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SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

More than 250 young people across Sydney made a public stand for a drug-free lifestyle on September 20.

The young people from Seventh-day Adventist youth groups around Sydney walked for 90 minutes across the ANZAC Bridge, and around Blackwattle and Rozelle Bay, as a show of their commitment to lead a drug-free lifestyle.

"This is a good time for young people to make lifestyle decisions," says Pastor John Wells, organiser of the walk and associate youth director for the Greater Sydney Conference. "The walk is an annual part of

our youth program, and is an opportunity to encourage young people to think about and choose a drug free lifestyle."

For Natalie Kent, who has been on the drug free walk every year since 1995 when she was three, the walk is a yearly tradition and an opportunity to meet with friends from other youth groups.

"It is nice to be a part of the group and we enjoy walking together through the city," she says. "I believe you can live a happy and fulfilling life without drugs, and the drug free walk is a way to affirm this decision with family and friends."

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Prediction or prophecy?

EARLIER THIS YEAR, I WAS PRIVILEGED to spend a few days with Adventist editors from around the world at the General Conference's World Editors Council. Working in a specialised ministry with unique experiences, opportunities and challenges, the chance to share stories and concerns from our respective parts of the world was encouraging and instructive.

In various conversations, a number of editors commented on the pressure placed on them from time to time by would-be contributors with a particular and "urgent" interpretation of prophetic events. One editor related some of the scathing personal criticism he had received after choosing not to publish a group's speculations. Criticism in relation to what is printed—or not—on a wide variety of subjects is part of the editors' lot, but there seems an additional burden when it comes to matters of prophecy and prediction.

From its earliest days, we have been a church defined, moulded, motivated and directed by an understanding of Bible prophecy. So it is little wonder—and it is right—that we take it seriously, as did the early Christians.

But the advantage early Christians had was a personal proximity to Jesus. They had been first-hand witnesses to the biggest event of Bible prophecy. Amid a range of false messiahs, Jesus came in a manner not broadly expected and those who came to know Him had to adjust their expectations. So the first Christians were well aware of

both the certainties and uncertainties of prediction and its "coming to pass."

Peter explained the sometimes ambiguous nature of prophecy in this way: "This salvation was something the prophets wanted to know more about. They prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you, even though they had many questions as to what it all could mean. . . . They wondered when and to whom all this would happen" (1 Peter 1:10, 11*).

But Peter also emphasised the assurance that came from their knowledge and experience of Jesus, as central to the promises of God: "For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and his coming again. We have seen his majestic splendour with our own eyes. . . . Because of that, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. Pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a light shining in a dark place—until the day Christ appears and his brilliant light shines in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:16, 19).

The key question is the purpose of Bible prophecy. We are all intrigued by insights into the future but, in our understanding of prophecy, we should not be distracted by puzzles and predictions at the expense of the promises and Person at its core. Prophecy is deeper than prediction: "We must first realise the prophets' burden was to call God's people to repent, to change their lives now. . . . The predictive element of prophecy

is not the end but only one of the means" (Michael Card, *Scribbling in the Sand*).

Our faith is always in Jesus—what He has done, is doing and will do in our world—not in presidents or popes, economists or scientists, markets or media. If prophecy does not point us to Jesus, we are missing the point.

The other risk in becoming too focused on predictions is that we assume the history of the future has already been written. This weight of prophecy can settle into a kind of determinism, diminishing the importance of choices and acts of faithfulness to be made by peoples, communities, churches and individuals, today and into the future.

Rather than be burdened by such a weight of prophecy, we should be energised by the promises and hope the Bible offers. Prophecy is about the mission of God in our world—and our invitation to participate in that mission. Indeed this larger mission may be one reason *our* predictions might not always work out as we expect: "The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent" (2 Peter 3:9).

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Nathan Brown



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Adventist Church reaffirms Christianity

RINGWOOD, VICTORIA

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia is reaffirming Christianity in response to comments made by Dr Francis Macnab in Melbourne newspaper *The Age* on September 16.

Dr Macnab, a psychotherapist and executive minister at St Michael's Uniting church in the city, said a new faith was needed because the old Christian faith no longer worked. He believes Abraham is probably a "concoction," Moses was a mass murderer and Jesus was a Jewish peasant who wasn't God. Dr Macnab also believes there's no God in the usual sense of an interventionist deity.

St Michael's church is currently promoting its new faith. Dr Macnab says, "The old faith is in large sections unbelievable. We want to make the new faith more believable, realistic and helpful in terms of the way people live."

According to Dr Macnab, this new faith will transcend denominations and religions, and will focus on things that are good, tender and beautiful from all religions, with a focus on "searching" instead of "dogma."

Pastor Chester Stanley, president of the Australian Union Conference, says Dr Macnab is right in rejecting dogma in search of "the good, the tender and the

beautiful" and is surprised Dr Macnab has not already found it in Christianity.

"Christianity is about the good, the tender and the beautiful, and so much more," says Pastor Stanley. "More importantly, it is also about love. It is about the greatest love that is personified in Jesus Christ—wholly God and wholly man—who, while innocent, died to pay the penalty of our sins, simply to give us everlasting life."

Pastor Stanley acknowledges that, while at first glance, the Ten Commandments may appear to be a list of what people should not do, "at its heart, it's a moral compass in an age of relativism. It's about man's relationship with God and relationships among people in society."

A statement released by the Adventist Church in 2006 on the role of the Ten Commandments in public life asserts that its principles serve as "a foundation for lives of loving service to humanity. At the same time, they recognise the need for tolerance, Christian humility, and respect for

the rights of others in making application of these principles."

Pastor Stanley agrees that Christians should not be too rigid in their teachings but must accept the Bible as their only creed.

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church holds certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These beliefs constitute the church's understanding and expression of the teaching of Scripture," he says. "However, we expect these statements to be revised when the church is led by the Holy Spirit to a fuller understanding of Bible truth or finds better language in which to express the teachings of God's Holy Word.

"But ultimately, there is no such thing as an old or new faith when it deviates from the teachings of the Bible," says Pastor Stanley.—*Melody Tan/The Age*



Pastor Chester Stanley, president of the Australian Union Conference.

The full *Age* article can be read at www.theage.com.au/national/new-faith-throws-out-the-ten-commandments-20080915-4h3d.html



◆ This year, **Blue Hills College, NSW**, has blossomed spiritually. Bible teacher **Andrew Harris** and chaplain **Jotham Kingston** gave each student in the **Year 9 and 10** combined Bible class a free Bible. Some students, having never read the Bible before, are now spending their own time reading the Bible for enjoyment. The giving of Bibles to the students has

had a positive influence on their attitude toward Bible class. Since then, the students are keen to sit with their Bibles open. "They're asking more questions about God than ever. Every class since has been a Bible study, deeper than could ever be done before the students took ownership of the Bibles," says Mr Harris. The students can mark them and read them in their own time. The students use the **New International Version: Encyclopedia Edition**. It has colour pages and concordances.—*Blue Hills College*



◆ The Year 10 students had a different kind of school day at **Carmel College, WA**, when they recently participated in a **Community Service Day** on campus. All students who leave school in WA are expected to document that they have completed **20 hours** of community service as part of their graduation requirements. In order to assist students

in fulfilling this requirement, a day was planned which allowed them to tour the College property with estate manager **Norrie Taylor** and learn about the natural environment, begin a catalogue of all the animal and plant species on the property, and clean up some of the bush areas around the old dairy. In addition, students learned about the history of the college and witnessed some of the environmental challenges facing it and the local Perth Hills area. A similar day is planned off campus later in the year.—*Gavin Williams*

Church on Lord Howe Island celebrates 95 years

LORD HOWE ISLAND

On the weekend of September 19 to 21, the Adventist church on Lord Howe Island celebrated its 95th anniversary. The celebration was enjoyed by church and community members, with more than 100 people attending the final program, held at the community hall on Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, general secretary of the South Pacific Division, was the guest speaker for the weekend and spoke on the theme of “God’s history is the Church’s destiny.” The history of the Adventist Church on Lord Howe Island and its challenges for the future were the focus over the weekend. Church pastor Kieren Jackson and his wife, Shonel, put together most of the visual historical presentations.

The Sabbath-school program was organised by Campbell and Michele Wilson, with a feature on global church growth. The church praise and worship time featured Brad Cox from Macquarie College.

The climax of the anniversary program was a celebration dinner on the Sunday night. Pastor Jackson expressed his apprecia-



Church and community members gather to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Lord Howe Island church.

tion to those who attended the program and church elder Clive Wilson officially thanked those who supported the Lord Howe Island Adventist church, particularly the South Pacific Division, Sydney Adventist Hospital, Adventist Development and Relief Agency, and the Lord Howe government leaders and communities.

Pastor Tanabose says, “The success of the celebration should be credited to the Jacksons, as well as Mr Wilson and his wife, Beth, who sacrificed their time and effort to organise the activities.”—**RECORD staff/Lawrence Tanabose**

More @ <http://lordhowe.adventist.org.au/>

Youth make a stand against drugs

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For the walk, youth groups created banners outlining their thoughts concerning drugs and also discussed the issues in their individual groups.

Last year, more than 300 young people from Seventh-day Adventist youth groups around Sydney signed a petition asking the Australian government to “use your powers to double the recommended tax increase on tobacco and alcohol.” The Rudd government’s alcopop tax hike that was subsequently introduced was a welcome measure.

The youth ministries department of the South Pacific Division has organised the drug-free walk for more than 10 years at different venues. Last year, participants walked across the Harbour Bridge to commemorate its 75th anniversary. —**Melody Tan**



The drug-free walk group.



◆ Last year, primary students from **Macquarie College, Newcastle, NSW**, raised over \$A8500 to help a school in the **Solomon Islands**. This year, they walked in support of an ADRA project in **Mongolia**. Students from Years 3 to 6 walked approximately 10 kilometres from Eleebana to Marmong Point on Friday, September 19. Joining them for a four-kilometre section

of the walk were the K–2 students. “A number of Year 2 students have also saved their spending money to contribute to the project,” explained **Mrs Watters**, head of Junior School. “An activity such as this not only provides exercise for everyone who participates but helps us to focus on others and their needs—a very important part of learning at Macquarie College.” The money raised will support an already established program helping students at risk. These students have had very little formal education because they had to work to provide finan-

cial support for their families. The Mongolian students are taught a trade such as sewing, craft or woodworking to provide them with skills to support their families. —**Karyn Asher**

◆ A critical realist framework, developed by two **Avondale College (NSW) alumni** to evaluate **science curriculums** in Australia, has been presented to delegates at a national conference for teachers. **Clinton Jackson** and **Dr John Watts** co-authored and presented a paper called “Stratified reality as foundation to a rich experi-



ential learning sequence in the science curriculum: a tentative first step” at the **57th National Conference of the Australian Science Teachers Association** on the Gold Coast, July 6–9. The paper suggests the stratified nature of knowledge provides a promising basis for the interpretation, understanding and application of science in the classroom. Of

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ OCTOBER 18—CHILDREN’S DAY

Sydney youth see, hear and declare

KURRAJONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

More than 200 young people from around the Greater Sydney area spent a weekend learning how to share their faith with others in more effective ways.

The Sydney Adventist Youth Conference (SAYC) 2008 was held at the Merroo Christian Centre from September 12 to 14. Its theme "Seeing, hearing, declaring" was based on 1 John 1:3.

The conference was the conclusion to a week of youth events organised by Adventist Youth Ministries in the Greater Sydney Conference (GSC), which were promised to be "infectiously motivating." It started with a youth rally on September 6 at the Christian City church in Silverwater, followed by a youth meeting every evening at the Parramatta Adventist church from September 8 to 11.

Pastor Eddie Hypolite, associate youth director for the South England Conference in London, was the main speaker at all events.

Caryn Landers, from the Parramatta Adventist church, attended all three events and believed they "could not have come at a better time."

"The talks have been eye opening with very relevant information," she says of the

presentations on the Book of Joel by Pastor Hypolite, during the conference. "It's a big push for us to get up and do something about telling people about Jesus Christ. The end is near and there is still so much work to be done."

According to Pastor Cheonneth Strickland, director of Adventist Youth Ministries for GSC, the conference aimed to help young people build confidence in sharing their faith with their friends. "I hope the young people leave empowered, inspired and committed to share their faith with their friends in a more intentional way," he says. "I also hope they leave more spiritual than when they came."

Workshop presenters at the conference included directors from GSC, a pastor from a Sydney church plant and a university student who has conducted evangelistic campaigns in the Sydney area.

The workshops, with four different streams, were held throughout the weekend for young people interested in either "seeing," "hearing," "declaring" or "doing." Young people learned about subjects that included how to develop an evangelism plan for their youth group, how to craft a message so people can hear, how to plan and run a youth evangelistic series, and how to use a toolbox full of tricks to communicate the gospel.



Praise and worship during the meetings.

"The workshops helped us to refocus," says Jennifer Hutchinson from Campbelltown Adventist church. "I've learned how to read the Bible better and how fasting helps."

Pastor Strickland believes the conference has encouraged attendees to share their faith, both verbally and through their lifestyle, because, "everyone has a story about what Jesus Christ has done in their life. There has been a good buzz and energy at this conference."

Ms Landers and her friends are already "making plans on what to do and how to change things when we get back to our churches," she says. "I really hope it is not just about the weekend and that we will do something about it when we get home."

—Melody Tan

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particular interest to the authors is the sequencing of the school science content, topics and experiences in the curriculum. "We were pleasantly surprised by the number of people in prominent state-curriculum positions who encouraged us to keep developing our ideas, since it gave them more confidence in doing their work," says Mr Jackson, a physics teacher at **Brisbane Adventist College**.—*Brenton Stacey*

◆ **Pastor John Leeman**, president of the **Vanuatu Mission**, the South Queensland Conference's "partner

in mission," was a special guest at **South Queensland camp**, held September 19–27. It was his first campmeeting of this kind and he was excited about the growing "Partners in Mission" relationship. "In the past, we have had missionaries serving in Vanuatu but now there are less of them," he explains. "This partnership will help keep us connected personally." He was impressed by the response of the conference and said he would share it with his family and friends in Vanuatu. "I was touched by how they gave offerings on Sabbath. They listened to our stories and

we must learn how to do that in return: to learn to help ourselves and begin to help others. Mission seems to be such a focus and we need to have that same spirit."

—*Nathan Brown*

◆ **Three Karalundi Aboriginal Education community** students have been baptised, with 19 more responding to the call to prepare for baptism in the near future. In the last weeks of September, **John Dodd**, **Rhianna Kelly** and **Natrishia Samson** were baptised by **Pastor Don Fehlberg** in the Kara-



lundi swimming pool, with staff and students witnessing the happy and moving event. Both Mr Dodd and Ms Kelly turned their lives around, overcoming difficult backgrounds, to study the Bible with Karalundi chaplain **Dieter Stahl** and dormitory supervisor **Bruce Mason**.—*Dieter Stahl and Don Fehlberg*

Students film show for Hope Channel

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Avondale College communication majors have filmed a series of programs for Hope Channel as part of Project Hope. Called “The Fish Bowl,” the series of 13 23.5-minute programs expands on each of the meetings from the Festival of Faith, which were conducted at the college from September 8 to 13 by Pastor Buell Fogg.

The live panel discussion was recorded on set in College Hall, and feature a live testimony section and prerecorded musical item, in addition to a prerecorded devotional from Pastor Fogg.

The series is part of Project Hope—Australia, a joint venture between Hope Channel and the church’s Australian Union Conference to produce cost-effective and contextualised programming (“TV ‘Project’ shares Hope with the world,” News, August 30).

Hope Channel contacted Avondale after the cancellation of a shoot in Melbourne. The timing meant students had two weeks to prepare but, according to



Filming for “The Fish Bowl”—a series of 13 shows—at Avondale College.

producer Imogen Menzies, they delivered. “They spent nights working on the set. Some have missed classes to make sure a shoot ran smoothly. And others sacrificed their free time to watch us record. I am so proud of the student body for pulling together like this.”

Hope supplied four cameras, the director, an assistant and a cameraperson. The students—Nick Atkinson (floor manager), Steve Davis (assistant producer), Adrian Jackson (camera), Kent Kingston (assistant producer), Katie Page (line producer) and Brenton Potts (camera) formed the core of Ms Menzies’ team—recorded and edited the devotional, built the set, researched the content and supplied all other talent and support staff—about 60 students in all. College students Levi Gardner and Kristina Malarek hosted the series.

—Kristin Thiele

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Livingston ladies enjoy night in Paris

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Livingston Adventist church organised a “Ladies’ night in Paris” on September 14, which was attended by 80 women from the church and local community. Those who attended enjoyed a night of French food, music, entertainment and ambience.

The setting included a large canvas backdrop of a bridge over the River Seine, a fully-lit Eiffel Tower, a French cafe scene, street lamps, old bikes with baskets of breadsticks and two carts full of flowers.

The guests enjoyed four courses of French cuisine. Church member Amy Vogel read several French poems and Josephine Bacon sang “La Vie en Rose” and taught 10 lucky ladies how to dance the cancan.—Lynn Hulls

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Learning to cancan at the “Ladies’ night in Paris.”

◆ Compiled jointly by the **General Conference’s** department of **Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL)** and the **International Religious Liberty Institute** of Adventist-owned **Andrews University**, the **Religious Freedom World Report 2006–07** ranks countries on the basis of religious freedom. Categories 1 through 3 represent countries whose constitutions guarantee religious freedom but to varying degrees. Members of religious communities in Category 4 routinely face restrictive laws and attitudes that curtail the practice of their faith. A Category

5 rating indicates a “total negation” of religious freedom. Of the 217 countries listed in the report, 38 rank as a Category 4 or 5. The report includes a summary of each country’s legal, political and social climate, as well as details of the Adventist experience. The Adventist Church is the only denomination that compiles a report on religious liberty. The report has been sent to the **United Nations** and the **US State Department**, as well as government leaders, international organisations and religious liberty advocates worldwide since 2000.—ANN news

◆ A Sydney, NSW, woman who refused to register her car because it was her “**God-given**” right to drive has lost an appeal to overturn her conviction. She is barred from driving until May 2023.—The Age

◆ **Christian naturists** have scrapped a planned naked mass in **Holland** after opposition from other worshippers. Celebrants abandoned plans to hold a second service after media coverage of their first mass led to a flood of angry phone calls and emails from more orthodox Christians.

“I don’t understand what all the fuss is about,” a spokesman for the **Garden of Eden** group told the *Daily Telegraph*. They held their first service in June, when a clothed priest presided over a nude congregation of **80 people**. But such was the barrage of hostile public opinion, the second religious event was cancelled and Garden of Eden’s website shut down. “Because of the negative publicity and the lurid curses in the guest book, we have been obliged to close the site temporarily,” says the group’s website.—Ananova

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Church in Fiji supports “Yellow Ribbon” project

SUVA, FIJI

The Adventist Church in Fiji is urging church and community members to be a part of the “Yellow Ribbon” project, initiated by the Fiji Prisons and Correctional Service.

The aim of the project is for members of the public to extend acceptance, offering forgiveness and a second chance to ex-offenders. The concept is based on popular 1970s song “Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round that old Oak Tree,” where an ex-offender writes to his wife, asking her to tie a yellow ribbon on the oak tree in the city square on the day of his release, to indicate she wanted him back.

“Christians are called to be forgiving people and this naturally includes forgiving ex-offenders as well,” says Pastor Warne Sausau, general secretary of the Fiji Mission. “The Adventist Church is committed to extending a helping hand to anybody in need and giving people a second chance.”

Mosaic Community church launched in NZ

PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

There has been much change over the past year at Mosaic Adventist Community church in Palmerston North, New Zealand. These changes have taken Mosaic from a “contemporary service,” as part of the Palmerston North Adventist church, to a newly-formed company as of September 20.

To celebrate the church company’s formation on this date, members gathered with church leaders for a special service. Pastor Eddie Tupa’i, North New Zealand Conference president, challenged Mosaic in its new venture to be relevant and reach out to those around it.

Mosaic participated in a farewell celebration from Palmerston North church a week later and, on October 4, the first service was held in its new venue at Queen Elizabeth

According to Auta Moceisuva, acting prisons commissioner for the Fiji Prisons and Correctional Service, many ex-offenders who sincerely wish to make a fresh start on their release often face an uphill battle due to the stigma associated with their former status.

“Realistically, all offenders face two prisons,” he says. “The first reflects the actual prison systems where we hold the key. On their release, they enter another prison, which is socially and psychologically based. In essence, everyone else holds the key to this second prison.”

The Fiji Mission will work with close to 300 Adventist churches and church groups, as well as using its radio station, Hope FM, to encourage church and community members to wear a yellow ribbon as a symbol of their acceptance and forgiveness of ex-offenders.

The “Yellow Ribbon” project will officially launch on October 11, when Fiji hosts the Heads of the Pacific Islands Correctional Conference.—*Melody Tan*



Members of Mosaic.

College. The company has 75 members in regular attendance.

As part of the “Healthy Adventist Churches” process, the attendees at Mosaic voted over several general meetings to be outward focused, become a fully-functional church and to plant Mosaic in a new location, where they can better fulfil their mission of providing pathways for people in Palmerston North to experience Jesus Christ in community.—*Julene Duerksen-Kapao*

Aftermath of violence leaves scars on Orissa

ORISSA, INDIA

Adventist Church leaders in India have reported at least 27 Adventists dead from anti-Christian brutality that developed in the eastern India region of Orissa in late August (“Adventists murdered in Indian anti-Christian violence,” News, September 27). Church leaders said there are still violent outbreaks in the area despite India’s Central Reserve Police forces patrolling the state.

Pastor Choudampalli John, president of the East-Central Indian Union Section, reported he was not allowed to enter the areas where violence had occurred. Pastor John also said some Adventists are still hiding in the jungles because they fear retribution.

Other church leaders commented on the severity of the situation. Pastor Paka Jesurathnam, president for the Orissa Section, reported thousands of houses and three dozen Adventist churches were likely destroyed and looted. “To evaluate the actual loss of lives, property, people . . . dwelling places and worship centres is impossible right now,” he said. “To hear . . . personal stories [makes] our nerves ache and blood dry.”

The prime minister of India, Manmohan Singh, has condemned the violence, calling it a “national disgrace,” according to published reports. Possibly as many as 50,000 Christians from the Kandhamal region of Orissa are scattered throughout the seven government-run refugee camps and the surrounding jungle, *Ecumenical News International* reported.

Hindu extremists are blamed for beheading an Adventist pastor in August. Pastor Samuel Naik, pastor of the Phulwani Adventist church, and his mother were killed during anti-Christian violence sweeping the region of India. Church leaders reported that Pastor Naik’s wife, who was previously reported to have committed suicide, is still alive.

The outbreak came after unidentified attackers killed a Hindu religious leader and four other individuals.—*Megan Brauner/ANN*

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Beat the afternoon slump

WE MAY NOT EXPERIENCE IT every day of the week but, sometimes, our motivation and energy levels can dwindle significantly in the hours after lunch.

Why?

It has a lot to do with the natural rhythms of our body. We have a biological tendency to hit an energy lull in the afternoon. But it's also related to our diet—when our blood sugar drops after we have digested a meal, it can make us feel tired and lethargic.

The good news is there are plenty of simple things you can do to beat the afternoon slump. Here are just a few of our favourites:

Eat well:

Start your day with a good breakfast and eat a nutritious lunch. It really helps with the energy levels in the afternoon. Aim for foods that give you sustained energy.

Try to have a wholegrain cereal with at least three grams of fibre per serve in the morning and, for lunch, try wholegrain bread with hummus spread and plenty of salad.

Get active:

Even if you only have 10 minutes, moving your body will make you feel more energetic. If you work in an office, go for a quick walk around the building, or have a stretch and take some deep breaths at your desk.

And, if you can, head out into the sunshine during your lunchbreak. The sun's

rays can help fight fatigue later in the day.

Make snacks count:

Before you reach for a cup of coffee, soft drink or a cup of tea to give you a boost, think about the dip in energy that will come after the short burst.

When it comes to energy, it's much better to snack on fruit and yoghurt, or a dried fruit-and-nut mix with apple, apricot, walnuts and almonds, which will help with the energy levels throughout the afternoon.

Fruit smoothies are also a great choice.

Nap and sleep:

For the best way to beat the afternoon slump, researchers actually recommend a 15-minute power nap when you start feeling tired.

Unfortunately for most of us, this is not an option but making sure you get enough sleep in the evening is also a good way to help keep your eyes open in the afternoon. Try to get yourself into a routine of going to bed at a certain time each night and waking up around the same time each day. **R**

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2. Serve immediately.

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Big camp rookie

BY MELODY TAN

I FELT A LITTLE LIKE AN IMPOSTER. I possessed neither a caravan nor a tent, I did not have family members with whom I had made plans to spend time and having only migrated to Australia less than 10 years ago, I had no longstanding childhood friends I could “catch up with.” In fact, I would not even have been there if I had not been asked to assist at the expo hall.

Being at the South Queensland Conference campmeeting at Watson Park (Dakabin, Queensland) last month seemed like a rite of passage for me as a Seventh-day Adventist. I was attending a church campmeeting for the very first time after somehow managing to miss attending one in any city, state or country for any period of time for the 10 years I have been an Adventist. As a friend put it, I was a “big camp rookie.”

Initially, I felt a little like a fish out of water. All around me, people were greeting and hugging friends they had not seen for a long time and everybody looked like they knew where they were going. By contrast, save for a family I have known for just a few years, I felt surrounded by strangers, and wished I had a map and compass to navigate around the maze of tents and caravans. I certainly did not feel I belonged.

It was a little surreal wandering around the camp site. I could not quite decide if I was walking through a gigantic caravan park or a mini city. The street names between the rows of tents seemed to confirm I had stumbled on something big and different. There were stalls selling milkshakes and other delicious treats, groups of children running around laughing and even golf carts to drive the less mobile around the place.

People were smiling, strolling around eating ice-creams and looking relaxed. I felt transported to a different world—a self-sufficient village that was perpetually on holidays.

Then there were all these venues where



The crowd at the ABC Book Hour at the South Queensland Conference campmeeting.

“villagers” could gather, depending on their age groups or taste in worship styles. Like an authentic camping novice, I made the mistake of scurrying into one of the big tents—the “Big Tent,” actually—with hopes of finding shade, and therefore some relief from the hot Queensland weather. I realised my error in judgment almost immediately: tents become saunas in hot weather.

But I was committed to my decision and felt somewhat embarrassed to walk out on a sermon in progress. Besides, if hundreds of other people could withstand this, so could I. So I sat down near the edge, in the hope of catching the odd breeze, and listened to the speaker.

These were inspiring moments. It was not only about the passionate speakers sharing what they have learned from the Bible and encouraging others in their walk with God, and certainly not just about the special discounts on books and Sanitarium products on offer—this was about the amount of time and energy the organisers had spent to pull the whole camp off successfully. Simply considering the logistics was enough to give me a headache.

Sitting under an umbrella in front of the Big Tent writing this article, a man left me

with a parting remark: “Stop working and relax.” There is a lot of truth in his words. Big camp is somewhat like taking an extended Sabbath day. You stop worrying about life and start focusing on God.

I also realised I was not quite that alone in the “village.” There were actually people I knew at camp—some whom I have not seen since graduating from Avondale College. And perhaps it was the knowledge that we were all Adventists that did it but even virtual strangers were friendly, and offered a smile and greeting when you passed them.

I could not help but wonder if this was a little glimpse into heaven. Different venues catered to different age groups and a variety of tastes in worship. You could come and go as you please but there was usually something happening. You were with family and friends, and you were at a place where everybody loves the same God as you do.

Although I still wish I had a map. **R**

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Giving with integrity

BY BRAD WATSON

IMAGINE WE ARE ON A STATION PLATFORM. It is spring and the huge terminal is filled with the sound of hissing trains, scurrying commuters and departure announcements. Like me, you have baggage, and we find ourselves sharing a bench, waiting for the doors of our newly-arrived train to open.

Reaching for our bags, we notice a young couple embrace nearby. They are in love. The young man reaches forward and gently wipes a trail of tears from her rosy cheeks. Then, he reaches into his pocket and takes out a small box, wrapped in ribbon, and presses it into the palm of her hand. Suddenly, there are tears in his eyes, too.

Overcome with emotion, the pretty young lady turns away and boards the train behind us, waiting patiently as we stow our bags and settle into our allotted places. Following close behind, he lugs her heavy suitcase into the baggage rack, squeezes her awkwardly and, with a last, hurried kiss, is gone. His lips mouth the words “I love you.” The doors swish shut, the train judders and she sits, fingers tugging at the ribboned box, straining to catch one last glimpse of him through the hazy glass window. The small box is so much more than a parting gift and soon she will open it. Soon.

Giving questions

Most of us will be able to relate to something in this scenario. Perhaps it is the sorrow of departing, the ache that comes with love or just the awkwardness of a hurried kiss. You would know the power of love is expressed through gifts.

Take the box, for example. Small and ribboned, it communicates forethought and care. Then there is touch, the gentle wiping away of tears. The mouthed words “I love you” speak volumes in their silence. The awkward wave, the hurried last kiss, the careful placement of heavy luggage; these also are gifts. Then there are the others: gifts of trust and faith, of hope and time. There is belief that this journey is a beginning and that love will prevail.



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The romantic in me needs no convincing. Giving to those we love is part of the magic of life. Giving is an expression of who we are and what we wish to be. Giving nurtures, affirms and uplifts. A true gift, given unselfishly, is a treasure we should hold close to our hearts.

Another part of me—the rational, difficult, complicated part—has decided there is more to giving than meets the eye. Unfortunately, gifts can be provided for ulterior motives and with strings attached. Gifts, even when given in good faith, can cause harm. And some gifts, I know from experience, do not satisfy. A misguided gift may say more about the giver’s wants and needs than the recipients’. Sadly, not all giving is equally good and this is especially true for organisations seeking to alleviate poverty.

Corn in Malawi

American corn given to the small African nation of Malawi reminds us of the need to give carefully. In 2005, 13 million people in Malawi experienced famine. One third of people experienced serious food shortages. Hunger stalked millions of children.

Commendably, the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) intervened, purchasing shipments of food and distributing international grain donations from countries with surpluses. However, by mid

2007, Malawi was in the enviable position of boasting its largest maize crop in years. By this time, school feeding programs provided a simple but nutritious daily mug of porridge to 442,000 children. To the delight of local farmers, the porridge served in schools was often purchased locally by the WFP and government. Children were encouraged to return to school. They were able to concentrate on schoolwork, rather than on their empty stomachs. And, because the food was purchased within Malawi, prices were boosted and poor farmers were able to purchase school uniforms, medicine and books for their children.

In April 2008, the success of the school feeding programs had been established. The United States—the world’s largest donor of food aid—offered to expand the project with a \$US20 million grant, ensuring 650,000 Malawian children would have at least one mug of porridge per day. US citizens and farmers could be satisfied, knowing their food aid would benefit hungry children in terribly poor Malawian schools.¹

On the surface, the giving seemed logical. Farmers in Iowa would be paid for their government-subsidised crops and children in a poor African nation would be fed. However, the strings attached drew criticism. Malawi had a surplus of cheap food and producers were struggling to sell their

grain. Despite this, the \$20 million had to be spent purchasing US corn over three years, transported by American ships and processed by American companies.

The questions were really quite simple. Did Malawi need free, imported food or did it need the ability to store, transport and market its own surplus produce? Were local farmers being helped or harmed by the artificially-cheap imported food? Was Malawi the real beneficiary or was this gift more in keeping with needs of businesses and governments elsewhere? Some critics argued that twice as many children would have benefited had the food been purchased locally.

Principles of giving

Why, you may ask, am I reading about US food aid in Malawi? The answer to this is easy. As a church, we do a great deal of giving. It is our mandate. Jesus gave His life for us and asked us to serve. While the power of giving can never be fully rationalised, and impacts of a gift may never be known, there are several guiding principles for giving—principles easy to forget or to ignore. Take the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), for example. What principles apply when the intent of the gift is to build the self-sufficiency and dignity of a poor community?

First, as Jesus did, givers need to understand local needs. Ellen White emphasised the importance of what she called “real charity.” She wrote, “We should seek to understand the needs of the poor and distressed, and to give them the help that will benefit them most. To give thought and time and personal effort costs far more than merely to give money. But it is the truest charity.”²

I suspect Christ would have approved the development credo adopted by the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR): “Go to the people. Live among them. Learn from them. Plan with them. Work with them. Start with what they know. Build on what they have. Teach by showing; learn by doing. Not a showcase, but a pattern. Not odds and ends, but a system. Not a piecemeal but an integrated approach. Not to conform, but to transform. Not relief, but release.”³

Second, whenever possible, givers need to give a hand-up rather than a handout.

This wisdom is encapsulated in the familiar saying, “Give a man or woman a fish and you feed him or her for a day. Teach a them how to fish and you feed them for a lifetime.” While there is a time for handouts, and this is especially so in the initial phase of ADRA’s response to major disasters, the message is implicit that building the capacity of people to help themselves is more desirable and ultimately more sustainable. Ellen White noted that “We may give to the poor, and harm them, by teaching them to be dependent. Such giving encourages selfishness and helplessness.”⁴

A third principle inherent to helping poor communities is that activities must mobilise self-belief in beneficiaries. Parents know this is one of the greatest gifts

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we can give our children. Teachers know it is one of the greatest achievements for their students.

With growing confidence, self-belief and supportive networks, almost anything is possible. Success arising from incremental achievement builds the fundamental confidence required to overcome insurmountable hurdles. Again, Ellen White asserted, “Those who are taught to earn what they receive will more readily learn to make the most of it. And in learning to be self-reliant, they are acquiring that which will not only make them self-sustaining, but will enable them to help others.”⁵

Giving well

Over the years, ADRA, like other organisations, has adapted versions of the Development Credo. One goes something like this: “Start with what the people know, build on what the people have, and when the work is finished the people will say . . . ‘We have done it ourselves.’”

Charitable organisations associated with the Adventist Church, and in the international development sector as a whole, are increasingly grappling with the ethics of giving. This occurs firstly because NGOs (Non Government Development Organisations) are in the business of giving and giving well. Additionally, ADRA and other supporting ministries involved in humanitarian work overseas are subject to Australian law, which determines whether they can offer tax deductibility for some gifts. This causes tension.

Recently, I had a conversation with a disgruntled acquaintance.

“I just don’t understand what the problem is,” he said. “I have a whole group of people at our church lined up to go on this fly’n’build but we can’t get it off the ground.”

“So?” I replied.

“So, I called ADRA and this other mob, and they said they can’t give us tax deductibility for our airfares and expenses.”

“I see.”

“It’s ridiculous. There’s 15 of us and we can give two whole weeks to build a library or a clinic, and nobody is interested in helping us get there. Don’t we care anymore as a church?”

At this point, the romantic giver in me wanted to agree. Surely, I think, there will be huge benefits to the recipients and the fly’n’build team. What could possibly be wrong with such generosity?

But then I ask the hard questions: Is a clinic or library what the community really needs? Could the community build it or contribute to it? Will the activity be a project overseen by the NGO, or is the NGO simply being asked to act as a conduit of funds, with little oversight, so tax-deductibility can be gained for the benefit of the giver? Will provision of a library teach the community dependence? At the end, when it is done, will the community say “We did it” and “What can we do next to help ourselves?” or will the community just be glad that someone else did it for them, then wait for another team to come back in the future to make necessary repairs?

Like US corn to Malawi, I’m curious to know whether this gift might even disempower local people. A clinic might be badly needed but how is the clinic best provided and by whom? Finally, I wondered if I

should ask, "Mate, if you are sure the need is great, why let a little matter of tax-deductibility get in your way? Get in there and use what you have for Jesus."

ADRA's perspective

Harwood Lockton, International Program Director for ADRA Australia, states that ADRA—and all other registered Australian development organisations—operates within strict government-imposed guidelines. On the matter of tax deductible donations, he explains, "The charities are effectively stewards of government funds, and so must guarantee that communities are protected from inappropriate and unsustainable projects. Just because someone wants to generously donate time and money does not mean ADRA can provide tax-deductibility. Further, some specific activities, such as constructing just a building, are not approved by these guidelines and so can not be granted tax deductibility. ADRA has no choice in that regard."

To me, this was not a very satisfying answer. Although I appreciate living in Australia, my faith in government and politicians is a wee bit lacking. So I pressed further.

"Unfortunately, some well-intentioned projects can create dependence upon outsiders, which is neither desirable nor sustainable," Mr Lockton explains. "It has happened in the past.

"We do want people to travel to see the work of ADRA and to help others where appropriate. But as an ethical organisation dedicated to community empowerment, it is difficult to justify the cost of flying Australians to a developing country for a short time to do work that ADRA can do with the local community at a fraction of the cost and in a way that builds the self-esteem of the community.

"The reality of most short-term visits is that they are more to the benefit of the giver than the receiving community. That is fine to an extent, however, our priority is working with the poor. In this, we have to ensure we are compliant with the government regulations at all times and in all cases."

Back on the train

I'm back on the train. The girl opposite nervously undoes the soft ribbon and fumbles the lid open. Her eyes widen. The gift is more beautiful than she imagined and her heart skips a beat. She knows that he must have saved for a long time—that the price was high but his love is deeper. He knows her too well. Their relationship is sound and will become stronger. This gift is a promise of relationship, faith and togetherness.

Not all gifts are equal. Only the best will do. Jesus modelled it. Ellen White says as much, too. This we can expect of ADRA. **R**

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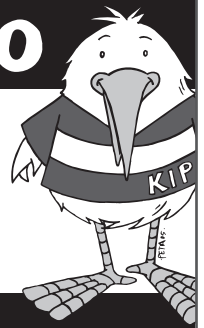
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October 17 is the annual International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

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Record Roo



Hi kids,
Joseph's brothers didn't like him because he was favoured by their father. But when Joseph started to have strange dreams it made his brothers even more angry...

Bible Text Puzzle

Joseph had a _____, and when he told it to his _____, they _____ him all the more. He said to them, 'Listen to this dream I had: We were _____ sheaves of _____ out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood _____, while your sheaves _____ around mine and _____ down to it.'
Genesis 37:5-7 NIV

Word Search

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WORD LIST

JOSEPH, COLOURFUL, COAT, FAVOURED, DREAM, BROTHERS, JACOB, FIELD, SHEAVES, GRAIN, BOWED, SUN, MOON, STARS, REIGN, RULE, ANGRY, JEALOUS

Word Search

Draw the other brothers' sheaves of wheat bowing down to Joseph's.



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Weddings

Arthur—Free. David Arthur, son of Lynden and Lynette Arthur (Morisset, NSW), and Adele Free, daughter of Ralph and Enid Rayner (Warwick, Qld), were married on 13.7.08 in Glenvale church, Toowoomba.

*Douw Venter, Martin Brown,
Hennie Murray*

Chapman—Chivers. Pastor Mervyn Chapman, son of the late William and Emeline Chapman, and Aileen Chivers, daughter of the late Francis and Winifred Slade, were married on 18.9.08 at Jan Chapman's residence, Applecross, Perth, WA.

Don Fehlberg

Gibson—Ireland. Jeffrey William Gibson, son of Jeff and Beth Gibson (Kilsyth, Vic), and Nadine June Ireland, daughter of Tom and Hazel Ireland (deceased, formerly from Bena), were married on 9.12.07 in Leongatha church, where they met.

Steve Kane

Hansen—Potter. Michael Richard Hansen, son of Don and Marilyn Hansen (Cooran-

bong, NSW), and Karen Potter, daughter of David Potter (Cooranbong) and Jan Potter (Melbourne, Vic), were married on 7.9.08 in Glenhully church, Melbourne.

Darren Croft

Ling—Taylor. Byron Peter Ling, son of Peter and Debbie Ling (Christchurch, NZ), and Tracy Michelle Taylor, daughter of Stuart and Donna Taylor (Palmerston North), were married on 13.4.08 in Bishopdale church, Christchurch. The couple met at a NZPUC session and are now both working in full-time ministry in Christchurch.

Steve Kane, Craig Gillis

Tevanian—Cowell. David Eric Tevanian, son of Avetic and Jacqueline Tevanian (Killarney Heights, NSW), and Peta Joanne Cowell, daughter of Simon and Joanne Cowell (Port Melbourne, Vic), were married on 13.9.08 in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW.

Graeme Loftus

Willison—Price. David Jonathan Willison, son of Robin and Heather Willison, and Kelly Marie Price, daughter of Brent and Julie Price, were married on 3.8.08

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Obituaries

Allison, Doris (Dolly), born 15.8.1918 at Boulder, WA; died 15.6.08 in the Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital, Perth. In 1955 she married Alf, who predeceased her in 1996. She is survived by her sons, Peter and Ian (Perth). As a nurse, wife, mother and friend, Dolly was full of compassion and love for others. Rest now 'til morn'ing.

Phil Rhodes

Bennett, Arno Fred, born 7.6.1930 in Berlin, Germany; died 4.9.08 in the Modbury Hospice, SA. In 1960, he married Karin. He is survived by his wife (Adelaide); his daughter, Carin Montgomery (Adelaide); his sons, Frank (Adelaide) and Ralph (Sydney, NSW); his son-in-law and daughter-in-law; and his five grandchildren. Arno grew up in Danzig, Poland. He was an electrician who could fix just about anything. In May 1952, he came to SA and was baptised in 1994. He was treasurer of Elizabeth church for many years and oversaw many improvements. Awaiting the Resurrection.

Lee Bowditch-Walsh

Dixon, Phyllis Kathleen, born 6.4.1929 in Johannesburg, South Africa; died 29.5.08 at Auckland, NZ. She married Lionel Dixon on 14.8.1950, with whom she had five children and the whole family immigrated to NZ in 1974. She is survived by her children, Diane, Cliff, David, Gary and Andrew; their spouses; her 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Phyllis had a profoundly positive influence on her family and Welford church family, and was greatly loved by us all. We look forward to being reunited with her on the Resurrection day.

Hugh Heenan

Duffy, Margaret, born 6.3.1926 in Adelaide, SA; died 13.7.08 in the Christies Beach Nursing Home, Adelaide. She is survived by her children, David, Sue Ruckenstein and Lisa Botting (all of Adelaide). A gentle, loving mother and grandmother, she loved the Lord, her pets and her football.

Nigel Ackland

Earl, Dorothy Rita (nee Driver), born 27.11.1919 in Adelaide, SA; died 7.8.08 in "The Vales" Nursing Home, Adelaide. On 28.2.1942, she married Jack Henley, who predeceased her on 20.8.1988. On 12.11.1992, she married Albert Earl. She is survived by her husband (Adelaide); and her sons, David Henley, Roger Henley, Garry Henley, Raymond Henley, Stephen Henley and Dale Henley. In addition to raising her own six boys, she raised over 40 foster children, was an accomplished artist and a faithful Christian.

Nigel Ackland

Ford, Elsie, born 4.6.1914 at Coleraine, Vic; died 31.5.08 at Albury, NSW. On 29.10.1937, she married George in Melbourne, Vic. She was baptised by Pastor Ray Stanley on 17.12.1960. She was predeceased by her husband; and her sons, George and Lyons. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Elsie and Wilson Kent; her three grandchildren; and her five great-grandchildren.

Laurence Landers

Hamilton, Marjorie Kathleen, born 24.8.1924 at Rockhampton, Qld; died 3.8.08 in the Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW. On 12.3.1951, she married Colin Hamilton, grazier of Theodore, who predeceased her in 1979. She is survived by her son and his wife, Ian and Megan (Jakarta, Indonesia); her daughter and son-in-law, Dr Ann and Roger Fairfax (Sydney, NSW); her grandchildren, Ben, Stephen, Seth, Abbey-Rose, Sarah, Levi and Priscilla Hamilton, and Maryellen, Roseanna and Olivia Fairfax; and her three great-grandchildren. She loved and was loved by her family and now rests, awaiting her Saviour's return.

Ray Southon

Hassall-Abbey, John Douglas, born 23.7.1914 in Sydney, NSW; died 9.9.08 at home in Brisbane, Qld. John was predeceased by his daughter, Maris. He is survived by his wife, Georgina; and his children, Glen, Nyarie and Darian; and his stepsons, Kerry, Lester and their families; including grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John accepted the Advent message as a youth. For a short time, he ministered in the south Qld Conference. In his senior years, the Holy Spirit called him into lay ministry until his death. He was a senior elder at Central church, and shared his love of Jesus and the Advent message in many Bible studies, Sabbath school lessons and preaching appointments. His church family and loved ones will miss his

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Keith Grolimund.

Hillier, Peggy (nee Kirkman), born 7.1.1923 at North Strathfield, NSW; died 6.8.08 at Albury. On 22.6.1942, she was married to Horrie by Pastor FG Ramp-ton. She was predeceased by her husband on 5.5.1993. She is survived by her sons, Allan, Maurice and Stuart; and their spouses, Val, Nerina and Diane; her eight grandchildren; and her 10 great-grandchildren. Peg loved the Lord, her family and music. She was a devoted, hardworking church member. Death has been overcome by Calvary and she sleeps, awaiting the great reunion day. Maranatha.

Lawrence Landers

Hoy, Patricia Helen (nee Gilliard), born 2.3.1939 in Ireland; died 28.8.08 at Bendigo, Vic. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Gerry; and her children, Tony, Annette, Stephen, Tina and Mark; and their spouses and families. Trish was an effervescent lady. She loved life, people and her God. Over the past six years, Trish endured a life-threatening illness, undergoing nine operations. Trish utilised these six years to powerfully witness, and continually share her incredible faith and love for God. She will be greatly missed by the countless lives that she touched. Trish now awaits the call of Jesus on the great Resurrection morning.

David Butcher

Lawrence, Barry Hall, born 7.2.1933; died 12.8.08 at home in Cooranbong, NSW. He

is survived by his wife, Ruth (Cooranbong); his children, Darren and Kerrilli; and his grandson, Ryan. Barry was well respected in the community and a much-loved member of the Avondale Memorial church. His death was sudden but a real reminder of the uncertainty of life. He was buried with confidence in his commitment to Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. On 17.8.08, a memorial service was held in the Avondale Memorial church, in front of a large congregation of family and friends.

*Ross Goldstone, Peter Cherry,
Raymond Dobson*

McGill, Marian Stella (nee Brain), born 15.1.1917 at Gloucester, England; died 8.8.08 in the Adventist Residential Care facility at Rossmoyne, Perth, WA. On 27.5.1939 she married Charles Henry (Charlie), who predeceased her in 1980. She is survived by her sons, Ian (Perth), Alan (Gosford, NSW) and Robert (Geelong, Vic). A loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. At rest until her Saviour wakes her to enter everlasting life.

Phil Rhodes

Mitchell, Norma Muriel (nee Bartlett), born 31.5.1924 at Inverell, NSW; died 1.7.08 in Freeman Nursing Home, Perth, WA. In 1946 she married Ken, who predeceased her in 1993. She is survived by her children, John (Manjimup), Shirley Allsop (Melbourne, Vic), Bruce (Bunbury, WA) and Graeme (Perth). "...Have faith and a score of hearts will show their faith in your works and deeds"—Norma.

Phil Rhodes

Nerney, Alma Jean, born 24.6.1918 at Lismore, NSW; died 12.9.08 in Gosford Hos-

pital. Predeceased by her husband, William, in 1985, she is survived by her four children and their families; Judith (Deception Bay, Qld), Barry (Teralba, NSW), Robert (Newcastle) and Pam (Bathurst). Jean raised her family in Dubbo, where she supported the Salvation Army and became a member of The Entrance church in her retirement. A woman with strong faith, she will be fondly missed.

Sid Griffith

Newitt, Dr Grahame Vincent, born on 24.4.1939 in Melbourne, Vic; died 12.8.08 in the Eastern Health Hospice, Melbourne, from a prolonged illness. On 2.12.1962, he married Dawne Satchell. He is survived by his wife (Melbourne); his children, Craig, Dean, Rochelle Heveren and Karyne Murphy; his brother, Stephen (Tas); his sister, Esmac Jackson (Coffs Harbour, NSW); and his 11 grandchildren. Grahame was a skilled chiropractor for 43 years. He was a loyal and loving husband, father and grandfather. A man who loved his Lord and his church, Grahame always faced life head on—whatever it dealt him. Until then...

Darren Slade, David Erickson

Riggins, Pastor Alfred Noble, born 24.9.1919 at Perry, Oklahoma, USA; died 26.8.08 at Coleraine, Vic. On 28.9.1944, he married Irene MacFarlane, who predeceased him on 29.3.02. He is survived by his children, Bobbie Hryckow (Coleraine), Dean (Toronto, NSW), Scott (Brunswick Heads) and Clark (Bonnells Bay). Al was a mighty soldier of Christ and also an American Marine, who helped defend Australia in PNG and the Philippines under General MacArthur. He will be remembered mostly for his musical talents

used in evangelism. His baritone voice and skill in leading choirs drew many souls to the cross. A memorial service was held at South Brisbane church on 6.9.08, with a private interment at Byron Bay. He was much loved.

Ted White, R Possingham

Stacey, Dr Bryan Arthur Blundell, born 3.5.1933 at Nambour, Qld; died 17.6.08 in St John of God Hospital, Perth, WA. On 30.11.1960 he married Helen Dunne, who predeceased him on 8.11.1997. On 12.10.03, he married Judith Howse. He is survived by his wife (Perth); his daughter, Dianne de Vos (Melbourne, Vic); and his son, Phillip John Stacey (Dunnsborough, WA). Whether practising the healing arts, or living his faith, there was but one path for him—that of absolute integrity.

Philip Rhodes

Taafe, Joyce Miriam Verna (nee Hansford), born 18.1.1929 at Newport, Vic; died 9.7.08 at Nunawading. On 10.3.1953, she married at Bairnsdale. She is survived by her sons, Lynden (Kennedys Creek), Brian (Ryans Creek, Benalla) and Kalvin (WA); her daughters, Barbara (Nambour, Qld), Mariley Blyde (Lilydale, Vic), June Snyder (Port Macquarie, NSW), Carri Callahan (Toronto) and Janice Nixon (Cooranbong); her 27 grandchildren; and her six great-grandchildren. Her life is a testament to her family, whom she gave special gifts under difficult circumstances.

Peter Hughes

Wilmoth, Iris Mae, born 12.9.1915; died 27.7.08 at Lismore, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Ian, on 24.4.08. She



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is survived by her sons, David (Swansea, NSW), Laurie (Lismore) and Terry (Mudgeraba, Qld); her grandchildren, Robert, Gary, Atalie, Kaeyla and Charlie; and her six great-grandchildren. Iris dedicated her life to the service of others, both in her church and her community. She also brought joy to many through her artwork and poetry. She is now resting in the sure hope of the Resurrection.

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