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## Millions challenged by General Conference president

David Gibbons—Atlanta, USA

The 59th General Conference Session concluded today in Atlanta, USA. The event—held once every five years—was attended by 2500 delegates from more than 200 countries around the world.

General Conference president, Dr Jan Paulsen, charged all 17 million Adventists around the world to prepare for Jesus’ soon return—both individually and by evangelistically discipling others.

The session was filled with reports on how God has led these past five years, and plans were laid to take the gospel to the world during the next five years.

More than 50,000 people (mostly north and south Americans) visited the session and the expo hall where 176 ministries were featured over 11 days.

Tens of thousands of church members around the world

followed the news from each session day using an iPhone application—revealing how quickly technology has changed since the previous session.

Up-to-date information on elections and policy changes are available at <[www.record.net.au](http://www.record.net.au)>. A full report of the session will feature in the July 17 edition of RECORD.

The next General Conference Session is planned for San Antonio, Texas, USA in 2015.



The South Pacific Division is one of 13 divisions that make up the General Conference.



Dr Herbert Clifford served the hospital as CEO for 22 years.

## Doctors receive Queen’s birthday honours

Jarrod Stackelroth—Wahroonga, New South Wales

Three doctors who have made significant contributions to the Sydney Adventist Hospital were awarded membership to the Order of Australia at the recent Queen’s birthday celebrations.

Dr Herbert Edward Clifford was CEO of the hospital from 1968 to 1990. He guided the hospital through a period of major development including the rebuilding of the original 185-bed “Sydney Sanitarium” into the current 320-bed hospital with a wide range of new clinical services.

Dr Jean Rosa Edwards has worked for the Avondale College of Nursing, based at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, since 1997. She was recognised for her service to medicine, particularly through roles supporting victims of sexual assault and for contributing to the education and training programs there.

Dr John Francis Gunning has had a range of senior roles in a number of professional organisations. He was cardiologist at the Sydney Adventist Hospital from 1990 to 1997.

## Delegates take plane ride through the South Pacific

David Gibbons—Atlanta, USA

General Conference Session delegates applauded the 20 minute South Pacific video report presented by Division president Dr Barry Oliver on Thursday night, July 1. Produced by Adventist Media Network, delegates were taken on a virtual plane flight in the new mission plane operated by the church in Papua New Guinea. Event organisers said the South Pacific report was the most interesting and best filmed

report of all 13 world divisions. Dr Oliver said churches should take the time to download and play the 20 minute film in Sabbath School or in the afternoon. “The film will encourage and inform church members as to how the mission is being accomplished in the South Pacific.”

The video can be seen at <[www.record.net.au](http://www.record.net.au)>. A summary of the report can be found on page 14.



Cameraman Mal Hamilton attaches a camera to the tail of the mission plane for filming the report.



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## Responding to a crisis

Pablo Lillo

A friend of mine is going through a crisis. She is a new mum—35 years of age who has just discovered she has a form of cancer. Her husband, one of my best friends—a godly young man—does everything possible to help, support and encourage his sick wife. They have a six-month-old baby, the joy of their lives.

In my 40 odd years of life I have learnt crises are a part of the tapestry of life for all of us—no-one gets through life without them. Some of our crises are difficult, painful, disruptive to life, even life threatening and life destroying.

I googled "crisis" and found a few definitions, including "an unstable situation of extreme danger or difficulty" or "a crucial stage or turning point in the course of something". More loosely, it means "a testing time" or "emergency event".

In a crisis, our normal coping skills may not work as well as we hoped. We either crumble under the weight of the situation or develop new skills to strengthen our resolve.

When the testing time hits, we cannot get through the crisis alone. My friends cannot survive this crisis by themselves. They need caring family and friends to listen to them, encourage them, support them through their journey and crawl with them when they are at their lowest.

That is the role of the body of Christ—to be there for one another, both through joyful times and life-shattering moments. It is our calling as members of the fellowship of Christ, to be present to remind each other, our friends, fellow church members and neighbours that God has neither forgotten them nor abandoned them. It is one of the most powerful witnesses we can make.

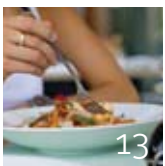
Our character is most obvious in a crisis. See our feature on Christian character on page 17. We also take a look at the work that has taken place in our Division in the past five years on page 14.

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## Local church launches healthy cookbook

*Di Strachan—Albury, New South Wales*

*Vegeticious*, an Australian-produced healthy and delicious family-friendly vegetarian recipe book, is now available.

The Albury Adventist church Health Ministries team decided to produce a healthy vegetarian recipe book in August 2009. The team started with an idea to collect recipes that were “family favourites”. The focus was on recipes that were low in salt, sugar and fats, but had to be tasty and relatively easy to make.

Albury church linked up with the Victorian border Adventist churches, Wodonga and Slavic, who were invited to contribute recipes. Within a matter of weeks more than 150 recipes were collected, many of them handed down through generations in families.

By early December 2009, *Vegeticious* was printed and ready for release, initially through the border churches.

The response has been good locally with the cookbook available at the South NSW Big Camp at Jindabyne in January, and the Victorian Big Camp at Easter.

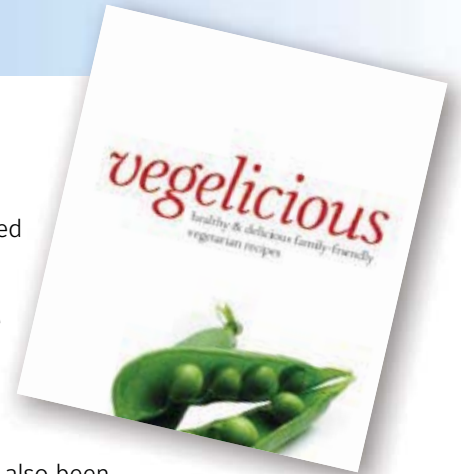
All proceeds from *Vegeticious* will be donated to Border

Christian College, to be used for sporting equipment for the primary and high school’s new multipurpose centre, to improve students, health and fitness.

In addition to being a fundraiser, *Vegeticious* has also been produced to encourage non-vegetarians to try these delicious recipes, to appeal to children and youth and to entice families to spend more time cooking at home and enjoy the experience.

Special features of the book include the following: attractive cover, spiral bound, splash proof cover, readily available ingredients, nutritious best recipes from our region, easy to make, dairy-free and gluten-free labelled recipes and over 100 recipes ranging from breakfast ideas, soups, dips and sauces, patties, savouries and desserts.

For information email <health@alburyadventistchurch.org.au>.



A prayer of affirmation with the new minister and his family.

## Packed house for ordination

*Andrew Harvey—Armidale, New South Wales*

Armidale church overflowed with friends, relatives and members for the ordination of Benjamin Galindo on May 15. The local membership made room for the large number of visitors, displacing many out into other areas of the premises. The program included songs of praise and worship led by Pastor Galindo’s friend, Bob Dale, and his family shared stories of his life, his natural leadership qualities and the blessings his ministry had already achieved.

Australian Union Conference ministerial secretary, Pastor Graeme Christian, preached while Pastor Gordon Smith and Pastor John Lang, president of the North New South Wales Conference, shared in the privilege of ordaining Pastor Galindo to the continuing mission of the Lord’s work. An abundant luncheon followed the service.

## Multi-million dollar hall boost

*Nancy Langdom—Morobe, Papua New Guinea*

Hiring out facilities for big meetings will soon be a thing of the past for Morobe Mission thanks to the new multi-purpose hall which is being built at a cost of K1.5 million, made available by the South Pacific Division.

Construction of this new multi-purpose hall is well underway led by Papua New Guinea Union Mission Building supervisor Reg Davis and his men who are now laying the foundation of the building. Once completed, Morobe Mission will be one of the first local missions in Papua New Guinea to have a multi-purpose hall to

host its programs.

At the ground-breaking ceremony, at the end of March, Morobe Mission general secretary, Pastor Geoffrey Pomeleu, said the construction work in itself was a sign of victory over opposition and criticisms and that things would not have worked out if it wasn’t God’s plan (in reference to Nehemiah 6:9).

PNGUM undersecretary, Pastor Simeon Nara, congratulated Morobe Mission for being the first local mission to house such a facility and said this project was God’s silent sermon for the



Breaking the ground at the new site.

people of Morobe of the salvation and redemption of God’s Second Coming.

Morobe Mission president, Pastor Piuki Tasa, said this project was a sign of moving forward and he was happy to say that Morobe Mission was growing.



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## Avondale students challenged to “Rip it up!”

Brenton Stacey—Cooranbong, NSW

An Aboriginal Seventh-day Adventist minister is not only the Avondale College Alumni Association’s new face but also its Young Alumni of the Year.

Johnny Murison was announced as the winner of the award in absentia during an alumni and graduation forum on the Lake Macquarie campus, May 19.

In a written message, Pastor Murison challenged students to take risks for God. He recalled moving to Sydney after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Theology) in 2004. “I’m a bushman and I was hoping I would get sent to the bush,” he said. Instead, the church sent him to the urban jungle. “I knew I had to get out of my comfort zone” because, said Pastor Murison, living a fulfilling life with Jesus was about “taking it up a notch and ripping it up on the side of good.”

He became an ordained minister on the Saturday before the forum (see News, June 5) and is now an associate minister at Parramatta Seventh-day Adventist Church. Adventist Media Network has appointed Pastor Murison as a support presenter for a new evangelistic DVD series called *Beyond Search*, and he features as the new face of Avondale alumni in a video clip appearing on the association’s homepage.

“When you take a risk, you grow and your faith deepens.” He ended his message with the statement: “God doesn’t want us to make a living, He wants us to make a difference.”

Avondale College president Dr Ray Roennfeldt prayed earlier in the forum for the thousands of alumni “who have turned their backs on the comforts of life to serve in difficult places”. The president of the alumni association, Pastor Des Hills, challenged members of the 2010 graduation class to dedicate themselves to service, describing them as “strong ambassadors for the kingdom of heaven”.

The Young Alumni of the Year honours outstanding professional achievement and excellence; innovative or inspirational leadership; notable contribution to a humanitarian cause or commitment to service. Alumni aged 30 and under, and who graduated five years ago, are eligible for the award.



Avondale Young Alumni of the Year, Johnny Murison.

## OPINION POLL

Do you trust the church to manage your  
tithes and offering?

Yes **73.6%**

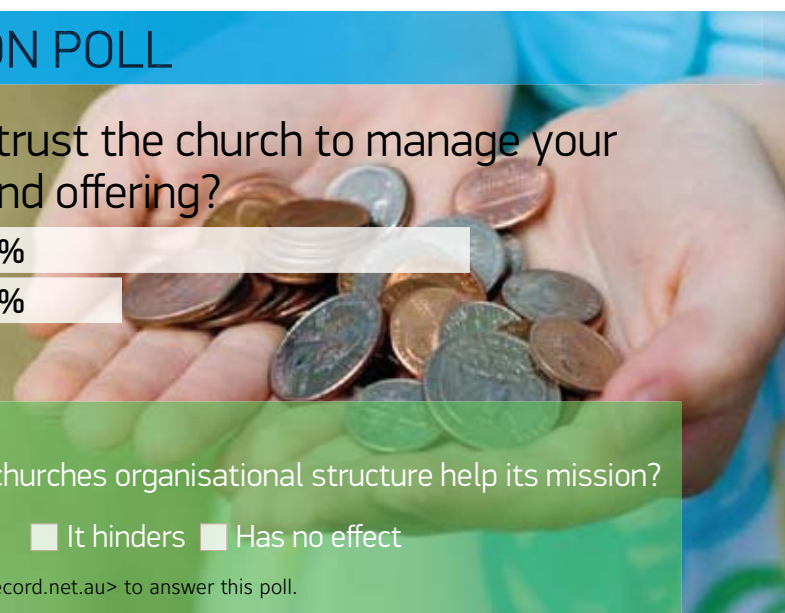
No **26.4%**

### Next Poll

Does the churches organisational structure help its mission?

It helps  It hinders  Has no effect

Please visit [record.net.au](http://record.net.au) to answer this poll.





## Prisoners restoring God’s institution

Ray Coombe—Wahroonga, New South Wales

More than 36 female prisoners and their officers have been awarded a certificate of achievement after attending a week-long seminar in their cell block at Bomana Prison Camp outside Port Moresby.

The seminar, themed “Restoring God’s institution”, was facilitated by the pastor of prison churches and Bomana church, Danny Philip. It was focused on rebuilding marital and family relationships.

At the end of the seminar, many of the prisoners expressed gratitude and appreciation for the course. “My marriage life was operated independently,” said a mother of five children. “I had no feeling of love for my husband, and fooled him many times. As a result I ended up here at the prison.” She added, “Thank God, I will start my marriage life over again after my jail term.”

Bomana chaplain Lani Pilaisson expressed similar

sentiments.

“The seminar has challenged me and changed my life as a father,” he said. “More seminars like this must be

conducted not only in the church but also at a community level since home and family is foundational to our society.”

A set of twins born at the prison camp were dedicated on the same day in the presence of many prison officers, wardens and church members.



The women have committed to healing relationships with their families.



Serving his community, Memea Ma'aelopa.

## Church member awarded Order of Merit

Fara Iati—Christchurch, New Zealand

A member of the Aranui Samoan church was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Pacific community organisations in New Zealand’s Queen’s Birthday honours on June 7. Memea Eleitino Bubsy Ma’aelopa has been a member of many local organisations and forums, including the University of Canterbury Samoan Students Association (patron), and senior cultural adviser for the Christchurch Secondary Schools Pasifika Cultural Festival. He is also a life member for the Police Kiosk and has been serving as a Police Kiosk volunteer for 24 years.

Mr Ma’aelopa also helped to establish the Pacific Trust Canterbury and is a member of many nationwide and government related panels and reference groups. He continues to serve God as the treasurer at Aranui Samoan church.

## Seventh-day Adventist turns 150 years

David Gibbons—Wahroonga, New South Wales

Congregations around the world will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the name “Seventh-day Adventist” on October 1.

Although the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was not organised until 1863, the name Seventh-day Adventist was formally adopted on October 1, 1860. The name was used by the fledgling church’s publishing house as well as for its local congregations.

Today, the church has more than 16 million adult members, and is the 12th largest religious body in the world. The church operates universities, schools, hospitals, medical clinics, publishing houses and media centres with a missionary presence in more than 200 countries.

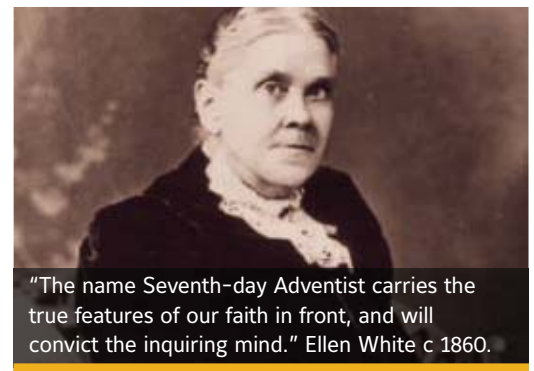
Dr Barry Oliver, president of the church in the South Pacific, said, “Incorporating two major doctrinal beliefs in our denomination’s name, ‘Seventh-day Adventist’ identifies who we are as a world church family. I hope each church member, congregation and institution in our region

will reflect seriously on what it means to be Seventh-day Adventists in today’s world.”

Dr Oliver wants every Seventh-day Adventist church member, church or institution to ask how they can more effectively carry out the mission of the church.

He requests all Adventists across the South Pacific to commemorate this historic anniversary on October 2—the Sabbath closest to the anniversary date.

Program suggestions, historical resources and other information for the commemoration are available at <[www.150SDA.org](http://www.150SDA.org)>.



“The name Seventh-day Adventist carries the true features of our faith in front, and will convict the inquiring mind.” Ellen White c 1860.



#### Hand in your guns

Police worried about gun-related crimes in the Cayman Islands are asking the public to hand in illegal and unwanted weapons—no questions asked. Adventist churches have agreed to pass on the firearms to police, to assist people who might be afraid to hand them in at the police station. —*LA Times*



#### Health and healing

Australian research shows praying can do more than give you a sense of peace—it can make you healthier. Prayer can help reduce stress, decrease depression, improve sleep and lower blood pressure. It has also been linked to drops in cholesterol and faster recovery after surgery.

—*Christian Newswire*



#### Hot sellers

The new documentary film, *The Adventists*, brings together the church's history of health reform and the current Adventist emphasis on health and lifestyle. The documentary holds the number two spot on Amazon's bestseller list, in the religious documentary category, and has provoked discussion in the Christian and mainstream media. —*Journey Films*



#### Higher calling

Lutheran Bishop of Jerusalem, Munib Younan, is urging church leaders to make a positive contribution to the ongoing violence in Israel/Palestine. He said religious leaders should be wary of being "mini-politicians" and lending support to extremist agendas. Instead, religion should be a prophetic voice of peace and reconciliation. —*Ecumenical News International*



#### Barefoot no more

Soles4Souls has hit a milestone, with 10 million shoes donated to help people affected by poverty and natural disasters, including the 2004 South-East Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. Shoes protect people in countries where hookworm is a problem and allow children to attend schools where shoes are a uniform requirement. —*www.soles4souls.org*



#### Young singers

Two sisters from the Brixton Adventist Church wowed 10,000 audience members at London's Oraclez World Music Festival. The sisters were then asked to perform a song with popular gospel artists CeCe and BeBe Winans and conducted a number of interviews with radio and TV journalists. —*South England Conference*



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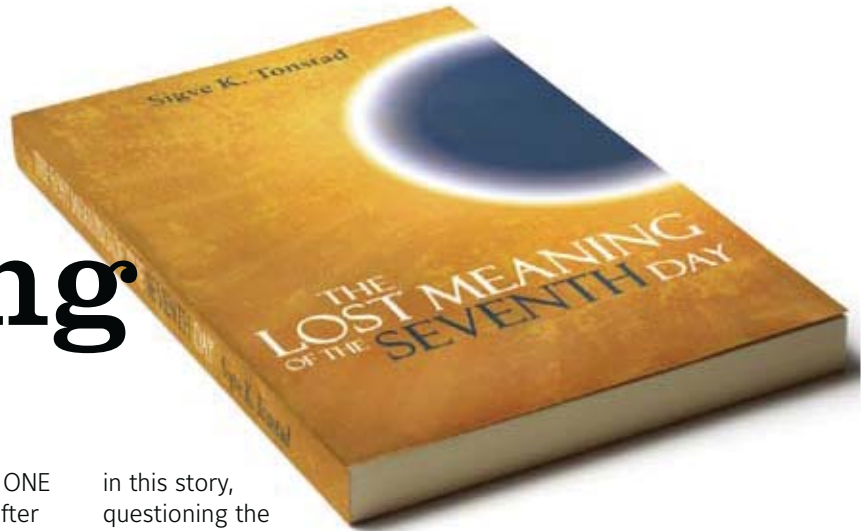
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# Sabbath sharing



by Nathan Brown

**T**HE LOST MEANING OF THE SEVENTH DAY IS ONE of the best books I've read in a while. And—after quite some searching—I have now found an Adventist-published book on the topic of Sabbath of which I can be proud.

In recent years, a steady stream of books have explored different aspects of Sabbath, from Jewish, Catholic, mainline Protestant, emergent and even secular writers. These include some of my favourite books about practical spirituality and faith, and have done much to expand my appreciation for the gift of Sabbath. Unfortunately, despite some 150 years championing Sabbath-keeping, Seventh-day Adventists have been largely silent and largely ignored in this contemporary interest in Sabbath. To check the references of many of these recent books shows little, if any, contribution from Adventist voices to today's renewed appreciation of Sabbath.

Meanwhile, Adventist publishing seems largely to have been stuck in continuing to argue merely that Sabbath is not Sunday, with occasional forays into the grey world of how we should be "keeping the Sabbath". "Not-Sunday" sounds like a good vegetarian analogue/substitute product but when we have the real thing, marketing Sabbath as substitute—and arguing what it is not—is a pretty poor recipe for what Sabbath is and should be.

*The Lost Meaning of the Seventh Day* does argue persuasively that Sabbath is not Sunday. It does give pointers toward practical "Sabbath-keeping", although not in the usual way. But it also does so much more—and in this context, these two Adventist preoccupations actually matter more than they do when isolated topics of debate. Carrying its 500-plus pages, numerous footnotes and exhaustive bibliography lightly, the book is surprisingly easy and engaging reading. Its undeniable scholarly weight is transcended by its graceful narrative arguments.

Sigve Tonstad is assistant professor of religion and associate professor of medicine at Loma Linda University and he applies aspects of both his academic specialities in this theological, cosmological and humanitarian survey of Sabbath from Creation to Revelation. Beginning with God's affirmation of the goodness of the created world and linking this with the institution of Sabbath, *The Lost Meaning of the Seventh Day* notes the alternate voice heard early

in this story, questioning the goodness and completion of God's world, in the first temptation in the Garden.

Tonstad traces these alternative stories as they develop through the biblical narrative, then their implications as played out in the early Christian church, the development of the Christian empire and the major human tragedies of the second millennium of Christian history. This re-telling is remarkably alert to the implications of theological shortcomings and "lost meaning" for human society and development, as well as for the natural world.

*The Lost Meaning of the Seventh Day* urges the imperatives of "creation-keeping" as something broader than "Sabbath-keeping" and deeper than "environmentalism", which even by its labelling places the natural world as a backdrop to the human action on our planetary stage. Quoting Terence Fretheim: "The Sabbath is thus a divinely given means for all creatures to be in tune with the created order of things. Even more, Sabbath-keeping is an act of creation-keeping. To keep the Sabbath is to participate in God's intention for the rhythm of creation."

"Is not the absence of "creation-keeping",” Tonstad asks, "the reality that is staring at us, people living in the 21st century, in the face?"

By its willingness to consider the bigger implications of Sabbath, as well as its commitment to and elucidation of the core of the biblical Sabbath, *The Lost Meaning of the Seventh Day* paints an inspiring portrait of the gift of Sabbath, as well as a sobering picture of its loss. In both these simultaneous portrayals, our need for and benefits of Sabbath are urgently drawn.

Along the way are many worthwhile contributions to the contemporary discussions of Sabbath and to a church that needs such new and renewed explanations of the Sabbath it has held dear, both for our own sake and for the sake of the world with which we are privileged to be able to share this gift. Ultimately, *The Lost Meaning of the Seventh Day* is a book for Sabbath-sharing, a much higher calling than mere Sabbath-keeping.

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## OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

### How to have and hold onto your relationship with God

Sin separates us from God, breaking our relationship with Him. But when you are declared righteous (justified) by trusting alone in the death of Jesus, you are brought near and reconciled to the Father, having access to Him. **Read** Isaiah 59:2; Romans 5:1,2,9; Ephesians 2:13,18

This relationship is so close, that you are called a child of God and the bride or wife of Jesus. Furthermore it is dynamic, transforming us into the likeness of Christ. Such a relationship is the essence of the abundant new and eternal life in Christ. **Read** 1 John 3:1; Ephesians 5:25-30; Titus 2:11-14; John 17:3

### To maintain this transforming relationship with Christ you must:

1. While uplifting your heart to God in prayer throughout the day, make special regular time like Daniel for heartfelt prayer. **Read** Matthew 26:41; Daniel 6:10
2. Feed and meditate on the word of God especially the closing scenes of Christ's life. **Read** Matthew 4:4; Psalms 119:11; Hebrews 12:1-3
3. Obey Him in everything that He has revealed to you, just as He obeyed His Father. **Read** John 8:31; 15:9,10; 14:31; 6:38; Acts 5:32
4. Meet and fellowship with God's people regularly to encourage each other to love and to do good. **Read** Hebrews 10: 24,25
5. Reach out to others telling them of God's love that has touched your life. To stay near Jesus as the demoniac requested, you must give Him away to others. **Read** Luke 8:38,39

To maintain human relationships requires an investment of time and effort. It is no different with God. As you make time for the activities mentioned, your relationship with God will surely grow. **Read** James 4:8

*Pastor Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism.*



## MY MINISTRY IDEA

Faith and Matthew Fatnowna are in their 80s, but that hasn't stopped them being active in ministry. It just takes a little gentlemanly assistance it seems, as Matthew, or Uncle Mackie, as most people know him, offers an arm to his wife to assist her mounting the steps to where the church organ sits.

The Fatnownas are a musical duo. Uncle Mackie's jazzy piano progressions reflect his dance hall past

and Faith's versatility includes both voice and organ. Although they live in Brisbane's northern suburbs, they've travelled to Brisbane's Central Church for 17 years to play on Sabbath. During that time they've mentored a number of young musicians who are now actively involved in their churches.

"They're very involved in our music ministry. The church loves them very much," says Central pastor Lindsay Chineegadoo.

The Fatnownas have also provided music for various church gatherings up and down the east coast of Australia—ATSIM meetings, literature evangelism conferences and singles conventions. "We've got this little yellow Astra," says Uncle Mackie. "I just dropped a new motor in it this January, but it's done 600,000 kilometres."

When they're back in Brisbane, Faith and Matthew continue their ministry, providing music at aged care homes and other residential facilities. Some weeks, they're booked solid, Monday to Friday. "When we arrive we sit down and talk to the residents," says Faith of the old folks' homes. She giggles, "We kind of blend in so when the staff come out they're looking worried and asking, 'Are they here yet?'"

At one facility that caters for people with brain damage and intellectual disabilities, some of the residents are up before dawn on the day of the Fatnownas' monthly visit. Somehow, without a calendar or reminder, the residents just know. "No-one else wants to go (to visit the residents)," says Uncle Mackie. "I don't know—I think they're afraid or something. But we're there."



## NOW & THEN



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# Connected to the vine

by Colin Renfrew

**D**ON'T EVER FORGET WHAT YOU WERE LIKE! I want to remind you of the transformations that have taken place in your life. You need to remember what you were and how incredibly different you are now! Remember how we were just a pack of fools, raging against all the rules and regulations? What about how we lived totally self-referenced lives pursuing every earthy lust and pleasure we could find? We were so wild, unformed and rebellious."

These words aren't from an email sent to a friend or from my Facebook status, although they easily could have been. Rather, they are sentiments echoed by Paul writing to Titus on the Island of Crete. Paul instructs Titus to remind the believers to remember what God has done in their lives—don't forget the changes! "We have all been changed Titus—don't let them forget this" (see Titus 3:1-8).

The rate and pace of change in our world today is phenomenal. It doesn't matter where you live or even if you are aware of it—change is relentless! It is all around us and even taking place within us. The truth about Christian living and the forming of our spiritual lives can be expressed by the word—change! God's work of shaping our lives is never complete (see Philippians 1:6).

Some people wrestle with change daily, while others reject it and run from it all their lives. Spiritually speaking we should not be the same tomorrow as we are today—we are continually being shaped and formed anew. If you are alive to God in Christ and His Spirit is being poured out into your life then you can expect changes—changes of heart, changes in habits and practices, changes in relationships, changes in thought patterns, changes everywhere. As a potter to the clay our Father through His Spirit forms our lives into a shape never before seen. Lives that are beautifully formed, gently worked, and patiently and lovingly crafted.

The same God who called the earth into existence is at work in us. He has already accomplished significant change, yet there remains more creative forming to accomplish. Edges need rounding, rough places need smoothing, some areas need complete renovation.

I don't mind when change happens to someone else and

doesn't directly affect me. But when it intrudes upon my existence—I rebel. I like familiar paths, they're well known, safe, easy to walk and don't require too much of me. Any change that confronts and challenges the self-referenced life is resisted, wrestled against because the human spirit wants to travel the familiar paths of self-reference.

How then do we become open to the change God is seeking to perform in us? It's simple really. Just be willing to posture your life toward His, to take steps in His direction, to drop everything we're holding and come to Him empty, seeking and needy.

Deep within is a longing only Christ can quench. We tend to forget it needs quenching every day. We know that unless we surrender our lives, our time, our will and our intent to Him each new day, we will die just like a grape removed from the vine. Each day separated from the vine seems to produce another, until we find ourselves shrivelled up, resistant to change, disconnected from the source of life.

Posturing toward God involves the time-honoured disciplines of the Christian life. To the Spirit-filled Christian these disciplines are like breathing and are an indispensable part of each day. Prayer, Bible contemplation and study, fasting, solitude, submission, service, worship and celebration are just some of the disciplines practiced in turning toward the life in our great God and Father.

Remember these disciplines are not the end in themselves. They are more like an expression of will that says, "Here I am Father! I'm here today in prayer because I want to be with You . . . I'm here today in solitude because I need to hear You . . . I'm turning my life toward Yours today because without You I'm dead!"

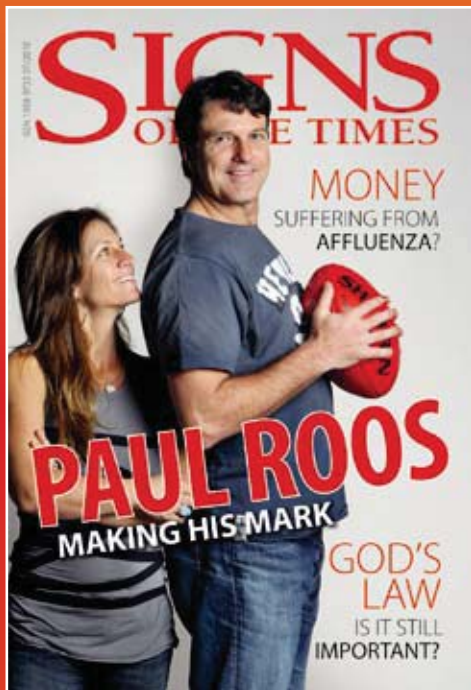
So where are you today on the spiritual growth continuum? Do you run from it or embrace it? Is your life soft and malleable or rigid and resistant in His hands? Are you still connected to the vine or shrivelled with self-referenced comfort? If you would like to know the answer to these questions just check your posture! ➤

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*Pastor Colin Renfrew is discipleship and spiritual development director for South Queensland Conference.*



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## OPINION

Marissa Grove

### Lifestyle, not a ritual

Many friends and family of mine have left the Adventist church over time. And it seems that there are almost as many reasons given for leaving as there are people. It may be disillusionment with the institution, congregational in-fighting or a personal spiritual crisis, that motivates someone to leave. However, it seems many individuals simply slip into



indifference over time, and before they know it they haven't been to church for weeks, months, even years.

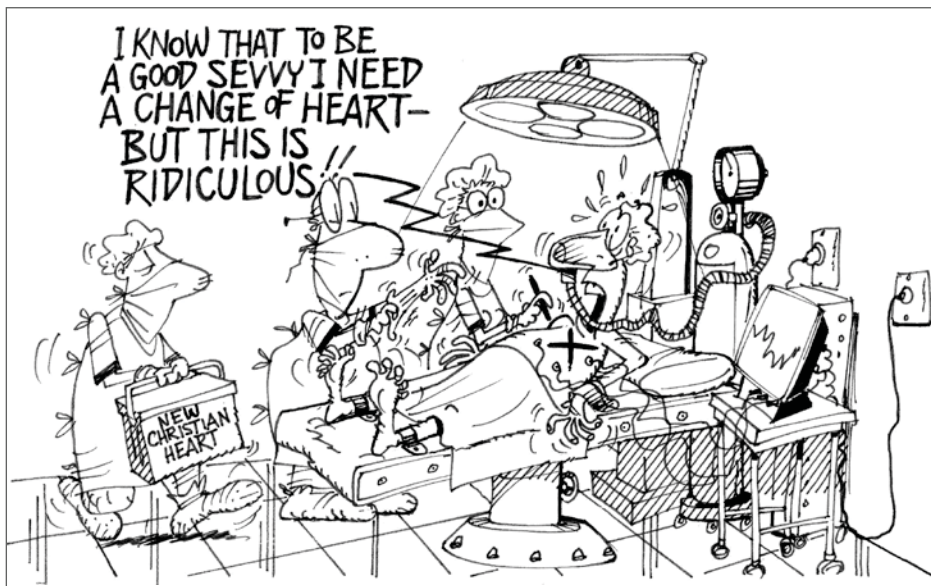
Then there's that bristly issue of relevance. And it's not just young people or 'Gen Y' who are citing this as grounds for divorce from church. I've heard individuals, of all ages, verbalising their disenchantment with the church by labelling it "out of touch" and "hypocritical". Many (and there have been times that I've agreed) have come to see church as an outdated ritual or an inessential element to their lives.

This has been a huge challenge for me personally, to take a look at my own spiritual health and my attitude towards church. When I look at the life of Jesus and the life abundant He promised in John 10:10, I can find no shred of irrelevance. Jesus' life and message (which were one and the same) exuded truth, genuine concern for those around Him and love; a whole lot of love.

It's become clear to me that without a personal relationship with God, church is dead. If I'm not meeting with my Creator, church does become a mere stale social club. And that's not what Christ called us as a body to. As our supreme example, Jesus was uncompromisingly connected to the Father and relentlessly reaching out to others. It's a lifestyle, not just a ritual.

For those who have friends and family who have left church, pray for them—and keep praying for them; at no time have they left God's infinite love. It's amazing what can happen when we give up those we love to our all-powerful Father.

*Marissa Grove is Hope Channel radio producer at Adventist Media Network.*





## Portion distortion: Supersizing through the ages

As we spoon pasta onto our plates at dinnertime, most of us are dishing out more than the recommended serve size. But upsizing is not a new trend; we've been doing it for centuries, as the most famous meal in history, the Last Supper, has shown us.

Depictions of life in art and media can provide a reflection of day-to-day life and culture. With this in mind, researchers in the United States turned to the most famously depicted meal, the Last Supper, for insights into our eating habits in the past millennium. Comparing 52 prints of the Last Supper painted during the past 1000 years, researchers discovered depictions of the main meal size had increased by almost 70 per cent.

The researchers—experts in eating behaviours and religious studies—found the plate size increased by 66 per cent and bread rolls were 23 per cent larger.

Just how accurately does art imitate life? A number of recent studies that look at eating behaviours confirm that our portion sizes are becoming larger. Dinner plates have become around 5cm wider in the past 20 years and processed foods have become cheaper, so we buy more for less money. It's an upsizing trend that's not only reflected in our art and on our plates, but also in our population with over half of us overweight or obese.

So, how can we combat portion distortion? Here are some easy tips to help you manage meal sizes:

**Downsize:** Smaller dinner plates and bowls can help reduce portion size. Consciously taking less food and going back for seconds, only if hungry, can also reduce the amount you eat.

**Focus on whole plant foods:** Diet comes from a Latin word meaning "way of life" so choose foods that nourish your body, mind, heart and spirit. Whole plant foods such as wholegrains, legumes/soy, fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds as minimally processed as possible are best.

**Listen to your body:** The feeling of fullness is your body telling you it's had enough food. Over the years we've become less aware of when we are satisfied—instead we tend to eat until the plate is clear. So, stop and listen to your body.

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RECIPE

## Zucchini and fetta pasta

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 shallots, chopped
- 2 cups sliced mushroom
- 200g reduced fat fetta, crumbled
- 500g spaghetti, cooked
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 6 zucchini, grated
- ¼ teaspoon chilli flakes (optional)
- 1 lemon, juiced

1. Heat oil in frying pan and sauté garlic, shallots, zucchini, mushrooms and chilli flakes for 5 minutes.
2. Fold through fetta and lemon juice.
3. Gently toss through hot spaghetti and serve with lemon wedges. Serves 6.

Preparation time: 10 minutes. Cooking time: 15 minutes.

PER SERVE: 950 kilojoules (227 calories); Protein 14g; Fat 8g; Carbohydrate 23g; Sodium 421mg; Potassium 310mg; Calcium 143mg; Iron 1.2mg; Fibre 4g.







# South Pacific inno

**T**HERE ARE MORE THAN 410,000 SEVENTH-DAY Adventists living in the South Pacific region: an area covered by 51.8 million square kilometres of ocean, with only 7.7 million square kilometres of land.

South Pacific Division president Dr Barry Oliver says, "We are intentionally seeking God's direction as we find innovative ways to meet the challenge of making disciples and sharing the gospel in the countries and communities scattered across the South Pacific."

Look at what God is doing . . .

## Church growth

During the past five years, hundreds of people have become Adventist Christians when more than 40 churches were strategically planted in big cities and remote Pacific islands.

New Australian churches were planted in the cities of Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. A Russian language church was planted in the New Zealand city of Christchurch and churches have been built in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. A minister is now located on Nauru and land has been donated for a church building. Children's outreach programs were run in each location as well.

Until now, there were two South Pacific countries where Seventh-day Adventists had no presence. But that has changed. A Bible worker is preparing to enter the territory of Tokelau and the first outreach initiative on Wallis Island has reaped rewards, following the granting of permission by the government for Seventh-day Adventists to conduct evangelistic meetings there. Almost all of Wallis Islands' 10,000 inhabitants are Roman Catholics and Protestantism is rarely practised or welcomed.

There are exciting things happening amongst the indigenous people of Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people die, on average, 20 years earlier than other Australians. So Mamarapha—a tertiary college for Aboriginals run by the church near Perth—now offers a Diploma of Indigenous Lifestyle Health. Many students are baptised during the course of their studies.

The 260 Aboriginal residents of Aputula near the centre

of Australia, have asked for a Bible worker to move in to their remote town. Half of the town's homes have satellite dishes installed so that they can watch the Adventist television channels. Adventists from Adelaide have helped build a Seventh-day Adventist church in the town.

On Saibai Island—off the northernmost tip of Australia—the first six baptisms have been held following a Global Mission outreach campaign run by Pastor Don Fehlberg.

## Challenges

In Australia, fires and floods have destroyed lives and property. In the Solomon Islands, Samoa and Tonga, some church members lost their lives or property following devastating tsunamis in 2009.

Another challenge in the developing countries of the South Pacific is the lack of seating in churches. Churches are full and thousands have to sit outside. For example, Pastor Gary Webster ran an evangelistic series in the Solomon Islands. He spoke to 1000 people every night in the Kukum church. But his support team had to erect four large projection screens outside for another 5000 people who turned up each night wanting to hear the gospel.

A new multi-purpose centre was opened there late 2009—the largest building in the Solomons—capable of seating 6000 people. The first event was a week-long Children's Expo, attended by more than 1000 people who came to be trained and inspired. Church leaders plan to construct more such buildings in other South Pacific locations.

## Education

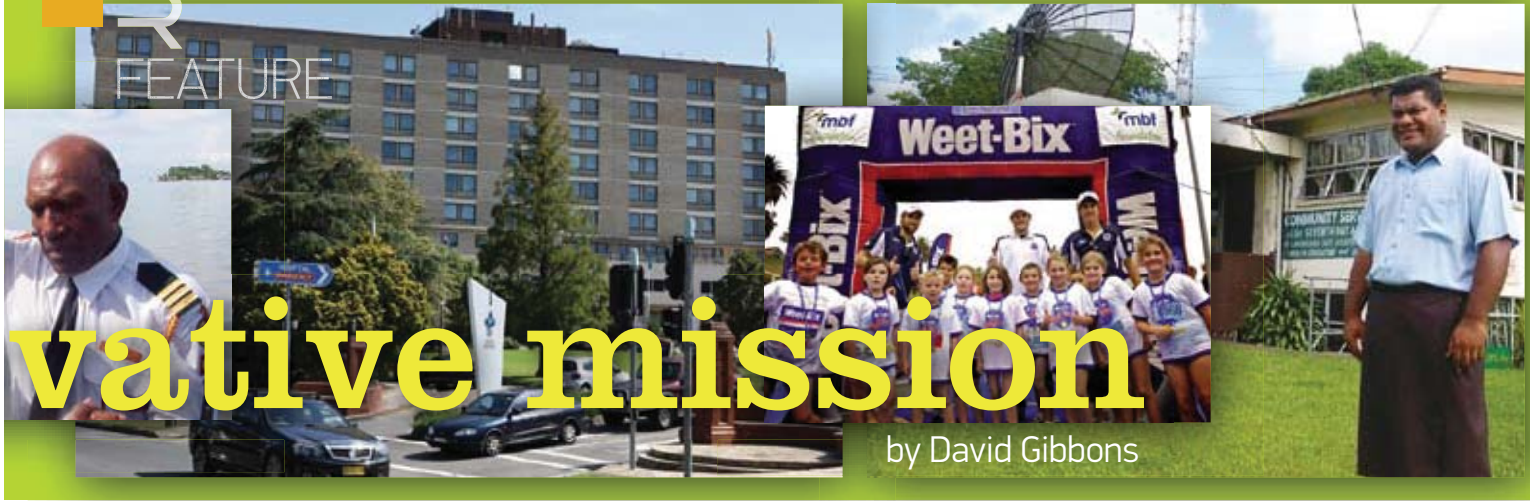
Education is core to the mission of the church. Across the South Pacific, more than 46,000 students attend 332 Adventist schools. The church also operates tertiary colleges and universities including Avondale College in Australia and Pacific Adventist University in Papua New Guinea.

There is another exciting development taking place. In 1940, Fulton College was established as a tertiary college to train young people to take the gospel to the people of the Trans-Pacific region. But in 2007, after many requests over many years, the traditional landowners asked for their land



# native mission

by David Gibbons



back. Church leaders looked for a new site while examining how Fulton could become affiliated as a campus of Pacific Adventist University in Papua New Guinea. A search committee found a 50 hectare site just minutes from Nadi international airport. The Christian owner agreed to lease this land to the church for 99 years, with automatic renewals thereafter. Six months ago, Adventists around the world gave an offering to ensure the viability of this strategic relocation.

## Health

For more than 100 years South Pacific Adventists have helped the community to live healthier, happier lives. The Sydney Adventist Hospital is one of the largest private hospitals in Australia. Every year, 2500 staff provide medical, surgical and wellness services to more than 45,000 patients and 155,000 outpatients.

In the developing countries, Adventists are re-energising run-down, worn-out clinics. Some island medical clinics were established 100 years ago but all 54 have deteriorated to the point where they have little or no equipment and poor facilities. Churches in Australia and New Zealand have been encouraged to adopt-a-clinic in an island community and renovate it! Water and clean facilities have been restored to most clinics and containers of donated medical and surgical equipment have been sent to help equip them.

Since 1898, Sanitarium has continued to successfully share the church's health and wellbeing philosophy with the community. Sanitarium Weet-Bix remains the number one breakfast cereal in Australia and New Zealand. So Good continues to be Australia's number one soy milk, and a leading brand in New Zealand. Liquid breakfast UP&GO is becoming so popular in Australia and New Zealand that it may soon challenge Weet-Bix's number one position. Moving forward, Sanitarium is now using state-of-the-art robotics equipment to streamline its production. As part of Sanitarium's philosophy of caring for our communities, Sanitarium's Good Start Breakfast Club, in partnership with the Red Cross, served more than 800,000 free breakfasts across Australia last year. And in 2009, New Zealand Prime Minister John Key awarded Sanitarium's NZ Kick Start Breakfast program the Best New

Initiative. More than 32,000 children participate each year in the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon series. All of Sanitarium's operating profits are returned to the Seventh-day Adventist church in the South Pacific to assist the church in its mission.

## Communication

*Signs of the Times* and *RECORD* magazines have become the oldest, continuous publications in Australia's history. Now, a significant restructure of the Signs Publishing Company and Adventist Media Network (AMN) has dynamically integrated print, video and web.

*Beyond* is a million dollar, multi-media evangelistic series being produced by AMN. The series will provide the world church with an exciting new soul-winning resource. *It is Written Oceania* is now the most popular religious program on Australian TV, and is also being broadcast in New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. The *InFocus* Christian News and Current Affairs program is being broadcast on Foxtel in Australia and Shine TV in New Zealand and will continue to position Adventists as having a credible contribution to make to Christianity. More than \$A3 million has been invested in a new printing press at the Warburton campus, Victoria, ensuring the future of publishing in the South Pacific.

## Focus on Mission

One of the unique events which occurred in the South Pacific was the Festival of Mission. In 2009, more than 650 delegates from across the South Pacific attended the first Festival of Mission in Queensland. The delegates discussed the strategic direction of the church, ideas and concerns with church leaders, including Division president Dr Barry Oliver. Delegates said the praise and worship modelled a new way forward, and keynote speakers Hyveth Williams and José Rojas set the tone for deeper spirituality.

Pastor Rojas said, "I have never seen anything like the Festival of Mission anywhere else in the world." ➤

*David Gibbons is communication director for the South Pacific Division*







**Weet-Bix kid scores**

Sanitarium Weet-Bix provided a free, nutritious Weet-Bix breakfast to thousands in Melbourne’s City Square to farewell the Qantas Socceros. Tim Cahill, who demonstrated his goal kicking skills, said, “Thanks Weet-Bix for holding this event and giving us a chance to thank our fans.” –*Sanitarium*

**Primary kids enjoy the extremes**

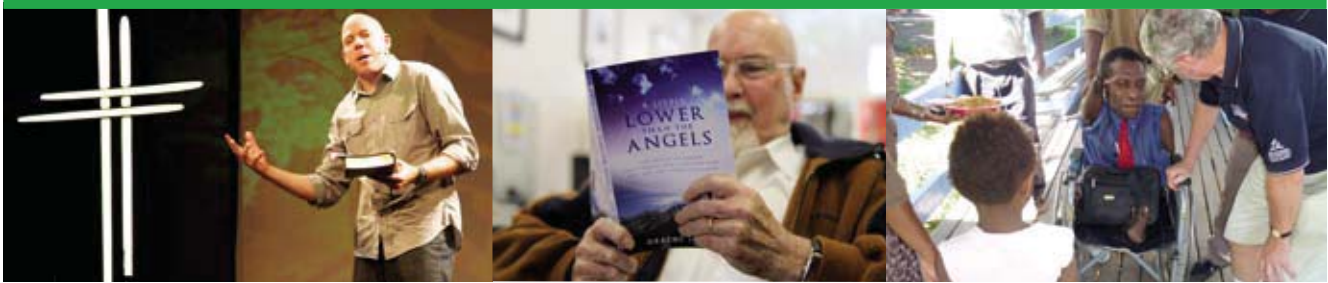
Brisbane Adventist College primary students enjoyed their EXTREME Week of Prayer. The kids loved guest speaker Pastor Travis Manners who told them, “Jesus went to extremes for us so we can enjoy life in Him.” –*Focus*

**Haupt's bring hope**

David and Constance Haupt are making good progress with the church plant in Queanbeyan (SNSW). They have opened their home as an initial venue. Services are informal but packed with Bible studies, prayer and planning. –*SNSW Imprint*

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry plans for the future**

George and little Zami joined 60 other excited North Queenslanders in Kuranda—25 kilometres from Cairns—to worship God and plan the future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministries in the region. –*Kelvin Coleman*



**Taking a gamble**

Popular youth speaker Matthew Gamble travelled back to Australia from California to take the annual week of spiritual emphasis at Kellyville church (Sydney). He challenged church members to understand the difference between theology and methodology—both personally and corporately. –*David Gibbons*

**New book focuses on humanity**

Recovering from a brain tumour has given retired pastor Graeme Loftus time to write and publish another book. *A Little Lower than the Angels* reveals the nature and relationship between the body, soul and spirit. It is now available from Adventist Book Centres. –*David Gibbons*

**Getting a move on**

Over the past 11 years Operation Food for Life ministry has given 200 wheelchairs to people imprisoned in their South Pacific homes and villages who cannot even afford crutches. Lawrence is now at Cheshire Homes in Port Moresby (PNG) for severely physically and mentally challenged people. –*Dennis Perry*



**Wildcats player on the ball**

Brookdale Adventist School (WA) primary students took part in a school based clinic where Perth Wildcat Brad Robbins taught them a variety of basketball skills. He said he was impressed with the children’s enthusiasm to learn skill-based activities. –*Armada Examiner*

**There’s still so much to do**

Pastor Ray Stanley turns 90 later this year, but he is compelled there is still much to do. He travelled with friends to Ulan Bator in Mongolia to run a mission for two weeks. Then he ran a program in Moldova—a landlocked country in Eastern Europe. And now he is planning a series in Mareeba, north Queensland. –*David Gibbons*

**Solar ovens see the light**

Years 3-6 students at Toronto Adventist Primary School (NSW) are using ‘green’ technology. Teacher Julie Catton helped them make solar ovens as part of a study into renewable energy. The cooked mini pizzas were as much fun to cook as they were to eat. –*Susan Rogers*

**Cut-outs make a stand**

They may look real, but these life size cut-outs are on their way to Atlanta. They are part of a diorama depicting innovative mission in the South Pacific. It is expected that 50,000 church members will visit the exhibits during the General Conference session, June 24 to July 3. –*David Gibbons*



by Dr Barry Hill

ELLEN WHITE WROTE THAT CHARACTER IS THE main thing we take from Earth to heaven, and she painted the need for it in a famous passage from the book *Education*<sup>1</sup>. She declared that the greatest want of the world is the want of men who will not be bought or sold, who are true and honest in their inmost souls, who will not fear to call sin by its right name, who are faithful to duty as the needle to the pole, and who stand for the right though the heavens fall. For her, character was a set of virtues like integrity, courage, faithfulness and justice.

Character is complicated. In fact, writers have identified more than 40 characteristics of moral people. Character can be a set of moral virtues like the list above. It can also be acting out our ethical values. But it is even more—our essential inner nature that reveals who we really are.

For Adventists, character is actually Christ-likeness. We want Christ to live within us, and we want our essential inner nature to reflect His nature. To develop this character we need to build more than moral virtues, for we also need emotions like perseverance and self-control, and abilities like thinking clearly and setting goals.

For the past several hundred years character education has been seen as the main function of education. In the 19th century Herbert Spencer said education had for its object the formation of character<sup>2</sup>. But since the 1930s schools have weaned off this focus. Character education persisted until the 1960s but then tailed off steadily until the last decade of the 20th century. In its place schools taught students how to reason about values, so behaviour and virtue have given way to head knowledge.


This is not the case in Adventist schools. Adventist schools contrast with many others because Adventist teachers believe that character should be taught formally in lessons and informally in the daily life of the school. They believe in the power of social learning, making their personal example the most effective teaching method. Then their relationships, behaviour management and systematic teaching of values in classroom displays and procedures all work together to reinforce the virtues that comprise character.

In Adventist schools teachers deliberately teach moral knowledge, moral attitudes and moral behaviour. This is part of the balanced education of the head, the heart and the

hand. Another way of putting this is to say that character is best learned by precept and example. They teach the precepts through explaining and exploring character traits like compassion through stories and life situations. Then they teach by example through showing compassion in classrooms. Students learn compassion over time through observing it in school rules and events, through watching it modelled by teachers, and by experiencing it themselves in school situations. That is why it is important to teach the law of consequences whereby students learn to feel the results of showing or lacking compassion.

Why is school a good place to learn character? Someone has said that a school is a statement of how to have a world. A school tries to create an ideal learning environment in which students learn from teachers and peers daily, a social place where character develops naturally. As students spend years at school they encounter people who can be influential enough to shape their character and their lives.

While character is learned in all schools, Adventist schools are especially good places to learn it because they provide a biblical basis for knowing right and wrong. Then they teach good thinking to apply this knowledge through their value systems. They help students make good choices and decisions, which have real life consequences. These decisions lead to goal setting, accomplishment, moral behaviour and finally life commitment and direction shown in student faith.

In a school setting many factors work together to produce Christ-likeness. I love to hear Adventist teachers talking about their real objective of developing Christ-likeness in students. I love the reassurance that despite their shortcomings a group of teachers in a school are at least aware of what Christ-likeness is, and are deliberate about developing it in student character. Unless I was home schooling I would not be leaving character development to chance. I would be talking with my child's teachers about character and how they build it. Whatever we expect of Adventist schools, development of good character is their highest priority. 

<sup>1</sup> White, E (1903) *Education*. Pacific Press p57

<sup>2</sup> Purpel, D and Ryan, K (Eds) (1976). *Moral education...It comes with the territory*. Berkeley, CA: McCutchan.

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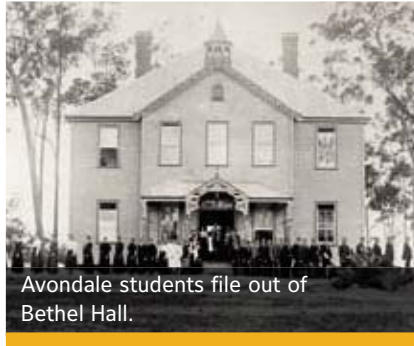


## RECORD REWIND

Dr Arthur Patrick

### Birth of Avondale

The Avondale School for Christian Workers was born on April 28, 1897. So the fledgling college was under two years old when WS Campbell published a four-page report of his visit to the "Adventists' Settlement and Industrial College at Cooranbong," in *The Agricultural Gazette of New South Wales*, February 1899.



Avondale students file out of Bethel Hall.

Campbell knew New South Wales well, after "thousands and thousands of miles of travel through the bush". And he had impressive connections: his 1898 visit to Avondale was "at the request of Mr Cook, the Minister for Agriculture," and in company with "Mr Fegan, MP". Campbell's article offers fascinating descriptions: "I found the settlement to be an extremely

interesting one, and the progress made has been remarkable."

Cassius Hughes, the business manager, took Campbell and Fegan in his sulky to show them the "school". Campbell "expected to find something in the way of the usual type of public school one meets with so frequently in the country; but I was never more mistaken in my life."

"Mr Hughes took us through the buildings, which are very extensive, well built and comfortable," including a "large two-storied building for girls" and "a three-storied building for boys". He was keenly interested in the orchard, vineyard, vegetable gardens—and the academic curriculum.

"At the foot of the knoll," Campbell describes a large building "for the manufacture of those kinds of foods found to be most suitable for a vegetarian's diet, for the Adventists are vegetarians, as well as non-smokers, and temperance people, and very healthy-looking they are." With surprise Campbell watched "some splendid solid-looking specimens of young vegetarians running about, in whom Mr Fegan seemed particularly interested. He had undergone a course himself a few days before—one meal only."

*Dr Arthur Patrick is an honorary senior research fellow at Avondale College, NSW.*

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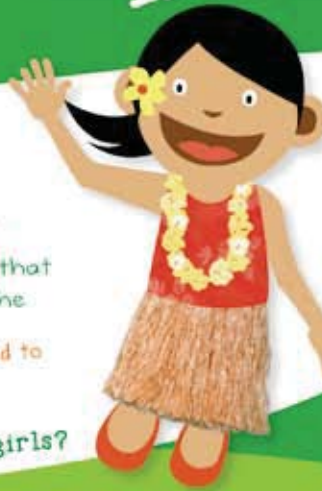
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## WEDDINGS

■ **Andric—Polkinghorne.** Paul Anthony Andric, son of Paul and Snezana Andric (Brisbane, Qld), and Emily Kate Polkinghorne, daughter of John Polkinghorne (Charters Towers) and Helen Craik (Ipswich), were married 2.5.10 at Spicers Hidden Vale, Grandchester.

*Sandor Gazsik*

■ **Balharry—Jankovic.** Nathaniel Balharry, son of Gordon and Silvana Balharry (Brisbane, Qld), and Tasha Jankovic, daughter of Danny and Sue Jankovic (Brisbane), were married 8.11.09 in St Andrew's Uniting Church, Brisbane.

*David Stojcik*

■ **de Bruyn—Bartlett.** Daniel de Bruyn and Joanna Bartlett joined hands and hearts in matrimony before their loving Lord Jesus, family and friends, 2.5.10, at Capalaba church. They have returned to England where they

will establish their Christian home for a year.

*Keith Grolimund*

■ **Ford—Jencik.** Hunter Wayne Ford, son of Wayne and Sharon Ford (Batlow, NSW), and Stephanie-Ann Jencik, daughter of Jaroslav and Marcela Jencik (Wallalong), were married 31.1.10 in Peppers Chapel, Cessnock.

*Lawrence Landers*

■ **Jakovac—Vucetic.** Andrew Jakovac and Jelena Vucetic were married 13.5.10 by the edge of a beautiful lake on the Sirromet Winery property, Mt Cotton, Qld. They met in Croatia while Andrew was on holiday. It was a romance that grew through long distance phone calls and emails.

*Keith Grolimund*

■ **Knight—Iosif.** John Gregory Knight, son of Ronald V (deceased) and L Patricia Knight (Brisbane, Qld), and Simona Mihaela Iosif, daughter of Mihai and Aurelia Ritivoiu (Bucharest, Romania), were married 28.3.10 in Landsborough church, Qld.

*Sean Berkeley*

■ **Shears—McKenzie.** Phillip James Shears (Riccarton, NZ) and Lorraine Joy McKenzie (nee Ardley) (Kellyville, NSW) were married 16.5.10 at Kellyville church. They will be making their home in Christchurch.

*Angus McPhee, David Weslake*

■ **Southward—Meecharoen.** Russell Sola Southward, son of Colin and Salome Southward (Elimbah, Qld), and Phuangphet Meecharoen, daughter of Bunchoo and Warae Meecharoen (Kanchanaburi, Thailand), were married 23.5.10 in a garden setting at the home of the groom's parents at Elimbah.

*Ross Baines, Tusi Faimu  
Mike Brownhill*

## OBITUARIES

■ **Arnold,** Betty Mae, born 15.4.1940 at Wickapin, WA; died 26.4.10 at Redbank Plains, Qld. She was baptised in 1986 in NSW. Betty was predeceased by her daughter, Suzanne Nagle. She is survived by Sandra and Tom Ryan, Karah Nagle, Kathleen Davies, Roger and Julie Nagle, Ruth and Les Myers, John and Linda Nagle, Wendy Nagle, Linda and Beven Schwaiger, Paul Nagle, Karen Nagle, Charmaine Gibson,

Ben Arnold; 30 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Betty was a caring mother and a wonderful provider for all of her children.

*Sandor Gazsik*

**Burnside, Dawn Alice** (Benham), born 9.12.1935 at Home Hill, Qld; died 9.3.10 at Sherwin Lodge Rossmoynne, after a four-month battle with motor neurone disease. On 25.10.1971, she married John Burnside in Charters Towers. She is survived by her husband; her sons and their families, Peter and Kathy (Perth) and Mark and Alida; and her six grandchildren. Dawn attended Avondale College, graduated as a nurse from Sydney Adventist Hospital (The "San"), worked at Mona Mona Aboriginal Mission, Warburton Sanitarium and in Botswana and Sopas Hospital in PNG.

*Keith Godfrey*

**Butler, Clifton Ian**, born 8.12.1931; died 23.4.10 at Proston, Qld. On 12.7.1959, he married Dorothy Murray at Cooranbong, NSW. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Nerida and her sons, Jay, Rhyce and Phil; and brother, Wilton. Cliff was a qualified electrician, a trained nurse and a physiotherapist. He helped build Sopas Hospital in PNG as well as installing the hydro-electric system, and also worked at Togoba and Hatzfeld-haven medical institutions.

*Lionel A Smith*

**Daniels, Ronald Patrick**, born 27.8.1926; died 12.5.10 at Whyalla, SA. Patrick was a true gentleman to the last. He is now resting in the certainty of his Saviour.

*Dietrich Stahl*

**Ferguson, Anne Agnes** (nee Keir), born 9.5.1920 at Pyramid Hill, Vic; died 14.5.10 in AdventCare Whitehorse. On 24.7.1946, she married Max Ferguson, who predeceased her in 2007. She is survived by her children, Graham, Heather (both of Sydney, NSW), George (Mt Isa, Qld), Joy Stackelroth (Adelaide, SA), Glenda Piez (Melbourne, Vic) and Sandra Medloby (Eumundi, Qld); her 10 grandchildren and two

great-grandchildren. Anne spent most of her adult life working with her husband in the mission fields of Fiji, PNG and various schools in Victoria and NSW. She went on to share music with her children and others through enriching worship and teaching.

*Vicki Woolfe, George Ferguson*

**Ford, Ronald Herbert**, born 31.7.1927 at Nanango, Qld; died 11.5.10 at Kingaroy. On 29.3.1953, he married Joan Cornell. He was predeceased by his daughters Cheryl, in 1959, and Rhonda in 1961. He is survived by his wife (Kingaroy); and his children and their families, Geoff and Christina (Toowoomba) and Linda and Keith (Kingaroy); his five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

*John Lee, Keith Miller, Tony Urea*

**Forrest, Brian William**, born 27.10.1945 at Edinburgh, Scotland; died 5.5.10 at Toowoomba, Qld. On 22.10.06, he married Bernadette at Yandina, Qld. He is survived by Bernadette (Bli Bli); his children, Scott (Beerwah), Wayne (Mackay) and Amanda (Yamba); and his step-children, Kyim and Shamira Hobbler and Jorim Hutton.

*Phillip Downing*

**Stewart, Jean Ellen** (nee Nash), born 16.7.1919 in Suva, Fiji; died 16.3.10 at Frankston, Vic. In 1947, she married Donald Stewart in Sydney, NSW, who predeceased her in 2009. She is survived by her children, Dianne Wegener (Upwey), Jeanette McCabe (Hong Kong), John (Wandim East), Peter (Malvern), Jim (Upwey) and Jennifer Stewart (Langwarren). Jean taught in church schools after graduating from Avondale, and then later in a state secondary school.

*Edwin Totenhofer, Ken Vogel*

**Walker, Harry Francis**, born 20.1.1919; died 18.4.10. On 22.9.1942, he married Dorothy Thomasina Flack at Morningside, Qld, who predeceased him. Harry served the Ipswich church for more than 50 years. Before the advent of data projectors

he was the church projectionist of 16mm feature films and cartoons for Saturday film nights.

*Sandor Gazsik*

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**Nunawading Church 60th Anniversary Invitation.** This year Nunawading church, Victoria, celebrates its 60th anniversary. As a result we are planning a special celebratory day on Sabbath, July 24. We are inviting ex-pastors, ex-members and others connected to Nunawading church to attend. If you have any memorabilia that could enhance the anniversary or for further information, please contact Pastor Rod Anderson (0439 615 250).

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**Finally**  
Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.

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**SNAP  
SHOT**  
with Dr Barry Oliver



I am sitting at the Port Moresby airport waiting to fly across to Lae. To my delight the TV monitors are tuned to *It Is Written* on EM TV, the national broadcaster in Papua New Guinea. I feel like jumping up and saying "That's our program!" It's just so good.

*It Is Written Oceania* is the highest rating religious program on Australian television. It also broadcasts to New Zealand and most of our Pacific countries, giving us one of our **best** evangelistic opportunities. Our Discovery Centre receives about 100 requests for more material every week from viewers. And that doesn't include the Anzac Day special which yielded more than 1,000 requests.

*It Is Written* has been around for a long time. I remember knocking on the door of Joan Gow, Kevin Gollchewski and others 35 years ago in Brisbane, and commencing Bible studies. They had requested booklets offered on *It Is Written*.

Globally, *It Is Written* has been amazing. From 1960-80, one in four new members joining the church was firstly an *It Is Written* viewer. The *It Is Written* project "ACTS 2000" saw one million new members join the church.

In the past five years, *It Is Written* has provided 54 church buildings (many in India); paid the salaries of 50 lay pastors and three ordained pastors in the Middle East and Eastern Europe; provided Bibles to the Inuit (northern Canada) and Bible MP3 players to the San peoples of the Kalahari (Namibia and Botswana); and installed more than 80 solar-powered water wells in villages in the Kalahari (Namibia), building two churches and receiving requests for four more as a result.

*It Is Written Oceania* is an official ministry here in the South Pacific. I say again: It's one of our best evangelistic opportunities.

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*Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.*

## MY CHURCH

### BONALBO, NSW

Greg and Kerrie Dollin

When Greg and Kerrie Dollin (right) came to the rural township of Bonalbo in the north-east corner of NSW, there were six Adventists in the area and no congregation. But the church already had a profile in the area, with the 1999 Pathfinder Camporee being held at nearby Tabulam and StormCo making a number of trips to the Aboriginal community of Jubullum.



Greg and Kerrie wanted to start a church but their dreams remained unfulfilled until Global Mission volunteers, Ray and Trudy Pierce (left), moved into Bonalbo. Ray had been studying ministry at Mamarapha College on the outskirts of Perth, WA.

Nowadays, it's surprising any of them have time to breathe! They run a breakfast program at the Tabulam public school, organise kids' activities, visit the Bonalbo nursing home and run a soup kitchen in the Jubullum community. Greg spends a lot of time driving what has become a community bus, transporting people to various activities.

The group ran some of their activities out of a community hall but religious prejudice from new management has forced them to look elsewhere. They even meet in the bush sometimes. They've had 35 to 40 children involved with their kids' programs, which have to be physically active to successfully channel the energy of their young charges. And, after two years, adults are beginning to respond. A group of 12 adults and kids now meets every Sabbath. One of the regular attendees, John, has requested Bible studies. "You didn't tell me," he says, "you showed me."

## WHY I BECAME AN ADVENTIST

Tina Ma'a, WA

When you have nothing to lose, everything is an option, even God. In 2004, I arrived in Sydney bearing the scars of a failed relationship and every addiction you can think of. In 2005, I touched base with an old friend, Andre Afamasaga (who later became my pastor) and before I knew it, I'd become an active member of a cell group and later, a church. Each gathering would leave me salivating for more! I felt the wound in my heart start to heal.



At the time, I had no idea what was happening to me but with my church family at Jacobs Well and my cell group, I experienced God's grace and unconditional love and forgiveness through people for the first time.

In 2006, I became part of a church plant in Macquarie Fields. Church In The Fields became my home, my heart, my family. After two years of Bible studies with Pastor David Reilly, in March 2008, I was baptised (finally) in front of the family that I am bound together with by the blood of Jesus. After 15 months of being unemployed, in 2009, God called me to be the youth secretary for the WA Conference. When praying for a job, I asked for a job with air con and a job where I could talk about Him. I can honestly say I didn't see this one coming! (Isaiah 55:8 and Psalm 37:4 sum it up). I am first generation Adventist on both sides of my family and I won't be the last.

LETTERS

**KNOCK DOWN-REBUILD**

Norm Tew, NSW

I have a few questions in regards to (\$780 Wahroonga development, May 1) the future development of the Wahroonga Estate.

Is Wahroonga church or the new Fox Valley church going to be knocked down and rebuilt? Or are there going to be three churches on the estate?

The news article says "An aged care facility will be established, including 50 dwellings, a 104-bed hostel and 41 nursing home beds."

There are already aged care homes, hostel and nursing homes on the estate; is another lot going to be established?

**LACK OF POWER = SPIRITUAL LAZINESS**

Kristine Stahl, SA

I want to thank you for your timely message in "A heart-to-heart with God" (Editorial, April 17). Thank you for your honesty. You really spoke to my heart. If we are honest with ourselves, we will all admit that the lack of power in our lives is due to our spiritual laziness— not spending time in Bible study and prayer with Jesus and really getting to know Him as the wonderful Friend He is.

When we as a people come to the realisation that Jesus has to become real to us, we will really go somewhere as a movement. But until that time we'll just be keeping seats warm!

**ENJOYING HISTORY**

Wendy Hergenhan, NSW

Dear RECORD team, thank you for the work you do each fortnight as I enjoy reading through the entire magazine. I'm loving the history

section and seeing places and faces that I either know or have heard about. Keep up the great work and God bless you.

**UNITED IN POLICY- BIBLICALLY SOUND?**

Jeanelle Issacs, NSW

Should the church continue to be united (Women's ordination off the agenda, News feature, May 1) in a policy that is not biblically sound? A recent interview with Dr Jan Paulsen on the Adventist News Network website, reveals that he sees "no biblical grounds" on which the church should "shun or push away" the issue of ordaining women. In the early history of our church women were treasurers, administrators, editors, evangelists and founders of churches and church organisations.

They were given ministerial licences to preach, evangelise and hold key administration positions. What has changed from the early days of our church that women cannot participate as equal members with their counterpart, in the work of Christ? God does not discriminate among his children based on gender (Galatians 3.28); instead the Holy Spirit manifests His gifts according to those who call Jesus their Lord (1 Corinthians 12).

By having a policy that women cannot be ordained, we are limiting the Holy Spirit to appoint people according to their talents to fulfil certain key roles in our church. A part of God's image, portrayed in women, is suppressed when church policies are based on gender and biases.

We are denying the "refining, softening influence" that women can lend to

spreading the gospel on a corporate level. How long can our church remain united when operating on a policy that is biblically unsound?

**TANGIBLE EXPERIENCES**

Name withheld, Email

I was reminded of my failures in "The real mile club" (Feature, May 15). Not long ago I found myself in the same situation—as I travel often for work—except I fell into temptation. I'm not married—that does not excuse my behaviour as I know I failed my friend Jesus, my family, the other party and myself. I thought I could hide from my sin and pretend it hadn't happened. Thank you for publishing tangible experiences that we can all relate to.

**DREAMS COME TRUE**

Sven Ostring, WA

My heart goes out to Robert Daniels in "Maybe?" (Feature, May 1), I believe I have a real solution. "Robert" might enjoy becoming part of a simple organic Adventist church or start a missional church.

With missional groups, you do not "attend" church but rather "are" much like the first century followers of Jesus. Having been part of larger established churches, I decided to take a major step of faith and launch a simple, interactive church with a team of young people.

Our church is much like the one Robert Daniels dreamed of. It has been one of the best steps of faith that I have taken. Rather than just dreaming about church, I'd like to tell Robert that his dreams are becoming true all around the world—he can be part of this exciting movement.

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