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"Masterpiece" retreat for NZ teachers

TAUPO, NEW ZEALAND

More than 120 teachers from Adventist schools around New Zealand met in early April at the Lake Taupo Christian Camp for their biannual teachers' retreat. With the theme of "Masterpiece Manifesto," the retreat aimed to recognise what "masterpieces" the teachers and their students are, as well as provide encouragement, inspiration and nurturing.

"The theme is about telling teachers they are masterpieces and valuable, and to help them recognise their kids are masterpieces created by God as well," says Lanelle Cobbin, curriculum specialist for the New Zea-

land Pacific Union Conference. "Art reflects the culture of the times, and it reminds teachers that they should reflect what they stand for and the big picture they want to convey to their students."

Dr Ed Boyatt, dean of the school of education at La Sierra University in America, and Pastor Stuart Tyner of La Sierra University church, were the main presenters of the retreat.

"When we see the masterpieces you have been trying to create, we see it very well in the children you teach and what is shining out from them," Pastor Tyner told the

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Gateway “births” new Hawthorn church

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

A new church company, Gateway Adventist Centre–Hawthorn (GAC–H), will be launched in Melbourne on May 24.

The new church in the Melbourne city suburb is eight kilometres east of the city centre. It is the result of work conducted by the Gateway Adventist Centre, which is based in the heart of Melbourne and celebrated its fifth year of operation in March this year.

“This is an exciting new urban outreach,” says Johnny Wong, the centre’s senior elder. “After two-and-a-half years of groundwork, Gateway is now giving birth to another church.”

Chai Tian Chuang, the initial church

planter and Bible worker at Gateway, says, “We’ve conducted significant outreach in Hawthorn and have seen many new seekers come to our groups.”

Current leader of GAC–H, Edmund Yeoh, says the church is constantly adding more outreach programs and encourages other churches to trial the church-planting model Gateway has used. University students were involved in the church plants and have gone on to take leadership positions.

“Personal ministry is the key to any work,” says Joe Leeterakul, who is involved in personal ministry at Gateway. “We find the methods given by our Adventist pioneers really work. We’ve seen four baptisms and 22 people taking Bible studies to date.”—*RECORD staff/Johnny Wong*

“Masterpiece” retreat for NZ teachers

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teachers during a presentation. “When we see Jesus shining out of these children, we know their teachers love them.”

Dr Boyatt encouraged the teachers to be more explicit in why they are Christians and why they believe in God. “We assume these things but students need to hear the reasons,” he says. “It’s more about sharing their personal testimony and less of preaching the specific teachings of the church.”

Teachers participated in workshops that enabled them to share activities they do with students, and explore new ways to help their students learn. “The main goals of the workshops are to encourage a Christ-centred school and excellence in education,” says Teri Boyatt, a workshop

presenters and associate superintendent of education in the Southeastern California Conference (USA).

Kevin Petrie, principal of the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Primary School, believes the conference made him think in new ways. “It’s been exciting, refreshing and invigorating,” adds Angelia Reynolds, a teacher at the Balmoral Seventh-day Adventist Primary School. “Sharing our experiences makes us feel that we’re not on the journey alone. We feel empowered and are leaving with the fire burning in our hearts to do the Lord’s work.”

For teachers trying to discover how to share Christ with their students, Pastor Tyner says, “The simplest thing to do is love them. Not just teach but exemplify Christ.”—*Melody Tan*

Springwood church celebrates 20 years

SPRINGWOOD, QUEENSLAND

On March 29, the Springwood church in Queensland celebrated 20 years since the construction of the church. From a small group of people who left the Eight Mile Plains church to plant a new church in the Springwood area, the congregation has grown to 881 members, with two congregations and three pastors.

There was standing room only, as many past and present members and pastors joined to celebrate the anniversary. Pastors Peter Cousins and Jorge Munoz challenged the congregations to connect to Jesus. They also highlighted the need for people to bring faith from their heads to their hearts. The sermons were enhanced by special items from the reunion of Destiny Singers and the Springwood Singers, as well as a number of solo performances.

Reflecting on Springwood’s 20th “birthday,” the current senior pastor, Andre van Rensburg, summed up the day, saying, “It was a wonderful and uplifting Sabbath, celebrating God’s leading in the past as we looked in the ‘rear-vision mirror.’ We need both roots and wings.”—*Peter Raymer*



Springwood pastors, past and present. Back row (from L-R): Pastors Trafford Fischer, John McMurtry, Travis Manners and Malcolm Potts. Front row (from L-R): Pastors Greg Harker, Jorge Munoz, André van Rensburg and Peter Cousins.

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“New” mission boat fulfils 30-year dream

TWEED HEADS, NEW SOUTH WALES

A dream to provide a mission boat to assist the Adventist Church’s work in the Pacific has been realised—after a detour of some 30 years. The newly repaired, refitted and renamed *Medisonship* will soon begin working as a medical boat in the Western Region of the Solomon Island, based at Kukudu. But, according to Pastor Andrew Kingston, president of the Solomon Islands Mission, the boat’s history is a remarkable story in itself.

The dream began more than 30 years ago when Pastor Bill Turner began to build a boat in his backyard. It was to be a stable craft, designed with a cathedral hull and plenty of room, so it could be used in the work of the church as a medical boat “somewhere in the Pacific.” “But in the mid 1970s,” says Pastor Kingston, “he was forced—very reluctantly—to sell the boat he had been working on.”

Last year, a group of church members based at Hillview church (NSW), working under the name of SONSHIP Ministries, began looking for a boat they could buy for use as a medical mission boat in the Solomon Islands. “After searching through boat magazines, they came across an ad in the *Trade-a-Boat* magazine, advertising a

boat that had been beached and idle for a few years,” says Pastor Kingston. “It was the right size, had plenty of room and was the right price!”

The boat was purchased in Caboolture (Qld) but Peter Gately from the Murwillumbah church (NSW)—the captain chosen to deliver the boat—decided to take the boat to Tweed Heads, to give it a test run and have it closer to his home so the repairs could be finalised.

Pastor Kingston continues the story: “One Sabbath morning earlier this year, Peter had been telling the story and showing some pictures to the Murwillumbah church when a fellow church member, Doug Turner, came to him and said, ‘I recognise this boat! It’s the one my dad built years ago.’

“Peter was doubtful at first,” he continues, “but Doug was adamant and insisted that Peter meet his father—Pastor Bill—at the Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village (Qld). So he went and met Pastor Bill. Pictures were compared, stories swapped and there was no doubt about it. It was the same boat!”

In the intervening 30 years, the boat has worked as a dive boat and a houseboat, and



Peter Gately, Pastor Bill Turner and Max Vavozo (left to right) aboard the medical boat soon to begin work in the Solomon Islands.

at one stage was totally burnt out before being refitted by yet another owner.

“When the boat left Tweed Heads for its voyage to the Solomons, Pastor Turner was there in his whites, complete with captain’s hat to see the boat for himself,” reports Pastor Kingston. “As he offered the dedicatory prayer on a boat that was fulfilling a dream more than 30 years old, there was not a dry eye among the well wishers.

“As a farewell gesture, Pastor Turner presented his captain’s hat to the Solomons’ captain, Max Vavozo, knowing his dream had come true—his boat was at last going to the Pacific as a medical boat, to spread the good news of the gospel.”—**RECORD staff/Andrew Kingston**



◆ Easter weekend, March 21-24, 2008, saw the three **Croatian-speaking churches** from around Australia come together for their annual convention at **Camp Somerset, Qld**. The Sabbath program was attended by almost **200 people** from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. Pastor Miroslav Didara, currently serving as president of the Sudan

Mission, and his wife, Nadica, who works in the mission office in Khartoum, were guest speakers. Pastor Eddie Johnson, pastor of the Croatian church in Sydney, spoke to the young people. Highlights of the convention included the baptism of three candidates—the first converts of the newly formed Brisbane Croatian church—held in the swimming pool, and a wedding.—**Jason Jakovac**

◆ The young people from the **Sawakasa church, Fiji**, surprised patients at **Korovou**



Hospital, Tailevu, by using a public holiday to visit the sick and conduct a clean-up campaign there. Children, aged between six and 15, took food crops for the hospital kitchen, knowing the devastation **Cyclone Gene** caused the province earlier this year. The group were commemorating **National Youth Day**.—**Fiji Times**

◆ The **Parkside Christian Seventh-day Adventist School, Napier, NZ**, provided a **free breakfast** for the community on April 18. “It was an opportunity to promote healthy living and build bonds between the different cultures in the community,” says teacher **Carolyn Frame**. The breakfast was sponsored by **Sanitarium Health Food Company**. Parents, students, and community and church members attended the breakfast, which was laid out on a table covering the length of the school hall.—**Melody Tan**

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ MAY 10—HEALTH OFFERING ◆ MAY 24—ADRA/DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING

Acting locally

ANDRÉ VAN RENSBURG, QLD

I applaud the report of financial assistance for local church buildings (“Grants help churches around the SPD,” News, April 12). The financial assistance this year of \$A2.37 million by the South Pacific Division (SPD) recognises the sisterhood of churches.

Outdated policies that were barriers in building churches have been overturned by the new SPD policies. The South Queensland Conference has also voted new financial policies for church buildings, providing a financial grant and assisting with two years worth of interest payments. Many local churches, which were once in limbo, are now able to build.

Unfortunately, there is not a representative who speaks on behalf of all local churches. The church structure has leaders who speak on behalf of departments and institutions. Our schools, retirement villages, bookshops, hospitals and other bodies have representation in the church organisation, whereas each local church has to represent itself, overcoming barriers and negotiating with administrators.

Building churches has been left primarily to the local church, yet we are not based on a congregationalist church model but on interdependence. Our mission is to connect people to Jesus, ensuring they are part of a healthy local church. We need to continue to look at our church structure and policies to encourage growth in the local church.

Employing resources for our main mission calls for a greater balance between our institutional and local church needs. Let’s unleash the potential of the local church in order to finish the gospel commission.

Bring back the pledge

WAL TAYLOR, NSW

“Under the carpet” (Editorial, April 19) touched a nerve with me because I, too, am concerned that as Seventh-day Adventists we have—perhaps not deliberately but no less effectively—swept much of our temperance stand “under the carpet.”

It seems unlikely we could influence public opinion on so deeply entrenched an issue or see effective government regulation of the availability and advertising of strong drink but we do have access to our own precious young people. I wonder if we should reintroduce the “Temperance Pledge” our church championed in the past (see Ellen White, *Temperance*, pages 197-9, 220).

I suggest we begin with young people’s events and places such as camps, colleges and schools, then widen it somehow to embrace our adult church membership, asking them to sign up during Health Week or some other suitable occasion.

I hope this editorial ignites a flame that will not flicker—not “swept under the carpet”—but will rekindle a fire to the glory of God.

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Record Roo



Hi kids!
Abram and his nephew, Lot, headed south and arrived at a spot they liked. Trouble was, there wasn’t enough room for both of them. Find out why in the Bible text below.

Bible Text

Now the _____ was not able to _____ them, that they might _____ together, for their _____ were so great that they could not dwell _____. Genesis 13:6 NIV

Word Puzzle

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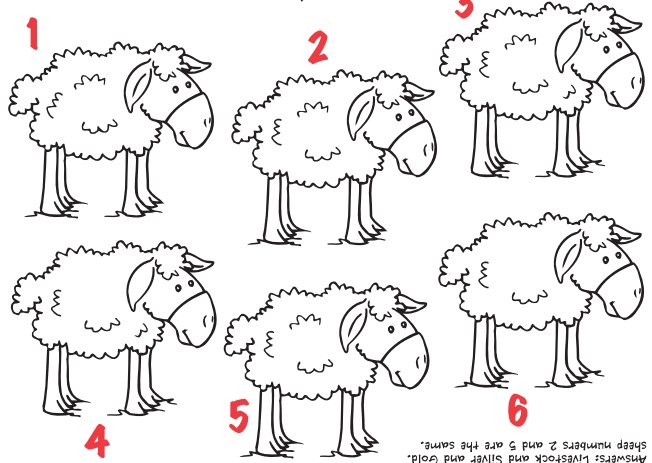
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Now you know that Abram and Lot were unable to live together at the same place because they had so many possessions. But what were their possessions? Write down every second letter to find out.

Spot 2 the Same

Can you find 2 sheep that are exactly the same? Colour in the pictures.



Answers: Liversock and Silver and Gold. Sheep numbers 2 and 5 are the same.

Peta Taylor

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Weddings

Chatfield—White. David Bruce Chatfield and Patricia Jean White were married on 16.3.08 in the Thames Community Centre, Thames, NZ, surrounded by their families and friends. *Ken Curtis*

Hurst—Howard. Nathan Linn Hurst, son of Wayne and Naomi Hurst (Ballarat, Vic), and Kasey Lee Howard, daughter of John and Kerry Howard (Central Coast, NSW), were married on 23.3.08 in the Windmill Gardens Chapel, Melbourne, Vic. *Greg Pratt*

Souradeth—Petersen. Maxie Souradeth, son of Mang and Khapha Souradeth (Perth, WA), and Natallie Petersen, daughter of Pierre and Heather Petersen (Perth), were married on 9.3.08 in the Belmont church, Perth. *John Horvath, Romulo Bartolome*

Wiltshire—Dorman. Alwyn Penberthy Wiltshire and Rita Linda Dorman were married on 9.3.08 in the home of Allan and Carol Mackee, Coorabong, NSW. *Adrian Craig*

Obituaries

Christie, Brian Alexander, born 16.3.1935 at Ashfield, Sydney, NSW; died 13.2.08 at Armidale. On 10.2.1957, he married Patricia Miller, who predeceased him on 15.6.1997. On 22.9.02, he married Meryl Cox at Armidale. He is survived by his wife (Urala); his sister, Margaret McCrow (Erina); his daughters and their husbands, Fiona Morgan (Toronto), Bronwyn Piddington (Raymond Terrace) and Sharon Higgins (Nowendoc); his six grandchildren; one great-grandson; as well as his four stepchildren and their offspring. He worked on Windsor church and finished the woodwork on the prayer chapel at Stuart's Point campground, NNSW, in his last year of life. What reunions there will be after Jesus calls His people back to life. Amen! *John Lang, Kevin Brown*

Humble-White. Rose (Elsie), born 1921 at Bruce Rock, WA; died 10.4.08. Rose was predeceased by her husband, Alfred. She is survived by her children, Alex, Gracie and Peter; her 19 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Rose was a hard worker at home and in the church, and will be missed. Family and friends gathered at

Volunteers!

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Beverly Cemetery to celebrate her life. We look forward to the Resurrection morning.

John Horvath, Abbey Aviles

McElligott, Edwin James (Ned), born 28.8.1913 at Kyogle, NSW; died 21.2.08 at Maroochydore, Qld. He married Joyce, a member of Maroochydore church. He is survived by his wife; his children, Brian, Cheryl, Lorain, Sherlene and Janelle; and their children. Ned lived a full life. He lived by Jesus words "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." He will be greatly missed. *John Rabbas*

Martin, Phillip, born 16.5.1916 at Coorabong, NSW; died 1.3.08 in the John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle. On 23.12.1936, he married Wray Chapman at Moonee Ponds, Vic. He is survived by his wife; his son and daughter-in-law, Daryl and Marjorie; and his three sons and their families. Phil worked at the Sanitarium Health Food Company as a factory engineer at Coorabong, Warburton, Adelaide, Lewisham and Auckland. Phil was a friendly, kind man with a positive outlook on life, despite having to deal with ill health for many years. A devout Adventist, he waits to see Jesus. *Adrian Craig, Daryl Martin*

O'Brien, James, born 30.9.1939 in the Liverpool Hospital, England, UK; died 3.4.08 in the Redcliffe Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. On 13.3.1955, he married Inge. He is survived by his wife; his daughters, Anne-Marie and Esther; and his four grandchildren, Melanie, Michael, Dane and Jay. He served in the UK Army Parachute Regiment and completed his studies at Newbold College. He was a member of Sandgate church. Thank you, James, for the many lives you touched. You will be sadly missed. We long for the day when Jesus returns. *Humberto Rivera*

Taylor, Dorothy May (Dorrie) (nee Woodward), born 13.7.1913; died 25.3.08 in the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point,

Qld. On 3.2.1940, she married Jack, who predeceased her on 15.10.1967. She is survived by her sons, Desmond (Stoney Creek) and Dennis (Logan City); her six grandchildren; and her four great-grandchildren. Her love for the Lord was always paramount in her life. Love and care for her family and all other people was important to her.

Bob Possingham

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