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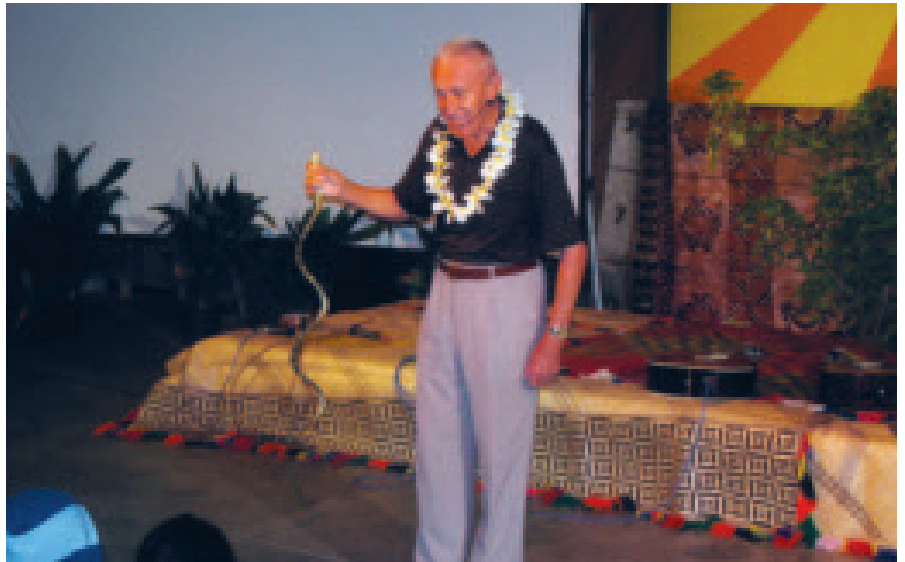
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PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A collection of stories of growing up in the Australian bush found a new generation of listeners—and readers—at the Western Australian Conference campmeeting over the Easter weekend.

Pastor Errol Wright told his "Bill" stories to the junior and upper primary groups at the campmeeting, launching his collection of these stories as *Bill's Bush Adventures* at the same time.

"I have been telling these stories in the years since my retirement," says Pastor Wright. "When I continued to be busy preaching, I decided to develop some of

the stories from my childhood and had a good response, so continued to tell them and develop them."

Pastor Wright credits the Geraldton church (WA), of which he was caretaker-pastor in 2003 and 2004, with encouraging him to write his stories. Even when children were not present, he says, the church members would request one of the stories in the worship service. "Many of the older people who heard me tell the stories said they are looking forward to reading the book," he says.

Bill's Bush Adventures includes 40 stories
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of life as it was lived during World War II in the Taree and Forster regions of New South Wales. “It’s a window into what has been forgotten by most people,” Pastor Wright explains. “Today, there are a lot of stories being told we don’t need. The world will be better off when we tell true stories that are so easily forgotten. It doesn’t hurt kids to discover that life was different and not so easy in earlier days.”

But Pastor Wright is careful about over-moralising in the stories he shares. “Kids don’t want just a moral at the end of the story,” he says. “It is better when the moral comes through the whole story and it is not so necessary to have the ‘moral of the story’ at the end.

“Apart from the gentle moral lessons the stories carry, I hope the book stimulates their interest in reading true stories. We hear kids aren’t reading enough these days, so I hope the book stimulates their interest in reading, as well as getting outdoors in

the bush and appreciating the fun that can be had there.”

Pastor Wright believes including a children’s story time in church is a vital part of the worship service. “It is important because it is often the only time the minister gets the chance to sit down with kids,” he says. “Even if you visit a family, you are usually visiting the parents, not the kids. So that 10 minutes of storytelling before the sermon is a special time with the kids. But the other aspect is to have a story that fits with the sermon. This has been an important part of my ministry.”

This approach worked well at the Western Australian campmeeting, both in their daily telling and with strong sales of the published form after the book was launched in the Adventist Book Centre’s book hour on March 23.

Illustrated by Pastor Wright’s daughter, Linda Bryan, *Bill’s Bush Adventures* is published by Signs Publishing Company and now available in Adventist Book Centres.

—**Nathan Brown**

Avondale students receive scholarships

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Ninety-seven Avondale College students were honoured on March 12, receiving scholarships and awards for 2008. The ceremony took place during forum at Avondale’s Lake Macquarie campus.

More than 20 different types of scholarships and awards were presented. Thirteen students received the “President’s scholarship,” which is awarded to Australian and New Zealand applicants in selected secondary schools who anticipate a tertiary entrance rank in the top 20 per cent and who are a peer leader, making an outstanding contribution to their community.

The “Foundation academic excellence scholarships” are awarded to Australian and New Zealand applicants who received a tertiary entrance rank in the top 10 per cent of the state, territory or country, and are enrolled in a three or four year degree program. Fourteen students received the award, which is worth up to \$A27,500.

Three new scholarships were also introduced; the “Campus life,” “Community service” and “Leadership” scholarships. Ten of these new scholarships are available each year for new students, with two for returning students.

—**Brenton Stacey**

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World Mission Budget Offering for Expats

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Today’s worldwide offering is the first of three for the year and will go to the World Mission budget at the General Conference (GC) for the Interdivision Employment (IDE) program. It will be directed specifically to support the employment of approximately 700 expatriate missionaries around the world.


The GC supports a worldwide mission program, which supplies church employees in a wide range of professions and skills. Modern missionaries come from more than just the European and North American base, as was traditionally the case. They include medical specialists, accountants, IT managers, teachers and administrators, as well as pastors.

“With problems such as restricted entry to some countries, the threat of terrorism and political coups, and the high cost of medical and educational support for missionary families, the missionary program of the Adventist Church faces many challenges and high expenses,” says Pastor Ray Coombe, director of Adventist Mission for the South Pacific Division (SPD).

Pretraining in cross-cultural ministry is given to all expat missionaries at Mission Institutes, and re-entry orientation is given to returning missionaries. In the SPD, there are a number of IDE missionaries, who come from countries such as the Philippines, Brazil, Mauritius, Canada and Denmark to work. There are also missionaries from the SPD serving in Thailand, Africa, the UK, Switzerland, Singapore and the USA.

For the past two years, the April World Mission Budget Offering in the SPD has totalled approximately \$A100,000 per year.

—**RECORD staff/Ray Coombe**



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Grants help churches around the SPD

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Grants totalling \$A2.37 million dollars have been announced by Rod Brady, senior treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific, in order to help purchase new church properties in Australia and New Zealand.

Church leaders are concerned that few new churches have been established in major cities. "We are focusing more on the needs of local churches," says Mr Brady. "This major initiative signals a new day of greater assistance to local churches."

His announcement coincided with Australian media reports, which said property in Australia is now among the least affordable in the English-speaking world.

Immediate assistance will be given to the Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt churches in Queensland, the Gateway and Northpoint churches in Victoria, and the Haven church in Nelson, New Zealand.

While the funds will assist with new church acquisitions, new borrowing policies will allow churches to also obtain loans for more than 10 years. In May 2009, applications for assistance will again be considered.

In addition, the General Conference (GC) has allocated more than \$A300,000 to support the building of 26 churches around the South Pacific by the Centre for Church Planting and Global Mission Committee.

This money is leftover from the GC "Hands Across the World" (HAW) Offering, which was collected at the 1995 General Conference Session. "The HAW offering has already funded the building of scores of churches in our division prior to the year 2000," says Pastor Ray Coombe, director of Adventist Mission for the SPD, "but a small balance remaining at the GC was available for redistribution."

Conferences and missions were invited to submit applications for HAW funds, on the understanding that they represented new church plants since 1995 or an urgent need for a church building.

The allocations made by the Global Mission Committee range from small grants of just \$A3000 for small village chapels up to \$A20,000 for island town churches. The largest grant was \$A70,000, which goes toward a much-needed church building at



Members of this church in Rotuma, Fiji, will get some reimbursement and can add extra facilities.

Kone in the north of New Caledonia.

Applications came predominantly from the island missions and represent requests from Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea.

"The HAW project was a great blessing to our island communities, which have always struggled to find sufficient funds for purchasing building materials," says chairman of the Global Mission Committee, Dr Brad Kemp, who was himself in Papua New Guinea when the HAW funds first came through. "This has been a great boost to our members in the Pacific, who can now worship under a roof."—*RECORD staff/Ray Coombe*



◆ An open discussion about the "Harry Potter" books and movies was held at **Croatian St Albans church**, western Melbourne, Vic, March 15. **Vladimir Jakopanetz** led a heated debate with special guests, including a journalist, teacher, pastor, librarian and three teenagers. The public also got involved, asking questions and participating in the discussion. The major-

ity agreed that Harry Potter has the potential to have a large effect on our children, because it commercialises spiritism and occultism.

—*Damir Posavac*

◆ **TV advertising** for a free viewing of the *Search 6* videos will screen in **Wollongong city and the south coast of NSW** on Prime Television, April 19 to 27.

◆ A group from **Young church, NSW**, were some of the 51 locals who collected 201 10-kilogram bags of rubbish off the streets for Clean up Australia day, organ-

ised by Tidy Towns. The group filled two one-tonne trucks with bags of collected litter.

—*The Young Witness*

◆ Third-generation member of **Ballarat church, Vic**, **Joshua Wood, 21**, has been nominated for the **2008 Australia Day—Young Citizen of the Year Award**. He is involved with a range of projects, working with youth in the wider Ballarat community. Mr Wood was a coordinator of the **Stuffest Youth Festival** in 2005 and 2006. He also undertook a mentoring role in the

Youth Council in 2007, to assist young people in understanding governance. Mr Wood was part of the City of Ballarat **Youth Council** and also organised the **2007 Youth Recognition Awards**. He has completed a suicide intervention course and is the church's Pathfinder leader, while holding numerous other positions within the church. Mr Wood recently completed his University studies, receiving his bachelor of management, specialising in tourism and Human Resource Management.

—*Merrilyn Hastings*

Sign up soon

RAY ROENNFELDT, DEAN, FACULTY OF THEOLOGY, AVONDALE COLLEGE

If it is true, as suggested by “Another Loss?” (Letters, March 15), that Avondale College’s Faculty of Theology may be facing closure due to running at a loss, if you’re thinking of doing ministry training you should sign up quickly!

If so, you should come to Avondale soon—but not because the theology faculty is planning to close anytime soon. During the 17 years I’ve been at Avondale, our faculty has never once run at a loss. We operate a strong program of ministry training at undergraduate and postgraduate levels—and stay within our budget.

Finding God’s choice

LEOPOLD HAMULCZYK, VIC

I read with fascination the editorial “30, single and seeking” (Editorial, February 16) and the responses following in the letters. Until recently, I was in the same boat (though from the male side). Now I am happily married to a wonderful woman.

So, how do you find the right partner? How much do you trust God? If you sincerely pray to God to find you a husband or wife, stop looking and go about the work God has given you to do.

And please, can we get out of the mindset that the man has to make the first move or that so-and-so has to do things in such-and-such a way? If you have an opportunity to get to know someone, get to know them. If the man happens to be shy around women, that’s not a disaster. The woman can make the first move in talking to him, and making him feel relaxed and comfortable. The onus is on every individual to do their part. Don’t be stifled by tradition and ritual.

JOHN RALSTON, SA

In a perfect world God gave man a “helper suitable for him” (Genesis 2:18) but Eve yielded to the inducement to achieve a more advanced status in life (see Genesis 3:6).

After selfishness had infected humankind, the man was given control over the woman (Genesis 3:16). Husbands should love their wives with a self-sacrificing love and wives should be submissive to their husbands (see Ephesians 5:22-25, 33; 1 Peter 3:1-7).

When a young Christian woman is looking for a husband, what is her idea of the role of a husband and a wife? When a Christian man is seeking a wife, does he have a clear idea what should be the role of his wife and his role as a husband—perhaps even his role as a “true man” these days?

In our day, when so many Christian values are regarded as old fashioned and impractical, is it any wonder that there is so much difficulty in finding a husband and a wife, and so much unhappiness even in so-called Christian marriages?

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Record Roo



Hi kids!

When the flood waters finally went down and Noah and his family left the ark, God sent Noah a special sign to say there would never be another flood like that again.

Bible Text

“I have sent my _____ in the _____, and it will be the sign of the _____ between me and the _____.” Genesis 9:13 NIV

“Never again will the _____ become a flood to _____ all life. Genesis 9:15 NIV



Draw and Colour

Draw the rainbow that Noah is looking at, then colour in the picture.

Positions vacant

▲ **ADRA International Employment Opportunities**—ADRA International is seeking expressions of interest from qualified and experienced professionals considering a career in international development. The ADRA worldwide network implements a range of community development and relief programs, and is continually seeking suitable and interested candidates from around the globe. Greg Young from the Human Resource Bureau at ADRA International will be visiting the offices of the South Pacific Division in Sydney from **April 28 to 30, 2008**, and would like to make contact with persons interested in ADRA employment opportunities around the world. Please contact Greg at <greg.young@adra.org> to arrange a personal or telephone appointment during his visit. Also submit a current CV with your expression of interest.

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Appreciation

Zeumert, Ethel. The Stacey, Smith and Muhlberg families would like to thank all those caring friends who, in various ways, expressed their support and love at the time of the sad loss of our mum and nanna. Such care is greatly appreciated and is with significant effect. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Anniversary

Barritt. Clive and Lorna (nee Schumann) gathered their three daughters, five of their nine grandchildren, and other close family members on March 2, to celebrate 60 years of marriage and thank God for his blessings in their lives. Married on 3.3.1948 in the Avondale Village church by the late Pastor O K Anderson, they worked for God in Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney, although Clive's ministry took him further afield on a regular basis. They now reside in Alton Villas, Cooranbong, NSW, close to family.



Ian Howie, Ken Mead

Weddings

de la Cerna—Placer. Rhofel de la Cerna, son of Felix and Rhoda de la Cerna (Waitara, NSW), and Rebekah Placer, daughter of Stan and Merilla Placer (Footscray, Vic), were married on 10.3.08 in a Melbourne garden, and plan to continue living in Melbourne. They are members of Gateway church.

Kevin Brown

Robinson—Roelofs. Adrian Stephen Robinson, son of Pastor Stephen Robinson (deceased) and Kerryon Ellis (Wesburn, Vic), and Cara Lee Roelofs, daughter of Daniel and Leslie Roelofs (Mt Evelyn, Vic), were married on 22.3.08 at Killara Park Estate, Seville East.

Mike Robinson, Sid Griffith

Obituaries

Fisher, Olive May, born 19.1.1914; died 2.3.08 in the Wyong Hospital, NSW. She is survived by her sister, Enid Botting; and her neices and nephew. Olive dedicated her life to others and spent 20 years at the Togoba Hansenide Leper Colony and Sops Hospital, before returning to Australia in 1979. Some referred to her as the "Mother Teresa" of the Adventist Church. She lived quietly in Cooranbong Retirement Village, providing loving care to all in need and donating all she had to the Lord's work in the islands and her homeland. She now awaits God's crown of life at her Resurrection.

Ross Goldstone, Alan Saunders

Howie, Gertrude Louise (Trudy) (nee Staggatt), born 24.1.1922 in Sydney, NSW; died 7.3.08 in the Coronella Retirement Village, Nunawading, Vic. In 1944, she married John, who predeceased her in 1988. She is survived by her five children and their spouses, Karelyn and Charles Jones, Ian and Margaret, Bruce and Wilma, Eric and Robyn, and Gavin; her 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Trudy was a member of the Ferntree Gully church and was devoted to her family and her Lord. She died in the certain promise of the Resurrection, looking forward to meeting her family and friends again when all is made new.

Ian Howie, Ken Mead

Leacy, Julie May, born 10.5.1915 at Moresby via Innisfail, Qld; died 29.2.08 at Maryborough. On 22.2.1937, she married Conrad Venables Leacy, who predeceased her on 22.6.1976. She is survived by her son and his wife, Lynton and Carmel Leacy (Maryborough); her three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren (all of Qld); and her brother, Jim (Leongatha, Vic); and three sisters, Nancy (Brisbane), Marie (Malvern, Vic) and Jilda (Nambour, Qld).

Phil Downing

Rowe, Mavis Coral (nee McKinlay), born 27.2.1920 at Terowie, SA; died 5.3.08 in the Pine Haven Nursing Home, Suffolk Park, NSW. On 31.8.1965, she married Joseph Rowe, who predeceased her on 21.2.04. She is survived by her sisters, Verna Davis (Morphett Vale, SA), Thora Arthur (Newcastle, NSW), and Elva Cherry (Kingscliff). Mavis attended Carmel College and trained at the Sydney Sanitarium. She achieved brilliant

success in obstetrics, intensive care and infant welfare, being matron of hospitals in Sydney. She loved cooking and gardening, and now awaits the great Lifegiver.

Ernie Krause, Cranville Tooley

Sampson. Walter Alva (Wal or Wally), born 26.12.1918 at Kalgoorlie, WA; died 8.3.08 in the Hollywood Hospital, WA. On 20.4.1954, he married Aileen Twiss. He is survived by his wife; his two daughters and their spouses, Elizabeth and Brad Mercer, and Lynette and Robert Fraser (all of Perth); his son and wife, Mark and Rae (Kalgoorlie); his five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. A humble, gentle, loving husband and father, a good supportive church worker and long-time deacon of Osborne Park church.

Cyrus Adams

Stewart, Dr John, born 8.11.1922 in Scotland; died 3.3.08 in Melbourne, Vic. In 1950, he married Jessie Baird, who predeceased him in 1994, after moving to Australia in 1960. In 2002, he married May (nee Benefield, nee Dando). He is survived by his wife; his son and his wife, Ken and Jacinta (Ballarat); his grandchildren, Rebecca and Michelle; and his step-grandchildren. John was a dentist, well known in Warburton and Lilydale. A man of faith and grace, he was buried in Wangaratta Cemetery next to Jessie. He loved the bagpipes, which were played at the ceremony. He died trusting the Man of Galilee. Much loved, much missed.

Morrie Krieg

Raymond and Michael Dabson

Wilson, David, born 18.3.1923 at Haberfield, Sydney, NSW; died 24.11.07 in the Soldier's Memorial Hospital, Maleny, Qld. In 1945, he married Elsie Freeman, who predeceased him in 1968. On 22.11.1970, he married Norma Clarke. He is survived by his wife, (Maleny); his son, Paul (Beerwah); his daughter, Carolyn Meade (Bracken Ridge); and his stepsons, Peter (Kallangur), and David Clarke (Stanmore). David was much loved by his family, the community, and his church. He spent four years in service during WWII, became a builder of note in the Maleny area and was active in the Landsborough church. He will be missed by all.

Barry Crabtree

Yala, Josephine Ambai, born 23.9.1973 at Kundiawa, Simbu Province, PNG; died 14.3.08 in Canberra, ACT, of cancer. On 24.12.1998, she married Charles. She is survived by her husband; her children, Emmanuel and Anaestasia (ACT); her parents; her sister; and her four brothers (all of PNG). Josephine endured her illness with great courage and the encouragement she gave others was amazing. Her faith and trust in her heavenly Father was a lesson to us all. We look forward to seeing her radiant smile when our Saviour returns.

Neil Lawson, John McLean

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