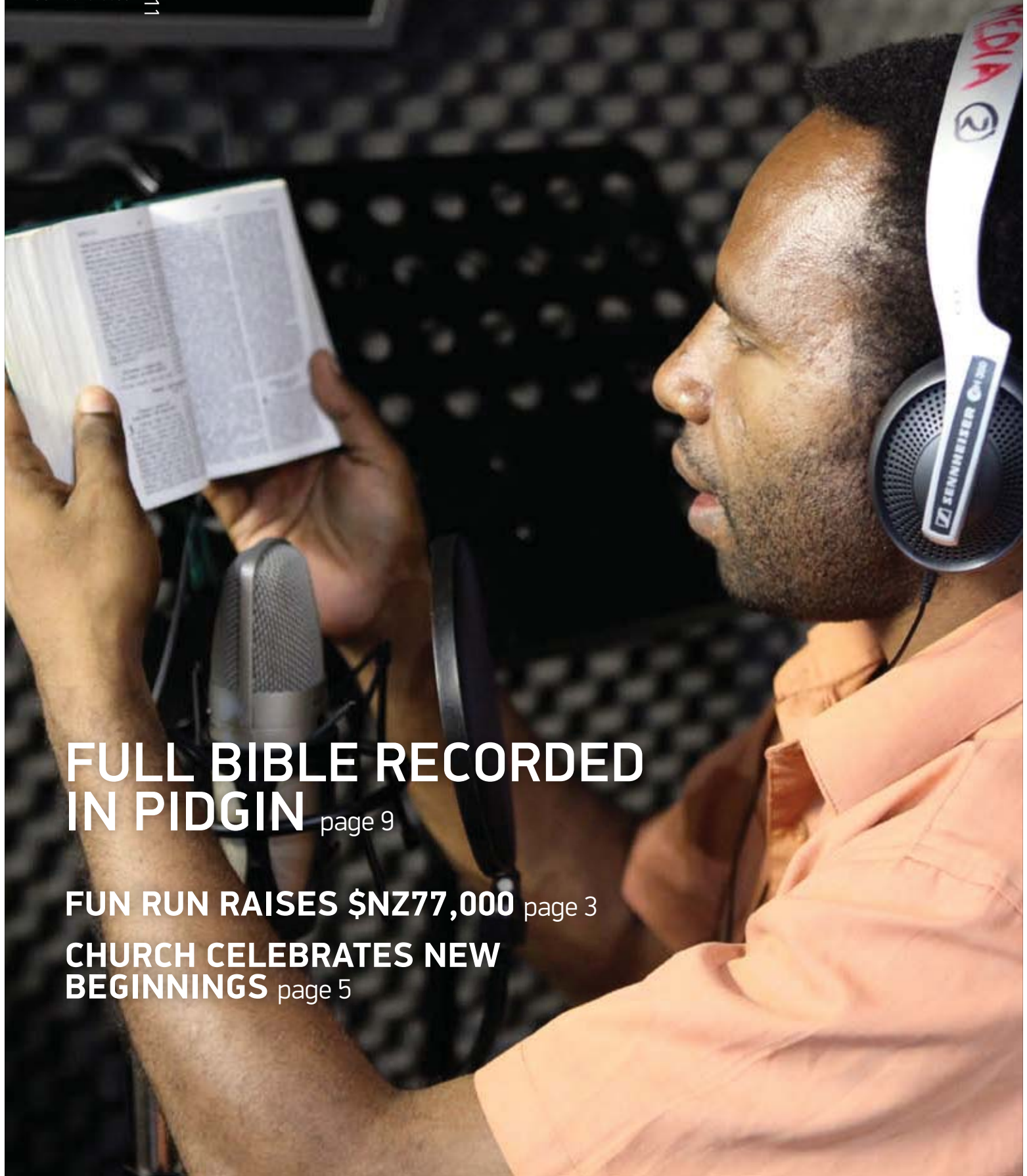


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Fun run raises \$NZ77,000

Pablo Lillo—Auckland, New Zealand

The annual ADRA Charity Run, held at Auckland’s Mission Bay in New Zealand, raised more than \$NZ77,000 for needy communities.

Proceeds from the event will go towards sustainable development projects for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in New Zealand and around the world.

More than 1400 runners took part in the 10 kilometre run.

“It was a perfect day for running,” said event coordinator Keryn McCutcheon. “The day far exceeded our expectations and it was great to see the volunteers serving together, making the event safe and memorable for all involved.”

Many of the entrants were more interested in helping ADRA than crossing the finish line first. Roger Marshall, from Papatoetoe church, raised \$NZ12,600. Samuel Ellis, a one-year-old, was listed as having raised \$NZ12,240.

“The money raised this year will help ADRA make a bigger impact in poor communities,” said Clinton Rappell, executive director of ADRA New Zealand.

“It’s encouraging to see the support from the community. There was a \$NZ10,000 increase

this year, with 300 less runners from the previous year. I’d like to thank our donors and sponsors who’ve made the event such a great success.” More than 130 volunteers from Papatoetoe church helped organise the fun run.



Participants of all ages took on the challenge.

Young people connect to Submerge

RECORD staff/Anthony McPherson—Melbourne, Victoria

More than 60 young people aged 25 to 40—some coming from Perth, Brisbane and Sydney—gathered for Submerge: Melbourne.

“Many of this age group are disconnected from church, or have seen many of their friends leave,” said Pastor Anthony McPherson, from the Plenty Valley and Croydon churches. “They are left wondering if church will ever be a relevant spiritual home again. Submerge aims to be an environment for the Spirit to work and people to encounter God.”

The day featured a range of testimonies, promotion of service opportunities, worship and workshops. Workshops included: a Christ-like but rigorous response to the new atheism, understanding salvation (Grenville Kent); fuelling up through Bible study and exploring a personal identity in Christ (Mark Baines); living for God in the workplace (Jody Donovan Eddy); an engaging, non-trivial and attractive Adventist identity (Anthony MacPherson); spiritual endurance which lasts a lifetime and new forms of church that emerge out of a new life from God (Peter Roennfeldt).

More events are being planned for the future.



Young people came together to reconnect with God and church.

Partnership with a vision

Jarrod Stackelroth/Vision Australia—Melbourne, Victoria

The Vision Australia Information Library Service (VAIS) is partnering with the Seventh-day Adventist Church to extend accessible reading materials to an increased number of clients who are blind or have low vision.

For many years the Church has been producing its own titles for clients on cassettes as part of Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired (CSFBHI).

In partnering with VAIS, all CSFBHI clients will now have full access to the Vision Australia Library and its 20,000 titles in a range of formats, including the latest in adaptive technology and equipment, such as DAISY players.

The 1000 titles that have been produced by the Church are currently being upgraded to the DAISY system and will be brought across to the Vision Australia Library catalogue. When they are upgraded, they will be available to the roughly 17,000 members of Vision Australia.

“This is a good move, not only for the interests of our (CSFBHI’s) members, but also for evangelism,” said Pastor Greg Evans, associate

director of media ministries at Adventist Media Network.

“Our members will now have access to thousands more titles, and Vision Australia’s library membership will have access to books of a spiritual nature, such as those contained in our Spirit of Prophecy portfolio.”



Les Relihan, Pastor Greg Evans and Julie Rae, general manager community information access for Vision Australia.



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"PAU theology student, Nathan, reads the Bible in Pidgin."

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Acknowledge His direction

Dr Barry Oliver

For just about as long as I have known my wife, I have known that her favourite Bible text is Proverbs 6:4, "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths". I think it is probably now my favourite text as well. There are two parts to this text. The first is about our response to God. The second is about His response to us. Together these responses are the components of a relationship of mutuality—our allegiance to God and His allegiance to us. I guess we often think and speak about our allegiance to God, but not so often of His allegiance to us! But just think about it. This text is saying that in the context of our mutual relationship, God will always see that the best comes our way—even when it does not appear so from the perspective of our limitations!

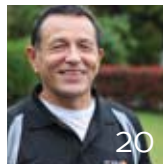
Over the past couple of years Julie and I have had to hold on to this promise. Throughout Julie's illness we have been so grateful for the many prayers of our church family that have ascended heavenward on our behalf. Thank you. Even so, at the times when it was just so stressful it was hard to remember that He directs our path. But He does. And He will. Whether it is life's best, or life's worst, it is always the best when our relationship with God is secure. When He has our allegiance, we have His.

For any and all of us this year may bring tears of joy or tears of sadness; it may bring the best life has to offer or the worst. In health or sickness, prosperity or adversity, remember that in acknowledging Him, He will direct our paths. Or to say it another way (Paul's way), "all things work together for good for those who are called according to His purpose".

During late January and early February, General Conference president Ted Wilson will be in the South Pacific, visiting Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Australia. For regular updates go online to <record.net.au>.

May the assurance of God's presence be yours this year.

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Church celebrates new beginnings

Romela Sanngalan—Perth, Western Australia

Two baptisms and one profession of faith marked the establishment of the first Filipino Seventh-day Adventist International Fellowship.

Some 150 church members witnessed the event at Woodman Point, with beach-goers as incidental spectators.

Marilyn Mcfee and Marcia Nemes, both nurses at Bentley Hospital, and Judith Tan, have been attending a small group meeting at the house of Eve Renshaw, a member of Belmont church. The Bible study is one of six held weekly across Perth by several Adventist Filipinos.

“We are culturally advantaged to reach out to our fellow Filipinos because we know how their clocks tick,” Pastor Abby Aviles told attendees during the inaugural Sabbath program, held at Beckenham Community Centre.

Also present was WA Conference president Glenn

Townend and Marilyn’s husband and son.

A married couple, Mr and Mrs Adolfo, who have been regularly attending Cannington church, decided to be baptised next year.

The church will be ministered by Pastor Aviles and retired Pastor Romulo Bartolome. There are about 10,000 Filipinos in Perth city and suburbs, a mainstream of workers and their families, migrants, students and spouses.



The baptisms were witnessed by church-goers and curious onlookers.



Students such as Trent Keegan can now have the Australian Government pay all or part of their tuition fees.

FEE-HELP gives chance for holistic education

Brenton Stacey—Cooranbong, NSW

Approval to offer an Australian Government student loan scheme means Avondale College is now the Hunter Valley’s only provider of VET FEE-HELP for outdoor recreation training.

The decision adds credibility to Avondale’s claim to be the premier provider of outdoor recreation training in the region, said Dr Wayne Miller, senior lecturer in health and outdoor education and coordinator of Vocational Education and Training at Avondale.

The VET FEE-HELP offered to Avondale, subject to disallowance by Parliament, allows eligible students to have all or part of their tuition fees paid by the Australian Government. Students repay their debt once their income is above the minimum repayment threshold.

“It removes a financial barrier,” said Dr Peter Beamish, dean of the Faculty of Education. He said this gave students the opportunity to have the so-called Avondale experience—holistic education that includes emphasis on service and spiritual growth.

Final-year Diploma of Outdoor Recreation student, Andrew Thompson, speaks highly of the knowledge of the lecturers, the variety of the activities—including abseiling, bushwalking, rock climbing, kayaking—and the practical component of the course. Credit for the VET FEE-HELP approval is due largely to Dr Miller, who put “more than my allocated time” into the submission.

First group of Year 12 graduates

Kent Kingston/Northern Star—Lismore, New South Wales

Blue Hills College, near Lismore, NSW, is celebrating a milestone, after the graduation of its first group of Year

12 students. The Adventist school has been adding on student year levels with the aim of accomplishing full K-12 status.

The school has a fairly modest student population of 267. The first Year 12 class was one of the smallest classes, and consisted of four young ladies: Tracy Hamilton, Sarah Watts, Ashleigh Robinson and Caitlin Strong. In an interview with the local paper, the girls said they had become like sisters during the year, and their excitement

at ending their school lives was mixed with sadness.

2010 was a big year for Blue Hills College for another reason. It marked the school’s 60th anniversary. In 1950, Deidre Holmes was the sole teacher at the new Lismore Seventh-day Adventist School. High school classes up to School Certificate (Year 10) level were added, a year at a time, during the late ‘70s and early ‘80s.

Exams over, the four HSC graduates are currently planning for their future, with two having firm plans established for further study at Avondale College.



Four students were in the first Year 12 class.



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NEWS

Pastors baptise their brothers

Pablo Lillo—Auckland, New Zealand

The East Auckland City Seventh-day Adventist Church (EACSDA) in New Zealand recently experienced a unique event.

Not only did 37 people give their lives to God through baptism, but Rocky Kuresa and Samuel Ahwan were baptised by their brothers.

The baptisms were a culmination of nine months of outreach activities in the church's new worship and seminar centre.

Mr Kuresa was baptised by his brother, Dyason Kuresa, pastor of EACSDA, in Howick. Mr Ahwan was baptised by his brother-in-law, Pastor Jean-Noel Adeline, church development director for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.

"Rocky and I were both brought up in the church," said Pastor Kuresa. "He stopped attending church when he was 15 years of age and later moved to Australia where he lived for 25 years. He returned to New Zealand soon after his separation and divorce from his Australian wife."

Pastor Kuresa spent a lot of time with Rocky, who was encouraged to attend an addiction program held at EACSDA. Bible studies soon followed and then the evangelistic meetings held by Pastor Adeline over a five-week period.

"Baptising my brother is the biggest highlight of my ministry," Pastor Kuresa said. "I never imagined that I would have the privilege of standing next to him and being involved in his commitment to God."

Some of those baptised had been attending church for years but had never taken the step of baptism. Some were youth and reclaimed members; others were from the doorknocking and Bible study efforts of EACSDA Bible worker Tony Donald.

Twenty-one of the 37 people had had no contact with the Adventist Church prior to attending the EACSDA seminars.

"EACSDA church has been blessed this year as we've had a total of 50 people give their lives to God," Pastor Kuresa said.

As attendees could not fit in the new EACSDA premises, Glen Innes church made its facilities available for the baptism.



The pastors' brothers were among 37 baptised.



Refer to Role call (page 16).



Planting trees grows on them

The residents of Manawatu (NZ) are planting hundreds of thousands of trees to deal with the planet's carbon dioxide problems. Volunteers have asked to use Longburn Adventist College's nursery, gifting many trees to the college in gratitude. —Bruce Sharp (principal)

Just like an Egyptian

Not only did the kids enjoy their Egyptian-themed Sabbath School, but church members at Forster/Tuncurry church (NNSW) are excited about the first major evangelistic efforts run in Forster for a long time. —North NSW NorthPoint

Lifetime recognition

Warren Grubb (right) received a Lifetime Recognition award from Curtin University (WA) in health sciences. The award—presented by Emeritus Prof. Mark Liveris—came with a sizeable cheque for additional research. —Glenn Townend

Weet-Bix kids come home

Sanitarium volunteers dished up a delicious Sanitarium breakfast for the Avondale alumni at the 2010 Avondale Homecoming. —SancoNews



Teens go on tour

Instead of the usual teen camp, 34 teens from South NSW went on tour from Canberra to Brisbane, stopping off at North NSW camp along the way. The Teen D.R.I.V.E experience was spiritually focused on God directing the life of each teen, and to take intentional 'risks' in following God. —SNSW Imprint

International communicator chats to the locals

Dr Garrett Caldwell—General Conference associate communication director—travelled briefly to the South Pacific to review church heritage displays as part of an audit of the world church's public displays. After his visit to Sunnyside and the South Pacific Communication Department, Dr Caldwell found time to check out the local fauna. —David Gibbons

What's up doc?

Dr Geoff McGrath gets comments from almost every visitor to his Sydney surgery about the mural of Noah's ark painted by his daughter. Dr McGrath says, "It provides an opportunity to talk about spiritual things to adults as well as the kids." —David Gibbons



Royal opportunity

Pierre van Heerden, general manager for Sanitarium New Zealand (pictured centre), met HRH Prince of Wales (left) at the Consumer Goods Forum held in London. —SancoNews

Griffith high day

The church in Griffith (SNSW) is buzzing following seven baptisms—all on the same day. One family of four had studied with a former Griffith member over the phone for more than 12 months. Church Pastor Colin Richardson (back row, left) said the baptisms helped members and young people to make commitments. —SNSW Imprint

Surprise reunion

Six former students of Sydney Adventist College's 1972 leaving class attended the Australian Union Conference Session in Melbourne. Peter and Neridah Koolik, Cheryl Robertson, Pastor Ken Vogel, Peter Brendling and David Gibbons chatted about reunions and the values taught by Adventist education. —David Gibbons

On fire for Sanitarium

Scott Barber, from Sanitarium Development and Innovation (SDI) in Cooranbong NSW, was doing fire extinguisher training and posed for the camera in an old Sanitarium van along with the smoke from the extinguisher. Scott submitted the photo to *Street Machine* magazine—and won top picture prize! —Sanco News



Beauty spot

Archaeologists have discovered an ancient royal garden at Ramat Rachel near Jerusalem with evidence of sophisticated irrigation channels and elaborate water features. The archaeologists say the garden would have been in use 300 to 600 years before Christ during a time when the Babylonian and Persian empires ruled Israel. —*Tel Aviv University*



Frontline

Christians in Suva, Fiji, have launched a Hardship Fund for people living with HIV/AIDS. The weekend of events included a parade, a fundraising concert and a sports day. The United Nations says churches are fundamental to the success of HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention efforts in the South Pacific region. —*Fiji Times*



Come back home

Adventist church leaders from the Ukraine to Siberia are pleading for congregations to reach out to missing members ahead of a review of church records next year. Missing members will receive a letter of apology from church leaders, asking forgiveness for past hurts. Local congregations are being urged to help with reconnecting. —*ANN*



Repentance

A group of Amish Christians from the US and Switzerland have travelled to Israel to offer a formal apology to the Jewish people, saying they were wrong to describe Israel as rejected by God. Historically, some Amish have identified Adolf Hitler as God's agent in punishing the Jews for rejecting Jesus. —*Israel National News*



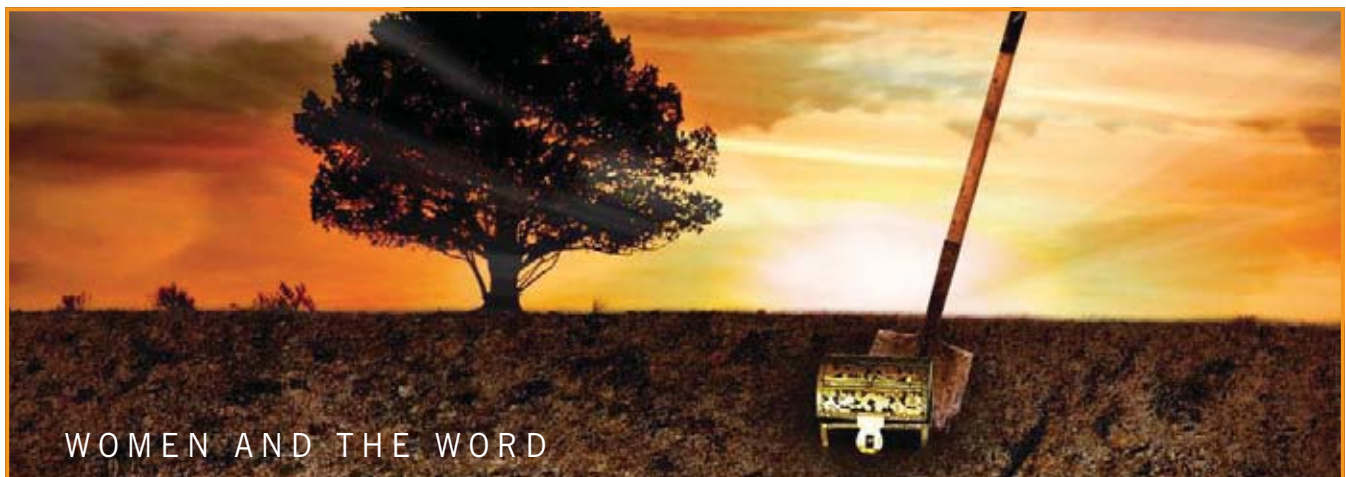
Epic journey

Three Australian men have completed a 2000 kilometre walk from Cairns to Stanthorpe, in Queensland—each kilometre representing a people group without the Bible in their own language. There are 350 million people around the world without the Scriptures in their language. —www.the2000walk.com



Dissidents

Secret documents leaked from Indonesia's Kopassus elite military unit list church leaders in West Papua as security threats. The head of the Baptist synod tops the list, which also names other evangelical ministers and a Muslim leader. All are believed to be pushing for West Papuan independence from Indonesia. —www.allannaim.com



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Full Bible recorded in Pidgin

by Jarrod Stackelroth

IMAGINE IF THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD ACCESS THE Bible was if someone read it to you. About 50 per cent of Papua New Guineans cannot read or write. This means that almost half of the population may not be able to read the Bible for themselves. With an average of one pastor for every nine churches, the Bible being accessible is extremely important.

Thanks to today's technology, many illiterate Papua New Guineans will be able to connect with and study Scripture for themselves.

It is Written Oceania (IWO) is working to help provide illiterate Papua New Guineans with access to the Word of God and has just completed the world's first audio Bible in Pidgin English.

The recordings, which were done by Pacific Adventist University (PAU) in Port Moresby, have been placed on special MP3 players—nicknamed "Godpods"—to be distributed in Papua New Guinea in February. In addition to the Pidgin English Bible, recordings of *Steps to Christ*, some Bible studies, basic health messages and children's Bible stories will also be contained on the devices, which are not much bigger than an iPod. The Godpod is hardy, users cannot erase any content and it contains a built-in speaker, so groups of people can listen at the same time.

"Initial distribution will see 4000 Godpods delivered to people in need," said Pastor Gary Kent, speaker/director for IWO.

"But we want to send at least 10,000 of these hand-held devices to PNG so that families and villages can hear the precious Word of God. For the first time, many thousands of people across PNG will now be able to hear the Word of God in a language they understand. What a blessing this is going to be!"

The Godpods will be aimed specifically at unreached, illiterate people groups.

"Papua New Guinea is mainly an aural culture. Reading and writing are traditionally less important. That's why we believe the Godpod will be so effective in communicating the messages of the Bible," Pastor Kent said.

The team from PAU finished recording the full version of the Bible in Pidgin English late last year, and were excited

at the potential impact this audio Bible would have on others. They were also personally impacted by the project.

"I haven't been involved in something like this before," said Reeves Papaol, one of the project's readers. "The Bible came alive. To realise that what we are doing will have an impact on a lot more people that now don't have access to the Bible."

The team experienced many miraculous events as part of the recordings, such as the time when a reader was so sick she couldn't talk, but when it came time for her reading shift, she could talk perfectly. "People had something to share every time we met," Mr Papaol said. "We were growing from each other."

The team were also shocked at the impact it made in their own lives. "When [the Bible] is spoken in a language you understand, it becomes a life-transforming power none can compare to," said another reader, Douglas Rinny, a student at PAU who spent a lot of time on the project.

IWO is working closely with local Mission and Union officials at the Papua New Guinea Union Mission to distribute the Godpods in the areas that have the most need.

"The church in PNG is very excited about this project and can see the potential the Godpods will have in reaching even more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ," said Matthew Butler, Godpod project coordinator for IWO.

"IWO has been working closely with church leaders in Papua New Guinea to ensure we overcome the unique challenges of transport and distribution in PNG so that the Godpods are taken where they will have the most impact, sharing God's Word where it has not been heard before," Pastor Kent said. "Local pastors, volunteers and lay workers will carry out the delivery work and continue to teach the people after they receive their Godpods."



Jarrod Stackelroth is assistant editor of RECORD.

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OPINION

Mirella Gordon

Extend your reach

One thing I find consistently challenging about being an Adventist is the little the community knows about us. While we do some great things and can be proud of much, the fact is, they just don't know much about us.

I liken it to being Mauritian. Many may know someone who is Mauritian, but they have no idea where the country is, or for that matter, much about our culture. The perception is that we're all related!

The truth of the matter is that while we are getting a little better with our public relations and transparency, we will never have a big enough advertising campaign to "tell the world" about our Church.

One of our greatest assets and yet our greatest challenge is the tightness of our community. Seventh-day Adventists don't tend to have close non-Adventist friendships. Yes, we may have a few acquaintances; a neighbour, a school friend, a relation by marriage—but not someone we choose to associate with on a regular basis.

So when we're told to invite our non-Christian friends to a church event, or to pass on an evangelistic video, it can be very scary and challenging. We need to pause and think about who this may be.

The most effective marketing campaign would be to step out and extend our reach. Why not be intentional about starting authentic friendships with non-Christians. Join an interest club or a team sport. Take up a study course. Try something new where you might find opportunities to connect with people not from your church.

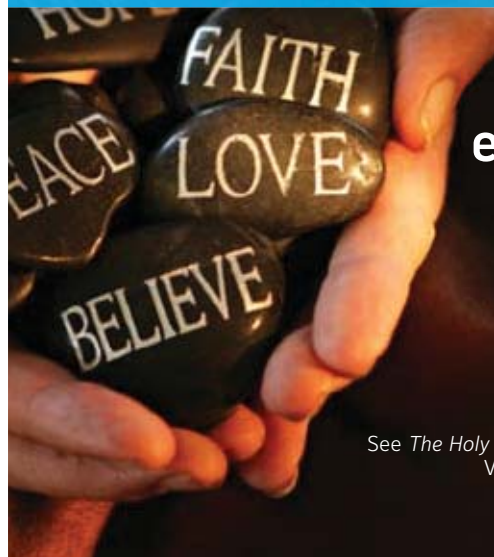
Is that a tough ask? Absolutely! But I believe it will open our minds and hearts as God uses the Holy Spirit to empower us, drawing unbelievers into our lives.

After all, Paul says, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings" (1 Corinthians 9:22-23).



Mirella Gordon is marketing director for Adventist Media Network, Sydney, NSW.

OPINION POLL



Have you experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Yes No

See *The Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian* (page 14).
Visit record.net.au to answer this poll.



HEALTH FEATURE

with Cathy McDonald



Summer activity

With summer here it is time to rev up our spring exercise program. Here are some tips to keep active:

▶ Take your workout outside to the backyard or the local park. Combine a cardiovascular and body weight strength program for an overall body workout.

Try the program below:

- ▶ 5 minute walk/jog.
- ▶ Split squats—stand with your right foot about a metre in front of your left. Keep your stomach muscles tight and your hips facing forward. Slowly lower your body straight down by bending your hips and knees, so both knees are bent to 90 degrees. Slowly return to standing and repeat. Try 15 on each leg.
- ▶ 1 minute sprints.
- ▶ 1 minute step ups—start by standing in front of a park bench, put one foot flat on the bench and step up onto the bench. Using the same leg step back down to the ground and repeat with your other leg.
- ▶ 1 minute of star jumps.
- ▶ Push ups.
- ▶ 1 minute sprint.
- ▶ Tricep dips—begin sitting on a park bench or step with hands next to your thighs. Putting your weight onto your arms, move your bottom off the bench with legs straight (harder) or bent (easier) in front of you. Bend your elbows and lower your body towards the ground keeping your elbows behind you; go no lower than 90 degrees. Push back up to starting position. Repeat as many times as possible.

- ▶ 1 minute of star jumps.
- ▶ Sit ups—repeat as many times as you can.
- ▶ 1 minute sprinting.
- ▶ 5 minute walk/jog for a cool down, then stretch.

- ▶ Organise family picnics and barbecues and have some pre-planned activities to get you and the family up and moving. Try options like flying kites, throwing a frisbee, touch rugby, cricket, soccer or volleyball.
 - ▶ Support the kids—sign them up for an event like the Weetbix Tryathlon and be supportive by training alongside them. What a great way to improve your fitness while sharing some precious family time.
 - ▶ As the weather warms up, head to the local pool or beach to cool off. Spending half-an-hour swimming laps at the pool or along the length of the beach is a great way to move all the muscles in the body, and get a great cardiovascular workout.
- Try some of these great activity ideas to help increase the amount you move. But remember, even getting out there gardening or mowing the lawns is a great way to keep active.

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RECIPE

Refreshing summer tea

- 1 cup lemon soother herbal tea, chilled
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- ½ cup cranberry or raspberry juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- ice cubes
- 1 punnet strawberries, sliced

1. Combine tea, lime juice, cranberry and orange juice together and mix well.
 2. Pour over ice cubes and strawberries. Serve immediately.
- Serves 6.
Preparation time: 10 minutes.

PER SERVE: Kilojoules 180kJ (45cal); Protein 0.5g; Fat <1g; Carbohydrate 10g; Sodium 10mg; Potassium 145mg .





OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

Baptism

One of the deepest human desires is the longing for a fresh start. This desire is particularly strong at the beginning of a new year, but it applies at any time. This longing is provided for and expressed very simply but powerfully in one of the two sacraments of the Christian faith, baptism.

What are the prerequisites for baptism?

- The step of repentance is crucial.

Read Acts 2:38. In other words, we say "Sorry" to God and express our desire to live according to His will.

- The expression of faith in the Person and work of Jesus is essential.

Read Acts 8:36-38, 16:29-34 and 18:7-8.

This is the consistent pattern found in the book of Acts, and the preparation for baptism is also associated with instruction as reflected in the Gospel Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20.

What does baptism symbolise?

- It represents the death and burial of the old life without Jesus and the beginning of a new life with Jesus.

Read Romans 6:3-11. The death (Galatians 2:20) and burial (Colossians 2:12) of the old life and the beginning of a new life are only accurately portrayed in the mode of baptism by total immersion.

- It signifies entry into the church.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:13.

- It symbolises the beginning of a life of discipleship.

Read Matthew 28:19-20. The commission of Jesus links baptism with a life of discipleship, instruction and growth.

- It is the sign of a covenant relationship with God.

Read Galatians 3:27-29. Baptism is the outward expression of a saving relationship with Jesus and unity with Him.

Baptism, therefore, is a simple but profoundly meaningful experience. It represents a fresh start with God, and in the Christian life the joy of a new beginning can be experienced daily because of the reality of God's forgiveness.

David McKibben is pastor of Parramatta church, Sydney, NSW.



HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Cancer

Cancer kills 35,000 people in Australia every year. Bowel, lung, breast and prostate cancers head the list. But the good news is that a vast number can be prevented by simple lifestyle measures that are virtually free.

Here are some major causes. Worst is smoking, which not only causes lung cancer but also affects many other organs. Do not smoke, and avoid the passive smoke of others which is just as lethal.

Being overweight comes next. It is responsible for many cancers in an indirect way. Reduce intake of foods high in fat and carbs. Exercise daily (30 minute walk is fine). Bowel cancer is insidious. It usually has no symptoms until well advanced. Although most occur in those 50 and older, many occur in 20 to 30-year-olds. The Haemocult test is a rough test. Colonoscopy is the gold standard. Eventually it will become as routine as the Pap test and mammogram in women. A daily aspirin reduces risks, but irritates the stomach.

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MY MINISTRY IDEA

"Rough as guts" is how some describe him. Jack Goldsmith, with his battered bush hat and unruly thatch of sandy hair, seems an unlikely evangelist. But, at 76 years old, that's exactly what he is.

"I have placed in the back country—mostly in Queensland—thousands and thousands of *Signs*, Sabbath tracts, Bibles and other material," he writes. "I've saturated more than half of Tassie with *Signs*." Jack reckons that, over the past 40 years, he's distributed about 20,000 *Signs* magazines.

Along a 209 kilometre-long stretch of the Oxley Highway between Wauchope and Uralla (NSW), Jack places copies of *Signs* and *The Great Controversy* on picnic tables at rest areas.

"In October, 2009, I placed two *Great Controversy* books on a picnic bench, as I always do, halfway along the Oxley. A lady and her husband picked one up, took it home and read it. They are now strong in the message, attending Port Macquarie church. A family of eight came along the same day, picked up a book, took it home, read it and I had the pleasure of seeing them baptised."

Jack has a vision for this ministry catching on: "I'm hoping this will encourage others to do the same. When they go on holidays, spread our literature out there on the highways and the byways, telephone boxes, on the seats in the trains in Sydney . . . we need to work while it is still daylight."

Jack says that, like Jonah, he resisted God's call to take up a lay pastoral role before finally caving in. "I'll be moving out to Western NSW for a while," he says. "Signs Publishing Company has supplied me with several thousand *Signs*. I'm going to spread them out while I can still walk."—*Kent Kingston*



Jack loves to share the gospel with everyone he meets.



Family holiday?

by Andrew Wilson

MY FAMILY AND I, ALONG WITH VOLUNTEERS from Victoria, travelled to the highlands of Papua New Guinea (PNG) to build a toilet and shower block for a medical clinic at Tombill in the Western Highlands. Prior to our building work, patients had to walk about 60 metres down a slope to use pit toilets and the closest washing place was a mountain stream about one kilometre away.

The clinic services about 6000 patients each year, treating major illnesses such as cholera, tuberculosis, malaria and hepatitis. Hundreds of babies are born in the clinic—during our stay a newborn baby was named Alice, after the wife of one of our Horsham volunteers!

The trip was invaluable for our children as they were able to experience life in Tombill. Most of the people in the region are subsistence farmers who have very few mechanical conveniences. No running water. No electricity. They live very simply. Food is eaten the day it is picked. Most people have one large meal a day with not much in between, so obesity is not a problem, something we can learn for the West. We visited some homes and realised just how people live. They don't have wardrobes full of clothes that are hardly used, nor fridges full of perishables that go to waste.

In Tombill, many don't have television, computers, iPads to entertain once the sun goes down—but beautiful sounds of the night and the stars twinkling above.

Personal transport is rare, other than on foot. It was lovely to lie down at night exhausted but being blissfully aware there were no telephones, no emails to answer and no traffic noise. My family had so much to learn from the different lifestyle that we were enjoying.

Materially poor, but spiritually rich—that is how I would describe my new found friends in Tombill.

While I am obviously an outsider with limited understanding, I noticed church after church dotting the landscape. Each morning we would hear the families of the village singing and praying to God—thanking Him for all His blessings. Each evening we met in the church and had a time of worship. They had no musical instruments but could sing in beautiful harmony. Each Sabbath we stopped

our work and spent the day worshipping, resting and meeting with the people. What a relief to have a rest at the end of each week. One of the highlights for us was that our son Tim, who is 12, preached his first ever sermon in the tiny village of Tombill. From that time on he was known as Pastor Tim.


In contrast, we seem materially rich but spiritually poor. We have almost everything money could buy. We are rich in technology and everything to make life easier. Yet we have high rates of depression, divorce, obesity, child abuse and suicide. These are spiritual, relational problems where people struggle to find meaning and purpose in their lives.

Perhaps we have forgotten that no matter how materialistic we have become we all need to answer those basic questions of life—Where have I come from? Why am I here on this planet? Is there anything more than this life? These questions cannot be answered by stuffing ourselves full of material possessions.

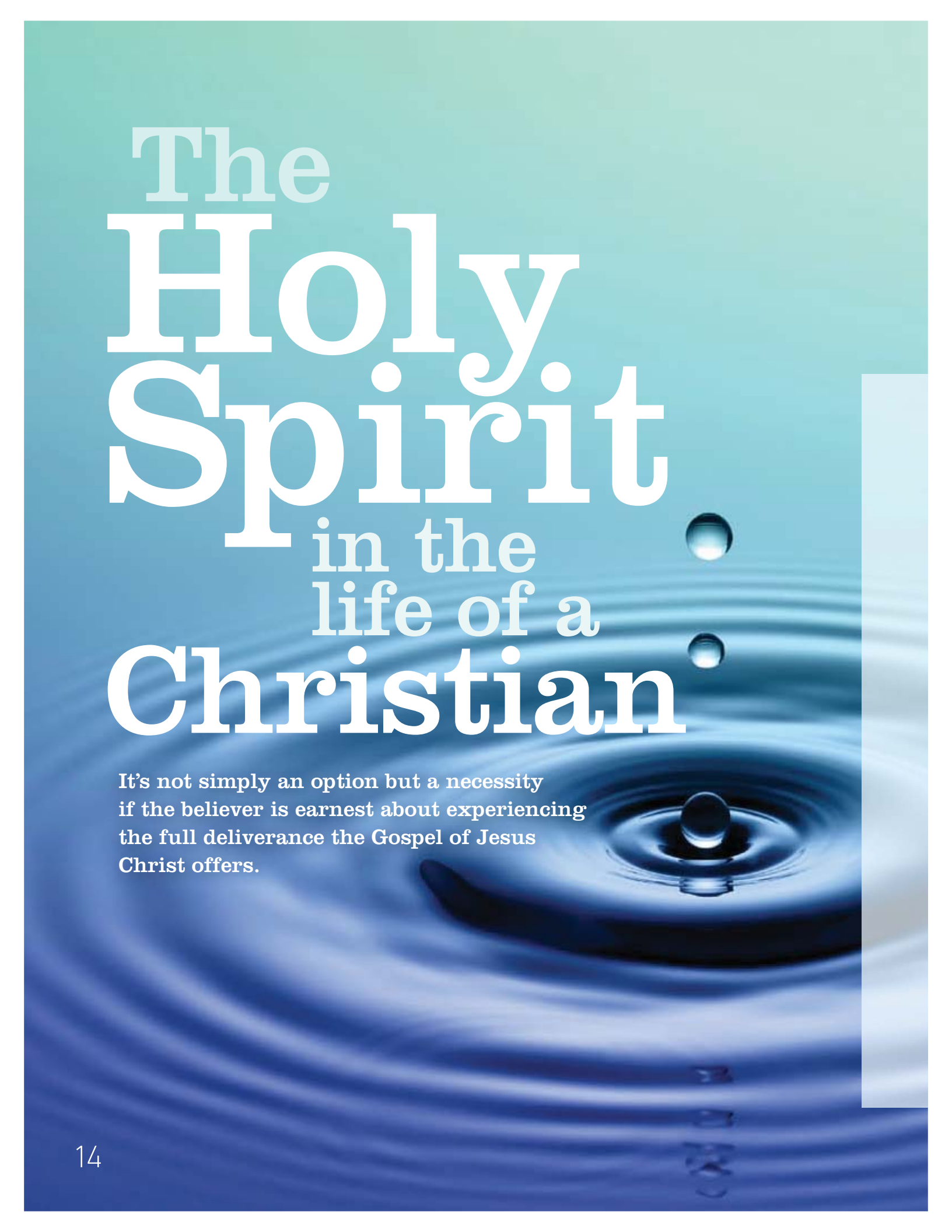
I believe we have a responsibility to share our blessings with others. I often meet people who quote "God helps them who help themselves" in justification for not caring about those who are less fortunate than us. Often I find people saying that rather than helping people from some other country why don't we just help ourselves.

I would like to encourage you to give generously whenever you have the opportunity to help someone in different circumstances than yourselves. Jesus' statement that it is more blessed to give than receive is still true. Rather than a trip to Bali, Korea or Thailand to grab a bargain—why not travel with the idea of serving.

We had four senior citizens in our group who made vital contributions. The whole project wouldn't have happened without their ongoing organisation, energy and knowledge. And we had four young people under 15 who also helped.

Today the people of Tombill Medical Clinic can attend to their shower and toilet needs in cleanliness because somebody spent their holidays in service. Do something similar—you and the people you help will be glad you did. 

Andrew Wilson is a lay minister in Horsham and Nhil, for the Victorian Conference.



The Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian

It's not simply an option but a necessity if the believer is earnest about experiencing the full deliverance the Gospel of Jesus Christ offers.

by Dennis Smith



UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCING THE HOLY Spirit is essential for the Christian to enter into the mystery of union with Christ; abiding in Christ and Christ abiding in them. If we do not understand and experience the work of the Holy Spirit we won't enjoy the fullness of Christ living in us—nor have the victories necessary to become just like Jesus and be ready for His Second Coming. Also, our service for Him will be less fruitful.

The work of the Holy Spirit simply describes the infilling of the Holy Spirit into the life of the believer. This infilling and anointing has been available to Christians since the day of Pentecost 2000 years ago. Peter associated the Pentecost outpouring of the Spirit with the "early rain" prophecy of Joel (see Acts 2:16-21). Joel also foretold a "latter rain" of the Spirit. However, one must experience the early rain baptism of the Holy Spirit in order to benefit from the latter rain of the Spirit, which is to fall shortly before Jesus returns.

Jesus promised the Father would give the Spirit to all who ask (Luke 11:13). Paul tells us we receive this gift by faith (Galatians 3:14). The reception of this gift is so important; Paul commands us to continue to "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). It's not simply an option but a necessity if the believer is earnest about experiencing the full deliverance the Gospel of Jesus Christ offers.

Jesus is our example in all things. In His life we see the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a special event at His water baptism (Luke 3:21-22). This event equipped Him for victory over Satan (Luke 4:1-13). It was also a special anointing for ministry (Luke 4:14,18-19).

Jesus said the believer would do the "works" He did and "greater works". The fulfilment of Jesus' promise was seen on the day of Pentecost and following. The Gospel was preached, souls were won, unity and joy were seen in the believers and the sick were healed (Acts 2:46-47; 5:15-16).

A practical question might be, how did believers receive

the Spirit after Pentecost? The answer is found in the book of Acts. On a couple of occasions the Spirit fell on a group while Peter spoke to them (Acts 10:44-46; 11:15-17). Also, it appears that God led the church to receive the blessing of the Spirit for a specific office by the laying on of hands (Acts 8:12-17; 19:1-6).

In Acts 8 the individuals of Samaria were led by the Spirit to accept Christ and be baptised. Yet they had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Peter and John came to them from Jerusalem for the specific purpose to lay hands on them and pray for the Spirit to come upon them. The Spirit leads an individual to accept Christ and be baptised in water.

We see in Acts that Paul also received the blessing of the Spirit by the laying on of hands and prayer soon after his power conversion experience (Acts 9:17).

Ellen White stated many years ago:

"What we need is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Without this, we are no more fitted to go forth to the world than were the disciples after the crucifixion of their Lord" (*Review and Herald*, Feb 18, 1890).

"Impress upon all the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the church, so that they will be living, growing, fruit-bearing trees of the Lord's planting" (*Testimonies Vol 6*, p 86).

When one reads Ellen White's statements on the Holy Spirit it is clear that she saw its importance and urged every believer to seek it. It was clear to her that the presence of the Spirit was essential for God's work to be finished in the lives of His people and on this Earth.

God desires to give His children this wonderful experience. However, in order to receive, we must ask in faith believing He will bestow it. Secondly, we must be willing to give ourselves completely to God. R

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Role call

by Dr Amy Butler

WOULD LIKE TO OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE THE unveiling of my grand plan to revolutionise current church membership practices.

It's not that this thinking is new to me; it actually started long before, during one of our board meetings several years ago where we heatedly discussed whether or not people should be removed from church membership if they no longer attend.

But every time I teach a new member class or fill in a form asking for church membership numbers, I think about this again. And again and again and again. And I officially declare that I am done thinking about it. It's time to take some radical action.

Here's the thing: I have given this speech innumerable times, to the point that our senior elder once asked me to tone it down, as I could be scaring people. I have written about this in the church newsletter so much the editor is starting to suggest new material. I have even preached about this, as preaching is often good for addressing a captive audience.

Here's what I say: In short, being a church member means you show up regularly, in person at little events like, say, worship; you offer your voice to the ongoing conversation of how we're following Jesus around here; you give your money as I believe everybody should tithe; you commit yourself to a personal discipline of faith, which means tending to your own spiritual health and praying for the health of this community; and you actively help newer members and visitors find their place in church life.

The thing is anybody can be a part of our life together—everyone is welcome to participate. But I feel a conviction that being a church member is a different thing altogether. And after years of worrying about being too demanding of people, I am scared no longer. Church membership is a big deal, because the health of our community, not to mention the work of following Jesus, is a big deal, too.

So here's what I propose:

Church membership is a big deal, because the health of our community, not to mention the work of following Jesus, is a big deal too.

– Let's clear the rolls every year. Yes. January 1, the church membership number goes down to zero.

– Then, as an act of worship, let's all publicly commit ourselves to church membership for the year ahead—with full awareness that we are committing to the life of this community in the ways I mentioned.


– And then, let's agree to hold each other accountable while we pray as hard as we can for God's help.

I am not so naïve that I don't know this sort of mem-

bership policy may present some problems. For one thing, the number of delegates that we can send to sessions is based on our membership numbers. No matter that we can never find enough people to go anyway, but I guess I could see how a reduction in our allowed representation might be . . . sad? And then, of course, if we publish accurate membership numbers every year, all the people out there who were under the impression that our church was a megachurch will

know the truth.

Honestly, the only real objection I can think of is that a membership policy like this might prove unpopular with people who move away but want to maintain their ties to this specific church. I can see how this could be hard; it's always hard to live through transition and change. But if we define church membership as being present and invested, then we will have taught our people well if they move away and find a new community of faith in which to plant their lives.

Frankly, I would much rather be sending out evangelistic, committed Christians to other faith communities than have a super-inflated membership number that is not reflected in the actual life of our community. So, that's it: my secret plan to overthrow current church membership policies. I think it's high time we shake things up a bit. Who's in? 

Dr Amy Butler is senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, DC. She challenges Seventh-day Adventists and other Christians to value their membership.

LETTERS

PERFECT

Jenny Finlayson, NZ

I am so delighted with the article "Ellen White, the Bible and perfection" (Feature, December 4, 2010). It's written so well I've been able to understand the real meaning of perfection. Perfection has been one of my worries for years.

The more I've struggled (in my own strength) to be perfect, the further I've moved away from it. I now understand it's Jesus' robe of righteousness that covers me, that makes me just as if I had never sinned (justified).

FALLACY EXPOSED

Max Hatton, NSW

Thank you for the well balanced article exposing the fallacy of sinless perfectionism in "Ellen White, the Bible and perfection".

Ellen White agrees and wrote, "Righteousness without a blemish can only be obtained through the imputed righteousness of Christ" (*Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald*, Sept 3, 1901).

WHOLE-HEARTEDLY AGREE

Colin MacLaurin, QLD

I whole-heartedly agree with the author of "Ellen White, the Bible and perfection". I agree "perfection" is unattainable and detracts from the Gospel.

However, we should clarify that sinless perfection is what is meant. The Bible does tell us to "be perfect", but in a broader context this is best understood as maturity. "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8, TNIV).

NO LONGER DISCONNECTED

Felicity Johnson, SA

Looking back through an earlier edition of RECORD, I was amused by Berto's cartoon of a man disconnected from church (Cartoon, February 20, 2010). No doubt it was inspired by Mark Baines' feature "Disconnected".

The longer I stared at the sketch, the more profound its meaning became.

I left church for more than a decade. I didn't feel valued, wanted or recognised. In fact, I felt invisible in my church.

Little by little, my Christian principles eroded. Living in a secular world—I felt like a stranger in a foreign land—once again, alone, peculiar, scared and empty.

My journey back has been long and difficult, but I've finally made it back.

I now attend church every Sabbath and each sermon has a special message. I have finally found peace, love and joy through Jesus. I've come to the realisation I was self-centred—when I should have been focused on the One who died for me.

I learned that being a Seventh-day Adventist Christian means belonging to a large loving family of brothers and sisters. I'm no longer disconnected.

BRILLIANT AND SUCCESSFUL

Kristine Stahl, SA

I enjoyed reading "Women's role in church examined" (Feature, November 6, 2010) and "First woman commissioned" (News, December 4, 2010).

Women have been serving the mission of the church since the late nineteenth century.

George Knight says in his book, *A brief history of the Seventh-day Adventists*, there were 21 licensed female pastors who served our Church from its inception. They had a brilliant and highly successful ministry and founded many churches.

Minnie Sype, for example, established at least 10 churches. Pastor Sype did more than evangelism—she performed many baptisms, weddings and funeral services.

Lulu Wightman was one of Adventism's most successful and powerful female evangelists. Pastor Wightman started at least 17 churches. Dr Knight says, "she far outdistanced most of her male contemporaries".

Jessie Weiss Curtis is said to have presented 80 converts for baptism at the end of her first evangelistic campaign.

Dr Knight reminds us we have too often overlooked the contributions of women to the development of Adventism.

COULD HAVE BEEN MY STORY

Name withheld, NSW

I strongly identified with the author of "The great disappointment" (Feature, November 6). Her story, with changed circumstances, could have been mine.

Don't make the mistake I did. I left God for some years, loved, lived with and had children to a non-Christian. After I was rebaptised, my children grew up without their father in the home.

I now look back on an ultimately fulfilled life as a nurse and teacher. I have a loving church family and the heartache of not being married has long subsided.

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RECORD REWIND

Arthur Patrick

Australia's home of health

History shows that Seventh-day Adventist health initiatives thrive best in the creative tension between memory and anticipation. We remember Eden as the ideal home for humans. Fruits, grains and nuts were our first diet. We were offered trustful relationships with God, and each other through marriage. Quality rest and worship were constants, epitomised in God's gift of the Sabbath. We Adventists always anticipate the restoration of Eden,



by faith enjoying the 12 fruits of the Tree of Life, seeing the face of God, with "no more death, or mourning or crying or pain".

In the interim, we've built health institutions (there are 171 of them worldwide) that help people both remember the original Eden and hope for Eden

restored. Take Sydney Adventist Hospital as an example.

In the late 1890s as our Australian pioneers sought a place for the Sydney Sanitarium, they were excited to find an orchard in the bushland of Wahroonga. Nay-sayers said the site was too far from the city for a viable healthcare institution. Proponents pointed to the two railway lines that converged at Hornsby Junction.

After the Reverend Hugh Jones, MA, a Presbyterian minister from Victoria, was admitted with a "poisoned leg" during 1909, he described in glowing terms the environs of the San, sometimes advertised as "Australia's Home of Health".

The surroundings of the Sydney Sanitarium are exceedingly beautiful. There are some lovely walks in the vicinity, along tree-embowered roads or through sylvan glades. I know, as I must have averaged about five miles a day walking, and I never grew tired of the scenery. While I was at the Sanitarium the waratah was in gorgeous bloom, and there were lovely wild flowers everywhere carpeting the ground, the exquisite native rose being particularly striking. The large estate of the Sanitarium is really a sanctuary for native birds.

An excellent setting for staff and patients to reflect on the first Eden and anticipate the New Earth!

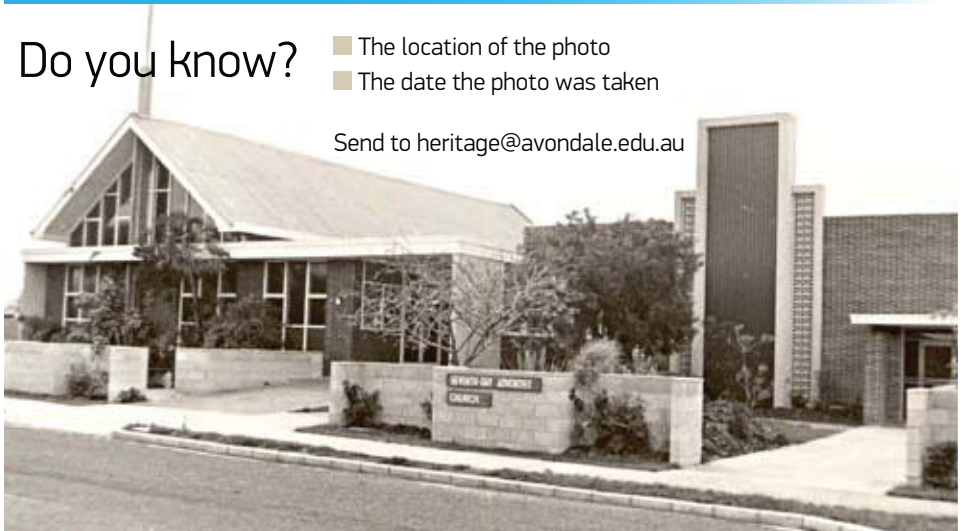
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Kids' Space

Sa Yadra* Kids

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MATCH IT!
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Help carry my neighbours groceries



Listen when mum and dad are talking

Take the dog for a walk



Cuddle my younger brother or sister

Help tidy and sweep the house



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Alex Chit-Nat-Hrout

"A car crash!" Those are the only words to describe my life before I became a follower of Jesus.

Although I was born into a Christian family, there was no love in my family. My dad was a colonel in the Vietnamese army who went to war against the Americans in the late 1950s. Dad controlled our family with the same harsh military discipline he had learnt in the army.

As a young child, Dad ruled with a

'rod of iron'. As a result, my life was truly miserable. While growing up, I promised myself that when I reached the age of 18 I would leave my parents and go as far away from them as possible. There I would do exactly as I pleased. That's what I did.

During the two years I spent in India, I ended up taking drugs—heavy ones, including heroin. Sadly, I also became an actor in pornographic movies. My life was a total mess. Then I decided to travel to the 'land of milk and honey', Australia.

I arrived in Darwin in the '70s with only \$A10 in my pocket. It wasn't long before I started making porn movies again. In 1975 I moved to Sydney and there I met a drug trafficker who was also into prostitution. Through my contact with him, for many years my life revolved around making huge amounts of money. It was a lifestyle that I thought I was enjoying.

The sad thing is that even though I was a millionaire by the time I was 36, it wasn't satisfying. I wanted more money. So, I decided to join the Mafia. It wasn't an easy life. During this time I was kidnapped for more than 48 hours. A large sum of money was demanded for my ransom. Somehow I managed to escape. Shortly after that incident, I plotted to get rid of my boss, the Mafia leader, so that I could become number one. But, instead, my boss found out and sent his thugs to get rid of me. They shot me twice, but again, mysteriously, I managed to survive.

Due to turmoil in Sydney I decided to run for my life and ended up in New Caledonia. There too, I became involved in big business, as well as politics and turned over lots of money. My greatest passion though was being involved with the supernatural, where I devoted most of my time to being a medium as well as a spiritual healer. In fact, I was well known, not only in New Caledonia but also in many of the Pacific islands. Thousands of people would call me to talk to their dead loved ones—others would call me to heal them. At night I would spend most of my time in cemeteries to be next to my dead friends. I was literally living a life of hell, without knowing it. I was deceived all along because my healing practice seemed to be working very well and so was my contact with the dead.

In February 2007, one of my Seventh-day Adventist friends invited me to a three-week evangelistic campaign. At first I promised to attend for one night, but I ended up attending every meeting. I remember how during some of the meetings, especially at the beginning of the campaign, the spirits would tell me to leave and not attend the meetings. In fact, one night, the spirits were so angry that there were constant power cuts to the building.

Night after night, as evangelist, Pastor Jean-Noel Adeline from the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, opened the Word of God, I began to realise just how poor and how lost I was in sin. I started to see that there were indeed some things that money couldn't buy. Though I was wealthy enough to buy anything I desired, I could not buy genuine love and authentic peace. During the three-week campaign, I finally understood that I had a big emptiness in my heart that only Jesus, my Creator and Saviour, could fill.

As Pastor Adeline opened the Scriptures, I discovered new things from the Bible that brought greater meaning to my existence. Soon afterwards, in March 2007, I decided to give my life completely over to the Lord. Today, although I'm not proud of my past, I know that I have been forgiven. Through the blood of Christ I've become a child of the King. I love my new life. I love my church. But most importantly, I now walk with my Saviour every day. Praise the Lord.

MY CHURCH

SAWDUST PIDGIN, Lae, Papua New Guinea

Pastor Danny Wanpis

We have 250 members but usually get between 400 and 500 attending each week. Lae is a big transit area, so we have people from all the provinces of Papua New Guinea (PNG) attending. This also means we get lots of visitors so church members always take them home for Sabbath lunch. The thing I like about my church is the family relationships. There are lots of children.

This year we dedicated a branch church in a new work area that is mainly Lutheran. We had three evangelistic programs this year also.

Fourth quarter was dedicated to visitation. All of our elders are praying and visiting in the community.

We are fundraising and hoping to build a new multi-ministry church in the next five years.

Our focus would be that each department serves needs in the community. For example, there are many problems with alcohol, drugs and prostitution. We would like to provide counselling. There are no Adventist churches in PNG that do this.

My church returns one of the highest tithes in the Morobe mission and some members support missionaries in their work. I really appreciate my elders and members for supporting the mission of the church.





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Pannekoek, Bob and Bernice (nee Bowhey) were married by Pastor Claude Judd on 4.8.1960 in Prospect church, SA. To celebrate their 50th anniversary, their four sons and families, Mark; Luke, Tammy and sons, Joshua and

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Michael (Normanhurst); Paul, Sharon and daughters, Kirsten and Melanie (Kundibakh); and Robert, Nahtanha and daughter Jireh (Buxton, Vic), came together for a special weekend at their home in Rainbow Flat, NSW. After living in Adelaide, Darwin, PNG and Cooranbong, Bob and Bernice now enjoy fellowship at Taree church, NSW.



Schultz, Ray and Glenice (nee Savage) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their children and families at their home in Morayfield, Qld. On 15.11.1950, they were married by Pastor Alfred Kranz at the Avondale College Chapel. They have three children; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Ray taught at Avondale for 15 years. He served in PNG for 10 years, then six years at Hawthorn and five in building maintenance at Warburton. Their love for each other has stood the test of time. They give thanks to God for His leading and blessings throughout their lives.

Shick, Ray and Judy have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at the North Sydney church on 10.10.1960 by Pastor A E Watts. They live on beautiful Lord Howe Island and celebrated with close family at Beachcomber Lodge.



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WEDDINGS

Bower—Tevaga. Gilbert Bower and Barbara Tevaga were united in marriage 4.10.10 at Avondale Memorial church, Cooranbong, NSW.

Raymond Dabson

Cochran—McDougall. Jamie Cochran, son of Ivan and Anne Cochran (Perth, WA) and Jo Skehan (Sunshine Coast, Qld), and Tanya McDougall, daughter of Noel and Heather McDougall, were married 2.5.10 in Mackay Central church.

Rick Ferret

Hudson—Matthews. Arthur Francis Hudson and Andrea Cheree Matthews were married 6.6.10 at Yarrhapinni Youth Centre, NSW. Torrential rain cleared providentially for a weekend filled with family and friends. They have made their home in Sydney.

Robert V. Saunders

OBITUARIES

Bowers, Roxford Busing, born 10.1.1927 at Invercargill, NZ; died 5.11.10 at Gatton, Qld. On 27.12.1950, he married Joy Briggs in Christchurch. He was baptised on 15.12.1943 at Timaru. He was predeceased by his children, Roxford Gordon in 1954 and Tracey Anne in 1964. He is survived by his wife (Gatton, Qld); Kerrie and Don Armstrong (Laidley), David (Toowoomba); his grandchildren, Tahlia, Kyle and Hayden Armstrong, and Jay and Rhys Bowers; his sister Margaret Bidmead (Bowral, NSW);

Desmond Bowers (Hamilton, NZ); sister-in-laws, May Cronk (Beenleigh, Qld) and Ivy O'Hara (Coominya). Rox was an amazing humble man, with a keen mind and wit. Thousands of students were influenced by him as he taught in many schools in both the state and church systems.

Reg Harris, John Rabbas

Castle, Norman John, born 2.6.1917 at Wahgunyah, Vic; died 6.10.10 at Mitcham. He is survived by his wife, Joan; and son, Philip (Mitcham). When the family moved to Melbourne, John's father started the Castle Bus Company. When World War II began, the company was seconded by the government for use in the war effort. John joined the RAAF, trained in electronic war equipment, then served in the New Guinea jungles installing radio communications for the Allies. Post war, John worked in the textile industry, where he met Joan May Scott, and in the words of son Philip they married in 1967 "after an epic 10 year courtship". John was attracted to the Adventist Church through the *It is Written* television program.

Merv Sparrowhawk

Cooze, Reeve Francis, born 14.4.1926 at Hastings, NZ; died 11.10.10 at Whangarei. In 1947, he married Nola. He was predeceased by his daughter, Lynne, in 2007. He is survived by his wife; and his children, Grant (both of Whangarei), Ross (Sydney) and Robyn (Wellington, NZ). Reeve was brought up on Pitcairn Island and after a short term in the Merchant Marines during World War II, settled in New Zealand working at various trades, mostly engineering related. He loved the sea, sailing the Pacific several times, and returned to Pitcairn a number of times. Reeve returned to the church four years ago, and was much loved by his church family.

Ken Curtis

Davis, Stanley Jack, born 28.4.1918 in Sydney, NSW; died 20.10.10 at Canberra, ACT. On 20.3.1940, he married Pearl Akers at North Sydney church, who predeceased him on 8.6.08. He is survived by his daughters and their spouses, Daphne and Ron Butler (Canberra) and Beverley and John Whittaker (Redlands California, USA); brother, Melvin;

sisters, Verlie French, Gwen Gane (all of NSW); five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Besides some years spent working with his father in the leadlight business and on the family farm, Stan was employed by the Sanitarium Health Food Company in 1941 and held various positions including manager of the Perth and Melbourne branches. He retired in 1983. He was conscripted into the Australian army in 1942 and served in New Guinea, returning home in 1945. Stan was always a true gentleman and a genuine Christian.

Neil Lawson, Sid Griffith, Barry Gane, Wayne French

Drayton, George Joseph (Joe), born 6.11.1930 at Peshurst, Vic; died 27.10.10 in Warrnambool. He was the only child of Joseph William and Gertrude Annie Drayton (nee Albert) of Peshurst. As a youngster he attended Peshurst Primary School. Joe worked as a station hand and developed a reputation as a very hard worker. In 1968, his father and mother both died. On 26.9.1970, Joe was baptised at the Hamilton church. He lived in Warrnambool from 1981 to the time of his death. Joe was a very quiet and humble man and will be sadly missed by his Warrnambool church family.

Nikola Trajkov

Fehlberg, Maxwell, born 24.5.1918 at Glen Huon, Tas; died at Whittle Ward, Hobart. On 29.5.1940, he married Christine Kingston, who predeceased him. He is survived by Ron and Glenda and their children, Jacinda, Jarrod, Jaclyn and Jaydon; and Chris and Sue and their children, Karl and Dane (all of Hobart). Max was an inspiration to many in his walk with Jesus, encouraging all he met to do the same.

Wayne Boehm

Hassett, Mary Laxmore (nee Sutton), born 1.7.1920 at Kaitaia, NZ; died 18.6.10 at Whangarei. In 1975, she married Walter Hassett, who predeceased her. Mary was baptised following a mission in

1953, and gave many years of service to the Kaitaia church. She was awarded the Queen's Service Medal, recognising 40 years of community service, and was honoured with a street named after her. She died with absolute assurance of her resurrection when Jesus returns.

Ken Curtis

Hawkins, Elsie May (nee MacDougal), born 10.5.1916 at Bathurst, NSW; died 25.10.10 at Cooranbong. On 16.2.1946, she married Theo, who predeceased her in 2002. She is survived by her children, Don and Jenny; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Elsie ministered to others through her music and hospitality. She accompanied Pastor Wally Hammond and Pastor Robert Parr and played for Pastor J W Kent's evangelistic series. She played piano for Conference camps and local churches across Australia. She received wonderful care from the nursing staff at Kressville. Her music, smile, flowers and lamingtons will continue in our memory as we await Jesus' return.

Murray House, James London

Highley, Peggy, born 3.9.1918 in Wollongong, NSW; died 25.9.10 in Wollongong. On 11.4.1948, she married Ted Spencer. She was predeceased by her husband in 1972; and her sons, Brian in 2008 and Robert in 2009. She is survived by Beverly and David Barrett (Tamworth), Margaret and Ron Godsmen (Wollongong), Peter and Jill Spencer (Nambucca Heads), Jenny and John Godsmen (Goulburn) and Elizabeth and Bill Nelson (Idaho, USA). Peggy was a long time member of Goulburn church before ill health prevented her from attending.

Joseph Maticic

Kenyon-Weston, Lynette Maureen, born 15.11.1951; died 15.11.10 at Livingstone in Rhodesia, South Africa. She was predeceased by her son, Danny. Lyn is the mother of Roy van Morsel and grandmother of Grace. She is

survived by her mother, Sybill, in Rossmoyne, WA. Her siblings are Leicester (Qld), Phyllis and Bruce (both of WA). She rests with her Lord until His return when she will be reunited with her family.

Derek McCutcheon

Kerr, Adrian Robin (Adi), born 5.12.1978 at Scottsdale, Tas; died in Royal Hobart Hospital. He is survived by his parents, Rob and Joanne; and his sisters, Natalie and Jillian Alyse (all of Tas). Adi passed away quietly in the Royal Hobart hospital, giving life to eight people through the gift of organ donation.

Brad Cooke, Rick Hergenhan, Wayne Boehm

Marks, Leslie Raymond, born 21.7.1923 at Warragul, Vic; died 3.9.10 in Murray Valley Private Hospital at Wodonga. On 24.4.1954, he married Hilary Adelaide Lowe. He is survived by his wife (Melbourne, Vic); his children, Neil (Brisbane, Qld) and Lynne and Glenn (Melbourne). After serving in World War II, Les spent the next 30 years working in the timber industry in various locations around Victoria. He retired to Barnawatha North by the Murray River, and spent the last 26 years of his life working in his shed, his garden, and on his woodwork and metal work.

Lawrence Launders, Neil Marks

Yeo, Campbell Arthur, born 18.10.1973, died 11.8.10 at his home in Brisbane. He leaves behind his wife, Amanda; children, Elizabeth, 7, and Xavier, 3; his parents, Alister and Elizabeth; sister, Kathryn; and brother, David. He will be missed by many.

Raymond Dabson

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