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Baptised members of the Arvayheer church with Australian intern, Pastor Anthony MacPherson (top right), who performed the baptisms in July 2007.

Mongolian outreach success for WA

ARVAYHEER, MONGOLIA

With two years remaining of a five-year outreach program by the Western Australian (WA) Conference in the Mongolian town of Arvayheer, the director of the Mongolian Mission Field (MMF) has praised the efforts of the “Mongolia Church Growth Project.”

Pastor Paul Kotanko, director of the mission field, says, “Arvayheer has been one of our most successful church-growth projects here in Mongolia. It couldn’t have been possible without the help of people in the WA conference.”

The outreach is part of a General Con-

ference plan that encourages more affluent countries to help poorer countries. Australia selected Mongolia, and the WA conference chose the town of Arvayheer, located around 400 kilometres south of Ulaan Bataar.

A number of teams from the conference have worked with local Mongolian missionaries, who liaise with local government about how the church can assist the community.

Teams from WA have worked on refurbishing a school, built a playground, helped poor community members with donations of clothes and food, and run evangelistic outreach programs.

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We have a message of hope that can bring true health.

Health and hope is everything

HE WHO HAS HEALTH HAS HOPE. He who has hope has everything." It's a profound proverb that recently captured my attention.

This statement presents a significant challenge and opportunity for us, as a church who desire to share health and hope with our community. What is at the heart of our message of health? What is at the heart of our message of hope? Are the two messages intrinsically linked and is there uniqueness in the combination of the two?

During His "health and hope" ministry, Jesus healed people. "Jesus went about all Galilee . . . healing all kinds of sicknesses and all kinds of diseases" (Matthew 4:23*).

Beyond the physical, Jesus' mission included emotional, mental and spiritual healing, the forgiveness of sins and the experience of being whole in Him. "He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Luke 4:18). "He was wounded for our transgressions . . . And by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

That's why it was said of Him "As many as touched Him were made whole" (Mark 6:56). The words "heal" and "whole" come from the same root. Healing is the process of becoming whole. There is then a beautiful link between health and hope.

During much of the 20th century, mainstream society defined health as the absence of disease, focused on the physical, and primarily sought to treat and cure disease.

This is the driving force behind the conventional health system with its drugs, surgery and antibiotics. Such thinking doesn't appreciate that you can still enjoy wellbeing in the presence of disease. It also doesn't explain someone who may not have been diagnosed with a specific disease yet feels unwell due to fatigue, loneliness, strained relationships, work stress, guilt or a sense of meaninglessness.

Now, our society appreciates a more "integrated" approach to health. We are seeing significant emphasis given to the connection between physical and mental health—it's claimed the optimist can "choose" health. There's also interest in the link between physical and emotional health, with research showing links between happiness and health. Social health, through supportive relationships, can also increase our feelings of wellbeing.

Currently, an emerging "wholistic" approach to health acknowledges the "whole person"—body, mind, heart and spirit. In this way of thinking, not only is spiritual health emphasised, it is often given centrality. Melvin Witmer and Thomas Sweeney, who developed a model for wellness, state "At the centre of wholeness is spirituality," which they define as "oneness, purposiveness, optimism and values." People want to live with meaning and purpose.

The *Encyclopaedia of Complementary Medicine* says "We are creatures who puzzle over what life means, where we are from and where we are bound. To be anxious and

bewildered at times is to be human." Social researcher Hugh Mackay predicts that 2010 will begin the decade of spirituality. People will be searching to find an authentic spiritual framework for their lives and there will be plenty of options in the spiritual supermarket to choose from.

This brings us back to our significant opportunity (as individuals and as a church). We have a message of hope that can bring true health. Our hope is centred in God. In relationship with Him we can enjoy meaningful living, regardless of our surrounding circumstances. We can experience His unconditional love. We believe He places infinite value on us, and this assures us of our true self-worth, giving genuine meaning and purpose to our lives. And, ultimately, He has promised to give us a full restoration of love, beauty, relationships and community, an authentic renewal of body, mind, heart and spirit, and a restoration of life as it was always meant to be.

Jesus says, "I have come that you may have life, and that you may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). I'm challenged to know, personally experience and share His precious message of health and hope. It's a promise of full and abundant living. It's everything.

**All biblical quotations taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.*

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 and **share**
 our hope in Jesus Christ!

University students in Lae experience Jesus

LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

More than 500 students in Papua New Guinea (PNG) have either made public decisions to accept Christ or have requested baptism as a result of a nightly evangelistic series organised by the Adventist Church.

Every night, some 800 staff and students from the University of Technology in Lae filled the Duncanson Hall to its capacity, with people sitting on the stairs and even on the stage. A closed circuit TV and speakers were also set up to cater for those outside the venue.

At the end of a meeting one evening, Terence Guba, a Pathfinder from a church in Buimo, said, "Even though we had two worship sessions, I wanted the preaching to go on and on, as I was deeply concentrating on the presentation."

The three week series, entitled "Eternity—Discoveries in Revelation's Prophecy" was conducted by Pastor Gary Webster, Ministerial Association secretary for the South Pacific Division, and ran from March 31 to April 19.

The program was held during the peak period of the academic semester but students faithfully attended the meetings.

Meetings were conducted every evening, with an extra two running during Sabbath

school and church services.

Pastor Webster says, "The Spirit of God was poured out at Unitech. Mainly young people attended each night and the lecture theatre was packed, with more people watching the program on the screens outside.

"There are times when you sense God has taken control of your preaching," he says. "Many young people spoke to me of getting God's help for their problems after each meeting. There's a hunger to know Jesus, and lives are being touched and changed."

Pastor Webster asked attendees to make a stand to observe the Sabbath at the end of one of the meetings. "These calls have not been general calls but very specific, to take a stand in certain areas," he says. "At first no-one moved, then a young man stood and people all around and outside took a stand one by one, until 200 to 300 were on their feet."

Adventist students and staff, including university chaplain Shangai Mara, are visiting the students in their dormitories with Pastor Webster during the week and on Saturdays. They have been using DVD ministry, Bible seminars and small groups, to help grow the new interests and members following the evangelistic series.

Members of Adventist churches in East



Some of the hundreds of people who attended the evangelistic meetings in Lae.

Taraka, Uni Block, Ikisummer, and family members of the university's staff also faithfully attended the meetings and enjoyed them, along with a number of members of the general public.

Pastor Webster says, "Adventist students enjoyed visiting the people who attended the meetings, and the subject of baptism was raised by those I visited with the student teams. Because of time constraints, we went visiting in pairs and would spend afternoons with those wanting to be baptised. It was a wonderful team effort and so helpful to have students, staff and church members visiting those who came to the meetings."

—Priscilla Erwin/Melody Tan/RECORD staff



◆ Two Carmel College, WA, students have recently returned from successful sporting trips interstate. **Michael Farrell** went to Penrith, NSW, as a member of the WA Emerging Talent Squad for rowing. He competed against forty other highly-skilled rowers in the Under 17 section of the National Championships. He was a member of the quads

team, which finished fourth in the final. He also made the semi-finals in the doubles. Former student **Matthew Cochran** came first in the quads final, also representing WA. **Melissa Hoskins** is a current member of the WA Track Cycling Team. She competed in the Open Women's Teams Pursuit Event, where her team won gold in the final and broke the Australian record. Miss Hoskins also rode in the Keiren Event (cyclists ride behind a motorbike) where she came second in the Under 19 final.

—Gavin Williams

◆ Over recent years, the Premier of Western Australia has challenged primary school children to continue reading throughout their summer holidays by providing the Premier's Summer Reading Challenge. During the last summer holidays, Brookdale Adventist school, WA, children were encouraged to participate and tied for the grand prize of having the highest percentage of students for a school participating. This meant a prize cheque of \$A2500 was presented by Members' Equity representative **Debra Watson**

to Brookdale principal **Tanya Hort**, on April 11. The children completing the challenge were **Kalem, Connor and Tayne Burnside**, and **Brodie and Bronte Hort**. The prize money will be used for the purchase of more literacy resources and library books for the school.

—Tanya Hort



Sister churches produce study guide on Ephesians

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Springwood church in Brisbane and Avondale College church in Coorانبong have worked to co-produce a new study guide for church members on the book of Ephesians.

The *Living in the Light* guide is a continuation of a concept introduced by Springwood church, who have previously produced a successful study booklet centring on the second coming of Christ, called *Journey of Hope*.

Members of the pastoral teams of the churches met at the Australian Union Conference's pastor's summit earlier in the year to further discuss plans for the booklet, which is planned to be released this month.

The main resource being developed is a book that will feature a brief exegesis of the text for the day, produced by theology students under the watchful eye of Dr Steve Thompson from Avondale College's theology faculty; daily devotional readings written by people from both congregations; and small group guides developed by the pastoral team at Springwood.

"The project came about when we discovered that, coincidentally, both churches

had developed resources for this kind of approach last year," says College church pastor Bruce Manners.

"They had developed a book of devotionals for their *Journey of Hope*; and we had produced a small workbook for our *28 Days with Jesus* emphasis, a chapter a day through Matthew."

"We're excited to be working on this project together," says Travis Manners, associate pastor at Springwood and project leader there. "We discovered last year the value of resources that originate from the local church. Our people really appreciated the local Adventist content.

"Working together not only shares the load, it will strengthen the resource."

Pastor Andre van Rensburg, senior pastor at Springwood church, has also worked with both pastors to produce a promotional video for the booklet.

Living in the Light is a four-week, five-Sabbath program devoted to delving into Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Ephesians has been divided into 28 sections, one for each day of the four weeks.—**Peter Raymer/Bruce Manners**

More @ <www.springwood.org.au> and <<http://college.adventist.org.au>>

Mongolian outreach success for WA

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The programs have been well attended by locals and have resulted in more than 40 baptisms. The local Adventist church is overseen by a Mongolian intern pastor and his wife, and has enjoyed rapid growth.

The church conducts a food program for poor children, which is run by church members. This has been funded by MMF and the WA conference and has been very popular within the community. As a result of the various forms of outreach, more than 30 children are attending Sabbath school on a weekly basis.

Pastor Kotanko says, "The church is held in high regard due to its community-focused programs. Apart from building playgrounds and helping the poor, medical teams from WA have also visited. Another team held 'English as second language' classes. These things have contributed to a growing, well-rounded Adventist presence here."

Volunteer workers from the church have also begun to move out to work in other parts of the country. "They've completed training and are out in the field, nurturing and growing churches," says Pastor Kotanko.

Future plans for involvement include work on a community church and business education for locals.—**RECORD staff**



◆ On March 30, 20 volunteers from **Gympie Adventist youth** and **Gympie personal ministries**, Qld, fundraised by marshalling at the **2008 USM Mooloolaba Triathlon**. Some of the world's best athletes competed in this pre-Olympic event. The team leaders for Gympie Adventist youth, **Kerrie Pitkin** and **Peter Harrison**,

along with personal ministries leader **Sue Alt**, asked church members, friends and family to volunteer. Ms Pitkin, a newly baptised member, organised getting "USM crew shirts" and transportation to the event. The next USM event for the team is the **Noosa Blue** on May 18.—**Gayle Harrison**

◆ Off went the lights and out came the glow sticks as students on **Avondale College's** Lake Macquarie campus observed **Earth Hour** for the first time on March 29. The students, includ-



ing **Josh Moses** and **Angela Ormsby** (pictured), sang karaoke under the mesmerising neon glow of hundreds of the fluorescent-coloured sticks. Non-essential lights in each of the three residence halls were switched off. Earth Hour encourages "businesses, communities and individuals to take the simple steps needed to cut their

emissions on an ongoing basis," by switching off electricity for one hour on one day each year.—**Linden Chuang**

◆ A series of archaeology lectures by 90-year-old **David Down**, held in **Warwick** and **Stanthorpe churches**, Qld, on March 14, 15 and 16, was attended by up to **120 people** per lecture. The two churches united to promote the illustrated lectures on the pyramids of Egypt and the Exodus of Israelite slaves to the promised land, as well as on the golden city of Baby-

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PAU commences 2008 academic year

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The academic year for Pacific Adventist University (PAU) officially started with a commencement ceremony, on the evening of April 6 in the PAU church. The ceremony followed the orientation program for first year students and the completion of registration for those returning, and was witnessed by students, faculty and staff members.

The ceremony began with a challenge from the vice-chancellor, Dr Branimir Schubert. He posed the question of why students choose PAU when other universities are available. In answering this, he suggested it was because PAU is a place where “impossible things are achieved in the best possible way because of God’s grace.

“When we merge our best with God’s best, we can fulfil our destiny,” said Dr Schubert. He also remarked that PAU encourages its students to make a difference in their communities—not only through the education they receive but also through the values they gain from the Bible.

“PAU exists to prepare graduates to fill the moral vacuum in this world by being



Dr Ian Whitson and Dr Branimir Schubert at the PAU commencement ceremony.

difference makers,” he said.

Deputy vice-chancellor Dr Ian Whitson presented the keynote address and explored the theme of “I came, I saw, I conquered.” He told students, “You came to PAU, you are seeing PAU from various perspectives and interpreting it. Will you conquer PAU or will PAU conquer you?” He also encouraged students to serve their communities and country.

In responding to the challenges of the VC and the keynote speaker, the president of the Students’ Representative Council, Jonah Lupi, assured the attendees that the students will try their hardest to be the best students of PAU. Mr Lupi also encouraged the students to be great thinkers, not mere reflectors of other people’s thoughts.

Following this, Dr Whitson declared the 2008 academic year open.—*Vagi Vele*

Lecturer explores inclusive theology

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Avondale could claim to be the leading provider of theological training in Australia if it implemented a more gender-inclusive model, says a college academic. Sydney campus chaplain and lecturer Dr Drene Somasundram developed one such model from the findings and recommendations of the women she interviewed for her Doctorate in Professional Studies. The women all studied theology at private Christian tertiary institutions in Australia and now work as ministers.



Dr Drene Somasundram.

Dr Somasundram found “the major themes of ambivalence in identity formation, the struggle to question dominant hegemony and existence in hostile environments depict the lifeworld of clergywomen.”

In other words, the women described their training framed within the context of masculinity, “and in a postmodern society, gender inclusivity is something we must strive for in theological education,” says Dr Somasundram.—*Brenton Stacey/Kristin Thiele*



lon. They did this by distributing thousands of handbills and organising interviews on three local radio stations. Pastor Warren Federow and the personal ministries teams will now follow up the lectures with a seminar on the prophecies of Daniel, starting on April 1 in Stanthorpe and April 2 in Warwick.—*Kim Jackson*

◆ The students and staff at **Tweed Valley College, NSW**, enjoyed their recent **Week of Spiritual Emphasis (WOSE)** with guest speaker **Troy Roberts**. Some of the students facilitated the worship music, ice-breakers, comedic videos and other segments, while Mr Roberts spoke about being friends with God and the difference this decision makes. He invited the primary students to visualise heaven and understand it is a real place we can go and be reunited with lost loved ones. A week earlier, two of the pri-

mary students lost their father in a plane crash off the Gold Coast. In the high school, Mr Roberts revealed his personal journey as a Christian and how he came up empty trying to find meaning in what the world offers. Afterward, numerous students indicated a desire to join a Bible connect group, be baptised or attend STORMCo as part of their journey with God.—*Marty Benard*

◆ **Hope Channel** is now screening on Port Moresby’s, PNG, biggest digital TV pro-

vider. While this is a pay TV operator, it has thousands of clients in Port Moresby, most of which are working-class citizens. Hope is part of the “religion package,” which can be topped up from your subscription for only K5. The “religion package” includes the **Australian Christian Channel**, Trinity Broadcasting, Church Channel, Smile of Child and Hope Channel International. Subscriptions range from K40 per month to K90, depending on the choice of programming.—*Stephen Vele*

Adventist Aviation gains honours in PNG

LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Four years ago, the Adventist Aviation Service (AAS) was viewed by the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) as a “poorly organised and run” operation. However, with the latest CAA audit, AAS has been described as being viewed as the leading reputable aviation organisation in PNG.

The CAA audit occurs every two years for the renewal of AAS’s maintenance organisation certificate and licence, and for the air operations licence. Linden Millist, AAS chief engineer, says, “The inspectors were very impressed with our operations, facility, quality system, maintenance organisation, personnel and aircraft. Other operators are asking what our secret is, as they heard AAS had no problems with the audit!”

According to Mr Millist, this is something that will provide a better witness for the Adventist Church in the region. “The

CAA inspectors were telling us their audit of AAS is the best in the country, of what they have audited so far,” he says. “This is something we can be proud of as an AAS team, as well as the church in PNG and the wider South Pacific. God has blessed our team.”

The AAS’s \$A1.8 million aircraft, which was the first of its kind to enter PNG, was also recently featured on the front cover of one of Australia’s leading aviation magazines, *Australian Flying*.

The aircraft, a PAC 750XL, is named P2 SDB. It arrived in PNG in the middle of 2007 (“Pioneers remembered with new plane,” *News*, June 16, 2007) and is used to transport food, building supplies, medical staff and medical supplies to remote highland communities.

The March/April 2008 issue of *Australian Flying* featured a cover photo and a centre-spread article that favourably evaluates the aircraft, using photos of the plane in operation. —**RECORD staff/Linden Millist/Damon Roberts/AMN staff**



AAS's PAC 750XL was featured in a recent edition on *Australian Flying*.

PAU accountant course to be certified

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Accounting students taking the Business degree at Pacific Adventist University (PAU) now have the opportunity to become members of the Certified Practising Accountants (CPA) group in Papua New Guinea (PNG). This was made possible as a result of a visit to PAU by Daniel Biti, executive director of CPA PNG.

At the conclusion of his speech to an assembly of students and staff, Mr Biti donated business accounting CPA PNG study material to PAU’s vice-chancellor, Dr Branimir Schubert, to help prepare PAU accounting students to sit a series of exams which, if successfully passed, will enable them to become members of the CPA body.

Both Dr Schubert and the dean of the School of Business, Ben Thomas, expressed their appreciation in working in partnership with Mr Biti to prepare PAU accounting students for the workforce.

“I would like very much to increase the number of accountants in the country” said Mr Biti, “There is a significant need for accountants in PNG. We are trying to reduce the number of accountants being employed from abroad.” —**Vagi Vele**

◆ Seventh-day Adventists in Kenya are criticising a government **six-day work week** proposal that would require **civil servants** to work on **Sabbath**. Kenya’s minister of state for public service introduced the proposal after a government team examined a new work model. Adventist Church leaders called on the government to suspend the proposal, saying requiring members employed as civil servants to work on Sabbath would conflict with the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion. Church leaders in Kenya said the proposal could affect 15 per

cent of the country’s civil servants. “We intend to dialogue with the minister concerned, lobby through our Adventist members of parliament, lobby through the Adventist lawyers association, meet with the civil servants’ union leaders and meet with the Federation of Kenya Employers,” says **Philip Gai**, communication director for the East African Union Mission. Kenya is home to roughly 565,000 Adventists. —**Ansel Oliver/ANN**

◆ The Anglican archbishop of Perth, **Roger Herft**, has announced the appointment of Australia’s first

woman bishop. **Kay Goldsworthy**, one of the first women to be ordained to the priesthood in 1992, will be consecrated as a bishop in the diocese of **Perth** on May 22. The first female bishop was consecrated in 1989. “Australia has been awhile catching up but our time has come, and I know that the great majority of Australian Anglicans will warmly welcome this day,” says Mrs Goldsworthy. —**AAP**

◆ **Oxford University** researchers will carry out a **\$A4.3 million** study into why people **believe in God**. The three-year study by

anthropologists, theologians, philosophers and other academics will consider whether belief in a divine being is an inherent part of human nature. Project director **Roger Trigg**, acting head of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, says anthropological and philosophical research suggests that faith in God is a universal human impulse, found in most cultures around the world. “One implication that comes from this is that religion is the default position, and atheism is perhaps more in need of explanation.” —**Barney Zwartz/The Age**

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No enrolment record but more undergrads than ever

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

While enrolment at Avondale College did not break a record this year, it may have the largest number of undergraduates complete their study in 2009.

The total number of 1273 students studying at Avondale this year is only two fewer than the previous record of 1275, set in semester one this past year.

Three quarters of the students (956)—a record—are undergraduates studying on the Lake Macquarie (757) and Sydney (199) campuses. The 757 students on the Lake Macquarie campus is also a record and may help offset a 4.5 per cent decrease in equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) since 2006. EFTSL on the Sydney campus is up 15 per cent over the same period.

The appeal of the Bachelor of Nursing course continues, with enrolment of 239 students making it the most popular at Avondale. The course also has the highest number of first-year students (94).

Enrolment in the most popular course this past year, the Bachelor of Education (primary), remains steady at 209. Howev-

er, a record number of honours students (11) are enrolled in the course this year.

A record number of 36 students (up from 32) are now completing their Bachelor of Education (early childhood), giving it the largest EFTSL variation (16 per cent) of any course.

Also equalling or recording record enrolments are the Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching (24), Graduate Diploma in Theology (24), Associate Degree in Theological Studies (23), Master of Nursing (eight), Graduate Certificate (leadership and management) (five), Doctor of Philosophy (three), Master of Education (honours) (three) and Master of Leader and Management (honours) (one) courses.

More students on the Lake Macquarie campus call themselves Seventh-day Adventists, with 581 (up from the previous high of 569 in semester two, 2006) identifying with the faith. However, fewer students (301 compared to 367 in semester one, 2007) identified themselves as belonging to other faith traditions.



Ann Stafford

Enrolment at Avondale this year is only slightly lower than the record this past year. However the largest ever number of undergraduates means the college may continue breaking records this next year.

The reverse is true on the Sydney campus, with an increase to a record 100 in the number of students from other faiths and a decrease (102 as compared to 113 in semester two, 2007) in the number of Adventists.

Director of advancement Lorin Bradford thanks students for making Avondale their first preference. "An ongoing survey of almost 1000 students who've applied online since 2005 shows most come because we offer quality education in a Christian context," he says. "These students make a deliberate choice to come here. They're passionate and that makes them our best marketers."

—**Brenton Stacey**

MacArthur Adventist College community supports refugees

NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES

Macarthur Adventist College has had the privilege of providing a safe and caring learning environment for two African refugees, who have experienced traumatic life ordeals at a young age. Jean d'Amour Chitegeste, popularly known as "JD," and Emmanuel Nyosemana, arrived in Australia last year after growing up in refugee camps all over Africa. Mr Chitegeste is Mr Nyosemana's young uncle.

Mr Chitegeste grew up in the African country of Burundi with his parents. When he was only nine years old, his parents decided to flee to Tanzania in hope of finding refuge from the tribal wars.

Unfortunately, he lost contact with his parents during the escape and they were later assumed dead. He was sent to live

with his older brother and his wife in yet another refugee camp. But a few years later, Mr Chitegeste found himself in another tragic situation, when his brother was killed due to the tribal wars.

The UN then moved in to relocate him and his sister-in-law, who became pregnant before her husband's murder, to another refugee camp for protection. She gave birth to a healthy son, Emmanuel. However, when he was just three years old, his mother decided to flee the refugee camp without her son, leaving 14-year-old Mr Chitegeste to care for his young nephew.

Both boys hadn't experienced life outside of a refugee camp and never heard of Australia when they were told they were going to relocate.

Mr Chitegeste was apprehensive and says, "I had no idea what people would look like over here, I was very worried. All

I have ever seen in my life was death and destruction—people against people."

Mr Chitegeste's parents were Adventists, so within every refugee camp, he joined the local Adventist community. When he arrived in Australia, finding a church was one of his first points of call. Fairfield church was the closest to them.

At the church, they learned about Macarthur Adventist College, and Mr Chitegeste enrolled Mr Nyosemana at the school. Soon he realised he wanted to continue his education, and enrolled himself in Year 10 to complete his school certificate and hopefully continue to the HSC, even though he is already 25 years old. Anonymous donations have made it possible for them to attend the college.

Mr Nyosemana loves his new home and says, "Everything is good about Australia!"—**Claudia Martin**



Having a balanced lifestyle is vital to health and happiness. However, often we find one aspect of our life takes up more of our time than others.

After a period of time, this becomes a source of stress rather than pleasure. To ensure we get the most out of our life, we need an equal balance between all aspects of our life allowing us to nurture our body, mind, heart and soul. In our busy lives, this is often easier said than done.

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Sanitarium Nutrition Service Team, New Zealand



Vegetable lasagne

Cook time: 20 minutes Prep time: 30 minutes Serves: 6

750g favourite tomato pasta sauce
 3 cups favourite diced vegetables (e.g. eggplant, pumpkin, potato, courgette, kumara and carrot)
 1 onion, chopped finely
 1 ½ cups sliced mushrooms
 250g cottage cheese
 1 egg
 6 lasagne sheets
 ½ cup low fat mozzarella cheese

1. Place the pasta sauce, vegetables, onion and mushrooms into a saucepan. Bring to the boil and then simmer covered for 20 minutes.
2. Place cottage cheese and egg in a food processor or blender and process until smooth.
3. To assemble, place a layer of lasagne sheets over the base of a lightly greased 17 x 27cm oven proof dish. Spread with half the tomato mixture, then half cottage cheese and egg mix.
4. Repeat pasta, tomato mixture and cottage cheese layers, ending with cottage cheese. Sprinkle with grated mozzarella. Bake in a moderate heat oven (180°C) for 30 minutes.

Sanitarium have been doing some excellent work in the area of health promotion and I wanted to feature them in Health Week this year. The Healthy Steps programme is the best and most comprehensive on-line lifestyle support and information service I have seen. It is a community service heavily subsidised by Sanitarium, not a product. If you want to be guided to a healthier lifestyle give it a go.

Jonathan Duffy, Director Adventist Health, South Pacific Division

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Grace . . . in the church?

BY BARRY OLIVER

EIGHT YEARS AGO, AFTER MUCH consultation and discussion, it was decided by the Division Executive Committee that the first listed focus area in the strategic plan of the Division would be “grace.” In the current strategic plan, it is defined as follows:

GRACE: The undeserved, redeeming, transforming attitude and action of God toward sinners.

Ephesians 2:8-10: “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.”

The primary Strategic Objective in this focus area of the strategic plan is “to encourage the church to embrace grace as a gift of God in Jesus Christ. The broad 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.

Of course we recognise it is very difficult to find an accurate, objective way of measuring our success in achieving this particular strategic objective and its associated aims. Just how do any of us reduce grace to something measurable in human terms? This is impossible. However, there have been many specific measurable objectives, and action steps have been implemented throughout our church in an endeavour to assist us all to receive and give freely of grace. Some of them are, for example:

- The introduction of the Grace Link Sabbath school lessons for our children.
- The provision of a grace-centred devotional for long-term volunteers, ensuring that each receives care packages, birthday cards, prayer support, etc.
- Promoting respect for diversity and difference through the equity program at Avondale College.

- The development of a major prayer evangelism project, along with the supporting resources, aimed at teaching and encouraging members to pray to a God of love and grace.

- The development of a “Parenting with Grace” seminar resource.

- Building a culture of spiritual acceptance, support and the priority of a spiritual life for company leadership and employees at Sanitarium Health Food Company.

- The scheduling at Pacific Adventist University of week of prayer meetings each semester, in which invited inspirational speakers, visiting church leaders and campus personnel speak on the love and grace of God.

Those who are responsible for these initiatives are to be highly commended for their insight and leadership. We are seeing evidences of the blessing of God in our community of faith.

But as good as all this is, I am not convinced we have moved as far as we should. I ask myself some hard questions:

Do we act with grace toward one another—Do we?

Is there a developing culture of grace in the church—or are we still displaying a judgmental attitude toward one another? Is my first inclination to condemn, or to forgive and love?

Does a knowledge and acceptance of the grace of God make a difference to everything we do—Really?

Is there wide understanding and acceptance of the marvellous gifts of God; His gracious acts in creating and redeeming us; His promise of continual presence with us in all the affairs of life, or are we so preoccupied with our own issues that we give little thought to what God is doing for us?

Do people know the church as a place of grace? Be honest!

Do people look at the Seventh-day Adventist Church and say “How do they



do it? There is a group of people who know how to love and care and share like Christians should,” or do they say nothing at all about us because they don’t have a clue who we are? Or if they do know something about us, do they act as if they do not want to know us?

Grace is not something that can be legislated or demanded. By its very nature it is free. It is available for the taking—and the giving. It has to do with the nature of God. It surely must have a lot to do with the people who are supposed to be His special, much loved sons and daughters.

And if we are really honest, we have a long way to go. But we must never abandon the journey. It is our privilege and responsibility to encourage one another, and build one another up in the faith. It is our privilege to be much more gracious to one another—in our homes and families, in our churches, and in the community.

And there are some of us who wonder at times why we are not seeing the success we would like in sharing our faith. Do we really have to look any further!? **R**

This is part two in a series looking at the major focus areas of the strategic plan of the South Pacific Division. Part one can be found in RECORD February 2.

Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division.

The blood of an innocent man

BY LEIGHA TEW

I STARTED MY USUAL DUTY ON THE Golgotha crew. Thieves, cons, runaway slaves—they're all evil. By now I can nearly predict what they look like. Scruffy, with eyebrows dipped in permanent hate as they look at you as if you're the devil. They constantly scream curses while you restrain them. They all deserve to die.

This day began pretty much the same. Two thieves had come, and no spectators. I didn't expect to see any though, as thieves like that don't usually have a family who cares. There was still space for one more cross on the broken ground, so I asked the other guard, Anthony, what this other criminal had done. Anthony's usually very chatty, so I was surprised when all He did was shrug and say "religious blasphemer." This was not very descriptive and it included basically everyone who got on the wrong side of the high priest. The high priest had so many connections that if you got in his bad books, you would be crucified.

A few minutes later, I saw a crowd coming up the hill. *A crowd? He must have been a man with many enemies* I thought.

I was wrong. As the crowd neared, I didn't see many yelling. Most had grim faces and a group of about 20 were all weeping. One woman on the side of the road was especially distressed. Maybe she was His mother.

The Man carrying the cross was relieved of His burden and thrown into the crowd. *What was happening?* I thought. It was then I saw the real criminal. His chest was whipped, broken and bleeding. As they turned Him around, I saw His back was the same. I stepped forward to help lay the cross in place. I was usually the one to nail their hands. I enjoy causing pain to killers, to avenge the pain of their victims. But this Man? No. His cheeks were too smooth; He didn't look like a killer. His nose had never been broken and there was no evidence of a



rebel. Who was this man? His face looked innocent, until they threw Him on the ground and He screamed in pain.

It was then I noticed He hadn't been swearing. He had been tortured too much; but even in the worst circumstances, I don't think He would have. His eyes were pure; they had not been defiled.

Then He looked at me. I could not look away, I couldn't speak. It was as if this Man had captured me. His eyes had swallowed mine. The message in His gaze—I couldn't understand! He seemed sad, sorrowful. But it wasn't for Himself—He seemed sad for me. He was mourning for me. Why? I was not the one dying. As I stared into that gaze, I got lost. This Man, He was not normal—he seemed good, too perfect to be on earth. Why was He here? At this cross?

"For you." I heard a whisper; it was like the wind and water running down a brook. Two words were spoken, as if by magic. But I knew it was not, it was somehow from this Man. "For you" the voice said, and was gone.

I looked around. Did they not hear it? It was so clear, so pointed, so wondrous. How could they have not heard it?

My commander was speaking, so I began. As I nailed His hands to the plank of wood, it felt like my heart was being stabbed. Inside me was a pain that hurt like nothing before—so sharp. After I hit the nail one last time, my pain grew. A feeling of dread surrounded me. It seemed to seep into every bone, every finger. I shuddered back—I couldn't breathe.

What was I doing? What had I done? This Man, this innocent man. I saw His blood run out of His hand. This blood! The blood of an innocent Man.

They lifted the cross. A crown of thorns

was wedged on His head. They taunted Him, mocked Him. I couldn't move. The wailing in the background stuck in my head. I wanted to scream, I wanted to cry and wail just like the woman on the side of the road. But my mouth wouldn't open. My heart was screaming but my tongue wouldn't move. I wanted to mourn the death of this Man. The Stranger was stuck there—straining above me. I stood at my post and watched Him die.

His lips opened for a moment. Quietly, He cried, "Father, forgive them." I couldn't hear any longer. My mind was madly at work. *Father forgive them—them—Us? ME?* He was praying for forgiveness, for me! His murderer! He wanted to forgive me?

The sky had darkened, shadows were cast. Night had come too early. *What was happening?* Thunder clouds rolled, a wind was raging. Then He moved. The Man on the cross lifted himself and yelled with all of His energy, "It is finished!" Lightning struck and in one brief flash, I saw His body slump forward. The end had come.

I had to check, my commander was yelling. It was my duty, he said; so I picked up my spear and climbed up the steps. It took everything to lift my feet. *How could I do this?* My arm was a foreign body, moving to His side. The deed was done and I slid to the ground.

Walking behind the cross to the edge of the cliff, I stood in silence, deaf to the world. No longer could I hear the mother wail or the rain pelt my helmet. I stared at my hands—covered in blood.

What was I doing? What had I done? This Man, this innocent Man. His blood covered my hands. This blood! The blood of an innocent Man!

Leigha Tew is a Year 10 student at Avondale High School.

Hi

BY TALITHA SIMMONS

HI, HOW ARE YOU?," I ASKED FOR THE 27-BILLIONTH TIME. "Good, and you?" / "Good. Would you like that in a bag?" "Yes, thanks." / "Nasty weather out." / "Yes, horrible." "Here's your receipt and change." / "Thanks." "Bye." / "Bye."

As I turned to the next person, repeating the same insincere conversation, I started to think about what we were actually doing. *What is the point, I wondered, in having the same mundane conversation over and over? Is it better than no conversation at all?*

For the remainder of my shift, I decided to change what I said. I simply said "Hi"—leaving out the health query, which, on reflection, was surely insulting customers with the presumption that their health really mattered to me. I'd be more concerned with packing their eggs so they won't break and their bread so it won't crush.

I watched, amused, at people's non-reaction to my little change. Some continued the assumed conversation, replying to "Hi" with "Fine, thanks, and you?" Others interacted with their phones or Mp3 players, only acknowledging me to complete the transaction.

As I sat in my car after work, I prayed my "safe journey" prayer before starting the car, purely out of habit. "Dear Jesus, please bless me as I drive and help me arrive home safely. In Your holy name, Amen." As I finished praying, my own voice came echoing back to me: "Hi, how are you?" And I understood.

It was as though God was giving me a gentle reminder. Just as I dislike meaningless conversation, so does He. How often do we pray without listening to what we're saying, repeating the same thoughts of blessing, help, forgiveness or goodwill like a mantra?

A cashier is there to do a job. They know they can only spend a few minutes with each customer to complete that job. As soon as a customer walks out the door with arms full of groceries; they are no longer the cashier's responsibility.

Our heavenly Father, on the other hand, is not just completing a job. He has watched us grow from little children, thrilling as we learn to talk to Him with simple prayers. But imagine His sadness when, as fully grown adults, we bow our heads and repeat exactly what we said yesterday. That would be like calling your best friend every day, only to tell them the same piece of news. While there are some beautiful prayers in the Bible (see Matthew 6:9-15), God wants us to use them as templates and talk to Him personally—as we would with a close and special friend.

He wants a meaningful relationship with us—one that grows and matures as we do. He wants to stand by you in every challenge, listen to your every problem, celebrate your every joy and cheer your every victory as you grow closer to Him day by day. How can He do that when we don't put the time or inclination into having a real, in-depth conversation with Him?

So the next time you walk into your local supermarket, stop and consider those hectically busy cashiers. Remember that, unlike them, God has never had too long a shift, just wanting to go home. He will always care about your problems—and He is sincere! **R**

Talitha Simmons is copyeditor of RECORD.

Record Roo

Hi kids,

Abram and Lot needed to go their separate ways. Abram let Lot choose where he wanted to live, then Abram went in the opposite direction. Read the story in Genesis 13.

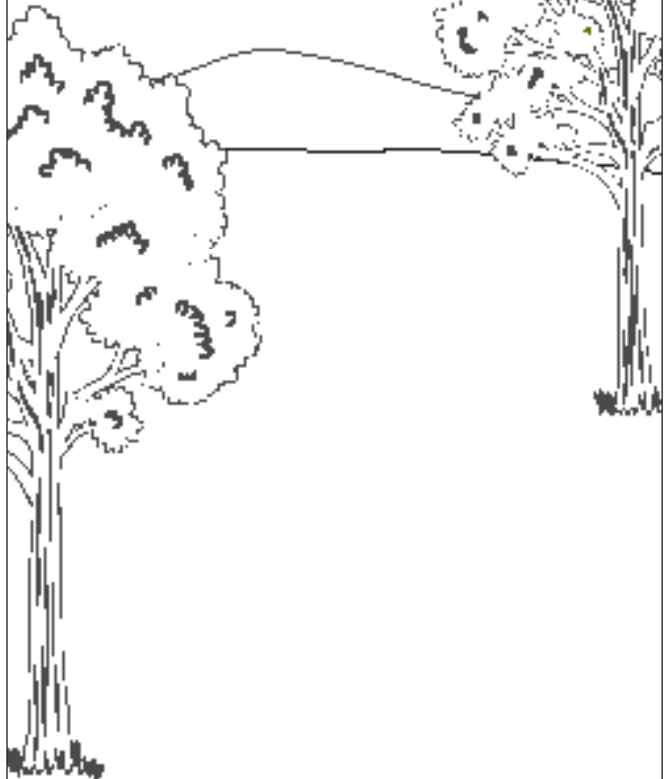


Bible Text

So Abram said to Lot... "Is not the _____ land _____ yours? Please _____ from me. If you take the _____, then I will go to the _____; or if you go to the _____, I will go to the _____." Genesis 13:8, 9 NKJV

Draw and Color

The Bible tells us in Genesis 13:18 that after Abram and Lot had gone their separate ways, Abram "...moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth tree of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the Lord." Draw Abram's tent, and the altar he built to the Lord.



Read!

Read about the promises the Lord made to Abram in Genesis 13:14-17.

Inclusive gospel

MARK BROWN, QLD

Comments made in “Letters” over recent weeks regarding the role of women in modern society and, more precisely, the role of Adventist women, provide little comfort to those who seek to restore women to the role God intended them to have.

The challenge is not for women to fight for equity but for men to acknowledge, accept and rejoice in the gifts and talents God has blessed individual women with—and in so doing, provide encouragement, opportunities and goodwill in the home, work, and church environments.

The selection of isolated texts (often written in a cultural context) used to defend a position while ignoring the broader message is not helpful. The suppression of women has gone on long enough.

It’s now time for those of us—men and women—who have stood silently by while the debate flowed to accept our responsibility, and declare in word and deed that the status quo is no longer acceptable for a people with the responsibility and claim, in these last days, of sharing God’s love for all with the world.

Breathing space

BRUCE AND SUSAN JOHNSTONE, QLD

In response to the article “Let my church breathe” (Feature, April 5), thank you for sharing the dilemma of a concerned church member. Unfortunately, Fynn’s observation is not unique. Many people feel the same in churches across the continent. Empty traditions and “majoring in minors” give false assurance to one’s righteousness. Thinking you are “right” and “doing what is right” is a poor substitute for being right with God.

Similar issues exist in other denominations also. Read AW Tozer and about Phillip Yancey’s experience. Read CS Lewis and yes, Ellen White, and you will see it’s not a new phenomenon. God doesn’t care about our rituals, only our compassion and open hearts (see Micah 6:6-8).

Brennan Manning in *The Ragamuffin Gospel* says there is something radically wrong with a church where the gospel of grace is not understood and instead, mem-

bers practise a routine of works. “To be Christian, faith has to be new, that is, alive and growing. . . . When Scripture, prayer, worship, ministry become routine, they are dead.”

Like Paul, who became “all things to all

people,” we must adapt to meet the needs of our community. Our God is alive; therefore our faith (and church) must be alive.

The single issue

NAME SUPPLIED

I have been reading the various comments regarding “30, single and seeking” (Editorial, February 16) and would love to add my bit.

One of my daughters has had extremely limited social contact with her peer group from 13 years of age due to serious illness. She found it difficult to talk with other young people but enjoyed listening to others talk together. She had to deal with “well meaning” people who would ask about boyfriends and so on, which was difficult for her to answer because on top of her lack of social contact, she was not even well enough to participate in any youth social events.

We have had indepth “mother-and-daughter” and God talks many times. We believe God has a purpose for her life (including her illness) and that if she only lets Him lead, He will show her what He has in store. He may intend for her to find a life partner or He may have other plans which include her being single. You need to be content with who you are, whether you are single or married. Having a life partner may better you but it should not make you a better person. You should be your best on your own.

To those “seeking,” I suggest you focus on God’s plan for you life. When you stop looking for a partner, you may truly find happiness within God’s plan for you. Be prepared to be pushed outside your comfort zone and your ideal plan for your life. God adds many twists and turns, and we don’t always see why at the time. It’s hard

but let God have control and let Him take you for the ride. When you really trust Him, it can be an awesome journey with unexpected events. God bless you all. You are in my prayers.

From my experience and knowledge,

. . . there is something radically wrong with a church where the gospel of grace is not understood.

some “singles” ministries clump together those who have never been married and those who have been married (including with children). Perhaps a ministry of “never marrieds” is warranted, because these people may not want to enter a relationship with additional “baggage.” I am in a second marriage myself so I am not putting anyone down.

Not in favour

MAIRI REITZE, NSW

I noticed in the letter “All in favour?” (Letters, March 1) the idea that “our churches could be closed on Easter Sabbath” for members to have a day of rest.

In Acts 15:21, we’re reminded about the importance of hearing Scripture every Sabbath and of the importance of the fourth commandment.

Luke 4:16 reads, “He [Jesus] went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read” (NIV). On this day, the Jews tried to throw Jesus over a cliff because of His application of Isaiah. However, He remained faithful in keeping the Sabbath and attending the synagogue.

Doesn’t singing together, fellowship and time to listen and reflect on our Lord’s care bring gladness and a special blessing to church members? Isn’t gathering together important for our children and newer members?

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Appreciation

Kent, Laura. The family of the late Laura Kent wish to express their sincere appreciation for the many floral tributes, beautiful cards, phone calls and special messages received on the passing of our precious mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Special thanks to her faithful carer, Coral Reynolds, and to the nursing staff at Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW.

Wills, Tom. The family of Tom Wills thanks you for the cards, email messages, phone calls, floral tributes and gifts of food, lovingly prepared and brought to our home during Tom's recent illness and death. Please accept this message as our personal expression of appreciation and gratitude.

Weddings

Bambury—Williams. Wayne Ernest Bambury, son of Gordon and Joan Bambury (Kallangur, Qld), and Amy Williams, daughter of Ben and Joanne Thompson (Bilambil, NSW), were married on 13.4.08 in Sandgate church, Brisbane, Qld.

Mike Brownhill

Curtis—Luke. Stephen Curtis, son of Dick Curtis (Rawene, NZ) and Ruth Scott (Invercargill), and Jenny Luke, daughter of Ken and Yvonne Luke (Elimbah, Qld), were married on 6.4.08 on Sylvan beach, Bribie Island.

Martin Luke, John Rabbas

Schneider—Hergenhan. Derek Anthony Schneider, son of Anthony and Leila Schneider (Brewarrina and Dubbo, NSW), and Rachelle Lynne Hergenhan, daughter of Rex and Wendy Hergenhan (Bega), were married on 6.4.08 in Holy Trinity Anglican church, Kameruka.

Jeff Parker

Walker—Kuresa. Joshua Bruce Walker, son of Ken and Robyn Walker (Brisbane, Qld), and Prescilla Lindene Kuresa, daughter of Semi and Fa'ataualofa Kuresa (Wellington, NZ), were married on 20.12.07 in Larnach Castle, Dunedin.

Sam Fiaali'i

Webb—Mansfield. Tony Joseph, son of Dr Joseph (Joe) and Lynette (Lyn) Webb (Nambour, Qld), and Dianne Margaret Mansfield, daughter of Margaret Mansfield (Newcastle, NSW), were married on 6.4.08 in the Awaba House Convention Centre, Booragul.

Joe Webb

Obituaries

Brown, Ivan Malcolm, born 12.11.1914 at Horsham, Vic; died 1.4.08 in the Coronella Retirement Village, Nunawading, Vic. On 3.8.1941, he married Ruth Richardson, the mother of his two daughters. He later married Nell Stout. He is survived by his daughters, Rhyl Lister (Wandin) and Neroli Munn (Cooranbong, NSW);

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his wife; and ex-wife. Ivan moved around with a variety of farm work and worked for the Sanitarium. He was also enlisted in the Army as a non-combatant for a time. He fed his mind on God's Word every day and trusted God to give him life when Jesus comes again.

Darrell Croft

Caine, Janet Mary (Jean), born 10.10.1920 at Subiaco, WA; died 10.3.08 in the Hollywood Hospital. On 7.3.1944, she married Gordon, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her daughter, Linda. She is survived by her children, Albert, Janet, Gordon, Beverley, Dianne (all of WA), Milton (NSW) and Monica (Canada). Jean faced many hardships during her life without complaint and always with a smile. She was an inspiration to all, especially in the last two years, when she spent more time in hospital than out. What buoyed her was the knowledge that she had a loving Saviour, who was coming back to take her home to heaven to be with Him forever.

Lynn Burton

Ethel Sayers, Stan Jesnoewski

Cresswell, John Bentley, born 1.11.1937 in Hobart, Tas; died 18.2.08 in the Austin Hospital, Melbourne, Vic. He married Heather Pearle Larpe in Dandenong church in September 1962, and they had three children. In 2001, he married Barbara in Edinburgh, Scotland. He is survived by his wife (North Fitzroy, Vic); his son, David; his son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Jane; his grandsons, Michael and James (Qld); and his daughter, Catherine (Vic). He served in the Adventist Brass Band for the past 55 years, until his untimely passing. He now awaits the call of Jesus.

Wayne Boehm, Kim Bamford

Hayward, Zeta Iona, (nee Strack), born 25.03.1914 at New Plymouth, NZ; died peacefully 6.2.08 at Ngahuru Rest Home,

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Hawera, surrounded by her family. Zeta was predeceased by her much-loved husband, Laurie, in 1991. Zeta was the loved and respected mother, and mother-in-law, of Rae and Len Broadmore, Lauren and the late Peter Citrine, Jan and David Page, Lois and Gordon Murtagh, and Nicola Korff and the late Ginge (Graham). Much-loved nanna of all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Zeta will always be remembered for her faithfulness and her service in all departments of church work, along with her kindness to the many young people she took into her home over the years.

Marilyn Pasione

Howie, Gertrude Louise (Trudy) (nee Stargatt), born 24.1.1922, Sydney, NSW, died 7.3.08 in Coronella Adventist Retirement Village, Nunawading, Vic. Trudy was predeceased by John in 1988, and is survived by her five children, Karen (Jones), Ian, Bruce Eric and Gavin, their spouses, Charles, Margaret, Wilma and Robyn, her 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. 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

Molloy, Grant Michael, born 21.7.1971; died 15.4.07. He had an aggressive form of cancer and died after only six months, leaving behind his partner, Anita; and two young daughters, Mischa and Asha. The whole family misses him and hope to be reunited. We can't wait for the Resurrection.

Pascoe, Pastor Arthur Lesley (Les), born 20.3.1905 in the Papanui Sanitarium,

Christchurch, NZ; died 21.2.08 in the Avondale Retirement Village, Cooranbong, NSW. In December, 1929, he married Lena Raethel, who predeceased him on 14.11.1975, and Jean Jones in 1986, who predeceased him on 1.8.1998. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Pastor William, Pastor Martin and Vince. He is survived by his brother and spouse, Lindsay and Joyce (Umina); his children and their spouses, Allan and Marjory (Green Point), and Nola and Len (Melbourne, Vic); his four grandchildren; and his great-grandson. Pastor Les graduated from Avondale College in 1929, and pastored all over Australia and the Solomon Islands. In retirement, he worked as a chaplain in prisons and retirement homes. He contributed approximately 420 books read onto audio tapes to Christian Services for the Blind. Les awaits the call to everlasting life when Jesus comes again.

Wilfred Pascoe, Daron Pratt

Riemersma, Gerrit, born 17.4.1910 at Leeuwarden, Netherlands; died 28.3.08 in Canberra, ACT. On 17.5.1934, he married Annie, who predeceased him on 19.1.08. He is survived by his daughter and her husband, Joukje and Martin Poles (Canberra); his sister, Heiltje (Netherlands); his four grandchildren; and his nine great-grandchildren. Affectionately known as Opa (grandfather), he was a kind and gracious man. He came to Australia in 1952 and entered the building trade in Canberra. We anticipate a glad reunion when our Lord returns.

Neil Lawson, Ray Hinton

Segboer, Jacob Johan (John), born 24.12.1919 at Middelburg, Netherlands; died 5.1.08 at Toowoomba, Qld. On

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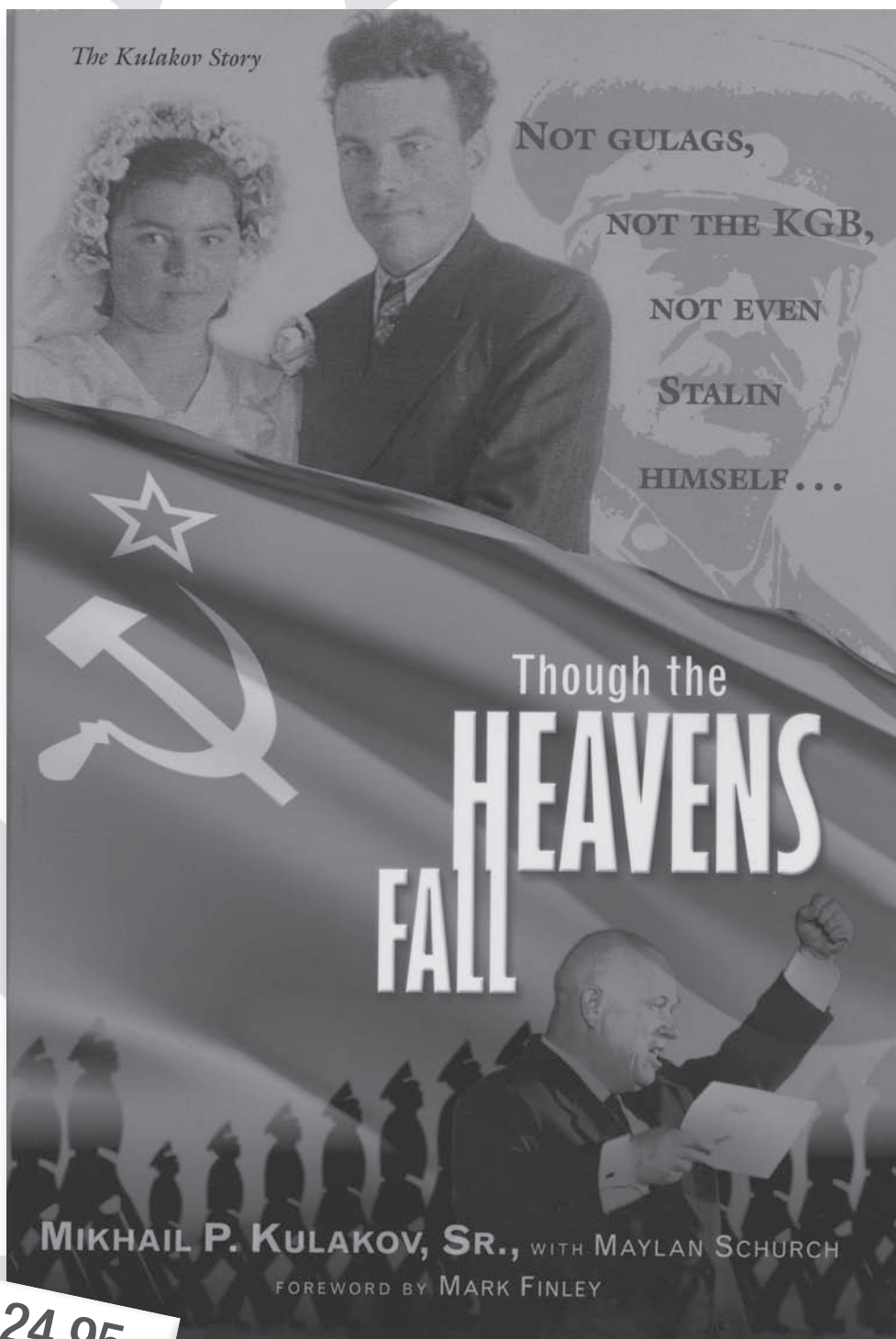
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