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Some of the participants in the ADRA New Zealand charity run, which raised \$NZ46,000 for disadvantaged people.

ADRA NZ charity run raises \$NZ46,000

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

The annual Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) New Zealand charity run attracted a record 1615 people on November 30, with 725 runners entered in the 21-kilometre section, 617 people taking part in the 10-kilometre section and the other 273 participants walking or jogging the five-kilometre section.

ADRA New Zealand were beneficiaries of more than \$NZ46,000 raised through the charity run for their work with disadvantaged people. Following the event, ADRA New Zealand thanked the sponsors, donors, participants and helpers for how the event would assist with future projects.


Member of Parliament for Auckland Central Nikki Kaye officiated at the start of the race and handed out medals at its conclusion.

The winning time was one hour and 12 minutes, recorded by David Morton, which set a new record for the ADRA charity run, in spite of the addition of some extra hill climbs brought about by council road closures. The first woman home was Gracie Keown in 1 hour and 24 minutes and, in the 10-kilometre division, Carl Driessen won with a time of 40.49 minutes. Jenny Howe was the fastest woman, with a time of 42.35 minutes.

—*Sherelle Torrey*



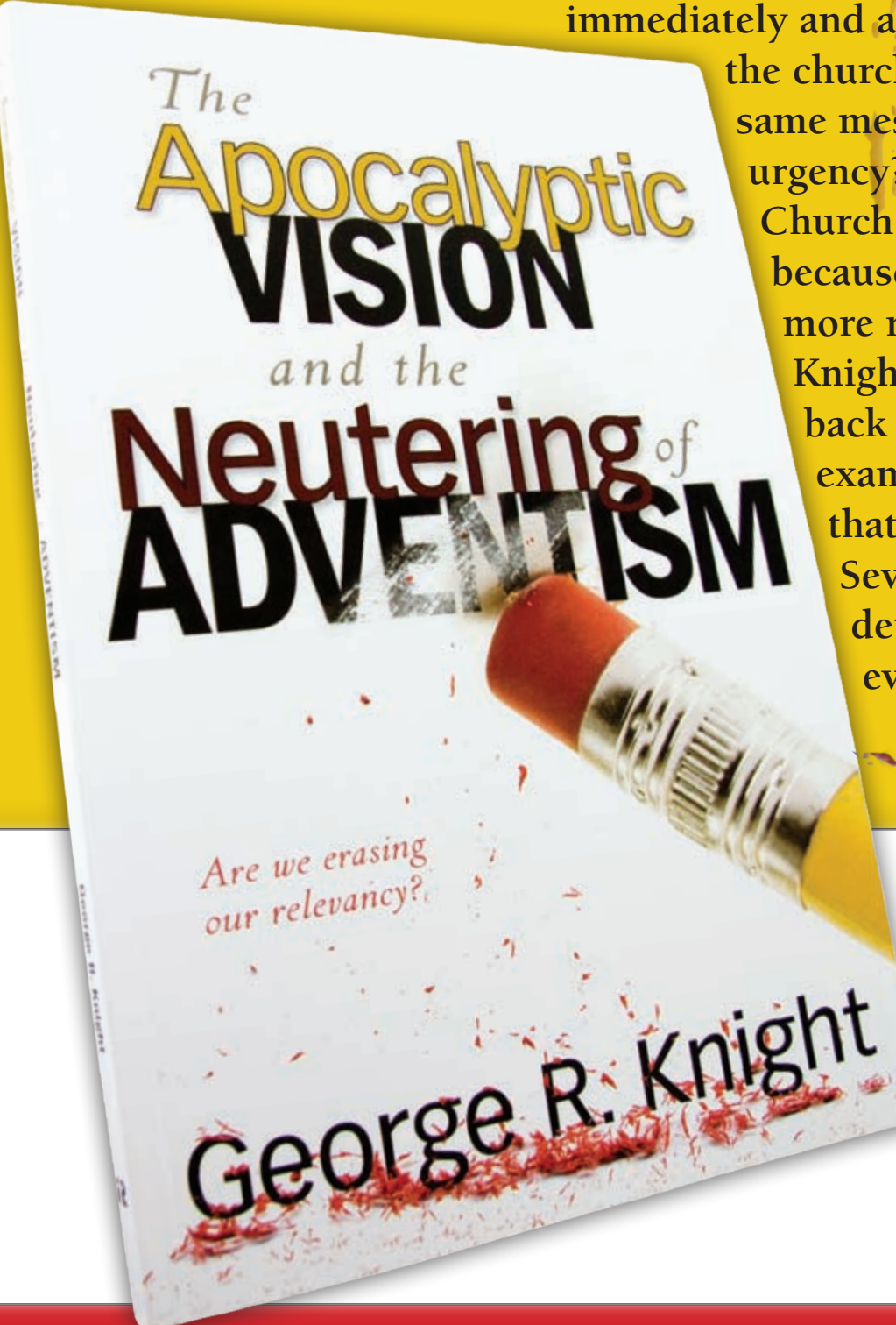
NNSW youth commit to Jesus



The Seventh-day Adventist Church was founded upon an apocalyptic message that needed to be preached to the entire world—

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South Pacific evangelistic series successful in 2008

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

The 2008 evangelistic series co-organised by local churches and the Ministerial Association of the South Pacific Division (SPD) concluded in Honiara on December 1.

At the end of the meetings, 61 people were baptised, a follow-up from the evangelistic series conducted in Honiara in June, 2008. More than 550 people have been baptised in the Solomon Islands since the evangelistic series. As many as 100 people have also requested baptism.

A month earlier in November, an evangelistic series was also conducted in the Sydney suburb of Cabramatta. About 100 people attended the 23 nightly programs, with 30 requesting baptism or profession of faith. The series was jointly organised by the Cabramatta Fijian, Cabramatta and Fairfield Adventist churches.

Pastor Gary Webster, main speaker of the evangelistic series, also conducted other evangelistic series in the University of Technology in Lae ("University students in Lae experience Jesus," News, May 3, 2008) and Charles Darwin University in Darwin, Northern Territory.

An average of 60 people attended the Darwin series, with 13 requesting baptism or profession of faith. Ben Kosmeier and



The Darwin evangelistic program in 2008.

Robert Dorante, of the Darwin and Palmerston Adventist churches, are currently following up on the evangelistic series with a prophecy seminar.

Pastor Webster says he has enjoyed the experiences at all four venues in 2008. "It's a great opportunity to work with dedicated church pastors and members, since we work together before, during and following the campaigns to make the evangelistic series a success," he says. "In the past year, I have discovered the more closely we work together with pastors and members before these reaping campaigns, the more we preach Christ and Him crucified in every subject and doctrine, the more appeals we make for people to act on what is preached, and the more home visiting we do, the greater the success we experience in public evangelism."

Evangelistic series will be conducted in Tonga, Vanuatu and the New Zealand towns of Wanganui and Levin this year.

—Melody Tan

ADRA donations still stable, says president

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

With the global financial downturn causing job losses and market uncertainty, some non-profit organisations are experiencing lean times. However, donations to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) had an "unanticipated" rise in

donations in 2008.

ADRA International president Charles Sandefur says, "Despite the economic climate, in general, people are still giving generously. . . . Although our contributions have not dropped yet, the economic crisis means we need to increase our support to those in need." —Megan Brauner/ANN

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NNSW youth commit to Jesus

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

More than 1200 young people from the Lake Macquarie, Central Coast and Hunter Valley regions met at Avondale College on November 8, to participate in an event aimed at helping develop resilience and make positive life choices.

With the theme of "Yes? No? Maybe?" the program featured Tania Hayes as one of the guest speakers. Ms Hayes, author of *Love Has No Limits*, shared with the audience her family's story of love, hope, courage and triumphing over the odds.

Dr Bailey Gillespie, who specialises in youth leadership resources and training at La Sierra University, Riverside, California, USA, was also a guest speaker for the day.

Musical performances were provided by young people from the Macksville Adventist church, Avondale Schools, and Ali and Leighton Heise.

"It was exciting to have so many enthusiastic young people from around our region coming together to be inspired and challenged in developing practical life skills," says Pastor Bevan Craig, associate director of Adventist Youth Ministries for the North New South Wales Conference. "We know people were impacted by hearing Tania's story, by Dr Gillespie's challenge and by the entire program, which we hope inspires and equips our young people to make positive decisions even when faced with difficult choices."

Following a surprise wedding re-enactment, which included a bridal procession and vows, attendees were challenged to stand if they personally wanted to say "I do" to Jesus and choose to commit their lives to Him. —Sharlene Guest

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“The Way” shares Jesus with Redfern youth

REDFERN, NEW SOUTH WALES

On November 8, 2008, a group of 14 young people from “The Block” in Redfern were taken camping and horse riding by six volunteers and mentors, as well as Johnny Murison from “The Way” Adventist community church.

At 4.30 in the afternoon, the group left on the City of Sydney Council-sponsored bus, heading to Glenworth Valley Horse Riding, which is the largest horse-riding centre in Australia, located near Gosford.

After setting up camp and having dinner, the group spent time getting to know one another and swapping stories, before prayer was offered around the camp fire and the campers asked God to protect them for the night.

Mr Murison says, “They must have had a good sleep, because it was hard to wake the happy campers the next morning. We had a good Sanitarium breakfast, packed up and got ready for a horse ride through the rainforest, then ended up taking a dip



The group of Redfern young people starting the ride.

in the rock pools—horses, riders, boots and all.”

Mr Murison adds, “Ministering to, and sharing moments with, ‘unchurched’ people like this is what ministry is all about to me—sharing the hope, love and aspirations of an awesome God through friendship evangelism. The seed has been planted for these young people. Now the Holy Spirit will work to bring those lives into alignment with God’s will and purpose. We were just available and willing. That’s all it takes.”

“The Way” community church is arranging another trip to be held in February, in conjunction and with sponsorship from the Redfern police.—*RECORD staff/ Johnny Murison*

Sanitarium factories receive “A” grade

BERKELEY VALE, NEW SOUTH WALES

Near the end of 2008, Sanitarium factories at Adelaide, Auckland, Berkeley Vale, Brisbane, Carmel and Christchurch were audited against the British Retail Consortium (BRC) Food Safety Standard. All sites received an “A” grade—the highest possible rating.

The BRC is an internationally recognised premium standard, focused on compliance to a number of system management standards.

Berkeley Vale Distribution Centre was also audited against the Storage Module of the BRC Storage and Distribution Standard, and achieved an excellent audit result. It is believed the site is the first in Australia to be audited against such a standard.

The audit report praised the site’s technical departments, who had worked hard to implement the necessary changes, and credited Sanitarium for the amount of preparation that had been put into ensuring that each site conformed fully to BRC standards.

“Overall, the audit outcome demonstrated a high level of compliance with standards, and continual improvement of practices and procedures across all sites,” said auditor Joanne Cain, in her executive report.—*Sharyn Brady*



◆ Members of the **Stanthorpe church, Qld**, commemorated **World AIDS Day** by wearing red ribbons to promote awareness of this fatal condition. As part of their worship service on November 29, the congregation watched a short video from UNICEF entitled “The Gift,” narrated by **Gwyneth Paltrow**. Each church family received a copy of an HIV/AIDS

fact sheet, as well as the red ribbons. The church became aware of these issues in 2007, when ex-Stanthorpe youth **Kelly Adams** and **Emma Davidson** worked and stayed in Kenya at **Nakuru orphanage**. One thousand knitted baby jumpers were donated to Ms Adams, and the challenge was to match these with bags, blankets, nappies, singlets and soap to form gift packs for 1000 babies. Stanthorpe church and other church groups took this on as a weekly project and so far, 700 bags have been sewn and filled.—*Susan Johnstone*

◆ **Te Aroha (NZ) church** elder, **Jan Hobson**, has started a successful **promise box ministry** in the community. In June 2006, Ms Hobson’s terminally ill mother asked her to buy some promise boxes and give them to all those who had cared for her while she was in hospital. It was then Ms Hobson decided to start her own ministry, making or buying herself to put in them. She says she took all the promises out of her old promise box, copied them onto the computer and printed them off. After the pro-



totypes were made, the first 40 boxes were donated and a business acquaintance allowed her to print all the promises, while someone else donated the first ream of paper. Today, hundreds of boxes have been distributed and more are being made. At least three more promise box ministries have now begun.—*Elaine Jackson*

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A bigger picture of sin?

BARRY HARKER, QLD

“Understanding sin” is correct (Letters, November 29) in suggesting that our understanding of sin will influence our understanding of salvation. It is also correct in identifying the consequences of choosing either a strong or weak view of sin. Until recent times, Seventh-day Adventists held the view that when Scripture speaks of sin it is usually referring to disobedience to the known will of God (see, for example, 1 John 3:4, compare James 4:17; John 9:41; 15:22).

The problem with abandoning this view is that it destroys the harmony evident when we take a whole-of-Scripture approach. For example, if sin is more than “conscious wrongdoing” it would be impossible to fulfil the following Scriptural injunctions: “Awake to righteousness, and sin not” (1 Corinthians 15:34, KJV); “Go, and sin no more” (John 8:11, KJV); “Sin no more” (John 5:14, KJV); and “My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not” (1 John 2:1, KJV).

When we go beyond the scriptural definition of sin as a wilful act, we are in danger of excusing sin. Ellen White writes: “Our only definition of sin is that given in the word of God; it is ‘the transgression of the law’” (*The Great Controversy*, page 493). She also writes: “There is no excuse for sinning” (*The Desire of Ages*, page 311).

We do well to remember that the 16th-century Reformation marked the beginning of the revival of truth, not its end.

Advertising ideas

ALAN HOLMAN, VIC

If endorsement advertising is an acknowledgment that ideas have dried up, the current Sanitarium crop confirms this view. Hence, the sad call for suggestions in “A healthy dimension” (Letters, December 6). So here’s a truly radical one: promote the product instead of the celebrity.

Disposable income is tighter than it has been for years and it used to be said that “Weet-Bix is recession food.” Shouldn’t that tell us something? Not only that, Weet-Bix supports farmers, it complies with government guidelines on nutrition and it actually tastes good. So why have spoilt cricketers carrying the Weet-Bix banner? It seems an eternity since I have seen a Sanitarium ad that highlights value for money, nutritional value and taste.

So Good surely doesn’t need poor Delta Goodrem as an advocate. There’s heaps to say about So Good and its spin-offs without cheapening its positive image in the marketplace.

Are we looking at “carbon footprinting” our packaging, like they’re doing in the UK? What about some corporate social statement like Ronald McDonald House? My guess is that sales would increase if Sanitarium was known as a community/environmentally-caring entity, rather than as a piggy bank for sportspeople.

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Record Roo



Hi kids!
Joseph’s brothers went to Egypt in search of food but got more than they bargained for. Joseph recognised them and accused them of being spies!

Bible Text

Joseph said to his brothers, “If you are _____ men, let one of your _____ stay here in _____, while the rest of you go and take _____ back for your _____ households. But you must bring this _____ brother to me, so that your _____ may be verified and that you may not _____.”
Genesis 42:19, 20, NIV

Spot the Difference

All the brothers except one went back to their father and families in Canaan. One had to stay in prison in Egypt until the rest returned with their youngest brother, Benjamin. Can you spot 10 differences between these two pictures of Simeon in jail?



Answers: 1. Mouse’s tail shorter 2. Headband strap missing 3. Puddle different shape 4. Cork missing 5. Snake tail longer 6. Brick missing from window frame 7. Extra stone on floor 8. Black sleeve stripes 9. Shoe lace straps missing 10. Brick rotated.

Peta Taylor

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Appreciation

Sleight. The Sleight families of Cooranbong and Western Sydney wish to thank all who sent flowers and cards, and who placed messages of encouragement on the Gateway website following the death of Pastor Lindsay Sleight on August 21. We especially extend our appreciation to the Gateway church members for their ongoing love and support for Lindsay's family. May God bless you all.

Weddings

Brown—Webster. Karl Brown, son of Pastor Allan and Peniana Brown (Gisborne, NZ), and Mary Webster, daughter of Albert and Misileti Webster (Auckland), were married on 29.6.08 in the Royal Oak church. *Barry Gane*

Fidow—Manu'a. Henry Tafa Fidow, son of Sinabada and Lepule Fidow (Auckland, NZ), and Maranatha Palolo Manu'a, daughter of Puti and Epenesa Manu'a (Auckland), were married on 16.8.08 in a surprise ceremony at the New Lynn Samoan youth camp, surrounded by friends and family at the Motu Moana, Auckland. *Sau Kraay*

Hore—Peachey. Brenton Gary Hore, son of Gary and Delmae Hore (Albury, NSW), and Kerriane Maree Peachey, daughter of Ron and Carol Peachey (Bega), were married 5.10.08 in the Albury church. *Laurie Evans*

Meyers—Hansen. Jamie Meyers, son of Jeffery and Janet Meyers (Albany, WA), and Catherine Hansen, daughter of Thomas (deceased) and Ruth Hansen (Albany), were married on 28.9.08 in Dymesbury Nature Park, Albany. *Caroline Laredo, Andrew Skeggs*

Murch—Lovett. Stuart David Murch, son of Graeme and Christine Murch (Newcastle, NSW), and Caitlyn Jane Lovett, daughter of Robert and Rosemary Lovett (Maitland), were married on 14.9.08 in Bella Vista reception centre, Newcastle. *Bevan Craig*

Schooling—Bartolome. Christopher Schooling, son of Lloyd and Mary Schooling (Perth, WA), and Rosean Bartolome,

daughter of Pastor Romulo and Esther Bartolome (Perth), were married on 22.5.08 in the Mahogany Inn, Mahogany Creek. *Andrew Skeggs*

Tipoa'i—Head. Junior Tipoa'i, son of Taliaoa and Fialoa Tipoa'i (Auckland, NZ), and Kolo'one Tose Head, daughter of the late Frey and Mamata Head (Auckland), were married on 25.11.07 in the New Lynn Samoan church, surrounded by close family and friends. *Sau Kraay*

Obituaries

Buchanan, Sidna Emily, born 22.6.1920; died 8.9.08 at Wagga Wagga, NSW. She is survived by Heather (Wagga Wagga) and Ronald (The Rock). Sidna was a warm, caring, generous wife, mother and grandmother, who quietly did good for all throughout her life. *Laurence Landers*

Dunbar, Lillian (Lee) Joan (nee Taylor), born 20.8.22 in Melbourne, Vic; died 4.11.08 in Belmont Hospital, Newcastle, NSW. She is survived by her husband, Charles (Cooranbong); her brothers, Ian and Neil; her two daughters and their husbands, Janet and Terry Salomon and Beryl and Andrew Rodionoff; and her four grandchildren. Lee embraced the SDA faith early in married life while living in Mt Isa, Qld, and was a member of the newly-formed Adventist church there. Music played an important part in Lee's life, and she was blessed with a beautiful high soprano voice. Family and friends were comforted by promises of a new life in the eternal world to come as they gathered at the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong, where she rests, awaiting the call of her Saviour. *Terry Salomon*

Duncan, Eric Noel, born 2.12.1923 at Wingham, NSW; died 24.8.08 at Wingham. On 22.4.1957, he married Sylvia Dunford. He is survived by his wife; his two daughters, Lynda and John Rofe, and Wendy Ellis; and his six grandchildren. Eric died as he conducted his life, with dignity and at peace. *Daniel Cinzio*

Ivey, Annette Joy, born 18.8.1940 at Ryde, NSW; died 13.10.08 in the Sydney Adventist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Eric (Cooranbong); her children, Mark, Peter, Sandra and Tony; and her six grandchildren. Annette was a tireless worker for the church, Red Cross, St John's Ambulance, Pathfinders and anywhere she was asked to help. Annette was truly a "little ray of sunshine" to all she came in contact with. She now awaits the Master's call to life when He returns. *Daron Pratt, Adrian Craig*

Kemmerer, Gerhard, born 8.10.1927 in Riga, Latvia; died 30.8.08 at Albury, NSW. On 3.7.1955, he married Gisela at Koln, Germany. He is survived by his sons, Eckhard, Gerhard, Walter (all of Sydney) and Ernst (Albury); his daughters, Agnes and Hannah (Sydney); and their respective spouses and families. Gerhard received the Iron Cross for bravery. His real passion was for biblical languages, which he never lost. He was disciplined, loyal and

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obedient to the end, and now awaits his Heavenly commander's order to arise. *Laurence Landers*

Mason, James William (Bill), born 17.1.1933 at Paddington, NSW; died 26.7.08 at Elermore Vale. He is survived by his wife, Stella; his children, Lindy Walker, James, Raewyn Keeley, Wendy and Daniel; as well as his extended family. Bill was a loving family man and church leader. Despite ill health, he worked long and hard on the extension of the Quirindi church hall. Sadly missed by his family, church and community, Bill is remembered for his faith, hope and trust in the Lord. *Bill Blundell*

Matej, Edward, born 14.7.1926 in Colonie Rogozno, Lobelcki, Poland; died 13.10.08 in Adelaide, SA. In 1948, he married Marianne in Wiesbaden, Germany. He was predeceased by his son, Peter, in July, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Marianne (Prospect, SA). Eddie was a man of spiritual integrity, a loving husband and father, an excellent building tradesman, and long-serving head deacon of Adelaide City church. *Wolfgang Stefani, Will Grobler*

Pascoe Marie Jean (nee Eden), born 10.1.1916 at Cheltenham, Vic; died 24.8.08 and was buried at Caloundra Cemetery, Qld, on 28.8.08. On 10.1.1939, she married Pastor Cyril Pascoe in the Red Hill church, Brisbane. Five months later, they sailed to the Solomon Islands for their first mission appointment. Marie was known for her cooking and hostess skills, her sewing ability and compassion in taking care of children in need. She raised at least 35 such children. She devoted herself to humanitarian medical work, particularly relating to women and obstetrics, during her mission service. She is sadly missed by Cyril and Michelle Robinson (Dora Creek, NSW), who Marie mothered from her teen years. Marie loved her Saviour and assured her friends, both black and white, "I will meet you in the kingdom of Glory." *Wilf Pascoe, Clarrie O'Neill*

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