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Centenarian celebrates

A tribute of 100 red roses was given to Henry Schofield by his daughter Beryl Race for his 100th birthday which was celebrated at Bupa Banora Point (NSW). Henry and his guests enjoyed lunch, fun and laughter together. Henry told one of his humorous stories and repeated Isaiah 53 almost word for word with his friend Boyd, before cutting his cake. —*Dawn Schofield*



Primary students challenged

Upper primary students from Karalundi School, WA, went on an excursion to Karajini, WA. They abseiled down a 40 metre waterfall, then swam across 40 metres of icy water as they made their way back to camp. Pastor Robert Collins shared the importance of relying on that single rope as they abseiled down the waterfall. He said they should likewise put their trust in Jesus. —*Robert Collins*



National Marriage Day

A number of key representatives from government, church and community groups met in Sydney in August under the banner of the National Marriage Coalition to promote marriage in Australia. Pastor Trafford Fischer (Family Ministries) represented the Adventist Church. Event organiser Warwick Marsh said the day "is testimony to the renewal of marriage in Australia". —*Trafford Fischer*



Rugby player says thanks

Canterbury Bulldogs NRL player Chris Armit has auctioned off his match-worn Heritage jersey and donated the proceeds to the Sydney Adventist Hospital (NSW). He's grateful for the work of hospital staff who provided expert care for his first child, son Cruz, who was born six weeks premature. Both mother and baby are now healthy and back home. —*Canterbury Bulldogs*



Adopt-a-postcode

Signs of the Times is trialling an innovative method to connect spiritual seekers with Adventist congregations. Letterboxes in one New South Wales postcode are about to be targeted with a gift pack containing a *Signs* magazine with a free subscription offer, a *Try Jesus* Bible-study/DVD sign-up card and the offer of a free copy of *Great Controversy*. Once results are in, local churches will be invited to participate. —*Lee Dunstan*



Artwork provides aid in Haiti

Acclaimed artist, 88-year-old Dorrie Ellard, recently held an exhibition of her paintings in South Australia's Barossa Valley and raised \$A3000 for the work of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in earthquake-affected Haiti. "ADRA is doing such a wonderful job," says Dorrie. "I'm too old to go over there and help, so this is one way I can do something." —*Braden Clyde*



Student sings for Chamberlains

An Avondale College (NSW) student and award-winning songwriter is using music to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the tragic death of Azaria Chamberlain at Uluru on August 17, 1980. Jackie Ward says it pains her that some still believe that Lindy Chamberlain was guilty of killing her baby. Jackie wrote "Paw-prints in the Sand" to promote truth and justice. —*Kirsten Bolinger*



Families a priority

Twenty-five graduands have completed their Certificate in Family Studies at Pacific Adventist University, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The certificate was established to train and resource pastors, teachers and lay members in key areas of family life. Pastor Trafford Fischer (Family Ministries, South Pacific Division) and Dr Alex Currie (Family Ministries, Greater Sydney) taught a number of the classes over the four years and presented the graduation message. —*Trafford Fischer*



Children's church

The children of Ferntree Gully Church (Vic) enjoyed their very own church service run by the congregation's youth and directed by Sherae Wilson. "The youth really have stepped up to this challenge and I couldn't be prouder of them," says Sherae. The kids had a ball creating ephods, making unleavened bread, painting the ark and eating the showbread —*Elayne Stanford*

Dorcas women open restaurant

Joe Talemaitoga—Suva, Fiji

The Health Food Outlet opened its doors to the Suva city public on July 12.

Spokeswoman Atelini Dakua credits God for the securing of “prime space” and for the lives of women who have embraced this initiative and are pitching in—in various ways.

“It is still early days—but business has been good. We are securing great discounts from vegetable and fruit suppliers in the market. Our customers got to know about us by word of mouth,” Mrs Dakua said.

She and her husband, Peniasi Lavava, are both retired from full-time church employment. They have been involved in community outreach activities in addition to their roles as full-time church employees. In the past couple of years, a Health Food Outlet within the maternity wing of Suva’s CWM Hospital was operated by Mrs Dakua and Dorcas women.

The opening of the eatery was a dream come true, Mrs Dakua said. “Some of the hospital customers are coming to buy food from here.” A *Signs* magazine rack placed outside the restaurant is always empty. “The mall’s pedestrian traffic is such that the *Signs* and the *RECORD* magazines literally fly out of here,” Mrs Dakua added. The store is 100 per cent Adventist owned, and is managed and operated by the Suva South district Dorcas society.



Mrs Dakua assesses the healthy options available.

Tiny Bibles for trapped Chilean miners

Magdiel Pérez Schulz/Adventist Review staff/ANN staff

The arrival of miniature Bibles to 33 Chilean miners trapped some 2,300 feet underground is bolstering their hope of rescue. “Give thanks to those who sent us the Bibles,” a miner identified as Renan told a Brazilian weekly newsmagazine last week. The Bibles “gave me so much faith that I will leave here,” Renan said. Seventh-day Adventist officials in Chile say the Bibles they provided the miners are supplying spiritual light as the group awaits rescue. Local media outlets have labeled the miners’ survival so far a miracle, and their reports have highlighted the church’s initiative.

Carlos Parra Diaz, an Adventist pastor, secured approval from Laurence Golborne, the country’s mining minister, to send Bibles to the trapped miners.

Each volume is approximately three by five inches to fit into the device that is transporting supplies to the miners. Each Bible was personalised with a miner’s name and included specific scriptures to encourage them. A magnifying glass accompanied each of the mini Bibles to make reading easier. Each Bible is labelled with the words, “We are praying for your return.”

Pastor Parra is acting as the camp’s chaplain, local Adventist leaders said.



Top end tour for 144 retirees

Pablo Lillo/David Lawson—Wahroonga, NSW

Retired pastor David Lawson recently led a tour of 144 retired church workers on a 16-day expedition to the top end of Australia.

The tour left from Darwin, visiting places including Kakadu, Katherine, the Kimberleys (including Lake Argyle and the Bungle Bungles), Fitzroy Crossing, the famous Gibb River Road, Derby, Cable Beach (with its sunset camel ride) and finishing in Broome.

One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to serve the Darwin, Katherine and Broome Seventh-day Adventist churches by taking Sabbath School and the main worship service.

The Broome church—one of the most remote churches in Australia—has an attendance of 13 most Sabbaths. Church members brought their own chairs and hired others to cater for the tour group. In Darwin, church leaders decided to hire the local Baptist church as their building was too small. The group travelled in excess of 3000 kms in an area where only five per cent of the population inhabit half of the continent.

“I was absolutely exhausted by the end of the 16 days, but also exhilarated by all the wonderful scenery and also by the folk on the tour who added to



A 92-year-old retiree mounts a camel at Cable Beach, Broome.

the whole wonderful dimension,” said Shirley Pascoe from Western Australia.

“I already have 30 booked for 2011 and I haven’t even advertised it as yet,” Pastor Lawson said.



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A legacy left?

Pablo Lillo

As the editor of RECORD, I receive many phone calls. But this call was different. A pastor called me to discuss "Family tradition" (Feature, July 17) by Amanda Bews. He quickly revealed how much Amanda's article had meant to him—and the impression it left on his wife. His teenage children had lost interest in church life and did not seem to have a relationship with God.

He only ever remembered opening Sabbath as a family a few times in the past 14 years. He believed—as a consequence—his children saw Sabbath as an occasion for rules—no TV, no Internet, no sport. The end result was no relationship with Jesus.

Throughout his ministry, Sabbath has been the busiest day of the week. Somehow he overlooked its real meaning. Because his mind and heart were elsewhere, he and his wife failed to lead their family into worship. There was anguish in his voice. Two words were mentioned regularly—if only ...

Ellen White reminds us, "We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath." Her wise counsel continues, "Before the setting of the sun let the members of the family assemble to read God's word, to sing and pray."

After a long discussion we prayed together. He vowed to make opening and closing Sabbath a special event for his family. He asked me to be his accountability partner—an honour I quickly accepted.

I once visited a church where I took the Sabbath School lesson for a group of 28 teenagers. I asked them if their parents opened and closed Sabbath with them regularly. Only three raised their hands. As a pastor and a church leader I was gutted by their response. It is surprising that multitudes of people—young and old—fail to grasp the real beauty of the Sabbath and every blessing God bestows upon those who worship Him.

What legacy are we leaving for our church? And our children?

Don't miss "Unequally yoked" on page 16—an atheist's impression of our church.

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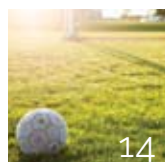
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Church greets spring in full bloom

Pablo Lillo—New Zealand

Papatoetoe Community Church in Auckland, New Zealand, hosted its annual Spring Praise Festival on August 28.

When the doors opened over 1000 people entered the church auditorium housing 2500 artistically arranged flowers.

"This is a day we anticipate and hugely value in our community," said senior pastor Stephen Davies. "There are always great expectations and huge blessings—we specifically host days like this so people have the opportunity to invite their friends and neighbours."

The stage design was based on the concept of an oasis in every desert—even in the desert experiences of people's lives. "It's important to train our eyes to see the beauty, and sometimes we need to become that beauty for other people," said worship pastor Keira Bullock.

During the service five people bravely shared their stories of how their lives were transformed after encountering God. The testimonies were interspersed with several carefully selected and themed musical items, including a choir of 175 children to inaugurate the service.

A single mother-of-three attended church for the first time and now wants to know how God can help her



Worship team at Papatoetoe church during their Spring Praise Festival.

through her struggles. She plans to attend a Life Group (small group) with her friend this week and her kids have asked if they can come back next Sabbath to church.

Another couple were moved to tears as they spoke of their time at church. "We loved everything about the service, the music, the stories, everything spoke to us especially in this desert time of our life," they said. "We loved the realness of the people."

At the end of the Spring Festival everyone was encouraged to take the flowers and share them with their friends and neighbours—to share their own experiences and God-encounters.

"The day did not disappoint. The sun was out. The flowers were in full bloom. And most of all the Holy Spirit was alive and well and moving in our church and in the lives of the people who entered it," Ms Bullock said.

Media ministry meets *Medisonship*

Candice Jaques—Wahroonga, NSW

It Is Written Oceania (IIWO) has entered a new partnership to send out a medical mission boat to remote areas of the Solomon Islands, and is inviting Adventist church members to get involved.

IIWO, a media ministry of Adventist Media Network, is now the major supporter of *Medisonship*, a floating clinic that provides basic medical assistance to people in remote areas of the Western Province, Solomon Islands. It also teaches people about the Bible and the love of Jesus.

"We're really excited by this new opportunity because we can now help to bring much-needed medical support to people in need, and crucially help them to learn about the Bible and God's great love for them," said IIWO's speaker and director, Pastor Gary Kent.

"We're just thrilled that, through the *Medisonship*, we can reach even more people with the good news of Christ's love and compassion, and share with them of His soon return."

Medisonship, which is owned by Sonship Inc. under the leadership of Trevor and Helen Oliver, has been operating in the Solomon Islands since late 2008 and has been

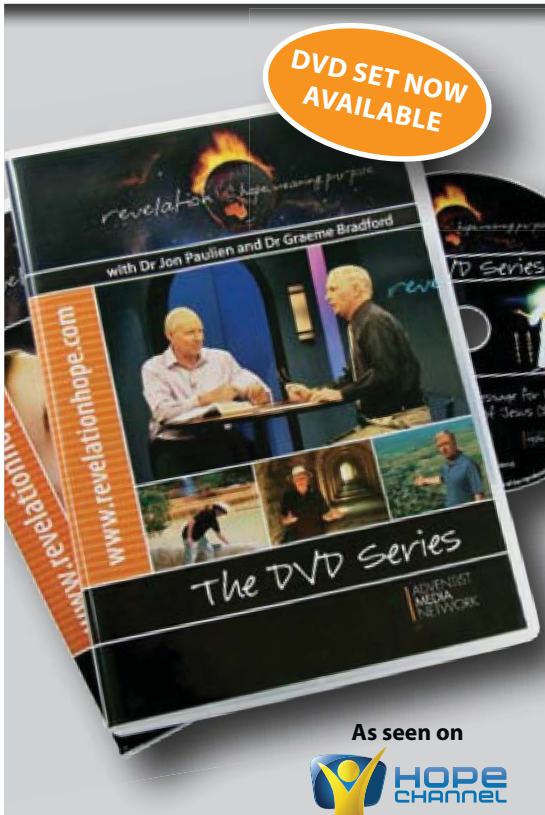
looking for long-term financial support. Now, through this new partnership with IIWO, the boat can provide regular, ongoing visits to help people in need on remote islands.

"Although we're an official ministry of the Church, we're completely self-funded and need the support of church members to continue our work," Pastor Kent said.

Church members are encouraged to visit <www.itiswritten.com.au> to learn about how they can support this project, and to view the It Is Written Oceania episode about *Medisonship*.



Pastor Gary Kent on the *Medisonship*.



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New recipe book supports health outreach

Nathan Brown—Tui Ridge, New Zealand

A new recipe book will be used in the Adventist Church's health outreach in New Zealand and beyond, according to health leaders.

The book's launch was a highlight of the annual health retreat held by the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) at Tui Ridge Park.

Simple, Tasty, Good has been developed as a joint project between Adventist Health in the NZPUC and Signs Publishing Company. Recipes were developed and selected using dietary principles from the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) programs, using plant-based ingredients with simple processes to assist participants in making significant lifestyle changes.

"With the success of CHIP programs in New Zealand, we discovered we needed a resource like this that used ingredients available in our local supermarkets," explained Pastor Paul Rankin, director of Adventist Health for the NZPUC. "But we also wanted to ensure the recipes are simple to make and, above all, taste great."

Signs book editor Nathan Brown presented the first copies of *Simple, Tasty, Good* to NZPUC health leaders at the health retreat.

According to Pastor Rankin, the NZPUC health team has been working on the project for about two years. His daughter, Rebekah, collected the recipes from leaders of CHIP programs around the country. Then a group of cooks, food stylists and the photographers Gary and Dyanne Dixon spent two weeks late last year creating the high quality photos for almost 100 recipes.

The web ministries team of Adventist Media Network is developing an application for iPhones and iPads, using the content of *Simple, Tasty, Good*, to connect with a different group of readers. *Simple, Tasty, Good* is now available from Adventist Book Centres. <www.SimpleTastyGood.com>



The attendees at the conference came from different community leadership positions.

OPINION POLL

How often do you open and close Sabbath?

- Regularly
- Sometimes
- Hardly ever

Please visit <record.net.au> to answer this poll.



Youth serve underground church

Wanda Copaceanu/Pablo Lillo—Sydney, New South Wales

Twenty-three youth from the Auburn Seventh-day Adventist church in Sydney, travelled over 4000 kms to Coober Pedy to run a “Big Dream” mission trip.

They experienced 10 incredible days in the opal capital of the world serving others. The team’s goal during the mission trip was to share the message of John 14:1-3.

Daniel Przybylko, team leader and pastor of the Auburn church, was the keynote presenter and challenged the locals over six nights. Many locals faithfully attended the meetings—with up to 55 Indigenous people present each night.

“Our church usually concentrates their evangelistic energy on big cities,” Pastor Przybylko said. “I was told however that Coober Pedy had never had an evangelistic meeting conducted by any denomination in the past.

“People are searching for more than their mundane life. It would be great if our evangelists spent more time in smaller communities—our church would grow.”

Many who attended expressed a desire for ongoing Bible studies,

prayer and visitations. Running parallel with each program was a kids’ and teens’ club. Up to 50 children and adolescents learned about heroes from the Bible.

After months of planning, organising and fundraising, the trip became a reality for the Auburn team. They joined local pastor Alani Tuionetoa and his wife lolani in providing much-needed services to the people of Coober Pedy.

The highlight of each day for the Auburn group was connecting with the locals of Coober Pedy. Whether doorknocking with invitations to the mission program, singing at a funeral or holding an impromptu concert in front of the local pub—each interaction was meaningful.

The Tuionetoas report there has been a noticeable shift in the community since the “Big Dream” mission trip.

“Community leaders have told us they feel the Seventh-day Adventist Church cares,” Mr Tuionetoa said.

“We’re humbled by the help received from the Auburn youth group,”



Auburn youth serve the Coober Pedy community.

Mrs Tuionetoa said. “They ministered to many and helped us to reach areas we couldn’t.

“I never imagined in a million years that God would answer our prayers the way He did.”

As the Tuionetoas continue their work in Coober Pedy, four of the youth from Auburn church have committed to serve as volunteers.

Coober Pedy, in Central South Australia, is known for underground living, opal mining and expensive groceries. The team enjoyed experiencing the amazing night sky, unique desert landscapes and raging windstorms.

Literature ministry still changing lives

David Gibbons—Brisbane, Queensland

In the past 12 months, 121 Christian literature sales people visited 800,000 homes in Australia and New Zealand. They delivered more than \$A1.5 million worth of books and gave 803 Bible studies.

These results and other success stories encouraged the 110 literature evangelists and spouses who attended the annual conference held at Watson Park in Brisbane. They shared stories of faith and changed lives.

John Brereton, director of literature ministry in the South Pacific, said, “God is still actively working through His literature evangelists and the

thousands of books and videos being placed in homes will reap a harvest for Jesus when He soon returns. Praise God.”

During the past year 32 people accepted Jesus and were baptised as a direct result of the literature ministry. Joe Paola, from Melbourne, saw five of his customers baptised. And a further 1226 people were enrolled into a Bible course.

The most popular books sold during the year were *Steps to Christ*, *My First*



Literature evangelists from all over the South Pacific.

Bible, *Think Big* and *Great Controversy*.

Twelve French-speaking literature evangelists from New Caledonia and French Polynesia also attended the conference. During the past year, they delivered \$78,000 worth of French titles into homes.



NEWS IN BRIEF



The Bible for birds?

Chris Juby, a Christian man in Britain, says he'll tweet the Bible. He reads a chapter of the Bible every day and summarises it in 140 characters or less for his followers on the Twitter social networking website. It will take Mr Juby until November 2013 to finish his project. –UK Telegraph



Prayer of faith

New research has found evidence that intercessory prayer works. Prayers for healing in Mozambique and Brazil were shown to produce significant improvements for people with impaired vision or hearing, especially when the person praying was physically near. The positive effect of prayer was stronger than the effect of hypnosis or suggestion treatments. –Indiana University



Korean Kiwis

The Korean-born population of New Zealand has jumped from 400 to 31,000 in 20 years. Around 90 per cent of Koreans are regular churchgoers, so churches have proved to be an important community hub. Many have used the networks they've built at church to set up businesses and establish themselves. –Council for World Mission



Angels fear to tread

This year's Sturgis Rally attracted more than 600,000 motorcycle enthusiasts to the small South Dakota, USA, town. It's an event with a reputation for unbridled drinking, drug use and sex. Volunteers from Christian organisations were there to reach rally-goers and report that 1147 made a personal commitment to Christ. –Baptist Press



Cup of suffering

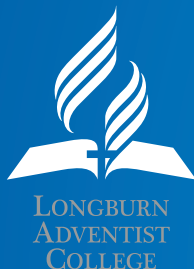
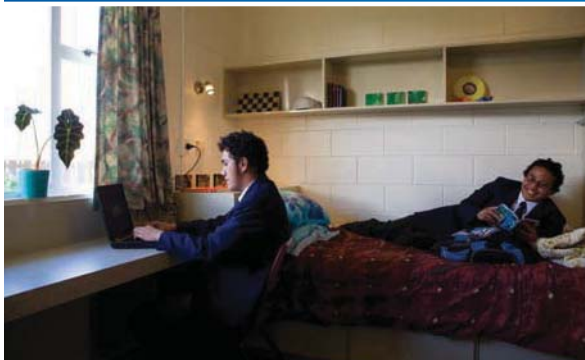
The North Korean government has executed three church leaders and jailed 20 of their congregation. Due to the closed nature of the country, it has taken three months for the news to filter out. There are an estimated 400,000 Christians in North Korea, with up to 60,000 currently in prison labour camps. –Christian Post



Centenary of blessing

Thousands of Seventh-day Adventists across Venezuela celebrated 100 years of church heritage in their country. Newly elected General Conference president Ted Wilson joined the celebrations as part of his first trip outside North America since his appointment in June. –Adventist News Network

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Closed doors open windows

by Jared Madden

H OPE CHANNEL RADIO WAS LAUNCHED ON September 3 in response to a call to develop a unified radio ministry. Serving the Australian and New Zealand regions, it will provide the last link needed to create a “unified Adventist radio network” and will concentrate on providing local content with local voices.

Not long ago the local community was a big family—all the kids played together and there were long talks over the low fences. If there was one enduring symbol of this era it was the “always open front door”. Fast forward a few generations and the fences have grown higher, veggie patches have disappeared and ‘community’ has all but evaporated only to be replaced with houses that are larger and closer together and yet their inhabitants could not be further away from each other.

For so long the Adventist Church has evangelised through “at the door” techniques and organised campaigns in the centre of a local community. In a society becoming increasingly insular and complex many of the previously open doors are now shut to us and, more importantly, to the stories we are telling. Today there is a stigma hovering over the ‘at the door’ connections with rising scams associated with these sales techniques.

So with doors increasingly closing, how do we evangelise? How do we tell our story, the greatest one ever told, the one that gives hope to people who have none? How do we connect to the people in the houses that surround us?

Alexander Bell famously said, “we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that we don’t see the one which has opened for us”. Although the front door may be closed, there is an open window and this window is our greatest opportunity to spread the gospel today. Broadcast media has become the dominant medium to communicate and tell stories inside houses and because of this, in 2003, the Adventist Church founded the Hope Channel ministry.

Hope Channel is the largest window of the Adventist faith to the community around us and it is dedicated to telling Adventist stories and sharing the hope that is only found in Jesus. Exciting things are happening for Hope Channel in the South Pacific.

It became apparent that the Lord wanted Hope Channel to be involved in radio evangelism through the ever-increasing requests from churches and individuals to provide a local radio service. With over 300 radio licences owned and operated by Adventists in Australia, currently there is the potential to reach a population of more than five million people. There are many dedicated Adventists who believe in radio ministry, who have donated their time and money to develop a local radio service.

Hope Channel Radio is a partnership between the Hope Channel ministry, which will develop the content and provide the radio feed via satellite, and the local church which owns the local broadcasting licence and manages the local radio broadcast. There are many souls to claim for the kingdom and the goal is to be in every home across the South Pacific.

Although the Hope Channel Radio broadcast has now started, there is still a lot of work to be done, specifically in two areas:

1. For local churches to secure broadcasting licences which will spread the gospel to more people.
2. A radio station is only as effective as the content it delivers and Hope Channel is seeking ways to finance the ongoing development and creation of local and relevant radio content.

Hope Channel Radio will get past the closed doors and into the open windows of the homes around us. Sharing Jesus through our Adventist stories is a gift worth giving. To learn more about Hope Channel Radio, visit <www.hopechannel.org.au/radio>.

Jared Madden is director of Hope Channel.



OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

The good Good News of Christ's return

In a world rapidly sinking in despair, Christians are a people with an abundant, rock solid, living hope—a future brighter than tomorrow. This hope becomes reality with the soon return of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Read 1 Peter 1:3,13; 3:15; Titus 2:13

Reasons for hope

There are four incredible reasons that the return of Jesus fills the Christian's horizon with real and certain hope:

1. We are going to live with Jesus, our forever Friend, face to face.

Read John 14:1-3; Revelation 22:3,4

2. We will be reunited with our loved ones.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

3. We will be forever young with immortality and bodies like Christ's. Thus the return of Jesus is called the hope of eternal life and salvation.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-54; 1 John 3:1,2; Titus 3:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:8

4. We will receive our long awaited promised, forever inheritance.

Read Colossians 1:5; Matthew 5:5

The foundation of hope

The certainty of our hope is rooted in Christ's Resurrection from the dead, and His high priestly intercession for us before our Father's throne in heaven.

Read 1 Peter 1:3,13; Hebrews 6:19,20

How to have hope

This forever hope is all because of God's mercy and grace and becomes our own personal hope when we are born again as we put our trust in Christ's death and Resurrection. Thus Christ is called "Our Hope". Why not claim this great and certain hope personally today by leaning on Jesus, resting in His love by faith? God is waiting to make it your own personal hope right now.

Read 1 Peter 1:3,13; John 3:3,14-16; 1 Timothy 1:1; Colossians 1:27

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



HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Q: Can a person become addicted to sleeping pills?

A: The answer is "Yes". Today, doctors usually prescribe these at minimum dose for short periods only—probably to get over a stressful "hump", or following an operation or other devastating event. The body quickly becomes accustomed to them. Then their use is essentially "placebo" ("all in the mind"). Avoiding caffeine drinks after midday, getting physically tired (walking is a good idea) and trying to remove stressful images towards evening all help prepare us for sleep. The ideal is 6 to 8 hours a night.



Q: Some appear to be born "brainy", others born "dumb". It seems to me the bright guys are those with a good memory. Is this the key to mental success?

A: I believe it is. Good memory is invariably linked with an intellect that can work around issues and problems, in an organised manner. Watch the geniuses on some complex quiz shows. They spit out the correct answers before the question is finished. Their subconscious stores millions of images that pop into their conscious mind instantly. Told or reading something once, it is stored permanently, and can be retrieved at will. The more the neurones are challenged, the more acute they become.

MY MINISTRY IDEA

The Perth Literature Evangelist team come together to work with a church plant each month. While working with the Rivervale church plant, Lesley Nixon, together with area manager Brenton Lowe, met two Muslim women. They received a warm welcome from the daughter and her mother. As they shared, they discovered that the Muslim women were both suffering from depression. Their Muslim leaders hadn't been able to help, and they appreciated how the books they were shown helped them to take charge of their own health.

The Muslim women were so grateful for the visit from Lesley and Brenton that they asked about their beliefs. Lesley and Brenton shared that they were Seventh-day Adventists, and some of the beliefs and values they

held in common—such as love for God, prayer, and not eating pork or drinking alcohol.

The women were very surprised at the similarities of our religions and responded positively to an offer for pray with them. The daughter showed how they pray—with hands outstretched and palms upward. The mother and Brenton both prayed. The mother had tears of appreciation in her eyes and Lesley gave her a



hug. A caring, personal touch is what people of all faiths long for.

Lesley says, "This experience gave me a feeling of love and has confirmed that I am doing what God has called my husband, Tony, and myself to do—to share His love with the broken-hearted and lonely."—Brenton Lowe

Psalm 25:

a prayer for God to guide

by Allan and Peniana Brown

DAVID'S MANY CONFLICTS, HIS GREAT transgressions, his bitter repentance and his deep distresses are all found in Psalm 25, and the result is that we see a man God said was, "A Man after His Own Heart".

David prays for God to give him mercy and forgiveness and for help to do right. At this point in David's life a lot of water had gone under the bridge, as he mentions the sins of his youth and the craft and cruelty of his many enemies.

This Psalm is one of the seven penitential Psalms that David wrote and it marks a true saint. David's sorrow reminds him of his sins, and his sorrow for his sins drives him to God.

"Unto thee O Lord do I lift up my soul."

Psalm 25 is divided into five distinct parts:

- Verses 1-7, a prayer
- Verses 8-10, meditation
- Verse 11, a prayer
- Verses 12-15, meditation
- Verses 16-22, a prayer

It would be a mockery to God if we were to uplift our eyes and hands to Him without also bringing our souls to Him. True prayer has been described as the soul rising from the earth to have fellowship with heaven; it is taking a journey upon Jacob's Ladder; it's leaving our cares and fears at the foot of the ladder and meeting a covenant God at the top. We must by God's assistance exert all our powers to lift up our hearts to Him every day; we need to let: **FAITH BE THE LEVER AND GRACE BE THE ARM TO LIFT OUR HEARTS TOWARDS HEAVEN.**

*When all your mercies, O my God
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise.*

David makes assurance doubly sure for he enlists the guardian care of heaven in his prayer in verse 21:

"... for I wait on thee."

We cannot wait upon God without holiness of life. Nor can we trust in our own integrity. We must call upon God. David prayed in verse 21, "let integrity and uprightness preserve me". What better practical safeguards can we require? Integrity and uprightness, if made our guides in life will help us to prosper. Even the ungodly world admits that, "Honesty is the best policy". What trust believes by faith, it waits for by hope. This opens the way for safety in action and also safety in devotion. We too, must "wait" on Him; be "wholly devoted" to God.

Psalm 25 is a beautiful spiritual song and towards its ending David offers up a sweet petition for the militant church.

"Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles."

My sincere prayer for our churches is that they will become Houses of Prayer.

David's final prayer breathes the same holy aspiration as Simeon, in his old age, who prayed:

"Lord! Let your servant depart in peace for my eyes have seen your salvation (Luke 2:29-30).

Similarly, David's prayer was:

"My hope is in you, so may goodness and honesty guard me."

Brothers and sisters, as you hope in God your Father, let goodness and honesty guard you as you Pray! Pray! And Pray!

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Pastor Allan and Peniana Brown are North New Zealand Conference prayer coordinators.

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OPINION

Mark Baines

What the church may not have taught

I'm not convinced we're all doing what Jesus asked us to do on this earth. He asked us to make disciples. Do you consider yourself a disciple? Or are you more comfortable being known as a Christian or an Adventist or something else? A disciple is a continual learner, a student—an apprentice of Jesus.

A disciple doesn't just profess certain views but attempts to apply a growing understanding of Jesus' way of life to their own life. A disciple takes responsibility for their own daily growth and encourages others to take the next steps in their journey.

When I talk to those who've left the church and those who lead the church, there is often disappointment in the divide between our claim to be Christ followers and our day-to-day behaviour. Why is this? Perhaps we've taken on the culture and practice of our parents' faith but never encountered Jesus ourselves. Perhaps we've been convicted to avoid error and seek truth, but have pushed this to its extremes. Perhaps we've found Jesus' call to surrender too costly, and have instead succumbed to the consumerism and busyness that society thrusts our way. Perhaps we've played a part in people "crossing the line" for Jesus but not intentionally disciplined them. I've been guilty of all these.

Wouldn't it be great if the local church became a discipleship training centre—where a "personal trainer" tailored spiritual practices to see you taking the next steps in your journey? What if we stopped only telling people that Jesus is the Way, and started equipping them by the Spirit to become more like Jesus and face today's challenges? Isn't it time to stop asking people which church they attend or what they thought of the speaker and instead ask how you can help them grow? Without intentional discipleship we run the risk of being "practical atheists" who are Christian by name, but live as if Jesus doesn't exist.

We need to grapple with this issue till we become disciples and make disciples. Why? So we can grow in love for God and other people. It's that simple. So let's get to it!

Mark Baines writes from Moffat Beach, Qld, where he relief teaches and ministers to people from his generation who've disconnected from church.



See feature "The pilgrimage: camp as a spiritual discipline" on page 16.



The Coronary Health Improvement Project

Sponsored by the Adventist Health, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference

Have the cold temperatures and rainy days stopped you from exercising this winter? Now spring is here and daylight saving is around the corner it is time for you to start increasing your activity levels. The Ministry of Health has set guidelines that we should be exercising at moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes a day. Here are some tips to get you started in your new exercise regime.

Choose something that interests you: Think about things you enjoy doing and find ways of incorporating those activities into your day. For example, if swimming is an activity you like, get a membership at your local pool or give aqua jogging a go.

Build up slowly: Always do a good 5 minute warm-up before, and a 5 minute cool down after every workout with stretching to avoid sore muscles and injuries. Furthermore, avoid going too hard too fast when first starting an exercise regime, as you will be more likely to have an injury or stop after a week.

Use a pedometer: If just starting out on an exercise routine, a good way to ensure you increase your daily physical activity is to wear a pedometer and measure your daily steps—aim for 10,000 a day (some people can do as low as 3000 steps a day). Increase your steps by going for a 30 minute brisk walk, once a day. If this is hard to fit into your schedule, break it up into 10 or 15 minute slots.

Make an appointment to exercise: You would never think of missing an important business meeting, so why not schedule your exercise into your diary and treat it like a meeting you can't cancel. Additionally, organise your workout clothes and shoes the night before, so that you have no excuse in the morning—all you need is to jump into your clothes or grab your bag and go!

Enter an event: If you are lacking motivation to exercise, entering an event can give you a goal to work towards. You can then break down your training into small manageable steps, try a mini triathlon or duathlon. Some events that are run nationwide in New Zealand are the triserries <www.triserries.co.nz>. For upcoming Australian triathlon and duathlon events go to <www.eventlist.com.au>.

Make it a social occasion: Make it a family affair and get out and have some fun, kick a ball around with your children for an afternoon, or go for family bike rides around the park. Similarly, it is a great motivator to have a friend who will help encourage you and make physical activity a more enjoyable experience.

Track your progress: Track your improvements, the time taken to run, bike or swim a certain distance, how many kilometres you are doing, or the number of repetitions you do each time you do a weights workout. Over time aim to either take less time to cover the same distance, or cover a greater distance or increase your weights.

Activity Ideas

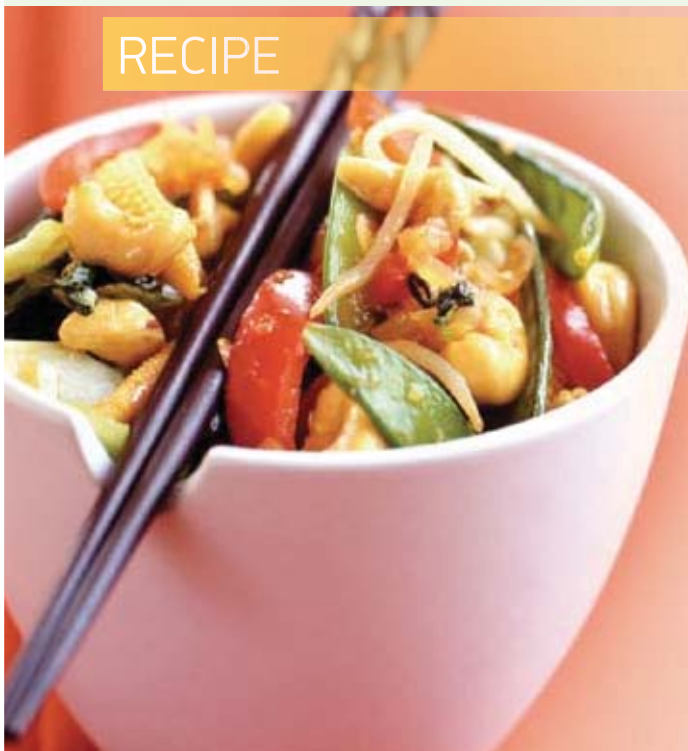
- Walking, running or swimming
- Mountain biking
- Dance classes
- Rollerblading
- Tennis, basketball, indoor netball, touch rugby
- Skipping
- Strength training
- Pilates

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RECIPE



Cashew vegetable stir fry

- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 red capsicum, sliced
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 100g fresh or canned baby corn, halved lengthwise
- ¾ cup raw cashews
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger
- 125g snow peas
- 1 bunch baby bok choy, chopped
- 1 tablespoon sweet chilli sauce

1. Heat oil in a wok or frypan. Stir-fry onion and garlic for 1 minute.
2. Add ginger and sauté for another minute. Stir through capsicum, snow peas and corn. Stir-fry for another 2 minutes.
3. Add remaining ingredients and stir-fry for another 2 minutes, or until heated through. Serve on steamed rice. Serves 4.

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

PER SERVE: Kilojoules 1060kJ; Calories 250Cal; Protein 10g; Fat 15g; Carbohydrate 17g; Sodium 600mg; Potassium 690mg; Calcium 60mg; Iron 3.5mg; Fibre 6g.

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Adventures of an Institutionalised Heathen

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? (2 Corinthians 6: 14-16)

Hello, my name is Mark Serrels. I stopped believing in God when I was 10 years old. I haven't changed my mind since.

Which would be fine and dandy but for one small fact: I'm married to the daughter of a Seventh-day Adventist pastor; and, as a result of a promise I barely remember making, I attend church almost every week.

I am, in the words of 2 Corinthians 6, unequally yoked.

I live in Australia, but grew up in Glasgow, Scotland—a city divided by two intertwined conflicts: religion and football.

It's a uniquely Scottish conundrum that transcends oceans and continents. Even in Australia, upon catching the merest hint of a Scottish brogue amongst the Bruces and Sheilas, you'll inevitably be asked two questions. In the precise same order.

Where are you from ... and what football team do you support?

Rangers or Celtic?

The next two syllables uttered have the potential to transform the train of conversation in a Melbourne millisecond. Implicitly encoded in your short response are (deep breath): your religious beliefs, your position on the Middle East, your opinion of the royal family, your general political leanings, your views on Northern Ireland and, possibly, your favourite colour.

Rangers? Pro-Israel, pro-royalty, pro-union, right wing, Protestant ... blue.

Celtic? Pro-Palestine, anti-royalty, pro-IRA, left wing, Catholic ... green.

Between the two teams runs a collective hatred so deep

that it boils in the blood you were born with. It has the power to influence your beliefs; the power to inspire loyalty or hatred in equal measure.

Time to Leave

A quick example. It was Cup Final day—Rangers vs Celtic. My Uncle, a Rangers fan much like everyone in my family, was desperate for a ticket. So desperate in fact that after days of searching, he was crazy enough to accept a ticket in the Celtic end at Hampden stadium, where the match was to be played, rather than miss the game.

It took precise planning. All colours were transformed, all traces of red, white and blue eliminated. After a deep breath my Uncle picked up his ticket, and self-consciously shuffled his way towards Hampden and his seat, deep in the heart of enemy territory.

Every single step was calculated, every move pre-meditated. With his head bowed he did everything in his power to remain covert in his support for Rangers over Celtic. Or face the consequences.

He made it to his seat without incident, and the match began.

And then it happened, a mere 10 minutes into the match. A Celtic defender swung a clumsy right boot, colliding directly into a Rangers striker five yards into the box. From sheer instinct my Uncle shifted nervously in his seat—the first syllable of the word "penalty" was all it took—instantly 200 green and white faces swivelled in his direction. He was busted. Big time.

The mayhem was instantaneous, catastrophic. Bottles were launched, every obscenity you could name was volleyed. He was spat upon.

Hilariously it was a priest who came to his rescue; he said only one thing ...

"Son, I think it's about time for you to leave."

y yoked

by Mark Serrels



Stuck in Church

On many occasions while sitting in church, in what I once called enemy territory, I've remembered that story—the feeling of being where you don't belong, among people whose beliefs are not your own, feeling self-conscious. Stuck in church.

Once upon a time I would replay that same story, week after week, Sabbath after Sabbath. I would dawdle awkwardly past the pews with the same self-conscious shuffle, suppress my reactions during sermons, allow myself only the subtlest of slumps—a brief, sharp exhalation of breath upon hearing something I didn't like or disagreed with.

The parallels are intriguing. Or so I thought.

Because in the same way information is coded in Glasgow through football, information can be gleaned from, say, the term "atheist", or "Seventh-day Adventist"—information that is hardwired into your belief system like a delicately structured house of cards.

Adventist Christians believe in the Sabbath-day, Creation, taking the word of the Bible at face value, and Sanitarium Weet-bix ...

Atheists believe in evolution, the Bible as a collection of fables and loosely collated history, and bacon.

But far more intriguing, in my mind, are the parts of my Seventh-day Adventist experience that don't resonate with my Uncle's story—the parts that conflict, the parts that forced me, as an atheist, to readjust my views on pre-conception, how I've learned to judge instantaneously from only a few syllables.

A Christian Experience

Because the simple truth is, after promising to attend church, I feared the worst—pressure, fear, extremism and judgement. And I suppose in a twisted sense I secretly hoped

for it; to be vindicated—to be given just cause to wag my finger knowingly, arrogantly. I told you so. I knew this was going to happen. In the same way that Scottish people judge, each primed to dismiss the other on the ludicrous basis of football, I had foolishly pre-judged Christianity and Seventh-day Adventists. Of course, I was surprised—a feeling I would become very familiar with during my time in church.

I expected frowns and whispered murmurs, but I was shown tolerance. I anticipated blind evangelism, yet my own opinions were sought out and valued. I expected fear and insecurity, but I was shown wisdom. I prepared myself for hatred, but I was accepted without prejudice.

I suppose you could argue that I've been lucky, that I've randomly stumbled across a select group of exemplary open-minded Seventh-day Adventists, but I've been attending church for far too long for such attitudes to be the exception rather than the rule.

My experience in church, to date, has been exactly what it should be: a Christian experience, driven by Christians acting as Christians should act: with acceptance and love. It's an experience I can thoroughly recommend regardless of your beliefs, or lack of beliefs.

Because I'll freely admit it: I'm the absolute worst. I sit in the wrong side of the stand in my atheist colours. I shuffle impatiently in my seat and scream "penalty"; I advocate gay marriage, and even read Dawkins once in a while, but no-one ever calls foul. No-one throws bottles at me, no-one swears or spits in my face. They simply tolerate me and accept me, and it's only polite that I return the favour.

I'm unequally yoked with believers ...

And I don't mind at all.



Mark Serrels talks about his experiences as an atheist attending a Seventh-day Adventist church in Sydney, NSW.

The pilgrimage: camp as a spiritual discipline

by Nathan Brown

BECAUSE OF OUR RELATIVELY MILD CLIMATES IN Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, we don't have a camp meeting season in our corner of the world like Adventists have over the North American summer, for example. But as spring begins to erase the cold edges winter might have had, two of Australia's largest camp meetings take place in the next few weeks in southern Queensland and northern New South Wales.

For some, these events are family traditions or simply holidays that cater for all ages, a chance to catch up with friends or a highlight of a caravanning trip around the country. Of course, the meetings, times of worship and spiritual encouragement are important. After all, it's something church members have been doing in these regions on a regular basis since the 1890s. But perhaps we could benefit from seeing the camp meeting itself as a spiritual practice, discipline or even pilgrimage.

For thousands of years, people of God have observed this kind of spiritual practice. As the Israelites set up their new nation, God gave them instructions that "three times each year all the men of Israel must appear before the Sovereign Lord, the God of Israel" (Exodus 34:23). For most of the population, this involved travel to a gathering place. "Unless you lived wherever the tabernacle was, that meant taking to the road for Passover, Shau'ot and Sukkot. It meant dust, expense, disease and bedbugs" (Charles Foster, *The Sacred Journey*).

Perhaps most similar to our camp meetings was Sukkot—the Feast of Tabernacles, described in Leviticus 23:34–43; Deuteronomy 16:13–15. Living in temporary shelters reminding the people of their time wandering in the desert, this feast was a time of remembering, a time of rejoicing and a time for renewing the covenant between God and His people (see Deuteronomy 31:10).

In many time and places throughout Christian history, pilgrimages have also been recognised as valuable spiritual disciplines. Most of us have some of these kinds of

experiences in our lives—visiting places of family history, holidaying in tourist "meccas", embarking on a new hobby, interest or project, or simply turning up at camp meetings year after year—but here are some ideas about how we can experience camp meetings as more of a positive spiritual pilgrimage.

Living simply

Those green tents are an invitation to live a simpler life for a week. While we might miss some of our comforts and conveniences, we prove that we can live without them—and maybe we could live with fewer of them the rest of the year. Perhaps we could take this a step further by turning off our phones and other gadgets for most of every day while at camp.

Living in community

In our individualistic culture, we too easily forget that Christianity is primarily communal. Most of the New Testament is written to "you" in the plural sense—a group of believers who believe together, work together to build God's kingdom and share their lives. Camp can be a place to practise this. The sounds of snoring or singing from the neighbouring tent, as well as the line waiting for showers, can be invitations to community—and opportunities to show grace.

Living with spiritual focus

Don't lose the spiritual focus of camp amid all the other activities, people and events. Be encouraged or inspired, learn something new, pray with an old friend or invite someone new to pray with you. Shake some of your tired spiritual habits or begin new ones.

Living as pilgrims

When we leave our homes to spend time worshipping, learning, sharing and praying, it should not be just for our benefit and not just a holiday or mere time away. We need to be changed by our pilgrimage experience, then return to our homes, our families, our workplaces and our communities to serve and to share. **R**

Nathan Brown is book editor for the Adventist Media Network.

LETTERS

BLENDING IN

Leonie Donald, NZ

It was with pleasure I read about the musical ministry of Faith and Matthew Fatnowna in "My Ministry Idea" (July 3).

They are among my fondest memories of Pine Rivers church, North Brisbane. Their music was, and no doubt still is, superb.

I had to laugh at Faith's comment about getting to the aged care homes and "blending in". Great to know they are still going strong and doing what they love for the Lord.

NO REGRETS

Joan Rosen, WA

Thank you for "Signs reaches out" (Feature, August 7). Some 43 years ago, I read a *Signs* magazine for the first time. I was convinced of the truths it contained and became a Seventh-day Adventist. It was a decision I never regretted.

I believe in this magazine so much that over the years I've tried to share it in different ways. When I went to work on the train, I prayed that God would give me two people to pass the magazine to—one going and one coming home.

I'm now employed by the Conference as a home missionary and get paid for doing what I love—sharing *Signs*. What encouraged me to keep using this magazine as a witnessing tool is my own story.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Ron Taylor, Vic

The article "What's in a name?" (Feature, August 7) was both informative and timely: informative because many people in the Church do not know the history and significance of the name; and timely because there is a trend to give names to some of our schools which

omit "Seventh-day Adventist". The casual observer of the school sees no affiliation with any parent organisation.

There are even Adventist churches that seem to want to disassociate themselves from the denominational name and structure using names like "community church" and similar variants.

This has been tried by various people going right back to the late 1800s with the *Sentinel* magazine and Dr Kellogg and the Battle Creek Sanitarium. In confronting this issue, Ellen White wrote:

"Let us take our position as Seventh-day Adventists. The name is a true expression of our faith. I am instructed to call upon God's people to bring their actions into harmony with their name, of which they have no need to be ashamed" (*Battle Creek Letters* 52).

PROJECT SPECIFIC OFFERING?

Russell Schulz, NSW

I understand that a well-known American evangelist, who spends time running meetings in the South Pacific, is asking for worldwide support from 144,000 Adventists for a one-off advertisement identifying the true Sabbath.

It is to be aired during the Super Bowl, when the mind of America is on sport not doctrine.

I am surprised that this idea hasn't gained any support in Australia, where I imagine there are about 55,000 Adventists.

If just half of us put \$A20 into a project specific offering for use in Australia, \$A500,000 would be immediately available.

This would allow for more effective advertising than a once-only airing of a religious

advertisement to a sport obsessed audience during a major sporting event once a year.

INSPIRING TEACHERS

Tina Maa, WA

Thank you for sharing your story "Mr Fox" (Editorial, August 28). I know there are many teachers out there who sometimes wonder why they do what they do, when a "bad day" arrives.

Janina Haliki in Western Australia is teaching me amazing things. I try and thank her every chance I get. She has given me greater insight through Scripture that being a wise steward does not just apply to money but time, resources and our planet.

I hope your story moves people to thank great teachers in their lives, past and present.

I'm praying for all our great teachers who've made an impact in our lives.

PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED?

Geoff Riley, NSW

The "Why I am an Adventist" regular column—is this not preaching to the converted?

Over the years I have met many ex-Adventists. Maybe a feature "Why I am NOT an Adventist" would be more useful.

I am sure it would be easy to get exes to pour out their hearts as to why they left the church.

These revelations could assist the church to reach many of these people. More importantly, they could help us recognise what we are neglecting or doing that makes people leave.

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MYSTERY HISTORY REVEALED

RECORD May 15:



This photo is of Pastor Reuben Hare and it was most likely taken in the 1950s.

(No definite answers on who the lady in the photo is. One person suggested it may have been Elaine/Eileen King.)

RECORD June 5:



This photo is of the "old" Innisfail church on Mourilyan Road, East Innisfail. It was most likely taken in 1940 as the church was not yet completed and was later officially opened on May 29, 1941 by Pr H. E. Piper. The man on the left is Henry Burgher, who designed and built the church, and the man on the right is Pastor Robert Grieve.

RECORD June 19:



We only had one response which said:

The photo is of Herb and Clarice Bormann and their son Murray.

Thank you for your responses. Keep sending in your information.

MYSTERY HISTORY



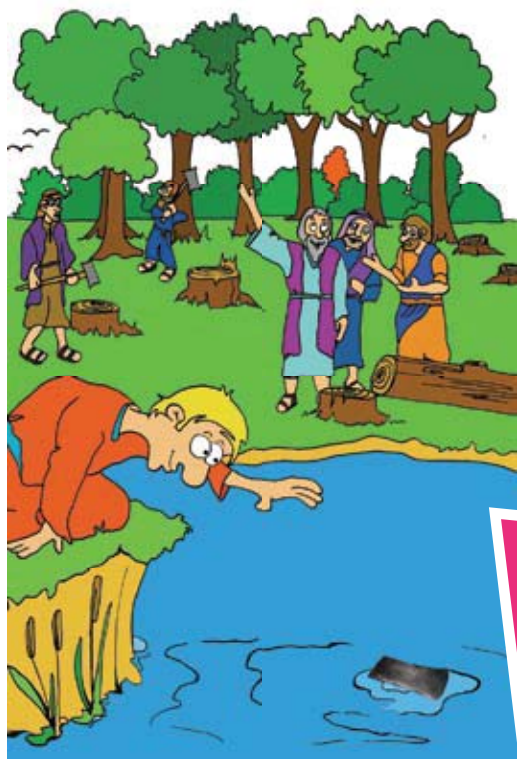
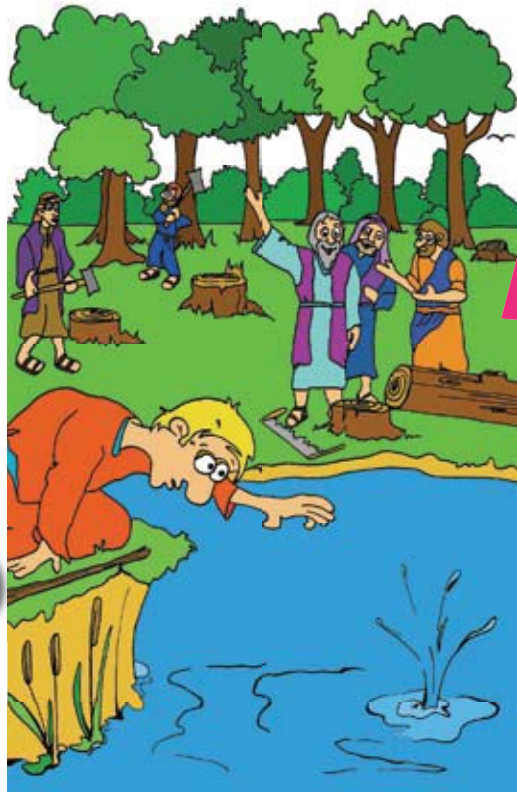
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Kids' Bible

STORIES OF CHILDREN



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We can help others, even in small ways.

Elisha was with students as they were cutting down trees for a new school building.

One of the boys' axe heads flew off the handle and into the river.

God helped Elisha and the boy by floating the axe head.

Remember that God loves you and He cares about the little things that may trouble you.

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Galatians 5:13



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SWAP SHOT

with Dr Barry Oliver



On Sabbath, October 2, our global Church is celebrating the 150th anniversary of our name. It is a very appropriate time to reflect on our heritage—something we do all too rarely.

On September 29, 1860, a specially called conference was convened at Battle Creek Michigan to discuss organisation of the believers into a legal association. The fledgling group of believers had been susceptible to unscrupulous operators and proper measures to prevent misuse and misappropriation had to be taken. On October 1, 1860, they adopted the name "Seventh-day Adventists", opening the way for the formal acceptance of church organisation. One year later, the Michigan Conference was formed. In May 1863, representatives from six American states met together to adopt a constitution and elect officers of the General Conference. The Seventh-day Adventist Church organisation was born.

Ellen White strongly affirmed the need for sound church organisation. In a letter to delegates of the General Conference session of 1892, she reflected on the time when the Church was organised and affirmed that organisational structure was necessary: (1) "to provide for the support of the ministry," (2) "for carrying the work in new fields," (3) "for protecting both the churches and the ministry from unworthy members," (4) "for the holding of church property," and (5) "for the publication of truth through the press."

Today we recognise our name has a great deal to do with providing our identity. Where our name is respected, our identity is strong and positive. Where our name is unknown we have no identity. A challenge for all of us is to ensure that our name is used in a positive way that promotes a strong identity for the Church in the community.

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



WHY I AM AN ADVENTIST

Geoff Lomas

As a young member of the Seventh-day Adventist church I want to declare that I'm proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Here's why. I am an Adventist because I love Jesus with all my heart, mind and strength. Secondly, I am an Adventist because I am a child of God, a sinner saved by grace!

I love my Church and the opportunity that it provides to youth, so that we may excel and succeed in our education, our health and our walk with God. I also love the solid, liberating, pillar truths of our faith that our Church proclaims with clarity from the Word of God, the Bible.

I love being a Seventh-day Adventist because I belong to an incredibly, well organised, world-wide body of Spirit-filled believers.

I love the unlimited potential that our church possesses to reach every living soul with the life-transforming love of Jesus. I love being part of a people who are united in a common mission to spread the assuring, reassuring Gospel of Jesus. I love the attractive picture-puzzle that the pillars of our faith and the Spirit of Prophecy present of the character of God.

I am a Seventh-day Adventist because I share in the hope that our Church is giving to our suffering, lonely brothers and sisters of humanity.

Furthermore, I am a Seventh-day Adventist because I am proud to be a part of a divinely initiated and led people with a unique, last day three angels' message. A people with a divine calling to prepare every living human being physically, mentally and spiritually for the greatest event of this world's history, the Second Coming of Jesus!

Praise God! This is why I am, and proud to be, a Seventh-day Adventist.



NOW @ THEN

In 2010, The Discovery Centre in Wahroonga is still sending out correspondence letters and courses but now additionally reaches people from more than 100 countries through its online courses.

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■ **Site Manager—Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (NNSW) Ltd (Cooranbong, NSW)** is currently seeking to appoint a full-time, innovative site manager to lead our team of aged care professionals at Avondale Retirement Village, a 162 bed aged care service and 229 unit self care village located near Lake Macquarie at the base of the Wattagan Mountains. Reporting to the managing director, your priority will be to manage the village to achieve positive resident outcomes alongside achieving financial, operational and human resource targets. This role offers you the opportunity to build on your general management experience in an organisation that is committed to excellence in aged care and independent living. Applications in writing, marked to the attention of the managing director demonstrating how you meet the job specifications, should be sent to < davidknight@aacnsw.com.au >. Inquiries to David Knight on (02) 4977 0000 or email < davidknight@aacnsw.com.au >. Applications close **September 27, 2010**.

■ **Team Leader, Level 3—Avondale Adventist Aged Care Facility (Cooranbong, NSW)**. An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Certificate 1V CSE/AIN or EEN with a passion for aged and dementia care to lead our excellent team of CSEs. Reporting to the Level 2 and 3 supervisor RN, you will lead the care staff to implement the day-to-day care of the residents in consultation with the supervisor, liaising with residents, families and other health professionals to ensure the delivery of quality care to the 15 residents in this state-of-the-art low care dementia specific unit in a caring Christian environment. For further information and selection criteria, contact Lorinda Morton on (02) 4977 0148 or < l_morton@aacnsw.com.au >. Applications close **September 30, 2010**.

■ **Level 2 and 3 Supervisor—Avondale Adventist Aged Care Facility (Cooranbong, NSW)**. An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced registered nurse with a passion for aged care to supervise the care of our low care/ageing in place residents on levels 2 and 3 of the Avondale Adventist Aged Care Facility. Reporting to the director of nursing, you will be responsible for the day-to-day management of resident care, liaising with residents, families and other health care professionals and directing and supervising our excellent team of care staff to ensure the provision of quality care in a caring Christian environment. For further information and criteria contact Lorinda Morton on (02) 4977 0148 or email < l_morton@aacnsw.com.au >. Applications close **September 30, 2010**.

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■ **Principal—Riverside Adventist Christian School (Townsville, Qld)**. This is a leadership/teaching position in a growing school. The school is located beside the Ross River in Townsville and has several new facilities including a refurbished administration area. Essential criteria: Applicants should be practising Seventh-day Adventists who are committed to the ministry of Adventist education. Enquiries and expressions of interest and resumes should be forwarded to Rob Randall, education director, at < robertrandall@adventist.org.au >.

■ **House Parents—Currawah Adventist Aboriginal College**. The position of boarding residence house parents to both girls and boys located at Currawah Adventist Aboriginal College will be available from January 2011. The role will include taking alternate care of girls and boys in a boarding residence setting, plus supervision of students at meal times, after school and weekend hours. Preference given to couples who are able to provide culturally sensitive management and activity skills. For further information and criteria contact Pastor Murray Chapman, ATSIM director, North NSW Conference Seventh-day Adventist Church, PO Box 7, Wallsend NSW 2287 or email < murraychapman@adventist.org.au >. Applications close **November 1, 2010**.

■ **Care Manager—Victoria Point Adventist Aged Care (South Qld)**, is seeking a suitably motivated and qualified person to lead our aged care team at Victoria Point. Duties will include providing clinical/operational oversight of the 123 (high/low and special care beds) and community care program, ensuring that the quality of care provided exceeds government standards and ensuring that financial and human resource benchmarks set by the corporate office are met. This is an exciting time to enter the role as a significant capital redevelopment and expansion of the site is planned for the future. Contact Dr Valmae Dunlea, executive care manager, on (07) 3451 5900 or send resume and letter of application to: 1/3974 Pacific Hwy, Loganholme, Qld 4129 or < ceosdaac@gmail.com >.

predeceased him in 2005. He is survived by Adrian (Bonnells Bay, NSW), Bryan, Suzanne (both of Sydney) and Winston (Berrien Springs, USA). Ron worked for 18 years at Sanitarium as an administrator and 29 years as a secretary-treasurer at conference and union level. He was loyal, an administrator with the heart of a shepherd, and a quiet achiever.

Adrian R Craig, Bryan K Craig

Falcke, Leonard Henry, born 19.6.1926 at Preston, Vic; died 3.6.10 at Avondale Retirement Village, NSW. On 21.12.1948, he married Edith Freeman. He is survived by his wife (Cooranbong); and his daughters, Joy Butlin (Wauchope); Wilma Falcke (Golden Grove, SA); and Louise Voss (Seaford Rise). He is awaiting Resurrection day, after a life lived to the full with family, friends, music, cars, gardening and Alcoholics Anonymous leadership.

Angus McPhee

Fehlberg, Valmer Ellen (nee Salisbury), born 9.5.1931 in Hobart, Tas; died 11.6.10 at Gosford, NSW. On 11.9.1956, she married Les Fehlberg. She is survived by her husband; her children, Brenton (Brisbane, Qld), Llewlla Cobbin (Winnmalee, NSW) and Evan (Pymble); and nine grandchildren. Val completed her general nursing certificate at the San Hospital in 1954 and her midwifery certificate one year later at Ryde Soldiers and District Hospital. She continued working for 20 years at the San before moving to Kariong for her health and Les's retirement. She is fondly remembered by family and friends.

*David Bertelsen, David Price
Tui Rosevier*



Jakovac, Vladimir, born 30.5.1935 at Dalj, Croatia; died 10.6.10 in Liverpool, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Dr Veronica; his five children; his grandchild; four brothers; and one sister with

APPRECIATION

Robins, Leslie Ernest. Peggy, Stephen and David and their families want to express their appreciation and thanks for all the love, sympathy and Christian concern shown to them in the recent loss of their loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Les.

OBITUARIES

Craig, Ronald David, born 30.8.1917 at Balgownie, NSW; died 18.4.10 at Esther Somerville Nursing Home, Wahroonga. He married Miriam Stronghill on 18.7.1940 in Adelaide, SA, who



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their families. Vladimir was well known in the Croatian community as shown at his funeral where some 200 people came to pay their respects for him. Vladimir was a kind and caring individual who was always willing to help those in need. He lived all his life in the blessed hope that we will one day all see each other in heaven where there will be no more separation.

Stephen Jakovac



Kew, Arthur James (Jim), born 25.4.1922 at Boulder, WA; died 3.6.10 at Bunbury, WA. On 27.3.1944, he married Iris. He is survived by his wife (Bunbury); Linda (Perth) and Larry (Gosford, NSW). His loves were his wife, his family, his church and helping people.

Nicu Dumbrava

McConkey, Gerald William, born 1.7.1947 at Geraldton, WA; died 21.5.10 in Fremantle Hospital. He is survived by his mother; six children; eight grandchildren; his brother and sister. Gerald was a faithful member of the Gosnells church for more than 30 years.

Gervais Cangy

Pidgeon, Alice Eva, born 27.9.1931; died 13.6.10 at Cooranbong, NSW. On 7.11.1953, she married Desmond Pidgeon. She is survived by her husband; her daughter, Susan and her husband, Rob; and granddaughters, Altheia and Skye. Alice was a committed Adventist, dedicating her life to her God, her church and the well-being of those around her. She was known as a great cook and loved to share her cooking with friends and even workmen in the street. Alice and Desmond were employed for some years as cleaners at the division offices in Wahroonga and also as resident caretakers at Sunnyside. As a deaconess at Memorial church, we will miss her radiant smile.

Fergie Mackay, David Bertelsen

Walker, Vivienne Valmae, born 23.11.1928 in Ohaupo Waikato, NZ; died 12.5.10 in Frankfurt, Germany. She married Len in Wanganui Trinity Methodist Church, NZ in 1951. She was predeceased by Len in 1998 and son, Ian, in 2008. She is survived by her daughters and their families, Sue and Murray Edgecombe, Kay and Simon Power (all from

Palmerston North) and Judi and Bruce Tooley (Masterton); 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Vivienne joined the Adventist church in Wanganui in 1964, and was very involved in church and community work. She supported the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Judi Tooley, Anton van Wyk

Webb, Pamela Gayle Elizabeth, born 1.10.1955 at Condobolin, NSW; died 23.6.10 at Canberra, ACT. On 12.10.02, she married Peter. She is survived by her husband; her parents, Arthur and Joyce Franks; her siblings and their families, Nerallie, Gregory (all of Goulburn, NSW) and Noel and Marian (Bonnells Bay); and six nephews and nieces. Pam worked for various organisations including Avondale College and the San. In March 2007, while holidaying in Tasmania with her husband, she became ill with encephalitis which left her with severe memory loss. She will be remembered as a warm, friendly, fun-loving, generous and loyal person.

Neil Lawson, Aaron Jeffries

Webber, Bradley Paul, born 6.3.1971 in Perth, WA; died 24.11.09 in Perth. He was baptised on 7.12.1985 in Albany and married Anne on 3.1.1999. He is survived by his wife; his son, Mark; his brother, David (all of Perth); and his parents, Roger and Margaret (Northam). Brad was a caring, witty and passionate person. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of cars and was WA's biggest speedway fan. The speedway industry paid its tributes at Brad's funeral through chaplain, Terry Dorrington. Although the checkered flag has lowered after a long battle with cancer, Brad has finished an excellent race, and will receive a crown of everlasting life.

*Andrew Skeggs, Peter Fowler
Terry Dorrington*

Williams, Philip Joseph, born 3.12.1941 at Guyra, NSW; died 23.2.10 at Tamworth. On 4.12.1961, he married Priscilla Dawson at Armidale. He is survived by his wife; his four boys, Darryl (Kempsey), Derreck (Wee Waa), Andrew (Childers, Qld) and Mervyn (Solomon Islands); 10 grandchildren; and siblings, Annette, David, Elizabeth and Ruth. Phil was a country boy

at heart and a keen gardener. He also loved people and was always looking for ways to share his faith. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather; and for his love for Jesus.

Frank Cantrill, James Venegas

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Orange church 60th anniversary, October 23, 2010. Photos/memorabilia required. Copies preferred. Send to PO Box 1906 Orange 2800. Speaker: Pr Bob Manners. Join us as we celebrate. Contact Trish Moffitt on (02) 6361 3636 or <greenfieldsenterprises@bigpond.com>.

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Apology—RECORD would like to apologise to the Jakovac and Kew families, for the misplacement of the Jakovac photo in the Kew obituary, in RECORD 28.8.10.

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