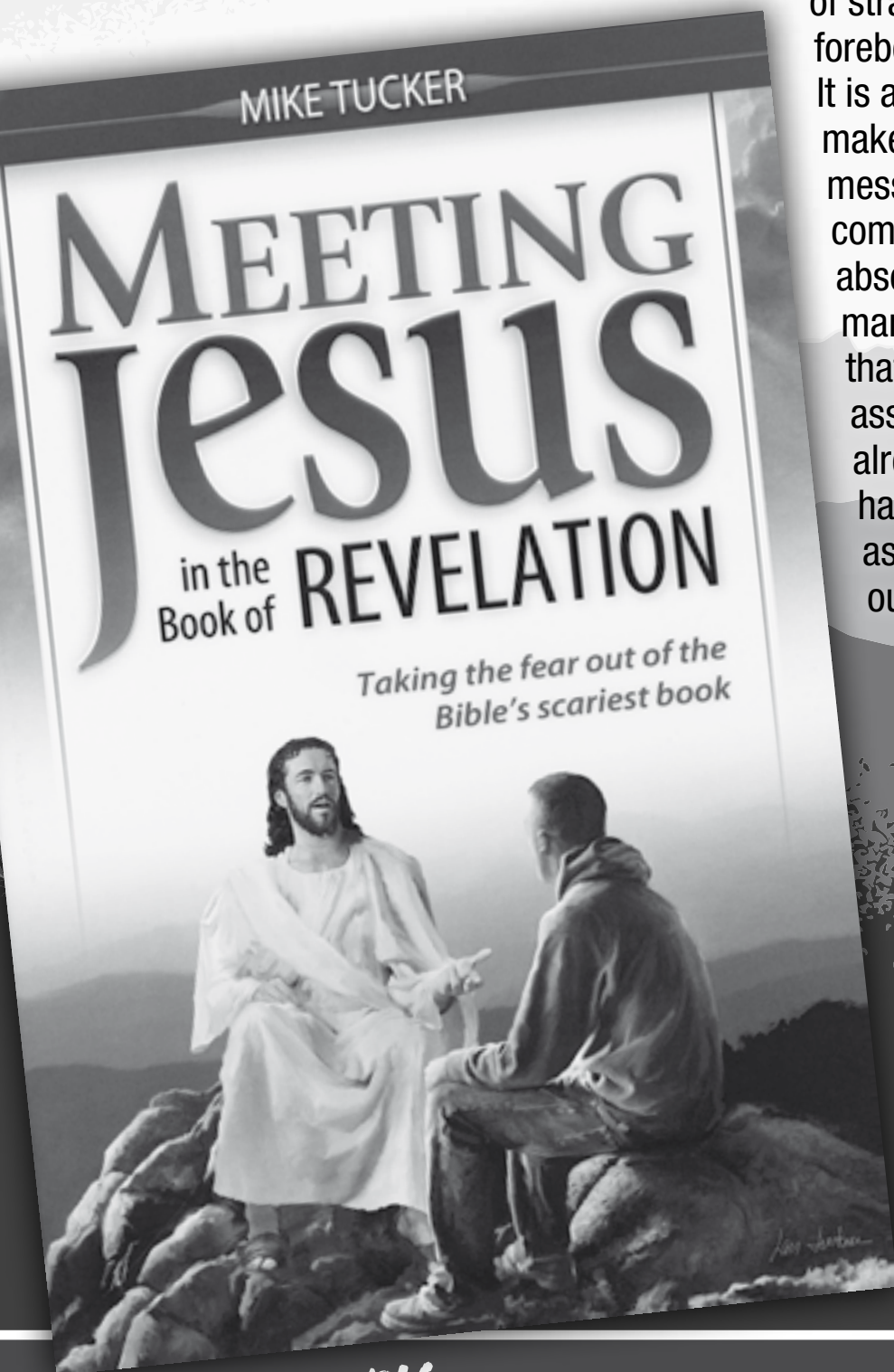
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