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Macarthur Adventist College principal Jill Pearce (far left) with students from the school take a break from trekking the Kokoda Trail.

Trek a "journey of discovery" for students

KOKODA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In early October, a group of Year 10 students from Macarthur Adventist College in Macquarie Fields, New South Wales, completed the "adventure of a lifetime" by trekking the Kokoda Trail.

The Kokoda Trail is a single-file track in Papua New Guinea that runs for 96 kilometres, and is famous as the location of a World War II battle between Japanese and Australian forces.

The students are reported to be the first group of Adventist school students to have completed the trek, and were grateful for the opportunity to walk it.

Students learned about the history and

sacrifices involved in the Kokoda Trail. It was an emotional journey of self-discovery for the walkers, with student Angelina Moekauta commenting, "I know I have changed—I can't tell you how but I know I have."

The group focused on four words that symbolised the characteristics of the journey throughout the trip—courage, endurance, sacrifice and mateship. The students also had the opportunity to conduct worship services in villages along the walk, with around 600 people attending.

Andre Afamasaga, chaplain of Macarthur
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Conference previews online future

Web conference previews online future

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A new version of the software that powers almost 1000 websites for the South Pacific Division's (SPD) web network project, netAdventist 3.0, was previewed by SPD web coordinators for the first time last month.

The new netAdventist 3.0 software was demonstrated and tested by more than 50 people at the first SPD Web Conference, held in Wahroonga from October 14 to 16.

John Beckett, director of the General Conference's Office of Global Software and Technology, gave a full demonstration of the new netAdventist 3.0 software, to which the SPD will be migrating its network of websites in the coming months.

Representatives came from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, New Caledonia and the Cook Islands to get a handle of what this new website software means for their area.

"All the feedback about 3.0 has been positive," says Scott Wegener, the Adventist Media Network's web developer. "The attendees, of all skill levels, shared how it is still easy to pick up but also, how it has many more features than the current one."

Jade Meskill, the lead developer of netAd-

ventist 3.0 from Integrum Tech, ran a session on the almost-limitless possibilities for designing custom page layouts, as well as an intense session on how to program extra functionalities.

"This was probably the most exciting part of the conference," says Mr Wegener. "We were able to see how we can develop netAdventist 3.0 to SPD's specific needs relatively easily. We've already started dreaming up what we want to do!"

The web ministry committee met during the conference to review the web network project, which was launched 18 months ago, to plan for the SPD-wide roll out of netAdventist 3.0 and discuss funding options to keep the websites fully subsidised for everyone in the future. Conference and union web coordinators also met, to discuss the role they play and to plan for future training in netAdventist 3.0.

The netAdventist software will be upgraded to 3.0 at the end of this year. Besides providing better flexibility and new features, it will also enable the SPD to collaborate with other divisions around the world using netAdventist, and further develop the software to the SPD's needs.

—Scott Wegener/AMN staff

More @ <http://web.adventistconnect.org>

Trek a "journey of discovery" for students

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Adventist College, completed the trek and was encouraged by the attitudes of the students. He says, "We had humbling experiences in the villages. The local people have so few resources but are so content with life. I've seen so many changes in our students—they opened up so much, speaking and singing about God."

School principal Jill Pearce accompanied the students on the trip but was un-

fortunately unable to complete the trek due to a knee injury. After five days of the trek, she was lifted out by helicopter to the village of Efogi. She says, "It was challenging because I realised there was no way I could do this on my own and, as a principal, I'm used to being independent. I had to understand that during the trek, I had these amazing heroes—my Year 10s. They would stay back with me when I found the going tough and encouraged me." —Claudia Martin

Ordination in south Queensland

ROCKHAMPTON, QUEENSLAND

On July 25, pastors, friends and church members gathered in Rockhampton Adventist church for the ordination of Andy Krause.

Pastor Graeme Christian, Ministerial Association secretary for the Australian Union Conference, presented the sermon, with Pastor Neil Watts, president of the South Queensland Conference (SQC), offering the prayer of ordination.

Pastor Krause was born in West Germany and moved to Australia with his family in 1960. He was baptised in his teens after attending an outreach program conducted by Pastor Athol Tolhurst in South Australia.

Pastor Krause joined the South Australian Police Force at the age of 18, and later left it, following the death of his son. He blamed God for the tragedy and says, "After a long period of grieving, I realised God wasn't to blame for Adam's death."

He entered the building trade and started attending Bible-study groups, where he met his wife, Sylvia. They both joined the Adventist Church and went to Avondale College to study theology in 1995. After graduating, they ministered in Korce and Malavec in Albania, before accepting a call to the SQC in 2006. He is currently the pastor of Rockhampton and Emerald churches.

—Liliana Munoz



Pastor Andy Krause and his wife, Sylvia (centre), at Pastor Krause's ordination.

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Wahroonga Television Ministry celebrates five years

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Wahroonga Television Ministry (WTM) completed its fifth year of ministry in October, producing more than 100 episodes and a total of more than 50 hours of Adventist programming broadcast to Sydney homes.

In August 2003, church pastor Lloyd Grolimund and member Kelvin Cobbin talked about establishing the Wahroonga church's own evangelistic program, which led to discussions with the church board. In October 2003, they secured three digital video cameras with evangelism funds from the Greater Sydney Conference. More than 30 people currently work on the WTM team.

It was initially hoped WTM would start

with Hope Channel, the Australian Christian Channel and Special Broadcasting Service. However, the church discovered a new television station had begun service to metropolitan Sydney. After 18 months of operation, WTM presented a pilot to the station TVS. It was accepted and WTM programs have since aired every Sunday morning at 6.30 and again on Thursday mornings at 5.30. WTM has also been included on Hope Channel, with the first program aired on July 4 this year.

Tammy Pannekoek, WTM executive chair, says, "One of the most exciting things for me this year has been seeing the hand of God in our dealings. What I've found most miraculous, however, has been the willingness of people to give of their free time to the ministry."



Members of the Wahroonga Television Ministry team, who have produced more than 100 episodes in five years.

Wahroonga church's associate pastor, Alban Matohiti, is conducting Bible studies with a number of viewers interested in finding out more about Adventism.

—RECORD staff/Pablo Lillo

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Best of both worlds for "It Is Written Oceania"

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A structural change for "It Is Written Oceania" (IIWO), the weekly Adventist television program on mainstream TV in Australia, means it will now benefit from being a part of the Adventist Media Network (AMN), while maintaining the independence of being a supporting ministry of the Adventist Church.

"Being part of AMN, and hence the South Pacific Division, means 'It Is Written Oceania' will be fully integrated into the Adventist Church, thus increasing its credibility, integrity and financial accountability," says Neale Schofield, chief executive officer of AMN. "However, it will retain its management independence, and is still fully self-funding and reliant on donations."

Prior to the integration, IIWO was already utilising AMN's video production services and Bible correspondence school for its programs.

Dr Daniel Livingston has been appointed the new manager of IIWO.

—Melody Tan

More @ www.adventist.org.au and www.itiswrittenoceania.tv



◆ Four students and two staff members from **North West Christian School, Tas**, recently returned from visiting their sister school in **Hong Kong**. For two weeks, the Tasmanians shared classes with 1200 students, visited cultural tourist attractions and markets, participated in home stays, and interacted in oral English classes. The **Tai Po Sam Yuk**

Secondary School, New Territories, Hong Kong, is bordered by many high-rise residential apartments, with a mixture of rural and mountain views. The Tai Po School Student Exchange Program commenced in 2007, with students from Hong Kong visiting Tasmania. The students have returned home, with great memories and new friendships.—*Natalie Winchcombe*

◆ Ten **Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP)** graduates celebrated their health achievements at a banquet at Hurstville,



Sydney, NSW, on September 28. The community program was conducted by **Drs Christabelle and Christina Nath**. The graduation ceremony and banquet saw family and friends of the graduates entertained by the local Adventist choir. Only one of the 10 participants was an Adventist and most were medical referrals from Dr Nath's family practice.

Results were impressive: the average LDL cholesterol fell by 19.1 per cent and average weight lost was 5.6 kilograms. One participant lost 7.7 kilograms during the five-week program and although seven participants had high or dangerous blood pressures at the commencement of the program, five weeks later, all participants were in the ideal or normal range. **Professor Esther Chang**, president of the Lifestyle Medicine Institute, responsible for CHIP in Australia, awarded the Hurstville graduates.—*Malcolm Rea*

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ NOVEMBER 8—WORLD MISSION BUDGET OFFERING (UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITIES)

Funding the gospel?

NAME SUPPLIED

I find it hard to believe that, in a church whose name means “looking toward the Second Coming,” we hold superannuation in such importance (“Church leaders respond to market decline,” News, October 11). Imagine if the money currently used to “store up treasures on earth” (Matthew 6:19) was used to further the gospel instead, how much more of the world could be reached.

The comment—“The church’s ministry and ability to launch new initiatives would be most affected by any decrease in tithes and offerings”—shows we have lost the ability to view our possessions and all money as God’s property. I do not believe God would let His ministry suffer due to an economic crisis. But we lack faith in God’s many Bible promises that remind us He will provide our daily needs (see Matthew 6:26, 31, 32). Aren’t we a church that places such biblical principles above worldly pressures? Instead, we seem to enjoy taking on this responsibility ourselves. It seems remarkable to me that our church has a “20- to 30-year outlook for managing the church’s retirement fund investments,” when we should be looking toward the signs of the end that tell us Jesus is coming soon!

After reading the whole article, I appreciated what General Conference president Pastor Jan Paulsen said, “But the Lord said, ‘Do not worry about tomorrow.’ That to me is a very fundamental statement. It is not light-hearted.”

RESPONSE: RODNEY BRADY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

The article in question was from the General Conference and refers to retirement plans they care for in North America. While a longer investment time frame is taken with regards to investing retirement funds—also known as sustentation—church policy is to have in hand a minimum three years of requirements.

The growing cost of retirement has impacted on the cost of the church’s sustentation program and the budget of every denominational entity. In the Pacific islands of the South Pacific Division (SPD), we now have a situation where for every 10 employees, we are paying for six sustentees (retirees). This is a substantial cost and one effect of this is a decline in the capacity of missions to employ full-time ministers. The cost of retirement is now a heavy burden on many denominational employers and can represent a cost of around 20 per cent of that of current employees. Over the past 10 years, the church within the SPD and many other parts of the world has had to change its approach to funding employees’ retirement, to reduce the cost to the church while continuing to support those who have faithfully served the church.

It is important to ensure church finance is being used to maximum effect for today’s assignment and, at the same time, managing future liabilities to ensure those expenses can be paid for when they fall due. Scripture supports planning responsibly for the future (see Luke 14:27-30).

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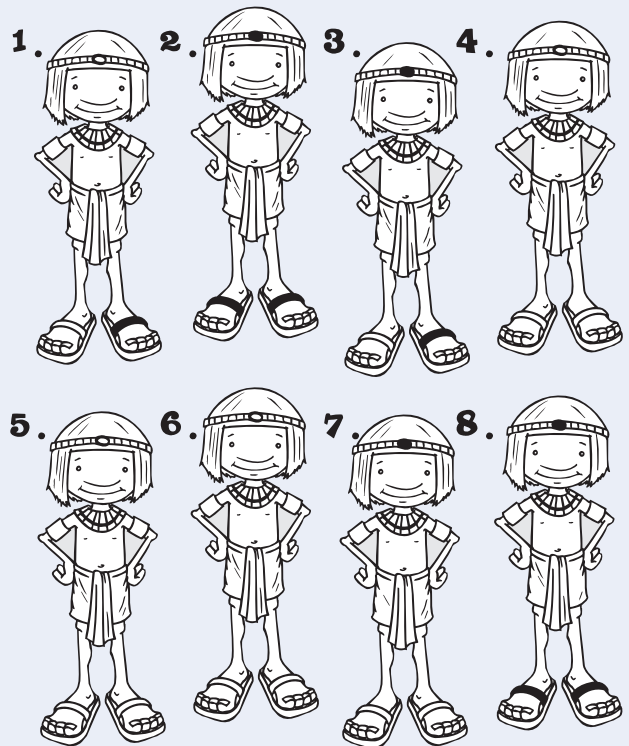
Hi kids!
Joseph was such a good worker that his master, Potiphar, put him in charge of his whole household! Even when Joseph was thrown in prison, God was with him...

Bible Text

So the _____ put _____ in charge of all those held in _____ and he was made _____ for all that was done there. The warden paid no _____ to anything under Joseph’s care, because the _____ was with Joseph and gave him _____ in whatever he did.
Genesis 39:22, 23, NIV

Spot 2 the Same

Can you find two Egyptians that are exactly the same?



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Colour in all the pictures of the Egyptians.

Answer: number 5 and number 6 are exactly the same.

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ing, for missionaries and ex-missionaries, families and friends. Please bring a plate of food, sufficient for your family and a friend. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. The theme for this year is the role of health work in spreading the gospel in the South Pacific. We encourage you to give a short talk on your experience in this area. Contact Ken Boehm on (02) 4365 3033, mobile 0408 072 313, or Warren Martin on (02) 9489 5907 or email <warrenjmartin@hotmail.com>.

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