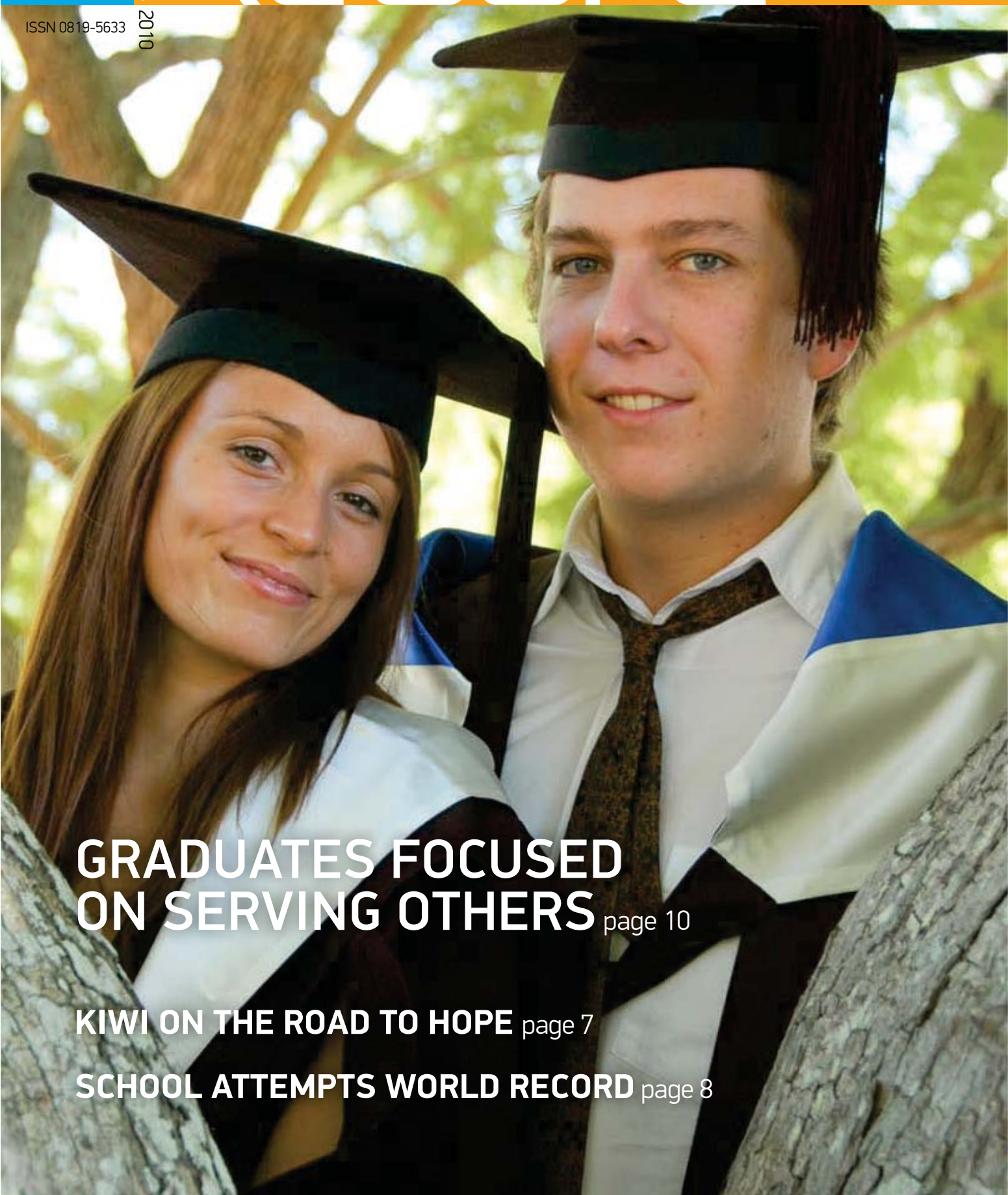


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## Ordained for higher things

David Gibbons

If there was one thing that has captured church members' attention this year, it has been the topic of ordination. Visitors to the General Conference at Atlanta in June—as well as the viewing audience on Hope Channel—heard and saw the separate discussions about ordaining deacons, deaconesses and women.

The subject of commissioning and ordaining has been on the formal agenda here in the South Pacific Division as well. And our division president has charged our Biblical Research Committee to work with the General Conference Biblical Research Institute to provide a biblical view on ordination.

Some argue that the ordination of men only is a hand-me-down from a Roman Catholic priesthood theology, and it has no place in a church which believes in the priesthood of all believers. They may well be right. But one thing I have also learned this year, is that there remains a spectrum of views and understanding on the matter.

Why is it so important? In the heart of the Gospel commission, Jesus charged His disciples—which includes you and me—to take this 'good news' to all the world. So Adventists, by definition, have a core responsibility to communicate the message that our Saviour is returning soon—very soon.

However, in my view, ordination is NOT a male-female issue at all. ALL disciples—male, female, young people, old people, middle-aged people, clergy, lay people—have been charged with the task. As we commence 2011, I think it would be good if we focused more on finding better ways to "ordain" all church members to engage in mission. Better still, let's ALL pray for the Holy Spirit, and get mobilised to finish the task. I want to see Jesus return.

Happy Christmas and thank you for your support of RECORD this year.

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## School goes healthy and green

*Southland Times—Invercargill, New Zealand*

Southland Adventist Christian School has won a national innovation award for its plans to build a “glass” house from recycled juice bottles.

The teacher in charge of the project, Ryan Baronian, said the school’s principal, Gezina Parish, had viewed the idea online.

He said the school would need to collect about 1500 three-litre juice bottles to complete the project, which was part of the school’s participation in the Heart Foundation’s Healthy Heart program.

Mr Baronian said the school had a worm farm, compost bin and vegetable garden. It also held a healthy habits evening for the school community where students demonstrated healthy snacks.

“All the vegetables we grow the kids cook them up and we give them for lunch,” he said. “The students

grew potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, beans and strawberries.”

All 52 pupils at the school were involved in the healthy heart program, but Mr Baronian said the recycled bottle house was primarily a project of the senior students.

The school won the Heart Foundation’s nationwide 2010 Innovation Prize, a Silver: Te Whanau award, including a \$NZ100 Mitre 10 voucher—which the school would use to buy timber for the recycled bottle house, Mr Baronian said.



Students collecting the produce they have grown.

## Worshipfest program launched

*Carly Moore—Gold Coast, Queensland*

Coastlife church has launched Worshipfest, an annual event, centred around worship and workshops. Some 280 people came to be a part of the day, which involved a morning service, combined lunch, workshops and an afternoon service.

The finale was a concert, performed by Leighton and Ali Heise, with Holly Terrens also launching her first EP. The idea for the workshop centred around a simple question, as Associate Pastor Leighton Heise said, “What would it look like to live for Jesus?”

“That question, along with looking for answers in Romans 12, was the springboard for our teaching and equipping in a number of different areas, from lifestyle, prayer, Bible study, even choir worship,” he said.

Worshipfest is the reality of a dream to gather together in the joy of a real and personal Saviour, Pastor Wes Tolhurst said. “There aren’t too many more beautiful things in this world than worshipping God with your brothers and sisters,” he said. “When Jesus said He has come to offer us the best in life, He wasn’t kidding.”



All generations took part in Worshipfest, 2010.

## Church members lose it

*Malcolm Rea—Epping, New South Wales*

A *Biggest Loser*-styled weight loss program pitted the members of Sydney’s four Samoan Adventist churches against each other to see who improved their Body Mass Index (BMI) most this year.

Participants were encouraged to make permanent lifestyle changes to protect against diabetes and heart disease.

Regular volleyball, badminton, aerobics classes and walking, combined with dietary changes, improved fitness levels and helped in an effort to win coveted return tickets to Samoa.

Each of the four churches improved their BMI average but Merrylands church was the overall church winner for 2010. Individual winners, Beauty Tinania, Alesi Paleso’o and Allen Fuimaono, improved their BMI by 6.2 (losing 20 kgs), 5.2 (16 kgs) and 4.0 (26 kgs) respectively. (Taller people have to lose more weight to reduce their BMI than shorter people).

“It was exciting to see so many church members challenging our sedentary Australian lifestyle,” said Malcolm Rea, Greater Sydney Conference

(GSC) health director. “Although contemporary living has dramatically reduced our caloric needs the food industry plies us with food that is far too high in sugar, fat and salt and this rich food is not what God intended. Matching what we eat with what we do is key to achieving optimal health.”



Overall winner Beauty Tinania, with GSC president, Pastor David Blanch.

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## Volunteers care for the homeless

Joanne Davies/Tammy Zyderveld—Auckland, New Zealand

Volunteers from the Royal Oak, East Auckland City and North Harbour churches are part of the New Zealand Christian Foundation's (NZCF) "Kiwis Care Project".

The project is coordinated by Lelane Fourie, a NZCF volunteer and Royal Oak Church member.

Volunteers launched the program by providing a barbecue and waterproof care packs at Myers Park for 80 of Auckland's 150 homeless people.

Each care pack was designed to meet their basic needs, including hygiene items like soap, deodorant and toothpaste, a blanket, beanie, socks, shoes, food treats and the book, *Miracle From the Streets*, by Cheri Peters. The contents of the bags were donated by individual donors and several supporting corporations.

Royal Oak children got on board and baked dog biscuits for the pets of 12 of the homeless people, as well as making personal bookmarks, with the help of children from the community.

One of the volunteers, a vet from Royal Oak church, provided free vet health checks, de-worm and de-flea treatments for the pets.

Another 30 care packs have been handed out since the launch. Two of the women working with the homeless have been using these packs as a witnessing opportunity and have brought recipients of the packs through their church doors.

"Our motive for this project was to love them and to tell them about Jesus—no matter what their reason for being on the streets," NZCF's managing trustee, Joanne Davies, said.

"We wanted to meet them where they were—not tell them they should choose a different lifestyle."

The Kiwis Care Project is an opportunity to put Christianity into practice. It is planned that all of New Zealand's homeless will receive a care pack by the end of 2012.



Enjoying a meal with the homeless.



A "sin of the Church"? See article on page 14-15.

## Women flourish in the West

Tina Ma'a—Perth, Western Australia

More than 100 women attended a Flourish Women's Conference at the picturesque Orchard Glory Farm Resort, one hour north of Perth.

Organised by the Western Australian Conference (WAC), it included guest presenters from Sydney, Michelle Noerianto and Suzanne Bocking of "She will flourish". They shared, encouraged and equipped the women with tools to help unlock the doors to freedom and healing in Jesus.

Workshops throughout the weekend addressed tough topics such as hurt, healing, forgiveness, choices and trust.

One woman shared how she had felt the presence of the Holy Spirit on arrival, which brought her to tears. A prayer room was set up for those who wanted to pray or be prayed for. More than 30 young women visited the prayer room, along with four non-Adventist and one ex-Adventist lady.

Stories emerged throughout the course of the weekend

of life-changing moments.

Mrs Noerianto shared from Ecclesiastes 4:9, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work."

She taught the women how Jesus sent the disciples out two by two, and how God chose Miss Bocking and herself to travel to Western Australia together to share the good news.

"I definitely saw this promise fulfilled on our recent trip to WA for the Flourish Women's Conference," Mrs Noerianto said. "We saw God move in healing and blessing the lives of so many wonderful women in the West."



The women enjoyed different activities throughout the weekend.

## Adventists lost at sea

RECORD staff—Wahroonga, New South Wales

The church in Vanuatu is in mourning following the death of lay pastor, Samuel Keipa, who was working at a Global Mission project on Aniwa Island. Mr Keipa, his wife Enneth, and their two-year-old son, Ezra, drowned when their heavily laden boat capsized in rough seas. Their seven-year-old son, Gemason, is the only surviving member of the family, as he travelled on the previous day. The wife of the local youth pastor, Mr Keipa's sister-in-law, also drowned. The family had been working on Aniwa for three years.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss," said Pastor Damien Rice, general secretary of Vanuatu Mission. "It has affected our members and ministerial staff. Our main concern is that provisions are made for his surviving child. We're expecting his brother, who survived the accident, to continue the work on Aniwa Island."

The Seventh-day Adventist church was full to capacity on the Sabbath of their visit. The tragic boat accident happened as the small 6m fiberglass 'banana boat' was making its way back to Tanna Island with 13 people on board.



The Keipa family.

## Kiwi on the road to hope

Pablo Lillo—Sydney, New South Wales

New Zealander Karl Taaffe, from the Ilam church, Christchurch, is on an epic 2039-kilometre walk to raise awareness about suicide.

His journey began in Bluff on the bottom of the South Island of New Zealand (NZ) and will end at Cape Reniga on the North Island. He walks an average of 30-40 kilometres a day and will spend approximately 75 days on the road.

"My journey has been full of blessings as I've connected with so many people, many who've been suicidal. They've greatly encouraged me to continue to the end," Mr Taaffe said. He initiated the walk, which he's called Dare2Hope, after losing loved ones to suicide. He wants to bring a greater awareness of the issue in NZ and promote hope as the alternative.

It's estimated that 10 people in NZ commit suicide every week. In 2009, the figure was 541 suicides. Of those, 401

were males and 140 females. That's approximately one out of every 7000 people taking their lives each year.

Mr Taaffe said it was in December, 2007, that the tragic reality of suicide struck home like never before. "My 17-year-old cousin took her life, leaving my family and a community devastated," he said. "I'm sure many can relate to my experience and have asked, 'What could have been done?'"

Pastor Paul Rankin, New Zealand Pacific Union health director, committed \$NZ500 in support of Mr Taaffe's epic journey and sees Dare2Hope as an important ministry for those who see no hope in life.

To support Mr Taaffe's ministry, go to: <karltaaffe@hotmail.co.nz> or <www.dare2hope.co.nz>.



Karl Taaffe is walking from Bluff to Cape Reniga.

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## School attempts World Record

Kent Kingston—Wahroonga, New South Wales

Patience and teamwork helped a group of students from Sydney Adventist College, NSW, attempt to set a new Guinness World Record. The students staged their attempt—to beat the official world record of 1.5 metres for the highest biscuit tower, set by the Girl Scouts of America—at the recently opened Top-Ryde Shopping Centre.

Joshua Moses, the school's marketing officer, coordinated the record attempt on November 18, the official Guinness World Record Day.

"Often schools go to shopping centres to pass out promotional materials," he said. "But this way it's exciting and engaging for people to watch and since we had our school banners, our students were dressed in uniform and we had our teaching staff there, it was a great plug for our school and we did have quite a few parents inquiring about the school."

Students were asked to write 100 words to explain why they should represent the school. The students selected were Viriama Daniela (Year 11), Jason Shirley (Year 10), Jonathan Lee (Year 6) and Rebecca Adonis (Year 5).

"At first Arnott's was apprehensive to sponsor us, but thanks to the help of some friends 'on the inside' we were able to get 200 packs from Arnott's," Mr Moses said.

This quantity, added to the Tim Tams students and staff donated, came to somewhere around 280 packs.

The team of four took three and-a-half hours to use all the available Tim Tams and smashed the previous world record of 1.5 metres by reaching a height of 2.01 metres.

The students needed to stand on chairs to put the final biscuits in place.

"Onlookers were snapping away photos on their iPhones and cheering us on the entire time as it got higher and higher," Mr Moses said. "It was a great night without any Tim Tam related injuries and everyone enjoyed a couple of biscuits after it was all said and done."

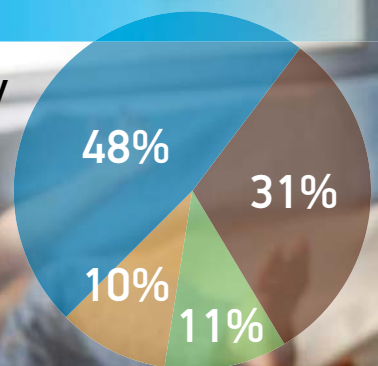


Students carefully place the biscuits.

## OPINION POLL

It's very difficult for my family to find time to do spiritual things together.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree



### Next Poll

Which of these "sins" is most common in the church?

- Pride of position
- Keeping score
- Rule intoxication
- Expert fascination
- None

Refer to "Sins of the Church" page 14-15. Visit [record.net.au](http://record.net.au) to answer this poll.



**I do and I do**

The Family Ministries department of the North New South Wales Conference ran a marriage enrichment program for pastors and their wives. Run by Heather and John McAlpine, it was a highly interactive program, which led to deep sharing and lots of enjoyment for all who attended. –*Ruth Stilinovic*



**On location reports**

A new student centre has been a major project for Pacific Adventist University this year. It will provide a place for day students and others to study, socialise and relax. The project has been funded by the Division-wide offering and internal funds, and is expected to be completed within budget. –*Jarrod Stackelroth*



**To the ends of the Earth**

Betty (Murray) Stellmaker, from Avondale Memorial Church, has just finished writing *We can't just sit here and do nothing*. The book is a memoir of her family's experience working as missionaries in the South Pacific. The memoirs were originally written for her children, who travelled in the back of a Land Rover over dangerous, rough and dusty roads, without complaining, while their parents served others. –*Pablo Lillo*



**Accreditation complete**

Alstonville Retirement Village, NSW, has completed the accreditation process for its aged care facility. The process is a rigorous one that requires the Aged Care Accreditation Agency to assess the facility's compliance against a comprehensive set of standards. The facility achieved the maximum three year accreditation. –*David Knight*



**From Sydney to Kempsey**

Avondale College church, NSW, opened its doors for the 312 strong Combined Schools Choir, who performed for a packed congregation. The choir comprised students from Avondale School, Toronto Adventist Primary School, Central Coast Adventist School, Wahroonga Adventist School, Macquarie College and Kempsey Adventist School. –*Susan Rogers*



**Retreating men a first?**

Tasmania held its first men's retreat on November 19-21 at Pine Springs, organised by North-West Lay Ministries. The men were spiritually fed by the presentations of Pastor Dave Edgren and musically by Charles Bobongie. Sunday morning found the men out enjoying God's creation on a boat trip. –*Natalie Winchcombe*



**Tax benefits**

Adventist Residential Care (ARC), WA, is now able to receive tax-deductible donations. ARC is distributing flyers to advertise its new status, encouraging church members' support. –*NewsWest*

**Buck the trend**

Against the industry trend, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia has reported an increase in charitable donations during the 2009/10 financial year. ADRA's annual report is now available at <[www.adra.org.au](http://www.adra.org.au)>. –*Braden Blyde*

**President goes digital**

Dr Barry Oliver, president of the South Pacific Division, was caught reading RECORD on iPad. The iPad application is now available for free download at the iTunes store. This means that anyone with an iPad, iPhone or iPod will be able to read RECORD at the touch of a button.

**Bible all night**

Students from the Kempsey Adventist School Year 6 class spent 12 hours reading the Bible in an all-night "Bibliathon" to raise money for Operation Christmas Child. The 22 students read 230 chapters, sitting in a circle and reading a chapter each. They raised more than \$A2650, filled 91 boxes and were able to place \$A9 in each box. –*Ian Humphries*



# Graduates focused on serving others

by Brenton Stacey

Photos: Ann Stafford

**T**HEY STUDIED, THEY SERVED AND NOW THEY plan to marry. Reuben Ennor and his fiancé, Jessica Parsons, are among the 283 graduands, including the first from the Bachelor of Theology (Honours), who were eligible to march during the graduation service at Avondale College on December 5.

The two graduated with similar degrees—Reuben, a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business, and Jessica, a Bachelor of Arts. They have also shared similar experiences, volunteering with the Transformational Development Agency in Rwanda to work with those orphaned because of the genocide and with sex workers and their children.

The former included a project called Photo Voice, for which Reuben and Jessica offered young adults training in photography to encourage them to visually tell their stories. The aim: to raise awareness of how these people view their world and to bring positive social action. The latter saw Reuben and Jessica ministering to a sex worker called Valentina. She is HIV positive and has seven children, five of who have died from AIDS. Valentina is now a Christian. Reuben and Jessica helped her establish her own business to provide a self-supporting income, which means she no longer works in the sex industry. The business is growing and Valentina's children are now attending school.

Reuben and Jessica's classmates also recognised the importance of service in the giving of the graduation class gift. The gift is an interactive whiteboard, which co-president Shona Clarke presented to a representative of the North New South Wales Conference's new Currawah Adventist Aboriginal College during the consecration service on the Lake Macquarie campus. Speaker Anton Selvaratnam, a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Science and Mathematics, used the class's Matthew 10:8-based motto, "Treated generously . . . live generously," as the focus of his address. The concept of infinity in mathematics exemplifies our God and His unconditional love, Mr Selvaratnam said.

Lecturer Katherine Cooper spoke to graduands during

the consecration service on the Sydney campus, noting how compassion "significantly aids holistic care provision". Listen to your patients, not just their spoken but also their unspoken words, she said. Provide care that meets obvious but also obscure needs. "Above all, pray that God will give you the grace to provide compassionate care and that nothing will stop you from providing this."

Avondale announced the third recipient of its most prestigious prize, the Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing Prize of Excellence, during the service. Jewells Kiviranta, also the graduation class co-president, joins Hannah Rowe and Chris Starrett as winners of the \$A1500 prize.

Service also featured during the Saturday morning Sabbath School as Avondale honoured: the students who gave up their holidays to serve in regional New South Wales as part of a ministry called StormCo; the student club One Mission, which returned to the Philippines on the Tuesday after the graduation service; and the students who served with their lecturer at Atoifi Adventist Hospital in the Solomon Islands.

Avondale president Dr Ray Roennfeldt preached the Sabbath sermon, which he called "Cinderellas and princes". "How will you live now you have been transported from poverty to the palace?" he asked. The answer: look to the Hero of the Bible. Scripture does not give a complete roadmap for living the generous life, he said, "but it does give us a model—Jesus Christ—and it challenges us to live as He would".

Dr Bernard Brandstater, on behalf of his family, joined Dr Roennfeldt, Ms Clarke and Avondale College Council chair Dr Barry Oliver that afternoon in opening the new Brandstater Amphitheatre on the site of the former baptismal font opposite the Chan Shun Auditorium. The venue proved fitting for live music, with senior lecturer in theology Dr Rick Ferret leading a male quartet and those attending in singing the hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit".

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*Brenton Stacey is public relations officer at Avondale College, NSW.*





with Cathy McDonald



## Passing on environmentally sound food choices

One of the main reasons people are concerned about the welfare of the environment is to leave the world in good shape for future generations.

But what can we teach our children to help them care for the environment?

Interestingly, our food choices play a big part in caring for the environment and are something we can share with our children. The four key ways we can make food choices to help the environment are:

### Eat more fruit and vegetables

Research shows that almost one-third of the greenhouse gases are produced from agriculture, in particular the farming of animals. The most sustainable food choices are plant foods like fruits, vegetables and legumes that require less water and less land clearing. Sending children to school with already cut fruit or sandwiches in a reusable container instead of plastic wrap can make a huge difference to the amount of plastic in landfill.

### Grow a veggie garden

Transportation of food is another contributor to the environmental footprint. So, if your food only has to travel from the backyard to the kitchen, it's helping reduce the energy and fuel use. Growing food also teaches children about responsibility, food sources and the big bonus is they are more likely to eat the food they have helped to cultivate.

### Compost

Investing in a compost bin will ensure that any food waste in the house is broken down organically. There are even compost bins available that are suitable for units or small balconies. The benefit of composting goes beyond waste management, it can provide food for worms, produce fertiliser for the veggie garden—all of which help children appreciate and connect the cyclic relationship between food and the earth.

### Re-use or recycle everything

Children love being creative—they turn cardboard boxes into caves and egg cartons into fancy hats. Save clean boxes, tubes or cartons for children's art and craft. Not only does this encourage recycling, it gives them plenty of free material to be creative.

The great thing about these tips is that they aren't just good habits to help our environment, they're also general common sense practices that will hold us all in good stead.

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## RECIPE



### Eggplant, tomato and rocket spaghetti

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 600ml tomato passata sauce
- ½ cup basil leaves, chopped
- 250g wholemeal spaghetti
- 50g reduced fat feta cheese, crumbled
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 350g eggplant, trimmed, finely diced
- 1/3 cup vegetable stock
- 250g cherry tomatoes, halved
- ¼ cup pine nuts, toasted
- 25g wild rocket leaves

1. Heat oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic. Cook, stirring often, for 3 minutes. Increase to medium-high. Add eggplant. Cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes. Stir in tomato sauce, stock and basil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes until eggplant is tender. Stir through cherry tomatoes.

2. Meanwhile, cook spaghetti in a large saucepan of boiling salted water for 15 minutes or until tender, then drain and return to pan.

3. Add eggplant mixture to spaghetti. Gently toss to combine over low heat. Spoon onto serving plates. Sprinkle with toasted pine nuts and feta. Serve with wild rocket. Serves 4.

Preparation time: 15 minutes    Cooking time: 30 minutes

TIP: • Passata is a special formulation of pureed tomatoes and can be found with the pasta sauces in your supermarket.

• When buying eggplants, choose a firm, smooth-skinned eggplant that is heavy for its size and avoid those with brown or soft spots.

PER SERVE: 1530 kilojoules (365 calories); Protein 13g; Fat 14g; Saturated Fat 2g; Carbohydrate 42g; Total Sugars 6g; Sodium 150mg; Potassium 675mg; Calcium 115mg; Iron 3.5mg; Fibre 10g.



## OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

### The Ten Commandments

Lawlessness abounds at every level of society today. That spells disaster, according to British historian Sir Arnold J Toynbee's research, *A Study of History*. God therefore calls humanity back to His moral compass—The law or Ten Commandments.

**Read** Revelation 12:17, 14:12

The Ten Commandments, written by God Himself, are a law of freedom because they restore and protect our most important relationships in life—those with God and fellow humans. Keeping them because of our love for God and others brings peace to our lives.

**Read** Exodus 31:18; James 2:10-12; Psalms 19:7, 119:165; John 14:15; Isaiah 48:17,18

Sin, the breaking of these laws, is therefore the fracturing of relationships. It separates us from others, and especially from God. Since the law will be the measuring standard in the judgement, it will examine the state of our hearts. Has our faith in Jesus led us to really love God and others? Clearly God is aiming for the heart and thus calls for our righteousness to exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees, who only had an external compliance to a set of rules.

**Read** 1 John 3:4; Isaiah 59:2,3; James 2:12; Matthew 5:17-20

So how are we to have hearts that radiate love to God and others? One thing is sure—human effort is powerless to both justify and make us genuine lovers. Looking into God's law just makes us painfully aware of how "unloving" or sinful we really are. Only God can change our hearts. As we put our trust in the blood of the everlasting covenant, God forgives our breaking of His law of love, reconciles us to Himself and writes His laws in our hearts and minds.

**Read** Romans 3:20, 7:7; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Hebrews 13:20,21, 8:10-12

*Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism for the South Pacific Division.*



## HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

### Vitamin B12

Vitamin B12 is vital for good health. It is essential for releasing energy from food, maintaining healthy nerves, blood cells, skin and hair. It helps proteins and fats to be utilised by the body. Vitamin B12 is also essential in general growth and development. It helps produce our DNA genetic material. A deficiency may lead to a serious blood condition called pernicious anaemia, once fatal. Also, it adversely affects the nervous system. Common symptoms of deficiency include fatigue, light headedness, headache and irritability. Other symptoms include nausea, lack of appetite, sore mouth, diarrhoea, abnormal gait, loss of sensation in hands and feet, confusion, memory loss and depression. In short, a formidable list. We need 2.4 mcg a day, with a blood level of 220 or more. Now, many follow a vegetarian diet, like me (and my mum who lived to 100) and wonder if they are receiving an adequate amount of B12, particularly as meat and fish are the richest natural sources. Fortunately, it is found in many other readily available foods. These include cottage cheese, eggs (boiled, scrambled, omelette), whole milk, yoghurt and cheddar cheese. Any of the above symptoms warrant a full blood check-up. If vitamin B12 is low, it is easily treated. In tablet form, it must be taken one hour before food, but a single injection of long acting Neo-Cytamen 1000 twice a year (as I do) is much simpler, and relatively cheap.



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## MY MINISTRY IDEA

The Townsville "Life After Death" evangelism program, run by a collaboration of three Townsville churches (City Church, Thuringowa, Aitkenvale, Qld), has been a remarkable success.

The program featured *The Search's* Pastor Geoff Youlden who presented dynamic and refreshing biblical truths. It also included a 10-minute health talk before every session run by Margot Marshall, a morning session for people who could not attend the evening programs, and a video link to the overflow room under the hall for the disabled and parents with kids. One of the blessings of this program was seeing the Townsville young people getting involved with public evangelism as ushers.

The final Sabbath was the climax of the program with two baptisms and one accepted on profession of faith. Seven people won satellite kits for viewing 3ABN and Hope Channel and all enjoyed a vegetarian lunch. The program



resulted in: 25 responses for Bible studies and baptism; 30 plus interests for follow up; and 60 registered for the Prophetic Code Seminar, which is currently underway. Another baptism is in the pipeline for the year-end following the Prophetic Code Seminar. God has certainly blessed the work in Townsville. —Levi Mote

# One of the greatest dangers

by Brendan Pratt

**I** DON'T HAVE TIME TO SERVE IN MY CHURCH THIS year. When I retire I might have time for all those spiritual disciplines. They can't really expect me to make space each week to attend a small group. Who really has time to do all that contagious Christian build relationship stuff? Date night with my wife? They must be dreaming—I've got things to do and deadlines to meet.

I believe one of the greatest dangers facing our congregations is the subtle trap of consumerism. Consumerism is so deeply rooted in our culture, it has become part of the air we breathe. Its hypnotic appeal becomes our master and pretty soon we end up with congregations who are trying to serve both God and money. Consumerism competes for the hearts and imaginations of God's people.

Tim Kasser in his book, *The High Price of Materialism*, claims that most people, in our culture, grow up with what he calls a Materialistic Values Orientation. Right from when we are little we are taught time = money. We then think money = things and things = happiness. Even though we know this is not true, we live in this paradigm. In actual fact, the more affluent a society becomes the more dysfunctional, lonely and depressed that society is.

Consumerism teaches me that happiness is only a purchase away. If I just had the right product, look, experience or model, then I would be happy. However, following that purchase a new 'must have' arrives. The danger comes when I start to believe that what takes my time threatens my ability to generate more which then threatens my happiness. I don't serve as serving takes my time. I don't spend time forming deep relationships with my wife, family and neighbours as they take time. I don't make space to ask God what He wants to do in and through me as that takes time. We end up not having 'time' for the very things that really do matter in life.

We end up sacrificing life at the altar of busyness and

'success'. The word Jesus uses for a 'successful' man who lives a consumeristic world view in Luke 12 is "fool". Could it be that many of us are 'successful' but maybe very foolish? Being worldly may not be so much about the things we have labelled as 'bad' but rather being drawn into a world view that puts its hope for significance in things. God is not against you having things; He is against things having you.

Barna Research Group founder George Barna claims that in the US 98 per cent of church-goers do not have a biblical world view and instead define themselves by a consumerist thinking. Instead of seeing themselves as existing for God's glory they see God existing for their glory. As author and speaker, Skye Jethani, points out, in this world view we end up consuming church 'services' and even consume God.

A continual focus on feeding "me" rarely creates the more biblical "us".

As consumerism increases community decreases. The church becomes a dispenser of religious goods and services where people 'come to get' instead of missional communities that exist to glorify God.

We must learn to exist in a consumer empire but not forfeit our souls at its altar. What would it look like to 'be in the world but not of it'? How can we rearrange our schedules to get off the treadmill of consumerism and instead prize those things that actually matter for now and eternity? The Sabbath is a guard against consumerism. On Sabbath time does not equal money. Time equals relationships with God and the people around us. Time equals worshipping, serving, growing, connecting and sharing. This view of Sabbath should change how we then interact in the world. The journey from consumerism to being God's community is not easy or obvious, but it is vitally important.

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*Brendan Pratt is communication, Sabbath School and personal ministries director for the Greater Sydney Conference.*

by Ed Gallagher



# Sins of the Church

**F**OR A FULL LIST, SEE THE BIBLE. RIGHT NOW, CONSIDER FOUR SINS OF THE CHURCH.

**Pride of position**

“How do you expect to get anywhere with God when you spend all your time jockeying for position with each other, ranking your rivals and ignoring God?” (John 5:44, The Message).

It’s the human way—jostling for a more prominent role, coveting influence, manoeuvring to get attention, and becoming upset when others don’t give us the credit we crave.

Against all this is the picture of Christ on the Cross—the Lord Himself taking on the lowest position of all, and from that position appealing to us, “Submit to each other as I submit myself to you; love one another as I love you.”

**Keeping score**

This could be the first sin we get into and the last sin we get out of. We hardly know what it means, or what it is! Church leaders in Jesus’ time kept count of the baptisms performed by John, versus the baptisms performed by Jesus’ disciples—creating rivals in the eyes of the people (see John 4:1–2, The Message). King David paid a steeper penalty for his sin of counting his people, than he did for his sin of adultery and murder.

In our rush to explain what this sin is not, we dismiss our calling to come to grips with what it is. Here’s the crux of it: David replaced trust with statistics (2 Samuel 24:10, The Message).

God’s method is faith—focused reliance, leaving results entirely with heaven. Any distraction from this method is sin (Romans 14:23).

**Rule intoxication**

Church leaders wouldn’t enter the governor’s palace because it would have disqualified them from keeping Passover (John 18:28). Delusional from their intoxication with rules, leaders continued their plot to put the Passover Himself to death.

This is the nature of legalism. It undermined Jesus and Paul, and it makes for a cracked and brittle platform in many congregations today.

Paul resolved, “I’m not going to walk around on eggshells worrying about what small-minded people might say; I’m going to stride free and easy, knowing what our

large-minded Master has already said” (1 Corinthians 10:29, The Message). Here’s safety—the Master’s Word, which brings strident joy to those who hear it.

**Expert fascination**

It’s a good thing for the Church to be challenged and informed. It beats lethargy and ignorance, every time. But on the other side there is danger of fascination with “the fashionable wisdom of high-priced experts that will be out-of-date in a year or so” (1 Corinthians 2:6, The Message). True education goes highest when it goes deepest into the timeless Word. At some point chatter and committees must stop so that prayer can start. Research and plans must end so the battle for souls can commence.

Ancient tribes tell the story. Reuben searched and talked. Gilead, Dan and Asher stayed safe and busy. But Issachar, Zebulun, Naphtali—these men risked life and limb in the battle itself (Judges 5). Will you do the same?

**God’s solution**

We call these “sins of the Church”. But of course, buildings and protocols don’t commit sins;

people commit sins.

Here’s an uncomfortable truth. I can agree that perhaps one of the above is my sin; I can agonise and pray and confess and plead—while the only result is to descend deeper into the problem.

What I need is the one thing I resist—a spiritual provision wholly outside of myself that, when invited, will enter and cover and cleanse and empower. That provision is the blood and the Spirit of Jesus. “Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven” (Matthew 12:31). “The blood of Jesus . . . purifies us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). “The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace” (Romans 8:6).

Healing from sin begins in one transforming moment. But to be complete, it must be followed by a pattern of transforming moments carried out by the Spirit.

I’m praying for honest dealing with our sins and for transforming moments among our people in every congregation throughout our territory. Will you join me? ↻

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*Pastor Ed Gallagher is senior pastor for Healthy Adventist Churches, North New Zealand Conference.*



# Life: The Christmas miracle

by Braden Blyde

**M**ARY WAS LUCKY TO SURVIVE. IT WAS A risk giving birth right there on the barn floor, surrounded by animals and without assistance from a trained medical attendant. Even by today's standards, she and her Son could have died.

The physical reality of Jesus' birth was the beginning of the Christmas miracle but surviving childbirth shouldn't have to be miraculous. Sadly for many, it is.

More than half a million women in developing countries continue to die during pregnancy and childbirth every year—one death every minute. In Africa, one-in-16 mothers will die during childbirth, and between one-in-four and one-in-10 newborns will die before they reach the age of one.

Soon after His birth, Jesus and His family were forced to flee across country borders. They became refugees seeking shelter and anonymity from the threat of death. They were separated from their family and support structures; they were distanced from familiar land, work and culture. Like the more than 40 million refugees around the world, Jesus' young life was uprooted by calamity.

With this as a starting point is it any wonder Jesus demonstrated a concern and compassion for the poor throughout His ministry? By His example and His teaching He highlighted the necessity of caring for the less fortunate, or in Jesus' words, "the least of these". He called those around Him to act on injustice and counter the existence of poverty. The commission to "be generous towards the poor in time, effort and spirit", underpinned much of His social agenda.

The question is, how does our celebration of His birth and life during Christmas testify to this mission?

The Australian Retailers Association gives us a terrifying glimpse of just how far short we fall. Last year, Australians

spent close to \$A22 billion during the Christmas period—an average of around \$A1000 per person. It seems justifiable, almost reasonable, when you consider the gifts, food and transport associated with our Christmas festivities.

But place this figure next to Australia's recently increased foreign aid budget of \$A4.3 billion and it seems far from reasonable. Last year Australia's Christmas spending totalled five-times that of our commitment to the poor. That is, for every dollar spent on assisting the poor and needy throughout the year, Australians spent more than \$A5 on Christmas purchases.

Is this answering the call to "be generous towards the poor in time, effort and spirit"?

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour let us also remember His life and His mission. Jesus Himself said, "I came to give life and life abundantly" (John 10:10). In the face of rampant festive season consumerism you have a choice to remember, act and continue Jesus' ministry of compassion.

You have a chance to counter the very problems Christ experienced at birth, to make the world a better place for the more than one billion people who will wake on December 25 not to tinsel, roasts and toasts but to rationed rice, dirt and just another daily struggle to survive.

You have a chance to give the gift of life amidst the socks, chocolates and books.

Celebrate life with your friends and family. Celebrate Jesus' birth and the gift He has offered each one of us. Celebrate the blessings of comfort and security. But may our celebrations be tempered by a compassion that is born out of the first Christmas miracle—the miraculous gift of life.

**R**

*Braden Blyde is communication officer for ADRA Australia.*

# Kids' Space

## Kids!

The shepherds were looking after their sheep one night when angels arrived to let them know that Jesus was born and where they could find Him.

When the shepherds came back from visiting baby Jesus, they told everyone they met what they had seen, they were so excited!

You can read their story in Luke 1:23, 57-80



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# SWAP SHOT

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## MY CHURCH

### WOODFORD GROUP, Queensland

Lindsay Grace

"I'm Preacher William today!" Ten-year-old Billy Jones (pictured) emerged from his bedroom early Sabbath morning keen to get "into role".

The children's teacher at the Woodford group house-church had asked them the week before to write down what they enjoyed most during their program time, and what they would like to do in the future.

Three of the children stated that they would like to take the adults' service. So, being one to ignite that little spark, the teacher said, "OK, next week you're on." The children then chose things that they would like to present.

"Preacher William" has only been participating in worship since just before he was dedicated with his sister in 2008 when his parents got baptised and his uncle re-baptised. He sent us all on a very thought-provoking treasure hunt on the theme: "I am the alpha and the omega . . ." (Revelation 22:13). Then he asked each of us what the verse meant to us. Billy was clear on his understanding of the text: "It is not 'can be', or 'should be', it is 'I AM!'"

Leah (14) skilfully organised a "popcorn" prayer and Courtney (14) delivered a Bible study from her home-schooling lessons followed with a question and answer time. One of the final exercises for the day was from Lewis (11) who confronted us with a Bible crossword—a leveller for some of the adults.



### Why our Church is special (Part 9)

Something very special happened at our home last Friday evening. Our pastor and his wife came to open Sabbath with Julie and I. Several days before we had arranged to spend 20 or 30 minutes together reading a Bible passage or two and praying to welcome the Sabbath. But what was intended to be a few minutes turned into an hour and-a-half of stories, laughter, reflection and prayer. It was such a simple idea—to open Sabbath together. But it was such a special blessing for us.

As I later reflected on our time together I could not help but breathe a prayer of thanks to God for the privilege of being part of our Church. I thought about the preoccupied obsession with self-interest of so many who do not appear to know Jesus. In contrast, I thought of simple acts of love and service that are so characteristic of our church family. Bruce and Margaret, that was something so very special you did in coming to our home: so simple yet profound. You and so many others have shown an amazing quality of love and care, particularly during the period of Julie's illness.

For each of us in the family of God there are times to give and times to receive; times to care and times to be cared for. The important thing is that in our Church there is a spirit of authentic care, which freely flows in all directions. And we are not talking here about a culture of dependency. Rather we are talking about a healthy culture of interdependency. To be able to give and receive needed care is what sets the Church apart from the world. Jesus said it so well when He said the pre-eminent characteristic of His disciples is that we share a genuine love—agape love—for one another.

I am thankful to God to belong to a church family that cares—really cares!

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



### POWERHOUSE COMMUNITY, Wellington, NZ Melanie Sergent

I serve as a minister at PowerHouse Community Church, which started about seven years ago as a home group. We have a weekly attendance of up to 50.

Our style of worship is informal. There are no pews, just couches. People say they feel at home. They can help themselves to drink and food, and many have said they have an immediate sense of belonging. We don't have assigned greeters—it's what everyone does.

Our church service consists of testimony time, small group Bible study, prayer, affirmation for various people and ministry groups.

The highlight of our church life is the relational focus with an emphasis on building and empowering children and young people. An atmosphere has been built where children and young people can flourish in their relationship with God and others. It is now regular practice for children to openly share during testimony time, group studies and over lunch.

We believe that "young lives matter" in our community, so we started a charitable trust called Youth Connect. The aim of the program is to connect a young person with a caring and trained adult, whose role it is to support them through the realities they face in life.

Our challenge is to ensure people resources are not being stretched. My dream is for PowerHouse Community Church to be a spiritual force in the community, and for our members to have an impact on other people by inviting them into their lives, homes and a loving community of believers.





## OPINION

Nathan Brown

### Receiving Christmas

One of the clichés of Christmas is that it is “the time for giving” and that because we have so much we should take the opportunity to give to those who have less than us. There is truth in such statements but not the whole truth—and too often a charitable donation is either “marketed” or employed as a means to assuage our guilt about the excesses of our lives, as highlighted by the excesses of the “festive season”.

In his recent book, *Generous Justice*, Timothy Keller criticises this tired approach to coaxing giving: “We tend to try to develop a social conscience in Christians the same way the world does—through guilt. We tell them that they have so much and don’t they see that they need to share with those who have so little. This doesn’t work, because we have built-in defence mechanisms against such appeals.”

Instead, we need to learn how to receive. When stripped of its faux festivity and contrived goodwill, the Christmas story must be primarily about receiving the gift of Himself. When we learn how to receive with the humility that comes from truly recognising our need of grace, our other attitudes and actions begin to change.

Keller offers this as a far better approach: “When justice for the poor is connected not to guilt but to grace and to the Gospel, this ‘pushes the button’ down deep in believers’ souls, and they begin to wake up.” Instead of rushing to change the world, we must first be changed.

So make this Christmas about receiving. If possible, skip the giving and the getting. Instead practise the art of receiving; practise humility, gratitude and grace. Allow the Gift of God, His presence and His promises to change the world in us and around us. It is “blessed to receive” (compare Acts 20:35).

*Nathan Brown is book editor for the Adventist Media network.*



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**Ormiston,** Pastor Gordon. We as a family are so grateful for the many expressions of sympathy and especially the love and care for our dad at the ARV Victoria Point, Qld. This, along with the messages in honour of our dad, were such a comfort to us in our loss of a dearest father and grandfather/great-grandfather. Dad is now awaiting with mum the call of the Lifegiver Jesus. Please accept our heartfelt thanks to all.

*Carol, Helen, Gordon, Kevin, Glenda, John (children)*

Davison, daughter of Andrew and Charmaine Davison (Brisbane, Qld), were married 5.10.10 at St Swithuns Anglican Church, Pymble, NSW.

*Garth Bainbridge*

## OBITUARIES

**Blair,** Russell Lewis, born 9.11.1916 at Subiaco, Perth, WA; died 29.7.10 at Palmerston North, NZ. He married his beloved wife Ruth in 1954 at Papanui. She predeceased him in 1988. He is survived by his children Meryl (Palmerston North, NZ), Warren (Melbourne, Vic), Kelvin (Newman, WA) Arlene (Narooma, NSW); grandchildren, Ryan, Olivia, Hayley, Nathan, Thomas, Marshall, Hannah; great-granddaughter, Lacey; and his sister and brother-in-law, Elma and Les

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Coombe (Cooranbong). Russell was truly an inspiration, using vision and talent in teaching, radio and electronics, music, health and gardening to help others. He was a well-respected Sabbath School teacher, high school science teacher and headmaster. In his retirement years he worked tirelessly to enable others to hear the message of salvation, particularly through 3ABN and Hope TV and radio by installing and supplying kits throughout New Zealand.

*William Arama, Anton Van Wyk*

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**Deans, Delores Ethlin Jonge-**jan, born 24.5.1933 in Montego Bay, Jamaica, West Indies; died 29.9.10 in Brisbane, Australia after a prolonged struggle with Huntington's disease. She is survived by her husband, Cornel; son, Martin; daughter Lisa; and grandson, Lochlan. Known by her wonderful friends as Del, she was gently and lovingly laid to rest in the Laidley cemetery on 6.10.10. A service with family and friends to commemorate her beautiful life of selfless service to so many.

*Keith Grolimund*

**Hutton, Ben**, born 10.9.1920 at Maryborough, Qld; died 27.9.10 at the ARV. He fell in love and married Lorna Finnis in what is now the St Andrews SDA Bundaberg Church. He is survived by his wife; Christine and John Kemp, Rodney and Kathy Hutton, Tim and Anthea Hutton and Simon Hutton. Ben served in the armed services during World War II, retiring as an officer. Ben and Lorna were baptised into the Adventist faith in 1949 while he was working at the Roma St Sanitarium. Ben's life was one of service to his precious Lord Jesus. He preached regularly around Sth Qld Confer-

ence churches, and many would remember his ministry to them.

*Keith Grolimund, Orm Speck*

**Janes, Anna Ankica**, born 25.9.1920 in Slatina, Croatia; died 10.9.10 at Culcairn, NSW. In January 1951, she married Bozidar in Slatina, Croatia. He predeceased her in 1966. Anna was baptised in 1946. She is survived by her daughter, Mirjana Petrovic (Culcairn, NSW); son, Josip (Wodonga, Vic); and grandchildren, Serge, Damian and Anna Kubena (Melbourne). Anna was a devout Christian, a warm, caring wife, mother and grandmother, whose passion was her garden, and her joy, to share its abundance with neighbours and friends.

*Lawrence Landers,  
Jimmy Watanabe*

**Keefer, Robert Edwin (Bob)**, born 16.9.1946 in Brisbane, Qld; died 25.10.10 in Brisbane. He married Nola Cross on 23.6.1968. He is survived by his wife; Annette Keefer; Daryl and Lilian Keefer; Cheryl and Carl Jones (all of Brisbane, Qld). Bob cared for his family, was a faithful workman and served his country. He will be sadly missed by his family, workmates and friends.

*Bob Possingham*

**Marshall, Eileen May (nee Wells)**, born 9.2.1926 at Glen Innes, NSW; died 13.9.10 at ARV Palliative Care Unit, Cooranbong. On 21.9.1949, she married Richard (Dick) Henwood Marshall. She is survived by her husband; Judy Beckford (both of Cooranbong) and Di Hokin (Chittaway Bay).

*David Bertelsen*

**Stocker, William Robert (Bill)**, born 27.9.1951 in Melbourne, Vic; died 19.8.10 in Melbourne. On 18.8.1985, he married Glenice. He is survived by his wife; his children, William and Cherie. We will miss Bill's sharp mind, insights, his wit, his care for others, and his desire to use every opportunity for God. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends as witnessed by so many at his funeral.

*Darren Croft*

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