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An Avondale College staff member and students challenged their classmates and colleagues to make poverty history as part of the college's first Make A Difference (MAD) Week, run from October 13 to 18.

A range of activities and events—highlighted by the construction of a mock refugee camp in the middle of the Lake Macquarie campus—raised awareness for poverty and other social justice issues. The camp operated for 40 hours, beginning Wednesday afternoon and ending Friday morning.

Coordinator Jessica Parsons, president of student club One Mission, says the camp

made a "huge statement" because students could not only see it but also experience living in it. Those who chose the latter—about 20 each evening—slept under tarpaulins and ate food made from rice and rolled oats.

Reflecting on the movie *Invisible Children*, which those in the camp watched on Thursday evening, Ms Parsons says, "It opened everyone's eyes. They realised why they were doing this and they got to see who they were helping."

On the Wednesday, representatives from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia, Adventist Volunteer (Continued on page 4)



It is the conclusion of the conversation, not the opening demand.

“Go and sin no more”

A FEW YEARS AGO, I VOLUNTEERED occasionally as an on-air presenter for a community Christian radio station. As many such radio stations do, from time to time, we would invite listeners to call in with their song requests.

I distinctly remember one such request we received because of the song title and the scenarios it suggested. The caller dedicated the request to a specific person, giving us her name and requesting the song “Go and Sin No More” by Christian artist Rebecca St James. Of course, the song is inspired by the story of the woman caught in adultery and brought to Jesus (see John 8:1-11).

There may have been a remarkable personal story behind this dedication or it might simply have been a favourite song about a much-loved story about Jesus. But we also imagined circumstances in which requesting such a song and “sending it out” to some wayward daughter, sister or friend could have been a means of delivering some kind of rebuke, to pass judgment or prod a conscience. As I remember it, we played the song but were careful not to overemphasise the dedication aspect of the request.

It’s a question that arises every time we talk seriously about sin: how do we, as people who seek to follow a sinless God, relate to those who wrestle with the reality of sin, as we all do? The common formulation of “hating the sin but loving the sinner” rolls off the tongue so easily. But in practice, it

is far more complicated.

In many situations, what we do, how we act and the choices we make are not so readily divorced from who we are. To many people, “hating the sin” feels like hating the sinner or “loving the sinner” feels like loving the sin. Often, neither the lovers/haters or the loved/hated are careful or adept at managing and understanding the nuances of such relationships.

Naturally, this problem does not exist if we simply abandon the concept of sin. Perhaps this is why even many Christians try to get by with a faith without all the sin “hang-ups.” If nothing or no-one is really sinful, we don’t have to worry about relating to sinners.

On the other hand, if we can just skip straight to the “Go and sin no more” part, we will be able to set the sinners around us straight. Then they will be either reformed or repulsed by our righteous prompting and, again, we don’t have to worry about relating to sinners.

Jesus took neither approach. When the woman caught in adultery was hurled at His feet, Jesus stooped and wrote in the dust as the angry accusers waited expectantly. At their continued questions, Jesus stood up, told those without sin to start throwing their stones, then bent down again. Next to the woman—the target of the stones.

In those tense few moments, until the accusers began to quietly move away, Jesus put Himself on the line. Bent beside the

crouching woman, He was at risk should any one of her accusers decide he was worthy to throw his stone.

Then, with the accusers gone and the rest of the crowd surrounding them, Jesus goes still further to defuse the risk to the woman. By His own definition, Jesus was entitled to lead the stoning. He had never sinned—and He was offended by the sin she had committed. But after she reported the departure of her accusers, Jesus simply says, “Neither do I condemn you” (see John 8:11).

Then, and only then—after putting Himself on the line physically, standing up for the woman in the face of her accusers and surrendering His “right” to carry out the punishment she “deserved”—does Jesus send her on her way with the command, “Go and sin no more” (see John 8:11). It is the conclusion of the conversation, not the opening demand. By risking Himself, He has earned her trust and His call to righteousness is more powerful for its foundation in His own righteous acts of self-sacrifice and embrace.

This is more demanding than a song request to a Christian radio station and much deeper than a formulaic, “Hate the sin; love the sinner.” In Jesus—and supremely in His death—we see both the tragic hatefulness of sin and what it truly means to love the sinner.

Nathan Brown



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 our hope in Jesus Christ!

VIA continues mission in Pacific

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

A ministry that has contributed to some 39,000 baptisms in the South Pacific in the past 13 years is planning to enter a new phase by the end of this year. Volunteers in Action (VIA), which currently supports 647 volunteer ministers in seven Pacific nations, is planning to become an incorporated entity, and will see the retirement of founding directors Cliff and Val Morgan.

“Val and I have run this as a ‘ma-and-pa’ show,” Mr Morgan explains. “So that will change but VIA will continue to operate in conjunction with the South Queensland Conference and continue to pursue our mission in much the same way.”

VIA’s work has raised almost \$A7.5 million and seen an average of nine people baptised per day as a result of the ministry of VIA-supported volunteers since 1996. “God and many people with brown and white faces have been very good to Volunteers in Action over almost 13 years of operation,” says Mr Morgan.

After early retirement from his career as a geography teacher, Mr Morgan served for a year at Pacific Adventist College—now Pacific Adventist University—and spent time in Russia helping build churches. “I

decided that this was an important way to serve,” he reflects.

Seeking a specific way to serve, the then-South Pacific Division treasurer supported Mr Morgan on a trip to mission areas of the Pacific to find out their needs. “I visited a number of areas in the Pacific,” he recalls, “expecting that they would talk about help with building but they said they needed workers to take the church’s message into new areas. It had an appeal and continues to have an appeal.”

VIA works closely with the local missions and has contributed substantial funds to equip their volunteers with supervision, training and resources to enhance their ministry. In the past four years, 128 VIA volunteers have been funded to spend at least one year in theology training at one of the Adventist Church’s training schools. VIA has also partnered with local missions, and other organisations, to provide motorbikes and canoes to assist outreach and evangelism.

But amid all these achievements, Mr Morgan says the highlight of the 13 years has been “seeing how God’s hand has been over everything.

“It has been a revelation of what God



Participants in a training program sponsored by Volunteers in Action in the Solomon Islands.

has done,” he says. “God has been the one who really made it go. My hopes are that VIA can continue to develop the potential of lay missionaries in the islands to be effective for the nurture and pastoral care each church needs.”

But there is another aspect to what promises to be an active second retirement for Mr Morgan. “There are two parts to what VIA does,” he explains, “sponsoring lay missionaries and our roofing projects. I am going to keep working with the roofing projects because if you grow a church, you need someone to look after it and a building for the people to worship in.

“I have a dream to roof 1000 churches before I finish. So far, we have done 721, so with continued good support, I think we should be able to have it done within two to three years.”—**Nathan Brown**



◆ On October 2, **Pastor Daniel Przybylko** and a group of 13 young people from **Auburn** and **Concord churches** in Sydney, NSW, arrived in the kingdom of Tonga. Pastor Przybylko, assisted by **Sau Finau** and the team, conducted the “**Thy Kingdom Come**” series for two weeks from October 5 to 19. The program included health presentations and some of the

team conducted kids clubs. The mission team was well supported by the local church members of **Nuku’alofa church**, especially the “8 o’clock for Jesus” English-speaking congregation. On the last Sabbath, Pastor Przybylko conducted six baptisms. The team left Tonga the next day, leaving behind a Bible worker to follow up more than **60 people** who made a decision to be baptised. —**Manu Latu**

◆ The tranquility of September 25 disappeared as the Year 6 students at **Avondale School, Cooranbong,**



NSW, launched their **model rockets** at Cooranbong Airport runway. Rockets of all shapes and sizes were put to the test as **70 students** watched anxiously for a problem-free take-off and the safe recapture of their aircraft. Some student’s rockets were launched several times without mishap. Distances covered ranged from 50 metres to 1 kilometre. All rockets were built

with recovery systems, such as a miniature parachute, glider, tumble or helicopter system. As part of an ongoing tradition of 20 years, the rocketry experience at Avondale School is facilitated and led by Year 6 teacher **Graham Head**. Model rocketry is a practical part of the Year 6 Space and Flight study in Science. The whole of Term 3 is divided into four weeks learning about the theory of flight and five weeks on individual construction. After passing a test on the theory covered, students are rewarded for their efforts and they launch their rockets.—**Susan Rogers**

MAD about poverty: students take a stand

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Service, Asian Aid, International Children's Care (ICC), Pacific Yacht Ministries, Southlakes Women's Refuge, student clubs COSMOS and One Mission, and Avondale College church groups Crankt and Tools spoke at student assembly.

MAD Week coordinator Brad Watson, a lecturer in development studies and geography in the Faculty of Arts, coordinated a rare meeting between representatives from ADRA, Asian Aid and ICC later in the day. The four discussed commonalities and the possibility of meeting again in the future.

During the Thursday colloquium, Mr Watson and Asian Aid chief executive officer Sharon Heise also presented findings from their research into uterine prolapse in Nepal: "the impact of hysterectomy on 100 poor women."

A COSMOS car wash the same day raised \$A220 for Asian Aid's School for Speech and Hearing Impaired in Kollegal, southern India.

Some 220 students responded to ADRA Australia chief executive officer Jonathan Duffy's call to stand up against poverty, dur-

ing the Friday evening worship program "7.28." The students came to the front of the church and held up a sign that read "Make poverty history." The call came as part of a worldwide Christian campaign called Micah Challenge, which aims to halve absolute poverty by 2015.

The MAD Week message even came to students at Avondale Schools, Central Coast Adventist School, Macquarie College and Toronto Adventist Primary School, as Mr Watson and his team spoke at the schools' chapels.

Student Associated Ministries leader Krystle Praestiin says the week reminded students of their privileged status. "We have a roof over our heads, clean drinking water, health care and are free from abuse and forced prostitution, and we have the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ and the freedom to worship Him." She hopes the week will do more than raise awareness. "I hope God has used MAD Week to move people to take action."

MAD Week coincided with the United Nation's annual International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17.—*Megan Galusha*

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Avondale School receives visit from mayor

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

In mid-October, Greg Piper, mayor of the Lake Macquarie City Council and member of Australian parliament for Lake Macquarie, visited students at Avondale School. He spoke with the Year 10 and 11 students about local, state and federal parliamentary systems in Australia and outlined what each level of government does, as well as what authorities and responsibilities they hold.

Mr Piper encouraged the students to become involved in the country's civic system, particularly though their opportunity to vote when they turn 18. A question session followed his presentation, in which students were able to explore areas covered in depth. The discussion explored some processes involved, as well as responsibilities earned, by being active members of the community.

Peter Lindsay, head of secondary at Avondale School, says, "It was a good opportunity for students to get relevant information and be encouraged to become involved in their community."

—*Susan Rogers*

More @ www.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au



◆ **Prescott Primary Southern, SA**, came equal second at the **Wakakirri Festival South Australian Primary Grand Finals** with their story-dance "Litterbug Learns a Lesson" on October 23. Wakakirri is a festival of performing and visual arts for schools, organised by The Wakakirri Asso-

ciation, a not-for-profit organisation. "Make a positive impact on the world around you" was this year's theme. The tale tells how one litterbug was arrested by shark police and brought before the octopus for his crimes. Litterbug sees the devastation caused by his carelessness and decides to clean up his act. Coordinators **Suzie Crowe** and **Elizabeth Green**, along with school principal **Christine Clark**, were impressed by how far the children went in the competition and their level of performance.—*South Australian Conference*

◆ **Correction:** The youth group pictured on the front of **RECORD**, October 25, is the **Ipswich church, Qld**, not the Landsborough youth group as reported. We apologise for misplacing these young people.

◆ For the 12th consecutive year, the **Moora church, WA**, ran their **Happy Holiday Club program** over the October school holidays, **October 6 to 10**. More than **100 children** attended over the week, with an average of 60 a day. There was a lot of support from community people who helped with



the program, many of whom are not Christians. The helpers, along with the kids, got to hear about God's love for them. The theme of the week was "News-tart," which focused on how we can glorify God by living good, healthy lives. The kids learned they can also make a new start with Jesus. There was a Bible lesson, crafts and singing each day.

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ DECEMBER 6—MISSIONS EXTENSION OFFERING

KickStart raises funds for motorbike ministry

TAURANGA, NEW ZEALAND

The KickStart community project held a fundraising dinner on October 11 at the Omokoroa Country Estate, to raise awareness and sponsorship for the program. KickStart takes underprivileged children motorbike riding and is run by a team of local young people, many of whom are from the Tauranga Adventist church, who are passionate about mentoring and building relationships with “at-risk” children.

The children enrolled in the KickStart program have been removed from their parents’ custody and are now under the care of Homes of Hope, an organisation that works to keep siblings together in safe houses run by house parents.

The KickStart children were the special guests for the night, and video footage of highlights from a recent KickStart camp held at Tui Ridge featured on the night.

Simon Bridges, National’s candidate for Tauranga, and his wife, Natalie, attended the dinner, along with community members. Well-used motorbikes and trailers lined the entrance to the venue, and an elderly community member pulled up on his mobility scooter, ready to race the line up of Suzuki LTZ90 quad bikes.

Other guests included Homes of Hope CEO Hilary Price, and representatives

from the Sanitarium Health Food Company and Adventist Development and Relief Agency New Zealand.

Natalia Grobler, a lawyer and teacher who works as communications and event coordinator for KickStart, says, “The dinner was a huge success and we had loads of positive feedback. Many of our guests left feeling excited and inspired by what God has achieved through us in the past year.

“We are continuing to see these children grow,” she adds. “On the camp at Tui Ridge in September, we managed to secure the opportunity to take the children up Mount Tarawera on a three-hour guided tour. The kids were beside themselves with excitement, exploring the volcano and entering the crater down the steep scoria slides.

“We had an absolutely awesome weekend. For the first time, the children were eager to take turns praying and openly shared about their pasts and spiritual matters. KickStart is proud to have been consistently active and involved in these children’s lives for one year, and to have reflected the unconditional love and reliability of God. It’s our wish to continue to help these children rebuild trust in people and God.”—*RECORD staff/Natalia Grobler*

More @ www.kick-start.co.nz

Tertiary ministry alive and well in Fiji

MANA, FIJI

More than 130 students from nine institutions around Fiji’s main island of Viti Levu gathered for the fourth annual Adventist Students Association (ASA) Fiji convention, held from October 9 to 12 on Mana, an island in the Mamanuca group. The theme of the convention was “Developing spirituality for productivity.”

Pastor Nick Kross, associate director of Adventist Youth Ministries for the South Pacific Division, and Dr Philip Rodionoff, ASA Australia’s staff advisor, also attended the convention.

Apart from sessions with guest speakers, students had the opportunity to take part in activities, including a service project helping the Mana Adventist Primary school, praise and worship services on the beach, and a social night concert. Students appreciated the time of spiritual and social renewal.

The ASA Fiji AGM was held during the convention and a constitution—the first ever for ASA Fiji—was adopted, with new executives voted in.

There are more than 400 ASA Fiji members and the organisers hope to have more students at the convention next year. —*RECORD staff/Salu Manoa*

The Moora church plans to run the program again next year.

—*Heather Chapman*

◆ A Year 7 student at **Brookdale Adventist School, WA**, has been awarded as runner-up in a state-wide competition. **Morena Evans** (pictured) competed against nearly **200 primary and secondary school students**, in designing and building real or fantasy macroinvertebrate creatures from recycled materials in this year’s “**Create a Creature**” competition. Swan Canning regional winners and runners-



up received a gift voucher for **Australian Geographic** shops for their creative contributions to the competition. Swan River Trust communications manager **Wendy Yorke** said she was delighted by the research students had done to provide information on their creature including its habitat, food source and lifecycle.—*Tanya Hort*

◆ The recently opened **Mosaic church, Palmerston North, NZ**, (see News, October 18) celebrated not only its first baptisms but also a double dedication on October 25. **Neil and Jami Wallace** were baptised, committing and recommitting their lives to the Lord. As part of the special afternoon service held in the Longburn Adventist College chapel, the Wallaces dedicated their two boys, **Gus (3) and Jesse (5 weeks)**.—*Julene Deurksen Kapao*

◆ The **Whyalla church, SA**, just

concluded a successful “Special Event” weekend from October 10 to 11. The focus was “God’s plan for successful living.” **Professors David and Carol Tasker**, from Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines, both presented over the weekend, and the people appreciated the freshness of their message and the simplicity of their delivery. Audience members also came from Port Augusta church and the Revelation Seminar that is currently running.—*South Australian Conference*

Volunteer re-entry program held at Jindabyne

JINDABYNE, NEW SOUTH WALES

The South Pacific Division Adventist Volunteer Service (AVS) held a re-entry program at the Adventist Alpine Village, near Jindabyne, for volunteers who have come to the conclusion of their service from September 25 to 28.

Apart from the volunteers who had served at the Charlestown, Gateway and Avondale churches, there were volunteers returning from India, Thailand, USA, Canada, Japan, Denmark and Samoa. All 28 volunteers in attendance had served for 12 months.

Talks on issues facing volunteers on re-entry were presented, including information about stages of returning from volunteer positions, transitioning and expected issues. Some of the problems volunteers face when returning home from a volunteer position include confusion, ambivalence, resentment, anger or self-righteousness, as well as adjusting to a “new self,” according to Pastor Bob Bolst, director of AVS.

“Volunteers usually face readjusting to



Volunteers at the re-entry program.

their old networks, which have changed as the volunteer has changed,” says Pastor Bolst. “People can also wonder why the church is so slack—thinking they should be doing more. People question what to do if they don’t have any set goals, as everything for them for the past 12 months has revolved around mission and being the centre of attention.”

Apart from the talks, volunteers enjoyed outdoor activities, including hiking Dead Horse Gap Mountain in the Snowy Mountains.

AVS hosts a volunteer re-entry program each year.—*Adele Nash*

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

Orewa organises vegetarian banquet

OREWA, NEW ZEALAND

Orewa Adventist church member Noeline Cutts held a banquet last month for her town in celebration of World Vegetarian Day, held on October 1.

The candlelight-and-roses vegetarian banquet was Ms Cutts’s way of sharing the Adventist lifestyle with her community. The majority of the 85 guests were non-church members, and included some from the local vegetarian society.

“We make friends when we are hospitable, and [the banquet] is designed to show we can have an enjoyable time without alcohol and cigarettes,” says Ms Cutts. “When we sit alongside people and show a genuine interest in them, they will respond positively to what we have to say.”

Ms Cutts is already planning another banquet next year, thanks to overwhelming support.—*Melody Tan*



Guests at Orewa’s vegetarian banquet.

◆ The Seventh-day Adventist-run **Language School** in Seoul received a 2008 Best Brand Award in the “Language Education Category,” based on a countrywide consumer survey involving more than 1.5 million Koreans. The award makes the language school a “reputable institution” and “increases its value,” says director **Kim Si Young**. Best Brand awards, sponsored by Korea Consumers’ Forum and the *Korea Economic Daily*, allows participants to rank brands and products based on customer satisfaction. This year’s survey was conducted through online polls, postcards, telemarket-

ing and personal interviews. The school received the same award in 2003. Launched in 1969, the Seoul-based institute draws more than 50,000 students each year from across South Korea. Employees of multinational companies requiring English proficiency are attracted to the network for their quality, small class size and instructors from English-speaking countries—something not always found among hundreds of competitors.—*ANN*

◆ **Romanian president Traian Basescu** visited a Seventh-day Adventist church in Madrid, Spain,

in early October. He joined more than 2000 congregation members for the worship service at the newly-built **Eben-Ezer Adventist church** on October 4. Eben-Ezer is one of 14 Romanian Adventist churches in the region, making up about half of the Spanish Union membership, said **Pastor Teodor Hutanu**, president of the Romanian Union Conference. Mr Basescu’s visit—widely covered by Romanian television and newspapers—generated interest in the Adventist Church and raised its profile in the community. Mr Basescu thanked the

Adventist Church for its positive role in society and applauded the values it promotes. He also visited the church’s elementary school, where more than 50 per cent of the students are children of Romanian immigrants.—*ANN*

◆ **Catholic bishops** meeting in Rome say they want the Word of God to be heard through what could be considered an unlikely channel: **iPods**. The bishops say the printed text is no longer sufficient, at a time when communication has been transformed by technology.—*The Age*

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Chaplains find new direction for schools in NZ

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Chaplains from Seventh-day Adventist schools in New Zealand have left an inaugural meeting inspired to commit more time to schools and be more intentional in making a difference in the lives of the students they come in contact with.

The “Chaplains meet,” an initiative of Adventist Education in New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) and the New Zealand conferences, was held at the end of September to help chaplains clarify their vision and define their purpose, as well as providing them with practical strategies to use in their ministry. Jerry Unser, keynote speaker for the program, inspired the chaplains in the multiple roles they can play.

According to Lanelle Cobbin, curriculum specialist for Adventist Education in NZPUC, chaplains play an instrumental role in the special character—or Adventist ethos—of the school.

“Chaplains have the potential to provide such rich support to the whole school pro-



Chaplains with Jerry Unser (back right), primary presenter of the meetings.

gram for the salvation of our children,” she says. “They can provide support and nurture for the spiritual life of the students, support our teachers, and contribute toward getting the whole school community to work together toward their defined vision and goals.”

Often also serving as church pastors, chaplains have other responsibilities. Many have limited time at schools and are unsure of what is required of them.

“But they see the potential,” says Mrs Cobbin. “Their role is of paramount importance to build the special character of our schools.”—*Melody Tan*

PAU enjoys “blessed” Festival of Faith

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Pacific Adventist University’s (PAU) week-long Festival of Faith concluded on September 13, with students and staff describing it as a “blessed, inspiring week.”

Dr Hyveth Williams, the first female senior pastor and first black female pastor in the Adventist Church in the USA, was the guest speaker for the festival. Dr Williams is currently the senior pastor of the Campus Hill Adventist church in Loma Linda, California, USA, and is also an adjunct professor of religion at Loma Linda University.

Dr William’s final topic on the Sabbath morning was “Even so, come Lord

Jesus.” After her sermon, she extended an open invitation to the people and they walked to the front to commit or rededicate their lives.

During the week, Dr Williams also shared with staff and students her story of becoming a born-again Christian after being an atheist.

PAU staff member Beverly Kaleva says, “As I reflected on the Festival of Faith, I was reminded of God’s grace being sufficient for all, regardless of how deep into sin we think we’ve gone. God makes His face to shine on us and will cleanse us from unrighteousness. God chooses us and will get us to where He knows we can best serve Him.”—*Harina*

More @ www.pau.ac.pg/

Eastward celebrates third graduation

ROLLANDS PLAINS, NEW SOUTH WALES

Eastward Missionary College saw its third class of Bible workers graduate on June 29. The graduation address was delivered by Pastor Gary Roberts.

Eastward’s 2008 outreach campaign was held in Taree, with more than 100 people from the community attending the 21-night series conducted by the students. This resulted in eight people requesting baptism, with more than 50 people needing follow-up Bible studies.

Eastward teacher Steven Richards says, “The students participated in both organizing and running the program, with the aim of bringing their Bible-study contacts from their door-to-door work.”

Two graduates have been employed to help Pastor David Kosmeier follow up with the various contacts from the series.

Students have also been involved in an evangelism program in the local Rollands Plains community, providing practical help to people as needed.

The school is running a health evangelism training course as well, which covers foundational Bible subjects, natural remedies, hydrotherapy, anatomy and physiology, and nutrition. The health evangelism course will continue next year, and 14 students are already studying health program presentation with Alison Maticic and Sibilla Johnson.—*Brett Higgins/RECORD staff*

More @ www.eastward.edu.au



(From left to right) Ricky Sharpe, Aaron Ruck, Warren Aus, Jessica Weinheimer, Steven Richards, Kate Stanley, Phil Tuilau and Pastor Gary Roberts following the Eastward graduation.

Kids and food: Can we do better?

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THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF AUSTRALIAN children could be cut by two years if current levels of obesity and overweight continue, according to the National Preventative Health Taskforce Paper released by Nicola Roxon, Australia's federal Minister for Health and Ageing. And results of the recent Australian children's survey show most kids are not eating enough fruit and vegetables, most likely contributing to high levels of obesity in children.

According to the just-released National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey, only 1 per cent of teenagers are eating the recommended three to four serves of whole fruit each day, and only one in five younger children—and just one in 20 older children—are eating enough vegetables.

When it comes to nutrients, most older girls (12–16 years) don't get enough calcium and half don't meet requirements for magnesium. The research also found the majority of children are eating too much saturated fat and sugar, and almost a quarter were found to be overweight or obese.

So what can we do to help our kids get enough of the foods they need and less of the foods they don't?

Make home a whole-food zone:

It is much harder to convince your kids to eat fruit and vegetables when "treat" foods, like chips, biscuits or soft drinks, are available. Most kids get opportunities to have these foods at parties and other special occasions, so why not keep to whole foods—including fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, legumes, wholegrains, dairy and soy—at home?

Focus on fruit and vegetables:

Try to eat fruit instead of drinking fruit juice and have vegetables as snacks, as well as in main meals. Cut fruit is more likely to be eaten than whole fruit. Try it with a dip of yoghurt and honey.

Top up calcium:

Dried fruit, nuts and green vegetables all contribute calcium, along with calcium-fortified soy and dairy.

Reduce saturated fat:

Meat, cakes, biscuits and other processed foods often contain saturated fat—the bad fat that affects our heart health. Try to replace these with legumes, fruits and vegetables whenever possible.

Choose water:

The survey found kids mostly meet their fluid requirements but remember, water is the best option.

Get active:

To maintain a healthy weight, it's important to keep active. Limiting TV, video games and computer time encourages kids to seek more active entertainment. **R**

For more tips on healthy eating for the family, call us on 1800 HEALTH (1800 432 584) in Australia or 0800 100 257 in New Zealand to speak with one of our dietitians or nutritionists.

And be sure to ask for a free copy of our Everyday Essentials cookbook, which includes kids' recipes and ideas for nutritious treats. Order a copy online at <www.sanitarium.com.au> or by calling us on 1800 HEALTH (1800 432 584) in Australia or 0800 100 257 in New Zealand.



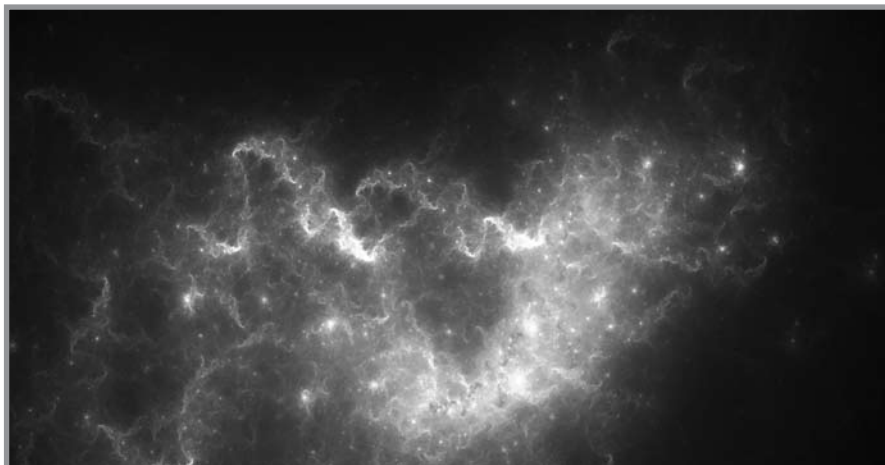
Frozen fruit pops (for kids party or after school)

16 paddle-pop sticks
2 large just ripe bananas
1 punnet strawberries, hulled
¼ pineapple, peeled
Juice of orange

1. Peel all fruit and cut into 3 centimetre-sized pieces.
2. Soak banana in orange juice.
3. Thread fruit onto sticks.
4. Place in a container and freeze for four hours until ready to serve. Serve frozen. Makes 16.

Per Serve: 180 Kilojoules (40 calories). Protein 4g. Total Fat <1g. Saturated Fat 0g. Carbohydrate 4g. Total Sugars 3g. Sodium <1mg. Potassium 70mg. Calcium 3mg. Iron 0.1mg. Fibre <1g.

**Sanitarium Nutrition Service,
Berkeley Vale, New South Wales.**



He risked it all—for us

BY FIONA MCCLURE

HOW IS IT WITH YOU? ARE YOU having problems in the fight of faith? Are you discouraged? Do you try and try, only to become disheartened? Are you focusing on your sins instead of focusing on Jesus?

There was Jesus hanging on the cross and He had been there for awhile. The blood was dripping from the wounds inflicted on Him. Some had probably congealed already but some blood was fresh. But, as well as His intense physical sufferings, He was suffering mental anguish as Sinner-bearer for the entire human race.

At this point in *The Desire of Ages*, Ellen White points out that “the Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave as conqueror, or tell Him of the Father’s acceptance of His sacrifice” (page 753). She goes on to say: “He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation would be eternal.”

What a sacrifice! We know the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one but here was the Godhead splitting up—or so Christ feared. I know I don’t like to be separated from those I love, whether through distance, circumstances or death. So in my mind’s eye, I see Jesus willing to give up everything for you and me. This thought remains with me and leads me on through life.

Although the Godhead is one, there is a distinction between the three Persons of the

Godhead. For example, Jesus is talking to His disciples about His return and says, as recorded in Matthew 24:36: “No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”* So although they are one, it doesn’t mean each Person of the Godhead is exactly the same as the other in thought.

John 17:20-23 records Jesus’ words as

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he prays for all believers, “I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. . . . that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me.” Jesus said we can be one with God! Because Jesus risked this ultimate loss, we are invited into divine community. The unity They have, we can have with Him.

I often thought this means we don’t have a mind of our own—we become like robots. But in light of this evidence, I can no longer think that. There is an “independence,” a will of our own. We can align it with God’s will and receive all the blessings His will encompasses, or we can choose to

sin, separating ourselves from God.

What blessings God gives us, too: eternal life, love, grace, faith, hope, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control. We can align ourselves with God and have a personality that is in some way a dimension of God—to God’s glory.

So what does God’s grace mean to you? Does God’s grace encompass you, enthrall you, distract you and take your whole attention? Are you—am I—devoted to it? Is it guiding us every second of the day? Grace can do all that. Grace will hold us and never let us go!

We will never have to go through what Christ went through if we accept His sacrifice for us. A way has been made to help us endure the assaults of the evil one while we are here and to give us a future without evil forever. Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6).

We don’t have to be miserable. When we align our will with God’s will so He receives all the glory and honour that is rightfully His, we will through Him “shine like stars in the universe” (Philippians 2:15). **R**

*All Bible quotations are from the New International Version.

Fiona McClure writes from Cooranbong, New South Wales.



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Making financial sense

BY G EDWARD REID

IF YOUR EYES ARE OPEN AT ALL, YOU know the world is presently walking an economic tightrope and praying the wind doesn't start blowing. The collapse in the US housing market the past couple of years, the recent skyrocketing price of oil, the wild fluctuations in stock markets around the world, combined with several major mortgage and investment companies filing for bankruptcy, all spell serious trouble. Add to this the fact that consumers have run up huge credit card debts and one must wonder what lies ahead economically.

The leaders of government are concerned. Stimulus packages, rescue plans and a succession of crisis meetings have tried to address the situation, but things only seem to have gotten worse.

What happened?

For many years, we could rely on our bankers and financial professionals to help us avoid the pitfalls of excessive debt and bad investments. Now, it seems many financial institutions have dropped any of the moral standards they had in the past

and are, in fact, trying to take advantage of their customers.

Just a generation ago, the average family simply couldn't get into the kind of financial hole that has become so familiar today. The reason was straightforward: a middle-class family couldn't borrow much money. High-limit, all-purpose credit cards didn't exist for those with average means. There were no mortgages available for more than 100 per cent of a home's value and no offers in the mail for second and third home equity loans.

As a result, a family that wanted to borrow money had only a handful of options. Instead of running up debt anonymously, a prospective borrower was forced to meet a stern-looking banker face to face. Families were asked to produce past tax returns and pay stubs, credit references, and projected budgets that showed how they planned to repay the money.

Then in 1975, the US Congress passed the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, which stipulated, among other things, that lenders could no longer ignore a wife's income

when judging whether a family earned enough to qualify for a mortgage. As a result, both families and banks started down the path of counting Mum's income as an essential part of the monthly budget—and this practice has spread to other nations. This allowed families to qualify for a more expensive house and, at the same time, started the upward spiral of home prices.

A generation ago, it wasn't possible to overload on a mortgage. Mortgage lenders didn't allow clients to yield to that temptation. But today, the game is different. It has become routine for lenders to issue unmanageable mortgages. In the banks' greed to draw more and more families into their interest-making machine, the down payment—once a critical device for screening potential borrowers—virtually disappeared. Mortgage brokers—lending middlemen—made a killing, obscene incomes and bonuses as the subprime mortgage bubble was growing.

An end-time scenario?

The Scriptures describe the condi-

tion of the world before Christ's second coming. Speaking of men who by greed, extortion and fraud are amassing great riches—this would include the mortgage brokers, credit card companies, commodity brokers and oil companies—the Bible says, “You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you” (James 5:3-6*).

We know that financial stress in marriage is now one of the major causes of divorce in the Western world. If we really want to save the biblical family structure and prepare our families to face the end times, we must teach and practice debt elimination. We must forget about “keeping up with the Joneses.” After all, the “Joneses” may be on the verge of bankruptcy. It's important we do something while we can to get ourselves and our church families on a more secure footing financially. We must teach them to put God first, shun debt, help those less fortunate, and make it a priority to advance the cause of God. Let's review some valuable steps we should all take.

What you can do

First, we must recognise that it's a time for prudent living—a time for following the biblical principles of money management. Then we must discipline ourselves to put them into practice. Here are seven points that will relieve stress and move families toward financial freedom:

1. Get organised.

Know the state of your personal finances. Complete a balance sheet by listing all your assets in one column and total them up. Then list all of your liabilities (debts) in another column and total them up. For example, the current market value of your house should be on the asset side and the amount of your home mortgage on the liability side. Finally, subtract your liabilities from your assets. The result is your net worth. If the result is a negative figure, you should be concerned.

2. Spend less than you earn.

Determine to live within your income. The Bible says, “Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Timothy 6:6-10). If you are used to overspending, this will be a real discipline but a necessary one in these times.

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3. Save a little every pay period.

The lack of a savings account is one of the major reasons people use credit cards for emergencies and end up paying large amounts of interest on emergency spending. Saving should be as regular as spending. I recommend a payroll deduction to a credit union savings account. Your savings account goal should be equivalent to three to six months of living expenses, and once that goal is met, you can shift that money to either saving for major purchases or for retirement. Remember that when you save or invest, you must be prudent and avoid risky ventures. Don't put all your assets in one basket—diversify.

4. Avoid debt.

Interest is one expense you can live without. Personal or family debt is the underlying reason for the current financial mess. For example, if families weren't in debt and living right at the edge of their ability financially, when fuel prices rise, we might be upset but not desperate. If families saved, put 20 per cent or more as a down payment on their homes, and only borrowed what they could afford to pay, we wouldn't have

a mortgage crisis. Debt and its resulting bankruptcy are the scourge of our society. If you are in serious debt, you must take drastic measures to get it under control. This means no more credit spending and setting up a plan to pay off your debts that you stick with until you are completely debt-free. In some cases, this may mean selling off assets such as extra cars, boats, coin collections, etc. You must get this area of your financial life firmly under control or your creditors will eat you alive.

5. Be a diligent worker.

This means doing your best to please your employer or your customers. Ask God for wisdom to do your work efficiently, so you can continue to work when times are difficult. Be willing to work at whatever job is available that would not violate your conscience.

6. Be faithful to God.

This means that even in trying times, you will maintain your tithes and offerings because ultimately, we are all totally dependent on God for life, now and in eternity. God has given us so many promises of financial success if we will remember Him first. Your family cannot afford to live without God's promised wisdom and blessing.

7. Remember this earth is not your final home.

Someday, everything here will be burned up (see 2 Peter 3:10). Thus, Jesus' advice to store up our treasures in heaven is still very pertinent (see Matthew 6:19, 20). Our management today will determine our eternal destiny tomorrow.

Finally, pray that God will give you wisdom to deal with your finances in a responsible way. Be wary of unscrupulous people, who want to sell you a system of debt reduction or some miracle cure for your problems. Trust in God and He will direct your paths (see Proverbs 3:5-10). **R**

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Righteous solution

LIZ BAMFORD, QLD

Any of us can fall into “righteousness by sinning” (“Righteousness by sinning?” Feature, October 25). All forms of legalism are abhorrent to God. It hung Jesus on the cross, blocks salvation and victory, hides sin, gives a false sense of security, discourages faith growth, causes disunity, uses good works, diet and lifestyle choices to measure faith and truth in others, and has no tolerance of those struggling in sin or the good works of legalism.

The solution? Get to know and love one another—not judge—and we will find people yearning for victory over sexual addictions, impatience, anger, lying, gossiping and unforgiveness. Jesus said, “But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself” (John 12:32, NIV). Jesus is the key.

Jesus said little about politics, finances and world events but He put enormous energy into preparing the disciples for the kingdom of God, thus empowering them. Jesus is coming soon; are we really preparing a people to meet Him?

Yes and no on sponsorship

MALCOLM FORD, NZ

With reference to Sanitarium and sports sponsorship (“Sponsor thoughts,” Letters, October 25), I would also like to question some of the company’s sponsorship arrangements. I am particularly concerned about the New Zealand All Blacks connection. The big-bodied, rugged, win-at-all-costs image of the All Blacks, often against a background of alcohol ads, is not a wholesome role model for Kiwi kids.

And on New Zealand Weet-Bix boxes, there appears to be a subtle change in format. The boxes are normally predominantly red and blue. But a noticeable change in New Zealand boxes is a darker background and certain players are featured as oversized, strident images. Do they really eat Weet-Bix before a plate of sausages, bacon and eggs?

But on a more positive note, I did hear the endorsement of Sanitarium’s goodwill in a recent World Vision celebration in Wellington, New Zealand. Congratulations for that.

Letters acknowledged

Thank you to those who have written in response to the Editorial and Perspective article in the October 4 edition of RECORD. We have received many responses, which commented on the subject from a number of perspectives. However, after publishing the statement that appeared in the November 1 edition of RECORD, it has been decided not to print letters on the issue at this time.

Note: Views in Letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All letters are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author’s original meaning will not be changed. Not all letters received are published. See masthead (page 2) for contact details.

Record Roo



Hi kids!
Joseph had a special gift. God had given him the ability to interpret dreams. This came in handy while Joseph was in prison...

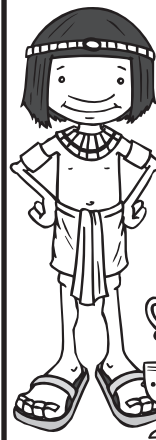
Bible Text

After they had been in _____ for some time, each of the two men – the _____ and the _____ of the _____ of _____, who were being held in _____ – had a _____ the same night, and each dream had a _____ of its own.
Genesis 40:4, 5, NIV



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Read

Read whole story of how Joseph interpreted the men’s dreams and how they came true in Genesis 40.

Positions vacant

▲ **Financial Controller**—*Signs Publishing Company (Warburton, Vic)* is seeking a full-time financial controller, commencing January 2009. This important role requires a person with excellent accounting, management and people skills. Duties include financial management, balance sheet preparation, preparation and monitoring of budgets, and ongoing management reporting. The successful applicant will hold a suitable degree in a relevant discipline and preferably be a member of the Australian Society of CPAs. Commitment to quality and service, together with a respect for Christian values and ethics, are essential. For further information, contact Glen Reed on (03) 5965 6300; <glen.reed@signspublishing.com.au>. Applications should be forwarded to Glen Reed, General Manager, Signs Publishing Company, 3485 Warburton Highway, Warburton Vic 3799. Applications close **November 24, 2008**.

▲ **Receptionist/Administrative Assistant**—*Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia (Wahroonga, NSW)* is seeking a full-time receptionist/administrative professional to provide a welcoming environment for supporters and staff, care for incoming and outgoing communications, and supply administrative support to the agency. This position requires excellent telephone skills, strong organisational ability, initiative and the ability to provide quality customer service.

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For further information, please visit the position vacant section of the SPD website at <<http://hr.adventistconnect.org/>> or contact Cindy Cox on (02) 9489 5488. Applications should be forwarded to Human Resources, ADRA Australia, PO Box 129, Wahroonga NSW 2076; or email <ccox@adra.org.au>. Applications close **November 24, 2008**.

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▲ **Teachers**—*Blue Hills College (Lismore, NSW)* is seeking both an English and a Maths teacher, each with the ability to teach to the HSC level. Blue Hills College is located in the lovely regional city of Lismore, NSW, and will be expanding to include Year K-12 by 2010. For more information or to apply, contact Blue Hills College principal David Hobson on (02) 6624 1193 or email <dhobson@bluehills.nsw.edu.au>. Applications close **November 27, 2008**.

▲ **Project Coordinator**—*Greater Sydney Conference (Sydney, NSW)*. Plans are underway to integrate the ministries of Kellyville church and the Hills Adventist College (K-12) located in the north-western region of Sydney to increase the impact and influence of the SDA Church in the region. A component of this development is major capital works project over the next 10 years. A shared vision is being developed, incorporating innovative approaches to formal education, community engagement, development and discipleship, and spiritual growth. Expressions of interest are called for persons with proven leadership qualities and skills, strong project management ability, passion, enthusiasm and a commitment to Jesus Christ. Applications and CV should be forwarded to Pastor Michael Worker, email <michaelworker@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **December 1, 2008**.

▲ **Financial Controller**—*Adventist Residential Care (WA)* is seeking a suitably-qualified person with a strong accounting background. The successful applicant will be competent to provide financial leadership and management of day-to-day accounting duties. Their primary role will be ensuring adequate budgetary preparation and attentive economic management to meet company needs.

▲ **Catering Manager**—*Adventist Residential Care Rossmoyne (WA)* is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced catering manager. This full-time position primarily includes menu planning, supply ordering, food preparation, budget control and staff management. The successful applicant will have a background in professional catering with supervisory experience. ARC predominately offers vegetarian meals. Above Award rates offered.

For job descriptions or applications, contact Gary Blagden, Chief Executive Officer, Adventist Residential Care, 31 Webb Street, Rossmoyne, WA 6148. Email <garyblagden@adventist.org.au> or phone (08) 9354 4133. Applications close **December 1, 2008**.

▲ **Assistant to the Communications Director**—*Western Australian Conference (Gosnells, WA)*. The role demands technical direction over, and management of, all aspects of the technical endeavours of the communication department and its related operations and services. This is a newly-created position, expanding on the Western Australian Conference's use of multimedia to communicate the gospel. The applicant must be a practising Seventh-day Adventist with a strong commitment to the church and its mission. Working as part of a team, you will be mainly involved in the technical and production aspects of the communication department. To submit or seek further information, please contact: Warrick Long, PO Box 134, Gosnells, WA 6990 or email <wlong@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **November 30, 2008**.

▲ **Director of Nursing**—*Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (Wahroonga, NSW)* is looking for a highly skilled and motivated director of nursing to join our management team. Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care has 94 beds, providing high quality care for frail, sick and elderly people in a loving, caring Christian environment. The successful applicant will be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church who has a warm, friendly manner that inspires and encourages relationships; a true leader, able to manage, inspire and develop staff; have a passion for aged care; and would like to work in a supportive, resident focused, Christian environment, to maintain high quality care for residents. Contact manager Brian Swanepoel with your CV and for further information by phone (02) 9487 0600, or email <brianswanepoel@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **October 17, 2008**.

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Anniversaries

Stace, Clive and Jan (nee Livock), were married on 5.9.1958 at Wahroonga, NSW, by Pastor W Hawken. On 7.9.08, at their farmlet at Lansdowne, Qld, family from Queensland and New South Wales gathered for a time of remembering, laughing and good food. The couple has been blessed with two children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Clive and Jan have held many offices in the church over the years. Clive helped build Mt Colah church, NSW, and built Katoombah church.

Stirling, William (Bill) and Prue (nee Akroyd) were married on 7.9.1958 by the late Pastor EJ Brownie in the old Selkirk Street church in Hamilton, New Zealand. They recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Cambridge, New Zealand, with church family at a luncheon on 6.9.08. On 7.9.08, their children and extended family helped them celebrate their special day exactly 50 years after they were married.

Walmesley, Harry and Edna (nee Mortimer) were married on 14.10.1948 in the Methodist church, Mullumbimby, NSW. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary



with family and friends at the home of Kylie (granddaughter) and Brenton Stacey in Sunshine. Five children, 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren have blessed their marriage over these years. They are currently enjoying life with friends at the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Queensland.

Appreciation

Barnes, Henry William. The family of Henry Barnes wish to thank those from

Volunteers!

ADRA director management team—Gympie church (Qld). The Gympie church board is seeking an ADRA director management team to volunteer. Ideally, this position is best suited to a husband and wife team. For more information, write to ADRA Gympie Manager Application, c/o Pastor Phil Downing, PO Box 239, Gympie 4570.

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New Zealand, Australia and around the Pacific who expressed their condolences. Although we didn't know some of you, your expressions of sympathy and recollections of our Dad were much appreciated.

Cherry, Dick. Mrs Coral Cherry, and the Cherry and Robbie families, wish to sincerely thank all the wonderful people who supported us through the period of Dick's illness and death. The many phone calls, emails, letters, flowers, visits and countless acts of kindness have been a great source of comfort to us during this sad time. We thank each of you and look forward to the Resurrection morning and reunion with our loved one. God bless you all.

Davis, Pearl. Stan, Daphne, Beverley and our families wish to thank all those who phoned, sent flowers and cards, and supported us after Pearl's passing. We look forward to a reunion in heaven. Please accept our thanks.

Foley, Jan. The Foley (Bowral), Fleming and Ginger families (Sydney) would like to thank all for their kind expressions of sympathy at the loss of a mother, daughter, sister and aunt—Jan Foley (nee Fleming).

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Friday, December 5
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Prospective graduates, Wahroonga Church, 7.30 pm

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Sabbath, December 6
Programs held on the Lake Macquarie Campus
In the College Church:

8.40 am & 11.30 am	Church Valedictory Services
10.00 am	Sabbath School
4.00 pm	Sounds of Praise
5.30 pm	President's Reception, College Cafeteria (Ticket entry only)

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Lake Macquarie Campus, Cooranbong
Chan Shun Auditorium

10.00 am	Graduation Service (Ticket entry only)
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Weddings

Blakey—Mitchell. Kevin Blakey, son of Kevin and Eileen Blakey (Canning Vale, WA), and Joelle Ruth Mitchell, daughter of John (Manjimup) and Ruth Mitchell (Thornlie) were married on 27.9.08 on the Matilda Bay foreshore, Crawley.

Lynn Burton

Egyed—Jones. Peter Jozsef Egyed, son of Jozsef and Beretka Egyed (Veszprem, Hungary), and Cassandra Terese Jones, daughter of Errol and Heather Jones (Geelong, Vic), were married on 27.7.08 in Geelong church.

John O'Malley

Ellison—Wiltshire. Gregory John Ellison, son of Barry and Marlene Ellison (Toronto, NSW), and Linda Margaret Wiltshire, daughter of John and Shirley Hamnett (Forster), were married on 1.10.08 at Clarence River B&B, Seelands.

Frank Cantrill, David Currie

Galea—Clark. Mark Galea, son of Charlie and Carmen Galea (Sarina, Qld), and Karen Clark, daughter of David and Lesley Clark (Mackay), were married on 21.9.08 in North Mackay church.

Rick Ferret

Locke—Mpfu. Christopher John Locke, son of Amy Lim (Melbourne, Vic), and Sukholuhle (Sue) Mpfu, daughter of Mbizo and Julia Mpfu (London, UK), were married on 27.7.08 in the Elizabethan Lodge, Blackburn North, Vic. Guests from Singapore, UK and all over Australia witnessed the happy international event.

Trevor Rowe

Martinez—Newbold. Billy Christian Martinez, son of Carlos and Daisy Martinez (Thornlie, WA), and Natasha Louise Newbold, daughter of Robert and Margaret Newbold, were married on 12.10.08 at Chidley Point Reserve, Mosman Park.

Gervais Cangy

Murray—Walton. Nathan Andrew Thomas Murray, son of Kevin and Darlene Murray (Albury, NSW), and Ann Louise Walton, daughter of Douglas Walton and Juliana Kazimierzak (Albury), were married on 28.9.08 in Albury church, where they attend.

Wolfgang Stefani

Readford—Turnham. Cameron Grant, son of Paul and Katherine Readford (Newcastle, NSW), and Melissa Lee Turnham, daughter of Alan (deceased) and Lynda Turnham (Guyra), were married on 28.9.08 in the Armidale church.

Frank Cantrill

Zammit—Aitchison. Paul William Zammit, son of Leo and Colleen Zammit (Richmond, NSW), and Betty Gaye Aitchison, daughter of David and Clorene Aitchison (Tamworth), were married on 5.10.08 in the Tamworth Botanical Gardens, Tamworth.

Frank Cantrill

Obituaries

Campbell, Irene Ethel, born 1918; died 1.10.08 at Deception Bay, Qld. She is survived by her children, Barry, Dennis and Sandra Docking (all of Deception Bay); and her grandchildren, Melony, Belinda and Kimberley. Irene loved her family and her Lord. She was heard on several

occasions praying aloud for her children in the lounge while they "slept" in nearby rooms.

Ross Baines

O'Donnell, Frederick Charles, born 3.2.1942 at Blenheim, NZ; died 2.9.08 at home in Christchurch, NZ. He was predeceased by his son, Evan. He is survived by his wife, Janice (nee Lester); and his children, Trudy Walker and Nigel. Fred enjoyed his role helping with the Pathfinders and as equipment officer for numerous camporees over many years. At rest, awaiting the Lord's return.

Ricky Howe

Reid, Helen Alice (nee Hyland), born 14.1.1933 at Sorell, Tas; died 21.9.08 at Launceston. On 11.6.1957, she married Af-ton in Hobart. She is survived by her husband; her children and their spouses, Andrew and Heather (Devonport), Paul and Michelle (Devon Hills), Lyle and Sallyanne (Perth, Tas), and Kaylene and Eric de Groot (Evandale); and her 10 grandchildren. Helen was caring, affectionate, a good listener and loved her family. She was involved for many years with Meals on Wheels, Dorcas welfare, and many church roles. She loved her Lord dearly and was someone to emulate. Looking eagerly for Jesus return.

Bruce Grosse, Kwan Matautia

Tibbett, Pearl Winnifred, born 18.11.1929 at Pomona, Qld; died 8.10.08 at Gympie. On 21.10.1990, she married Peter Tibbett. She is survived by her husband (Gympie); her children and their spouses, Roy and Audene Knowles (Adelaide, SA), Charmaine and Doug Muir (Gympie, Qld), and Donna and Andrew Turner (Kambalda, WA); her eight grandchildren; and her 24 great-grandchild-

dren. Pearl was young-at-heart and loved life. She loved Jesus and greatly appreciated His forgiveness and mercy. Pearl always looked forward to the Second Coming of Christ.

Phil Downing

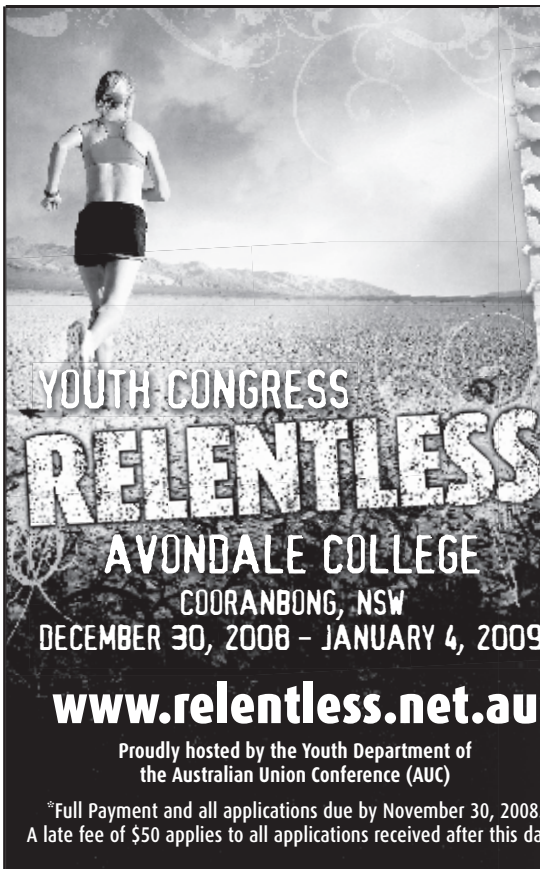
Watson, Una Millicent May, born 3.2.1911 in Perth, WA; died 22.9.08 in Elizabeth Lodge, Normanhurst, NSW. She is survived by her daughters, Ngaere Gill Edmonton (Canada), and Ruth Watson (Lakes Entrance, Vic); her two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Una was a teacher at Carmel College, WA, and Longburn College, NZ. She married Don and they were missionaries to the Pitcairn and Cook Islands and Pakistan. They worked in Japan and Canada, while spending a lot of time in north NSW, Sydney, Lord Howe Island and Norfolk.

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