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Literature evangelists meet in NZ

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Literature evangelists from Australia, New Zealand and French Polynesia gathered in Christchurch recently for their annual Literature Evangelist Congress. The congress was held at the Living Springs Conference Centre from July 20 to 26. A number of literature evangelist managers from the Pacific Islands also attended the congress, as they were in the region for leadership meetings.

With the theme of "Trust the Lord: Never, never, never, never give up," attendees were "inspired" by devotionals, meetings and workshops. Guest speakers included Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, general secretary

for the South Pacific Division (SPD), who took the morning and evening devotionals; Cameron Johnston, speaker, stress fitness coach and co-author of *Cooling Down Teen Stress* (see page 6), who presented a number of seminars; and area managers, who took sessions on a variety of topics, which Pastor Terry Goltz, director of Adventist Publishing for the SPD, describes as "the nuts and bolts of our programs."

A team of representatives from Signs Publishing Company also gave presentations, sharing information about the future of Signs ("Long-term future for Signs secured,"

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I hope your explanation of what you believe actually sounds like “good news.”

I hope . . . Part 2*

HOPE . . .

I hope we do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

I hope Christianity is real—to you.

I hope we can better seek, celebrate and create beauty in our world.

I hope we can learn to listen better—to God, to each other and to our communities.

I hope we really believe that “it is more important to be kind than it is to be right.”

I hope we can focus more on faithfulness than our various measures of “success.”

I hope we can admit that “we don’t know”—that we don’t have all the answers and that’s OK.

I hope we can be less worried about control and more interested in community.

I hope we can one day recognise women as equally human, equally Christian, equally capable and equally called.

I hope we spend less time reinforcing our walls than building our centre.

I hope you’re a treehugger, both literally and metaphorically.

I hope we have stopped “selling” God.

I hope our first response to disaster is to help the hurting, not pull out our prophecy charts.

I hope we can learn to be more humble, more generous, more courageous and more joyful.

I hope you watch the sunset sometimes.

I hope you don’t believe everything you read in RECORD.

I hope we don’t really think music is as important as some would have us believe.

I hope we can find better ways to remember and share Sabbath, and better things to do on Sabbath afternoons.

I hope you are seriously bothered by injustice, poverty and oppression—and are moved to do something about them.

I hope you rejoice you’re a Christian.

I hope we aren’t so busy running a church that we are forgetting to participate in the kingdom of God.

I hope you watch less TV.

I hope we can learn to address hard questions, to disagree well and to embrace those who are different.

I hope your explanation of what you believe actually sounds like “good news”—to you and to others.

I hope we can find our voice as a church and begin to speak out on things that matter in ways that our community understands.

I hope there is a stage of life between bright young thing and old hack.

I hope you’re vegetarian—for so many reasons.

I hope we are a church that serves the world, not panders to the noisy few.

I hope we can lament.

I hope we still “believe in Christ, live the life.”

I hope you read a good book this week.

I hope we can practise the art of apology—and the art of forgiveness.

I hope we are aware of how technology changes us and that we resist blindly pursuing the latest gadget or fad, instead seeking what is most real.

I hope we can learn from other religions, faiths and traditions, respecting their best and seeking their good.

I hope you enjoy and share some kind of art, creativity or similar passion.

I hope we can become a church that values fresh questions more than tired answers.

I hope we aren’t just another brand of Church Inc.

I hope we can develop a faith that is more ordinary and everyday—and, in this way, ordinary and everyday can be redeemed.

I hope we can come up with—or borrow—better reasons why we do and believe some of the good things we do.

I hope you believe we can change the world.

I hope we maintain a sense of wonder at the hugeness, variety and miracles of life.

I hope faith, hope and love still remain.

I hope “right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant” and that it is possible to overcome evil with good.

I hope in Jesus, His life, His death and His resurrection.

I hope to see Him some day.

I hope and I pray.

I hope . . .

“Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore stand in awe of God” (Ecclesiastes 5:7, NIV).

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Nathan Brown



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 our hope in Jesus Christ!

Church raises awareness of abuse

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

This Sabbath is Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day, an initiative of the General Conference (GC) that aims to raise awareness of the issue of domestic abuse, as well as encouraging abuse prevention. This year's focus is on violence against women, and the GC's Women's Ministries department has supplied material about the issue, which is available from their website, <<http://adventistwomensministries.org>>.

In the South Pacific Division (SPD), Women's Ministries director Erna Johnson says there will be workshops and talks about domestic abuse in a number of local churches. "Women the world over are making this a special awareness day," she says. "I'll be conducting two retreats and a leadership training program in Papua New Guinea, with a special program about the problem of abuse."

Youth magazine *The Edge*, which is available in churches today, also deals with the issue of abuse and features articles from Pastor Trafford Fischer, director of Family Ministries for the SPD, and abuse survivors.

Adele Nash, editor of *The Edge*, says,

"Most people have some experience with domestic abuse, whether it's happened to them firsthand or they know someone who has suffered or perpetrated it. We hope that, through this issue of *Edge*, young people will gain a greater understanding of how domestic abuse can manifest itself. If they are in an abusive situation, we hope they'll be able to find the help they need."

Mrs Johnson says, "I hope and pray *The Edge* will be read widely and do a lot of

good. I had a meeting with six young women under 25 recently. We discussed abuse and I found out that of the six, three had been abused. Of the three, two were abused by someone in their church and the other by a relative. This is going on right under our noses and no-one suspects or checks what's happening. We need to be vigilant and make sure our young people—as well as those who are older—understand what abuse is."

In June, more than 600 Adventist women attending the Trans-Pacific Union's Women's Congress in Apia, Samoa, protested against domestic abuse. Holding flags representing their countries and islands—as well as anti-domestic abuse banners—the group walked three kilometres through the



The August 22 issue of The Edge deals with the problem of abuse.



Some of the more than 600 women who marched through the streets of Apia to protest against domestic violence.

main town. The women were accompanied by the leaders of the Samoas-Tokelau Mission, a 25-strong police band and seven male Samoan chiefs holding a banner declaring "Chiefs against abuse."

The march concluded at the Parliament Building, where a panel discussion on domestic abuse was conducted. The discussion was chaired by the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development of Samoa, Fiame Naomi Mataafa.

Mrs Johnson was a member of the panel and says, "It is really sad that there is as much abuse in the church as there is outside it. Domestic abuse happens wherever we go, regardless of the society we're in."

The GC has a number of statements relating to domestic abuse on their website <www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements>.

—Adele Nash/Melody Tan



◆ Avondale's High School Band and Choir (NSW) have returned from a successful tour in Queensland. The tour was musically demanding, with concerts for a range of different audiences. Locations of the performances included Brisbane Adventist College, Northpine Adventist College's performing arts centre, Noosa Christian College and

the Garden City Shopping Mall. Caboolture church provided the band and choir with a sumptuous lunch. Concerts put on for primary-aged students were a lot of fun for Avondale's band and choir, as well as their audience, with a repertoire of classic themes from well-known children's films. The group visited Aussie Rides, Australia Zoo and various shopping centres. All enjoyed tenpin bowling on Saturday night. Staying together for such an extended time made for a great opportunity for friendships within and across year levels.—Susan Rogers

◆ TV advertising for a free viewing of the *Search* videos will screen on the south island of New Zealand on TV1, September 5 to 13.

◆ As part of the curriculum, the "Pacific Church History" class of Fulton College, Fiji, visited some of the historical sites that marked the arrival of Christianity in Fiji. This included the Fiji National Museum, the chiefly island of Bau and Viwa Island, where two missionaries, John Hunt and Sioli Pulu, are buried. One of the most inspiring visits was to



the grave of John Tay, whose vision and dedication paved the way for Adventism to spread in the South Pacific. The significance of viewing the cemetery may not be entertaining but the students were inspired and challenged to recapture the spirit of the missionaries who gave their lives for the sake of building up God's church.—Ronald Stone

Literature evangelists meet in NZ

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News, July 18).

Pastor Goltz says, “The literature evangelists expressed their appreciation for the Signs folk attending congress. They’re excited about the Adventist Media Network’s plans to increase book production, as well as the investment in a new press for Signs. They’re very positive about this aspect.”

RECORD editor Nathan Brown spoke to attendees about the change in his role and Adventist Media Network’s renewed focus on book publishing. He invited input from literature evangelists regarding resources they would like to see and received their feedback from their interactions with people they meet on a daily basis.

According to Pastor Goltz, one of the highlights of the congress was the attendance of the administrator for the New Guinea island province of New Ireland New Britain, Simeon Malai, and his wife, Delmai.

Mr Malai spoke about how his local government has heavily invested in books from the literature evangelist service. The government plans to put half a million Kinas’ worth of books into schools there over the

next 12 months. Mr Malai believes better education can prevent a life of crime. He said, “We spend a lot of money on prisons and prisoners but we want to steer young people in the right direction before they come to that. We’ve decided the best plan is to work on prevention, rather than ‘cure.’”

He also shared his testimony about becoming an Adventist. Pastor Goltz says, “It was an honour to have Simeon there.”

Congress attendees also took the time on the Thursday night of the congress to celebrate the work Pastor Goltz has done with literature evangelism. Pastor Goltz will retire at the end of the year, after working for 39 years in literature evangelism, including 11 years as its leader for the SPD. The tribute to his work included speeches and sharing stories. Pastor Goltz worked in the South Queensland, North New Zealand, South New Zealand and Greater Sydney Conferences prior to his current role. He snaps his fingers and says, “It sounds like a long time but it seems it went by just like that.”

The congress attendees also had a day out at Hanmer Springs, with jetboat rides and soaking in the hot pools. One of the group also braved bungee jumping.—*Adele Nash*

Financial support for church in Fiji “encouraging”

SUVA, FIJI

In spite of the global financial crisis, economic downturn in Fiji and the 20 per cent devaluation of the Fiji Dollar, Adventists in Fiji are continuing to tithe faithfully, according to Semi Francis, media development officer for the Fiji Mission.

The Fiji Mission’s chief financial officer, Semiti Taoui, says tithes for the past three months have surpassed the 2007 and 2008 figures for the first five months.

Pastor Wame Sausau, the mission’s general secretary, attributes this to members “inspiring each other every Sabbath to fully support the Fiji Mission’s plan for conference status come 2010.”

In a recent fundraising event organised by the Kalekana Adventist church, members were “surprised” when the Village Women’s Society—made up of women from different denominations—joined the Dorcas Society’s women to donate more than \$FJD300.

Church members were grateful for the support of the societies and thanked them for their support.—*RECORD staff/Semi Francis*

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◆ A dedicated team of 51 Lilydale Adventist Academy (Vic) choir and band members, plus supporting staff, spent 10 days touring and performing around Tasmania during the June school holidays. It was a busy schedule with 12 performances, including concerts in Launceston, Smithton and Hobart, two church worship services, and visits to two Catholic

schools and a retirement home. The highlights of the tour were the concerts and especially the school visits. There was also time for “tourist” activities between performances and a lot of time for bonding as they travelled together by small buses and vans around Tasmania.—*David Jones*

◆ As part of the service program at Nunawading Christian College, Vic, some students chose to visit with people at Adventcare Whitehorse and, in pairs, interview residents and type up a PowerPoint display about their



life. All the stories are interesting and some are funny. Resident Col Pitches recounted his experiences as a soldier in World War II and how he watched the Sydney Harbour Bridge being opened. Other service activities include music, clowning, beautifying the school grounds and regenerating the banks of the creek that runs past the school.—*David Jones*

◆ Despite the flagging global economy, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is reporting a 13 per cent upswing in Global Mission donations for the first six months of 2009, compared to the same period last year. The growth in giving also illustrates the conclusions of several recent surveys suggesting that faith-based organisations may continue to fare better amid the recession than other non-profit entities. The 2009 Giving USA Foundation survey found that while two-thirds of public charities experienced decreased donations

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ AUGUST—SIGNS MONTH

“Book It In” unveiled at congress

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

During the recent Literature Evangelist Congress (see “Literature evangelists meet in NZ,” page 1), a new party-plan initiative for sales was officially launched. Called “Book It In,” the program is somewhat similar to the system used by Tupperware and features people hosting “parties” in their homes to share the material available through literature evangelists with others.

Pastor Terry Goltz, director of Adventist Publishing for the South Pacific Division, says, “We expect this will enable many more in our church to have partnerships with our evangelism ministry. We hope that as the plan takes off, one or two members from each church will use it as an avenue to invite community members along—we think of it as outreach in a relaxed setting.”

“Book It In” has been in the pipeline for the past three years and is now being rolled out around the Pacific. The program was piloted in the South Queensland Conference, with literature evangelists Wendy Kent and Angela May, along with area manager Sone Mariner, working on it.

“We had a very good response to the trial



The set up for one of the four “Book It In” parties, which feature material available from literature evangelists.

and it reached a different market to the usual,” says Pastor Goltz. “This includes folk who aren’t home during the day or aren’t comfortable with letting someone into their house to sell them something.”

There are four different themes for the parties: emotional and psychological; parenting and relationships; naturopathic and complementary (health); and physical and spiritual. Pastor Goltz says, “The favourite has been the ‘naturopathic and complementary’ party. There’s a swing in the community to health and wellbeing. ‘Parenting’ has also been popular.”

A training session for those interested in learning how to run the parties will be held on August 24 in Sydney, with training seminars planned. Bookings for the parties have already been made in Sydney and New Zealand.—*Adele Nash*

New ADRA Pathfinder honours “motivate youth to serve”

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, US

In an effort to encourage young people to become more involved in their own communities around the world, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) unveiled a new and updated set of ADRA Pathfinder honours at the International Pathfinder Camporee, held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, US, from August 11 to 15.

The ADRA Pathfinder honours encompass a range of topics that emphasise ADRA’s mission of service and relief work. To earn the ADRA Master honour, candidates must first complete six of the nine ADRA honours, as well as one in the categories of Cultural Diversity, Cultural Heritage, Language Study, Temperance or Junior Witness.

The ADRA Pathfinder honours were created in partnership with the General Conference’s (GC) Youth Ministries department, and aim to encourage young people to be leaders in their communities and make a difference in the world.

“Youth Ministries considers it a privilege to work with ADRA to provide these honours,” says Baraka Muganda, director of Youth Ministries for the GC.—*Nadia McGill*

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in 2008, religious organisations reported an increase of 5.5 per cent. While the climb came slightly later for Global Mission, which experienced a lean year in 2008, donations to date for 2009 look promising, Adventist Mission leaders said. “This increase is coming not so much from new donors but from our regular donors who are giving even more,” said **Nimfa Sumagaysay**, donor response manager for Adventist Mission. Along with donations received by mail, Global Mission is seeing an increase in online donations.—*ANN*

◆ **Prisoners in Botswana** now have access to **Hope Channel** because of a partnership between the television network and the nation’s **Ministry of Home and Labour Affairs**. The ministry has welcomed the church’s participation in the rehabilitation of inmates in the country’s 23 prisons, church leaders said. Minister Peter Siele recently thanked the Adventist Church for its donation of television screens and satellite receivers, and commended the church for its development of health and educational programming, church leaders said. **Paminus Machamire**,

president of the **Botswana Union Mission**, said the gesture was an effort to help rehabilitate prisoners.—*ANN*

◆ A growing economic crisis coupled with a spike in crime and violence is motivating **Jamaican Seventh-day Adventists** to turn an **annual day of prayer** into **community outreach**, including home visits and distribution of religious materials. Many church members focused their August 1 efforts in **Central Village** near **Spanish Town**, a region that has seen an increase in gang-related

violence recently. Church members plan to visit and pray with families in the area and pass out “**Hope packages**” containing a Bible and Christian literature. The groups will also head to local clubs and bars to pass out religious music to the venues. “We hope that through this special outreach, the faith of members of the community will be strengthened in this time of fear,” said **Pastor Levi Johnson**, secretary for the **Central Jamaica Conference**. The “Day of Prayer” is an annual event celebrated by Christian denominations in the West Indies region.—*Nigel Coke*

Teen stress resource released

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

A new resource to help teenagers deal with stress in their lives was launched at the recent Literature Evangelist Congress (see “Literature evangelists meet in NZ,” page 1). *Cooling Down Teen Stress* was written by Delight Johnston Chandler with Cameron Johnston and was first published in the United States. It has been adapted and reprinted for the South Pacific Division (SPD) by Signs Publishing Company.

Pastor Terry Goltz, director of Adventist Publishing for the SPD, says, “We saw the book and felt it’d be worthwhile for the market in the South Pacific. The book has been adapted for the Australian market and can act as a companion to *Vital Facts For Boys* and *Vital Facts For Girls*.

“We feel it fills a need for young people today who are facing stress. It deals with the very issues young people face today through the story of a young girl who’s the president of her class. She has to deal with friends who are taking drugs and suicidal, as well as her father having a heart attack and having to pass school.”

The first order for the book was for 500 copies by a literature evangelist in Port Moresby. A number of schools have also purchased quantities of the book to be used



*South Pacific Division general secretary Pastor Lawrence Tanabose (second from left) prays at the launch of *Cooling Down Teen Stress*, written by Delight Johnston Chandler with Cameron Johnston (far left).*

in classes on personal development, as well as for school libraries. Pastor Goltz says, “We hope we can place a copy of *Cooling Down Teen Stress* with every young person from Year 10 up—every Year 10 student should have a copy.”

Cooling Down Teen Stress is complemented by a training kit for teachers. There are hopes of expanding the book’s market from Adventist schools to every school. Glen Reed, chief financial officer for Adventist Media Network, was heavily involved in bringing the book over from the US.

Cooling Down Teen Stress is available throughout the SPD from literature evangelists and Adventist Book Centres.

—Adele Nash

Christian radio station gives support to Billy Cart Grand Prix

LILYDALE, VICTORIA

Melbourne Christian radio station LightFM has signed on as a sponsor of this year’s Lilydale Adventist Academy’s (LAA) Weet-Bix Billy Cart Grand Prix, which will be held at the academy on August 30.

LightFM has featured advertising about the Billy Cart Grand Prix and a special broadcast from LAA on August 14 to launch the grand prix. They will broadcast live from midday on August 30 at the academy.

David Jones, event coordinator, says, “We are blessed to have had the support of Sanitarium and, in particular, the Weet-Bix brand over the past 11 years. We both have the same aim of educating the community about how to live a healthy, active and productive life.”

Signs Publishing Company (SPC) is involved with the grand prix again this year through the production of advertising materials, as well as supplying copies of *Signs of the Times* magazine.

Special guests at the grand prix will include the Veteran Car Club of Australia.

—RECORD staff/David Jones

◆ A Roman Catholic nun has been caught speeding at 180 kilometres per hour in Italy. Her speed was more than three times the limit and the nun was not travelling alone—there were two other sisters in the car at the time. The nun told police she was anxious to be by Pope Benedict’s side at his holiday home in northern Italy, where he is recovering from an injured wrist.—BBC

◆ The soccer world’s governing body—FIFA (The Fédération Internationale de Football Association)—has sparked con-

trovery after disciplining the Brazilian team for overt displays of Christianity during a match. Stars including forward Kaka and captain Lucio revealed T-shirts with devout slogans such as “I Belong to Jesus” and “I Love God” during the Confederation’s Cup final in June. According to Daniel King, writing for Britain’s *Daily Mail* newspaper, FIFA sent a warning letter to the Brazilian football federation “to remind them of the relevant regulations, so that such incidents do not recur in the future.” FIFA rules specifically ban the use of T-shirts or

other undergarments or equipment with political, personal or religious slogans on them but there is nothing that outlaws prayer or other religious displays.—Australian Christian Channel

◆ Fragments of bone which have been kept in an underground sarcophagus for nearly 2000 years have been “identified” as the remains of St Paul. Pope Benedict XVI said scientific tests confirmed shards found in the underground chamber at the church of St Paul’s-Outside-the-Walls in Rome were from the

apostle. Paul was said to have been buried with Peter in a catacomb on the Via Appia, before being moved to a basilica erected in his honour. For centuries it was believed his remains were buried beneath the basilica’s main altar, under a slab of marble inscribed in Latin with the words “Paul, apostle and martyr.” It took three years for archaeologists to subject the remains to the first-ever scientific tests and establish that they belonged to Paul, a Jewish Roman citizen from Tarsus, in what is now Turkey.—The Telegraph

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50 years for Melrose Park

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

After much preparation and organisation, the Melrose Park Adventist church celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 25. Past and present church members and pastors, as well as leaders from the South Australian Conference, were present on the day.

The Melrose Park Ensemble supplied the music for the day, including musical items and to accompany the signing. Pastor Garry Hodgkin, president of the South Australian Conference, interviewed the local Mitcham councillor John Sanderson, who told attendees he “really enjoyed” the day.

Other “highlights” of the day included the church’s international group singing “Near the cross” for the mission segment in Sabbath school and Pastor Robert Porter’s granddaughter, Chantelle Porter-Dabrowski, playing “Ancient words” on the violin. Pastor Porter gave the sermon, which was titled “The lighthouse on the rock.”

The program was recorded by the church media team from College Park church and was broadcast on a screen in the church’s hall for the overflow of visitors, as well as online. One church member’s sister watched the event online from the United States.

The morning program was followed by a potluck lunch, which was used by an-



Melrose Park church celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 25.

niversary attendees to catch up and share memories.

Gary Mordaunt, communication secretary for Melrose Park church, says, “The afternoon program was more relaxed and cordial, with PowerPoint slides and videos bringing back old memories of years past.”

The afternoon program also featured a sharing time, where people spoke about their time at the church, which was formerly known as the Southern Memorial church.

Mr Mordaunt says, “We at Melrose Park wish to thank all those who accepted the invitation to come along and make this a day to remember. We thank all those who participated in the program, especially the pastors past and present, who helped make this a blessed and memorable day for all who attended.”—**RECORD staff/ Gary Mordaunt**

Adventist churches join Jesus campaign

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Adventist churches in New South Wales (NSW) have joined more than 1000 churches of other denominations to be involved with the “Jesus. All about life” (JAAL) campaign. The aim of the campaign, which will be launched on September 15, is to promote Jesus to the people of NSW.

More than 80 Adventist churches have registered to take part in JAAL, joining Catholics, Anglicans, Baptists, Uniting Church members, Christian City Church, Hillsong and a number of other denominations and Christian organisations.

Daniel Willis, CEO of the NSW Bible Society, says, “Jesus. All about life’ is an

amazing opportunity for all the churches in this state to unite under the Person of Jesus.”

The Bible Society developed the campaign in 2003 to bring awareness and the message of Jesus to the Australian community. It has previously been run in South Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania, and focuses on getting people talking about the relevance of Jesus to their everyday lives.

JAAL also aims to “facilitate a cultural shift with the way Christian denominations engage with the community.” Christians are encouraged to use their local church as the delivery point to talk about their personal perspectives on faith with non-Christians.—**Kate Young**

NNZC and IIWO create jobs for Bible workers

MANUKAU, NEW ZEALAND

The North New Zealand Conference (NNZC), New Zealand Christian Foundation (NZCF) and local churches or districts have taken steps to provide three Bible-worker positions in connection with an It Is Written Oceania (IIWO) evangelism training opportunity.

Graduates of the It Is Written Evangelism College, based in Sydney, Australia, who feel called to Bible work can apply to NNZC for approval under the shared sponsorship plan and, if successful, will work for a year in NNZC.

In addition, there are currently 10 all-expenses-paid scholarships available to New Zealanders wanting to study at the college. The four-month training course will begin in late February or early March and is valued at \$A4000.

Applications for the scholarships are open to residents of New Zealand and close October 31. Applicants must be over 18 years of age and are encouraged to include details of why they should be awarded the scholarship, their CV and supporting references from local church pastors.

The scholarships covers all fees for the four-month program, including tuition, text books, accommodation and three meals per day. The course includes classes on personal and public evangelism techniques, Adventist history and heritage, health ministry, church planting and homiletics.

In 2008, NZCF sponsored Marie Timmins to attend the college and she is currently employed by the South New Zealand Conference as a Bible worker, attached to the Garden City Fellowship church plant.—**AMN staff**

For more information, contact Pastor Ed Gallagher, director of spiritual growth ministries for the NNZC, on +64 9 627 6052 or via <eddieg@actrix.co.nz>.

Applications for the scholarships should be addressed to:

It Is Written Evangelism College Scholarships
PO Box 76-142, Manukau City, Auckland 2441

Chosen By Grace

REVIEW BY NATHAN BROWN

ONE MORNING EARLY LAST YEAR, while visiting Avondale College, I was privileged to share a quiet conversation over breakfast with Pastor Stuart Tyner. He was the guest speaker for one of the college's regular "Festivals of Faith" and, as someone whose writing and speaking I have come across from time to time, I was pleased to be able to hear him speak to the students, as well as talk with him personally about his current writing projects.

A project that particularly had his attention at the time was a book surveying different portrayals of God's "remnant" peoples throughout the Bible. Tyner shared with me some experiences that had prompted him toward writing the book, including criticism he had received from some quarters for the emphasis he has placed on the grace of God in his ministry and previous writing projects. Prompted by this conversation, I have awaited the release of his book with interest and was pleased to recently get my hands on a copy of *Chosen By Grace: Seven Portraits of End-Time People*.

Tyner is pastor for family ministries at the La Sierra University church in Riverside, California (US) but has been a regular visitor to the South Pacific. He acknowledges his interactions with both Avondale College and Papatoetoe Adventist church (NZ) as having contributed to the development of this book. But Tyner is also furthering his own ministry passion and the book is something of a sequel to his *Searching for the God of Grace* (2006) in format, style and biblical approach.

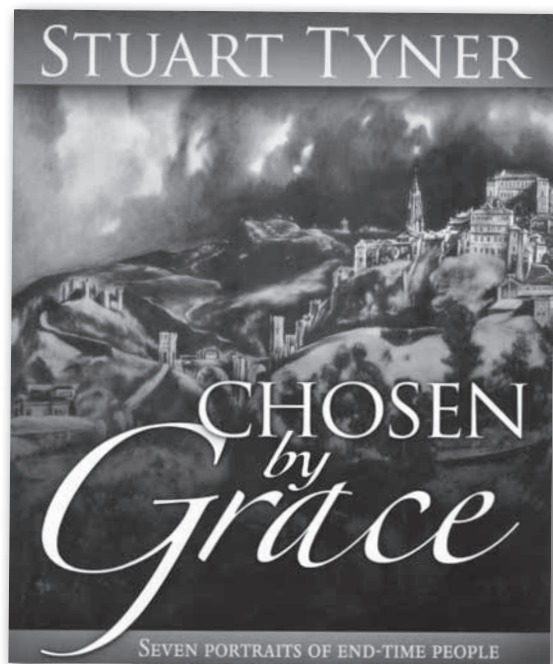
The central motif of *Chosen By Grace* is art. Tyner is a connoisseur of fine art and each of the seven sections of the book are introduced with a story from the great art and artists of history, as well as Tyner's own

interactions with and responses to many of the featured works. He points out how art has contributed to and expanded people's understanding of the stories of God at different times in history, and uses these stories to illustrate aspects of God's interactions with humanity.

Befitting his overwhelming focus on grace, Tyner does not set out to attack his critics or even to answer their criticisms. Instead, he graciously points us all toward the God of grace, Whose love, goodness and actions are the basis for all our hope and understanding. In approaching the issues and questions in this way, Tyner enacts his central theme—that even when describing God's faithful people, we are really talking about God's amazing grace.

For many Adventists, the topic of the "remnant"—and particularly various statements that have sounded like claims to be "the remnant church"—has been a source of discomfort, feeling a bit too much like arrogance or at best claims we would all struggle to live up to. Tyner's emphasis on the nature and initiative of God is key to moving beyond this. When we recognise the story as really being about God, we are freed to humbly acknowledge His call to live as His people, as well as how we often fall short of that call.

From that understanding, we are able to rely on, grow in, rest in and work from the assured foundation of His grace. In Tyner's depiction, even the Sabbath—so often criticised for its overtones of legalism—is pictured primarily as an act of resting in God's provision. He points out that the Sabbath was first enacted in this way by the Israelites in the weekly cycle of manna (see Exodus 16) before it was established as law in the Ten Command-



ments (see Exodus 20).

Like a work of fine art itself, Tyner's book has been carefully developed and *Chosen By Grace* is awash with biblical material, quotations and references. Of course, this is a great strength but, at times, it gives the book more of the feel of a study guide than a reading text. The sections of storytelling help readers through the more verse-by-verse sections.

Chosen By Grace points out that there have been "remnants"—groups of people who respond faithfully to God's grace and call—at many points of human history and that an end-time remnant will primarily be faithful to that same call in many of the same ways. As such, this book is less focused on end-time prophecy than some readers might expect from its themes but this is one of Tyner's main points.

The call of God's grace is always the call to live faithfully by God's grace and for God's glory in our time and place—and that includes maintaining our focus on and growing in our understanding of that incredible grace. *Chosen By Grace* is a useful devotional book for those purposes and worth Tyner's passion for the task. **R**

Chosen By Grace: Seven Portraits of End-Time People by Stuart Tyner, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2009, paperback, 156 pages. Available from Adventist Book Centres, price \$A33.95 or \$NZ43.95.

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.



The Songa face man

BY JOY BUTLER

THE GOOD NEWS IS OUT—THE UGLY “Songa face man,” whose name is Mwilambwe Kalonda, is on his way to recovery, better looks and health.

With his wife and small daughter, Mwilambwe walked many hundreds of kilometres to the Songa Adventist Hospital, deep in the rural area of the southern part of the not-so-Democratic Republic of Congo. His face was totally disfigured by a huge growth—chondrosarcoma of the maxilla—which made life miserable for him.

His future was bleak. The growth would eventually disfigure him completely and he would die. But he had come to the famous but old and crumbling Songa hospital to look for help. A group of us from the East-Central Africa Division had come to survey the antiquated and almost-forgotten hospital when we saw this poor man with a desperate-yet-hopeful look in his one good eye.

Investigations revealed the surgery required was too difficult and could not be done in this hospital. Songa had been a place of refuge for many since it began in 1927 and is one of the oldest mission hospitals in Africa. But it is now in a desperate state of disrepair. There is no electricity,

no running water, no proper toilet facilities, no bedding and no food for patients.

Two doctors, and a few nurses and faithful workers, try to care for patients with love and compassion—and a few medical supplies donated by the government through agencies. Families provide food, bedding and care. Hundreds of people live near and on the hospital estate, which covers more than 20 square kilometres in beautiful country.

But praise God for kind, compassionate people in the world. When the word got out that Mwilambwe, a 30-year-old young man, had no chance of help if he stayed at Songa, generous donors provided enough money for the necessary surgery and transport for Mwilambwe and his family to get to the Lubumbashi Adventist Clinic, more than 700 kilometres away.

After a tedious six-hour truck trip from Songa to Kamina town, a wait for some weeks, then a three-day train trip to Lubumbashi city and to the clinic, he saw the surgeon, Dr Jesse Tabaranza, who was willing and able to do this intricate surgery.

In early July, Dr Jesse, together with Dr Felicilda, spent five hours removing the

mass of cartilagenous and bony material from Mwilambwe’s face. Fortunately, it was benign. It was a surgery of mercy and this young man feels new. Now his little daughter, Kakudji, can look at her father without the huge disfiguring growth distorting his and her vision.

Thanks to the Adventist Media Network staff in Sydney and to Sue, who alerted them to this need, this family has a hopeful life ahead of them. And the staff, with Dr Jesse at the Lubumbashi clinic, have opened their hearts to this family and hope to find work for Mwilambwe.

The work of Adventist mission hospitals is not over. The Adventist Health System is here in East Africa to help make a difference for those who cannot help themselves. This is the work of Jesus. **R**

For more information about Songa and the Adventist Health System in East-Central Africa, visit < www.ahsafrica.org >.

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Spice up your diet with antioxidants

THE TERM “ANTIOXIDANTS” IS USED to promote all sorts of products from processed foods and supplements through to face creams. But there’s no need to look to expensive foods and portions to get your antioxidant fix—they’re found naturally, packed into plant foods that are already in your fridge and pantry.

What are antioxidants?

Antioxidants are substances found mostly in plants that stop the process of oxidation. Oxidation leads to the creation of free radicals, which damage cells, including DNA. While the process of oxidation is natural and a certain amount of free radicals is needed for our bodies to work properly, excess free radicals and the damage they cause have been linked to a range of diseases and certain cancers. Oxidation can also be accelerated by stress, smoking, alcohol and pollution.

So antioxidants are compounds that help round up free radicals and stop them from causing damage. Many of the compounds found in foods are considered to be antioxidants, including some vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients.

How do you measure antioxidants?

In 2007, the United States Department of Agriculture published the antioxidant activity of selected foods using a method called Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity (ORAC). Basically, the ORAC value for a food is its potential to round up and neutralise free radicals. The higher a food’s ORAC value, the higher its antioxidant activity.

Spicing up the antioxidants in your diet

Interestingly, spices get one of the top scores in the ORAC database. While they are only used in small amounts in meals compared to other foods, their antioxidant activity is so high that even small amounts can provide a significant antioxidant boost to your diet. To give you an idea of their antioxidant capacity, the total ORAC value for one gram of cinnamon is more than

seven times higher than the value for a small fresh tomato. Spices therefore are a great way of topping up the antioxidant content of a meal and have the added benefit of reducing the need for salt to flavour recipes.

Antioxidant research

New research on antioxidants is constantly emerging. There are thousands of antioxidants found in plant foods that can contribute health benefits—and we are still learning about them. What we do know is that the greatest health benefits are likely to come from eating a wide variety of plant foods, as each food contains a different set of antioxidants that work together in unique ways. For example, while pomegranate may be high in one type of antioxidant, broccoli may be high in another.

Researchers are also looking at how combinations of two or more antioxidants in a food work together to create more powerful benefits than if they were taken out of the food and consumed individually.

To get all the benefits of antioxidants, it’s essential to eat a wide variety of nature’s whole plant foods every day. And next time you want to add some extra flavour to your favourite recipe, head to the spice cupboard to give your meal an antioxidant boost! **R**

If you would like credible and practical advice about health and nutrition, or if you’re just looking for healthy meal ideas for you and your family, contact us at the Sanitarium Nutrition Service on 1800 673 392 (in Australia) or 0800 100 257 (in New Zealand). Alternatively, you can email us at <nutrition@sanitarium.com.au> (Australia) or <nutrition@sanitarium.co.nz> (New Zealand). It’s free and we’d love to hear from you!

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Vegetable paella

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 brown onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1½ cups mushrooms, sliced
- 1 green capsicum, deseeded and diced
- 1 yellow capsicum, deseeded and diced
- 1 cup red lentils, rinsed
- 1 cup brown rice
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon coriander
- 2 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
- 2 cups water
- pinch saffron threads
- ¼ cup currants
- ¼ cup toasted pinenuts
- 100g snow peas or green beans, cut into thin strips
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley leaves

1. Heat oil in a large deep frypan. Cook onion and garlic until soft but not brown.
 2. Add mushrooms, capsicums, lentils and rice. Cook for 2 minutes. Add spices and stir through.
 3. Combine pineapple juice, water and saffron. Add to rice. Simmer for 30–40 minutes until the rice has absorbed the liquid.
 4. Add currants, pinenuts and snow peas. Stir until heated through. Serve garnished with parsley.
- Serves 6

Per serve: 1600 kilojoules (283 calories). Protein 14g. Total Fat 10g. Saturated Fat 1g. Carbohydrate 55g. Total Sugars 17g. Sodium 20mg. Potassium 780mg. Calcium 50mg. Iron 3.9mg. Fibre 8g.



Created for a greater purpose

BY ROB STEED

HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF, “Why am I here?”

If I could ask my dog, I’m sure her immediate response would be she’s here to run around the backyard, fetch a ball, eat dog food and treats, and chase her tail.

If I were to ask my 10-year-old neighbour, his answer might not be too different from my dog. But the ball is probably on a computer screen and I hope the food is of higher quality.

If I were to ask a senior high-school student, the answers would probably be different but would depend on a number of variables: their family background; education; friends; career advice; or simply the geographical area of the world in which they live.

For those of you who are nearer to the finishing line of life, with much more experience, I wonder what your answers would be. Is it any clearer now than when you were a young 18 year old? Or have you stopped asking such questions?

I have spent a lot of my time as a personal coach asking Christians the same questions. Some give me clear answers, while many struggle to be specific.

Thomas Carlyle once said, “The man without a purpose is like a ship without

a rudder—a waif, a nothing, a no man.” Having a clear purpose for your life can make a huge difference as to how you live out your life.

William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, expressed his purpose for life. “While women weep as they do now, I’ll fight; while little children go hungry as they do now, I’ll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, I’ll fight; while there yet remains one dark soul without the light of God, I’ll fight to the very end.” It’s evident that Booth’s purpose was matched by his passion.

In his best-selling book *The Purpose Driven Life*, Rick Warren outlines the benefits of knowing one’s purpose in life. He says having purpose:

- Gives meaning to your life;
- Simplifies your life;
- Focuses your life;
- Motivates you life; and
- Prepares you for eternity.

The Bible teaches that God has a clear purpose for the Christian life. “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago,” (Ephesians 2:10*).

I must confess, I don’t know just how this works. But I do know God has a purpose

for our lives, in spite of the wrong decisions we make on a daily basis. This must frustrate God’s plans. Yet, in the end, God’s ultimate plan will be fulfilled if we allow Him to work in and through our lives.

One classic example of this principle is seen in the story of Jonah. Jonah, the runaway prophet, did everything to avoid God’s plans for his life. Instead of going to Nineveh, he boarded a ship sailing in the opposite direction. Hiding in the cargo hold of the boat, he tried to sleep off his depression.

In the midst of a severe storm, the captain woke him. “How can you sleep at a time like this?” he shouted. ‘Get up and pray to your God! Maybe he will pay attention to us and spare our lives” (Jonah 1:6-8).

The crew then cast lots to identify who the gods were angry with and the lot fell on Jonah. Then Jonah was asked a series of questions that reached to the heart of the matter: “Why has this awful storm come upon us?” “Who are you?” “What is your line of work?” “What country are you from?” “Why are you on this boat?”

When we, like Jonah, forget who we are—the children of God—and where our citizenship is—God’s heavenly family—we lose purpose and direction. Jonah’s problem was that he wasn’t living his life in accord-

ance with who God had called him to be, and was therefore confused and fearful about what he had been asked to do.

When we forget who we are and live just like any other citizen, we live within our limits and energise below our maximum, behaving below our optimum. The parable of the wicked servant (see Luke 19:11-27) is all about developing our talents to their maximum potential for God's purpose.

To help you through your journey, you'll need other trusted Christian friends to encourage you.

Ellen White understood the huge potential that exists in our church when she wrote, "In the common walks of life there is many a toiler patiently treading the round of his daily tasks, unconscious of latent powers

that, roused to action, would place him among the world's great leaders. The touch of a skilful hand is needed to arouse and develop those dormant faculties" (*Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, page 511).

So what does God want you to do with your life? If, like the majority, you are finding this difficult to answer, here are some suggestions:

1. **Take a careful look at yourself, your talents, personality and spiritual gifts.** Do a personality test. Ask those close to you for feedback.
2. **Decide on the type of person you want to become.** What values do you want to live by and be known for? Start to identify your passions; this may lead you to have a better understanding of where God wants you to serve.
3. **Find a friend, a spiritual mentor or a personal coach who can work with you.** Ask them to hold you accountable—to encourage you to be bold and to live your life like a child of God.
4. **Through this process, spend time in prayer.** Pray that God will open doors, create opportunities and send someone to support you in your journey.

Your happiness depends largely on knowing who you are, having an awareness of your calling and learning to make the right choices. Unfortunately, many Christians fail to discover their purpose or lose sight of who God has called them to be. In so doing, they fail to serve God at their best and miss out on the experience of being the person God created them to be.

A word of caution: your vision or calling can be easily extinguished through the busyness of life and discouragement. To help you through your journey, you'll need other trusted Christian friends to encourage you.

The great Nobel Peace Prize winner and medical missionary Albert Schweitzer once said, "In everyone's life, at some time, their inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit."

Do you have such a person in your life? **R**

**All Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation.*

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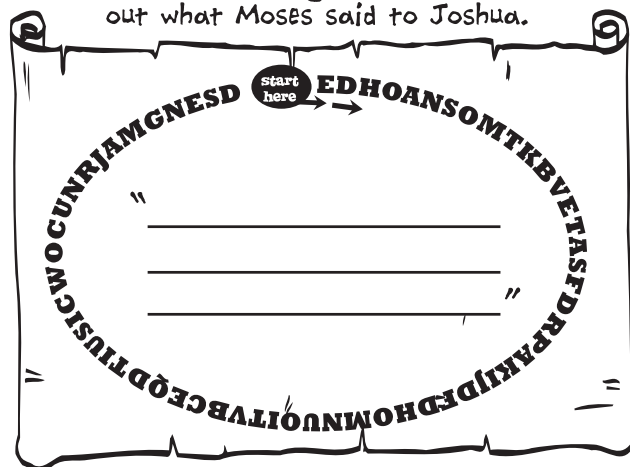
Hi kids!
Moses had been leading the Israelites for many years but God had plans for another man, Joshua, to lead them into the promised land.

Bible Text

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all _____, "Be strong and _____, for you must go with this _____ into the land that the Lord swore to their _____ to give them..."
Deuteronomy 31:7, NIV.

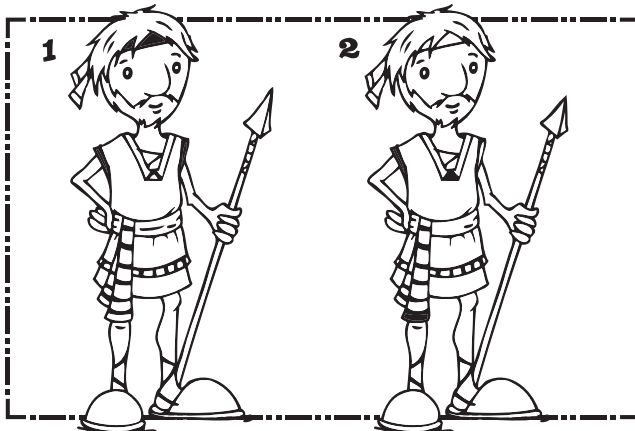
Word Puzzle

Moses told Joshua that he was the one the Lord had chosen to lead the people. Joshua may have been afraid but Moses reassured him. Write down every second letter to find out what Moses said to Joshua.



Spot the Difference

Can you spot 8 differences between these two pictures of Joshua with his spear?



Answers: 1. black headband 2. shorter spear point 3. longer headband end 4. white sleeve trim 5. white fringe on neck trim missing 6. thicker black stripe on belt 7. little finger missing 8. belt crease line missing

Two responses

STEVE PARKER, SA

“No/what difference?” (Letters, July 25) asks why there is a difference between ordination and commissioning. Here is the answer I would like to offer:

Down through history, the interpretation of Scripture has been dominated by men who did so through the coloured lenses of patriarchy. The interpretation of the passages of Scripture related to women and ministry have served the power and political interests of those who control religious institutions.

Of course, women are a useful resource to keep things running. But ordination would put them on an equal footing with men and give them too much symbolic power they might actually assert.

So, to make women feel as though they are valued but distinguish them from the powerful masculine symbol of ordination, the idea of commissioning was created.

Although there is no biblical basis for such a distinction, the church has resisted reforming its practice and persists in labelling women as second-class quasi-pastors, even though many women have been gifted by the Holy Spirit with the same skills as men.

I would encourage those who have questions about women’s ordination to seek out some of the excellent literature written by scholars inside and outside the denomination, who present alternative views to those of the dominant official view.

BRUCE PRICE, QLD

When God created male and female, He made a big difference between them and the roles they would play, both in the home and the church. The Bible is consistent in teaching this both in precept and example. The only priestess was Jezebel!

God does it

COLIN MACLAURIN, VIC

“A double centre” (Letters, July 18) argues that Adventists “must not be tempted to make an idol out of the contribution of our uniqueness to Christian belief.”

The builders of the ancient tower of Babel said, “Come, let us . . . make a name for ourselves” (Genesis 11:4, NIV). In contrast, the focus was reversed for Abram

when God affirmed, “I will make your name great” (Genesis 12:2, NIV).

Indeed, much is good and distinctive about our church but our focus must not be self-promotion. God will do the promoting if He wishes; we should focus on living in the covenant.

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Integration, breadth

ERIC LIVINGSTON, NSW

“A double centre” can be thanked for some helpful points. But on re-reading the original article (“Was Jesus a legalist?” Feature, May 23), it appears a meditative, biblically-based appeal to rectify imbalance.

We need to hear all the provisions of grace. We continually need the reassurance of the love, mercy and acceptance of God. However, we have had our Christian experiences impoverished by a one-sided portrayal of faith and grace, as if Christian experience is limited to what God does for merely passive recipients. This has come from emphasising one aspect of truth over its complement, rather than integrating them. Consequently, the freedom and joy from overcoming sinful tendencies has been curtailed; others have suffered from our reduced witness and God has been robbed of His glory.

Jesus and all inspired writers were broader, bringing to the forefront the active role of grace in our lives: “For the grace of God has appeared for salvation to all people, training us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we live self-controllably and uprightly and godly in this present age” (Titus 2:11, 12, literal translation). Throughout Romans, Paul makes prominent an active grace through faith (especially, chapters 2; 6; 12-15). From the introduction/conclusion: the “gospel” and “grace” are “to bring about the obedience of faith” (see 1:1-5; 16:25-26, NRSV); “faith” and “obedience” are interchanged in 1:8 and 16:19. This is integration.

In the same 30-40 years that we have narrowed grace, faith and the gospel, the wider Christian world has broadened their outlook. The “new perspective” on Paul affirms the necessary personal, legal justification through faith but also shows how

the Reformation assertions are part of a cosmic setting (especially, see N T Wright, *Justification*). Together with writers from other fields, the Christian world has moved toward a great-controversy scenario that goes beyond individuals being passively “saved by grace through faith.”

Jesus in RECORD?

SCOTT CHARLESWORTH, PNG

“A double centre” appears to favour a focus on the gospel in relation to the indwelling Spirit in preference to Adventism’s understanding of the righteousness of Christ in relation to the law—almost conveying the impression that these are in opposition. Its view seems to be that proclaiming the gospel and the requirement of obedience with equal emphasis results in a new covenant of works.

I think Jesus would beg to differ. The cross should never be far from our view but Sinai is the point of reference for much of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus acts like a new Moses—standing on a mountain, He proclaims the commandments in an even more exacting manner. In doing so, He does not moderate His teaching with any Pauline theology of the righteousness of faith imputed at justification (see Romans 3:21-26; compare Matthew 5:6; 6:33) or the witness of the indwelling Spirit (see Romans 8:9-17).

Given its great importance, the former in particular might be considered a serious omission. Essential “safeguards” against legalism hardly find expression, even in Paul. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus proclaims the law without qualification in the starkest terms—and this is not exceptional in the gospels. But I wonder whether—on this letter’s reckoning—Jesus would get a hearing in RECORD?

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Weddings

Jenkins—Patton. Christopher Linton Jenkins, son of Denis and Jillian Jenkins (Berowra, NSW), and Kathryn Elizabeth Patton, daughter of Robert and Carol Patton (Tauranga, NZ), were married 17.3.09 at "The Elms," Tauranga.

Lloyd Grolimund, Patrick Downey

Nilsson—Tasker. Erik Nilsson, son of Lance and Robyn Nilsson (Edgeworth, NSW), and Serita Jayde Tasker, daughter of Barry and Lynette Tasker (Girralong), were married on 26.7.09 in Macksville church, NSW.

Mike Faber

Obituaries

Budarick, Reginald Horace (Bud or Horrie), born 26.8.1918 at Mannum, SA; died 21.6.09 at Murray Bridge. On 4.3.1946, he married Ruth Johnston. He is survived by his wife (Murray Bridge); his daughters, Pam Smith (Perth, WA), Judy Addy (Murray Bridge, SA), and Robyn Sutton (Darwin, NT); his son, Reginald (Murray Bridge, SA); his 11 grandchildren; and his 11 great-grandchildren. Bud was a dearly-loved family man, a stalwart member of the Mannum church, a well-respected lay preacher and a

Christian gentleman in the wider community.

Wolfgang Stefani, Matt Tompson

Smith, Parker Abbotsford, died 8.6.09 in Waikato Hospital, NZ, aged 98 years. He was predeceased by his first wife, Phyllis. He was survived by his wife, Myrna; his children and their spouses, Calvin and Joy (Te Kauwhata), Dennis and Pat (Cambridge), Grace and Cyril Richter (Australia), Hazel and Raymond (deceased) Boldero (Te Kauwhata, NZ), Lynne and Alvin Wood (Australia), Laurence (deceased) and Marie (Thames, NZ), Geoffrey and Barbara (Te Kauwhata), Cheryl and Wayne Krissansen (Te Kauwhata); his stepchildren, Nigel and Diane, Lyndon and TA, and Carol Goldstone; his 27 grandchildren; his 44 great-grandchildren; his six stepgrandchildren; and his two stepgreat-grandchildren. Well done thou good and faithful servant. Parker will be sadly missed by all. A special note of thanks to the Te Kauwhata Health Centre, Aparangi Care Centre, Te Kauwhata and Waikato Hospital for their special care. He was laid to rest at Rangiriri Cemetery.

Grant Burton

Webb, Stuart Grant, born 19.9.1947 at Grey Lynn, NZ; died 26.6.09 at Chadstone, Vic. On 9.8.1969, he married Dawn at Blackburn. He was predeceased by his

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sister, Perrinne, and his mother, Grace. He is survived by his wife (Chadstone); his father, Fred (Athelstone, SA); his brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Denise, and their family (Brisbane, Qld). The service for Stuart was held in the magnificent chapel at the Police Academy, Mount Waverley, Vic. A large contingent of police officers and officials attended the service, along with a large group from St Johns Ambulance. This was a testament to the fact that Stuart was well respected by many people. He was a man of his word—a positive man with a quick wit and good sense of humour. He worked in the public service arm of the Victorian Police for 33 years, as well as being heavily involved in St Johns Ambulance service. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and work colleagues.

Morrie Krieg

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