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## Samoa builds new ADRA office

*Su'a Julia Wallwork—Apia, Samoa*

The Seventh-day Adventist church in Samoa has shown its support of aid and development by recently building a new office for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Samoa.

The building was completed with the assistance of ADRA South Pacific Division.

ADRA has been in Samoa for more than 20 years, helping the local community at various times with water tanks and building seawalls in vulnerable coastline villages.

In the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami devastation of 2009, ADRA jumped into action within 24 hours—assisted by ADRA NZ and ADRA Australia—to provide shelter, food and water as part of the immediate relief and response program. ADRA continued to help with recovery in the six months after the tsunami, offering

a Cash-for-Work project in the villages that it was assigned by the government to work in.

ADRA Samoa's focus for now is to create disaster preparedness awareness and economically sustainable development projects.

Moleni Iene looked after the ADRA work in Samoa but is now retired, and has been replaced by new country director, Su'a Julia Wallwork, who is excited with the progress of ADRA, developing its relationships with government ministries and international organisations in Samoa.



ADRA Samoa's new office at Lalovaea.

## Young people bring revival to their community

*Trixie Carter/Pablo Lillo—Solomon Islands*



RECORD is used as a resource in outreach.

Hundreds of young people on Savo Island, in Central Province of the Solomon Islands, have established an outreach program for the wider community.

They said the Gospel Wokabout program was the result of the infilling of the Holy Spirit after working through Operation Global Rain (OGR), a grassroots movement of prayer focused on revival and reformation.

"The youth went from village to

village and met with all people by sharing books and God's Word," said Pastor Selwyn Kouto of the Ravulomata church.

"We also left RECORD magazines, using them to share our Church's message.

"We decided to share RECORD with those in need because of the different segments and many messages in the church magazine. It's a new form of evangelism for us."

The young people spent 10 days praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As a result, many experienced revival, and a number of testimonies were heard of youth wanting to make a difference in their communities.

Young people from the local Anglican church also attended.

## Adventist productions on community TV

*Pablo Lillo—Sydney, New South Wales*

Living Ministry Media (LMM) has signed a two-year contract with Channel 44, an Adelaide-community digital TV station.

LMM is a lay run, not-for-profit Christian production house managed by volunteers. It started four years ago and now has a team of 23 trained technical staff.

Director Andrew Ganczarczyk said he started producing programs 13 years ago. "I saw an opportunity to film and produce programs for the Seventh-day Adventist Church around Adelaide in South Australia," he said.

The new contract will allow LMM to broadcast each Monday commencing April 4, from 9.30pm to 10.30pm, on Channel 44, which went digital in November 2010 and currently has more than 300,000 viewers in Adelaide.

"The South Australian Conference is starting a major evangelistic event soon; this will mean thousands of people

from around Adelaide will get a chance to watch the series in the comfort of their own homes," Mr Ganczarczyk said.

The series, iDiscover—planned by teams of pastors and volunteers, in conjunction with Pastor Gary Webster from Adventist Media Network—will run from May 13 to June 12.

"This is truly God's power at work," Mr Ganczarczyk said. "To be able to obtain airtime, just before a major evangelistic event, isn't just a coincidence or luck. It's God working and preparing the way for mass communication for the Seventh-day Adventist message."



Rachel Murrell (Channel 44 operations manager) and Andrew Ganczarczyk.



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## The invitation . . .

Pablo Lillo

I spent my formative years attending the Wetherill Park Spanish church in Sydney. It was one of the fastest growing churches in Australia. We worked hard and held regular evangelistic meetings. Pastor Richard Olivares Senior was my spiritual leader, mentor and friend.

I recall many occasions where he would bring visitors to church in his own car. He would do this for weeks until they felt safe enough to attend on their own.

The other week I spent time in Tasmania interviewing people about their baptism and Christian journey (see Flashpoint, page 7). I visited Smithton church where Peter McCrostie serves as pastor. Pastor McCrostie seemed nervous throughout Sabbath School, so I asked if everything was OK. He told me he'd invited two non-Adventist families to church and wasn't sure if they would turn up.

Between Sabbath School and church I ventured outside and interviewed a few people. When I returned I saw Pastor McCrostie pacing around the back of the church. He looked like a child in a lolly shop. Sensing his excitement, I asked if his visitors had arrived. "Yes they have," he responded, trying to contain himself. He pointed out five people who were sitting three rows from the front. He was speechless. God had answered his prayers. I thoroughly enjoyed church—I could feel the excitement in the air, a reminder of my teenage years.

Thom Rainer, quoting survey statistics in his book *The Unchurched Next Door*, says, "82 per cent of the unchurched are at least 'somewhat likely' to attend church if they're invited".

Perhaps we need to pause on this response. Perhaps we need to restate it: More than 8 out of 10 of the unchurched said they would come to church if they were invited. When was the last time you invited an unchurched person to church?

Please continue to pray for those affected by flooding in Australia, the earthquake in Christchurch and the devastation in Japan. They may be out of the news but people there are still picking up the pieces.

On a lighter note, in this edition we recognise your contribution to RECORD with the annual Hindson Awards on page 9, and ask you to examine what baptism really means (page 16).

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## \$15,000 raised for SAH outreach

David Pennington—Sydney, New South Wales

The Nepal Reconstructive Surgery Team raised more than \$A15,000 in a fundraising dinner at Kellyville church hall on March 5.

This is the eighth year the team, sponsored by the Sydney Adventist Hospital Outreach program, will visit the Scheer Memorial Hospital, near Kathmandu.

This year a team of plastic surgeons, anaesthetists, gynaecologists and a urologist will operate on an expected 50 or more patients with burn-scar contractures, uterine prolapses and other conditions. However, the majority of the team are nurses who will assist the recovery of the patients. The program spends about \$A40,000 annually on the Nepal medical mission.

More than 100 attended the fundraising dinner and were fed a three-course meal, entertained by Padi and Ron's "easy-listening" style of music and heard about personal memories of previous tours recounted by Professor David

Pennington (senior plastic surgeon) and nurse Jen Dixon.

New team member, Dr Ken Vaux, recounted his and his wife Karen's experience in Christchurch during the recent

earthquake. The interviews were conducted "Parkinson-style" by SAH Outreach coordinator, Michael Were.

Andrew Grant, master of ceremonies for the evening, managed to earn money for the project by auctioning cakes. One even sold for \$A1000.

Anyone wishing to assist the project can visit <<http://nepalreconstructiveprogram.gofundraise.com.au/>>. A video of the program is viewable there as well.



Child with a damaged hand, in need of treatment.

## ADRA responds to Japan earthquake

Kent Kingston/ANN

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) was able to respond almost immediately after an 8.9-magnitude earthquake and tsunami hit the east coast of Japan.

The Church's official aid agency provided food, water, shelter and internet access to stranded commuters in Tokyo, south of the disaster zone. ADRA International immediately committed \$US25,000 to fund an initial response while ADRA Japan began coordinating its efforts with the National Disaster Office and other non-government organisations.

In the days following the disaster, the International Adventist Church in Tokyo was set up as a refugee shelter. Masumi Shimada, president of the Adventist Church in Japan, said four institutional buildings sustained minor damage. As yet there are no reports of casualties among church members.



ADRA workers prepare to distribute aid after the earthquake.

## Oasis in the devastation

Evan Fray—Christchurch, New Zealand

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency in New Zealand (ADRA NZ) and the Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing Company have set up a café in a tough neighbourhood of Christchurch to help those affected by the earthquake.

The "ADRA Oasis Café" has become an important focal point for social activity in the suburb of Aranui, a community badly damaged by the recent Christchurch earthquake.

Meals are provided from early morning until late evening. A team of volunteers from Seventh-day Adventist churches are rostered to serve a variety of hot and cold meals in the parking lot of the Aranui church.

"We see this as an ideal way for the healing process to take place, especially since this location is still without power, water and sanitation," said ADRA NZ team leader Victoria Fray.

Patrons of the "ADRA Oasis Café" are from a wide cross section of society, but they all agree that the opportunity

to gather together and just sit and chat gives them a strong sense of belonging. This provides an ideal opportunity to share their challenges with each other.

Services will soon return to Aranui and houses will have water and power but many of the "regulars" have promised to keep coming to the "ADRA Oasis Café" as long as it operates. "It is like a pub with no beer," said someone in a group, who a few days ago had never met his neighbours.

Aranui is a tough neighbourhood with social and physical problems, but if a few free meals can make a difference in such a short time—the outlook for the local community is bright.



The Aranui community is being served by the "ADRA Oasis Café".

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### Lay training school doubles numbers

Nathan Brown—Yarra Valley, Victoria

The Australian Union Conference's Lay Training School has more than doubled its enrolments in its second year.

Held from February 6 to 25 at JumBunna Lodge in the Yarra Valley (Vic), the first intensive block attracted 23 students, including five enrolled in the new Youth Bible Instructor course. Ten church members graduated from the first Lay Pastoral Assistant Course last November.

"The increase in attendance is a significant factor," said Pastor Roger Govender, director of personal ministries for the AUC. "There is a strong interest from people to be trained for ministry in their local church and community. The group we have is very committed and is representative of the different demographics within the Church, which has been good for interactive learning and fellowship."

Victoria is the most represented conference among this year's students and according to conference president, Pastor Wayne Stanley, he will continue to encourage churches and church members to take advantage of the training offered. "We see this as a tremendous opportunity for pastors and churches to build the capacity of dedicated and committed lay people," he said.

Continuing to work with Andrews University (USA) with visiting lecturer Dr Ricardo Norton, the training program has caught attention from countries around the South Pacific and the world. "The curriculum we have developed has been shared with the Church in other parts of the world and will be used to develop similar programs in other countries," Pastor Govender said.

Another visiting lecturer was Dr Allan Lindsay, who presented for a week on Adventist history and mission. "To be effective Adventist witnesses, knowledge of our past is important to their understanding of what they have to share," he said. "I have been encouraged by the responses of the students here and it shows the value of this learning, as well as equipping them with the practical skills to share what they have learned."

Off-campus practicum will commence immediately upon students' return to their local churches, with supervision and mentoring from local pastors continuing until the next study block, planned for February next year.



Allan Lindsay teaching people of all ages.



Refer to *Baptism: Into Christ or into the church?* (page 16)





#### Gwenda Stampton

I was baptised in July 2000 by Pastor Totenhofer in the Yarra Valley church, Vic. My journey has had major ups and downs as I've been through many struggles. My friends have always encouraged me to be faithful to the very end.



#### Pauline Forward

I was baptised in 1963 by Pastor Andrews in the Nunawading church, Vic. I love being a Seventh-day Adventist. I thank God every day for His Word. I've struggled to live the life on a daily basis, but have always found strength in God.



#### Wayne Laughlan

I was baptised on November 27, 1999, in the Hamilton Church, Newcastle. I had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists until I met Janine, a faithful Adventist, who later became my wife.



#### Debbie Garrett

I was brought up an Adventist and left church when I was young. I'm a visitor and still learning. I came to church seeking greater knowledge as there is so much destruction happening around the world. I work as a remedial therapist and my clients are constantly asking questions about world events. My wish is to find answers, hope and a brighter future.



#### Charles Caperida

I've been an Adventist all my life. I was baptised at the age of 10 in the Philippines and have loved Jesus all my life. I enjoy attending the Smithton church, as my family and I have a strong sense of belonging. Our pastor, Peter McCrostie, preaches challenging, thought-provoking sermons.



#### Asher, Liana, Chalise, Alice, Sheridan

We've been attending the Smithton church, Tasmania, for over a year. The pastor's wife doorknocked in Smithton and invited us to Sabbath School and church. We come from different homes and love to get together every week. We love to colour in, learn about Jesus and sing songs in church. The pastor shares exciting children's stories and we eat yummy food after church at the pot-luck luncheons. We're not Seventh-day Adventists but we feel as though we belong. In the past we've enjoyed kids' club at church every second Wednesday after school. We'd study the Bible together, have fun games and eat fun food. Our parents trust the church to look after us.



#### Lyn McCrostie

I was baptised over 45 years ago as a young child. All I ever wanted to do was give my life to Jesus and serve Him. My journey has been full of challenges. My best friend Jesus has held my hand through it all. His love and compassion has been my mainstay.



#### Cheryl Smith

I came to know the powerful message of salvation through Hope Channel and 3ABN. I was baptised in October 2010 by Pastor Wayne Boehm. Our Church is privileged to have so many rich programs that go to air across the world.



#### Charles Andrew Bobongie

I was baptised more than 40 years ago in Mackay, Qld, by Pastor Wallace. One of the highlights of my Christian journey was attending the recent AUC Pathfinder Camporee in Toowoomba. I saw thousands of young people give their lives to God. I belong to a powerful movement.



#### Jon Bakker

I grew up in the Adventist Church but left when I was young. When I moved to Tasmania I sent my children to church but didn't attend. We later moved to a new house three doors from the church. I finally decided to attend. As I walked into the church I thought the building would collapse around me. I was baptised in 2003 with the knowledge that God meets us where we are.



#### Dulce Wessing

Twenty years ago I joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church through profession of faith after an amazing dream. I dreamed about an orange coloured city and thought it strange. The next day I saw an ad for meetings to be held about Petra, the ancient city. I was drawn to the meetings and fell in love with the Adventist message.



### Easter inspiration

A new Arabic-language Adventist TV channel was launched in February at Middle Eastern University, Lebanon. Al Waad (The Promise) is the latest addition to the Church's official Hope Channel network. After two weeks of broadcast, Al Waad received numerous emails and thousands of visits to their website. -[www.alwaad.tv/en](http://www.alwaad.tv/en)



### No bitterness

Lisa Gibson is the sister of one of the 270 people who died in 1988, when a Libyan terrorist bomb sent a commercial jetliner ploughing into the Scottish town of Lockerbie. Gibson personally forgave Colonel Gaddafi in 2009, and is asking for humanitarian aid in Libya's current crisis. -*Peace and Prosperity Alliance*



### Catch and release

An Adventist professor and university student in the Philippines are free after a six-day kidnapping ordeal. Armed men abducted the pair on the campus of Mindanao State University and demanded a ransom for their safe return. The release was negotiated by local police and military authorities. No injuries are reported. -*Inquirer Mindanao*



### Losing battle

Christian conservatives in the USA appear to be fighting a losing battle, after Hawaii became the 12th state to legalise gay unions. President Barack Obama has said that his administration will stop defending the federal Defense of Marriage Act that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. -*Sydney Morning Herald*



### Remembrance

David Lin spent 17 years in a Chinese prison for his religious activities during Mao's Cultural Revolution. Lin, who died on February 10 aged 93, was serving in Shanghai as secretary of the Adventist Church's China Division when he was arrested. He also translated *Desire of Ages* into Chinese. -*Adventist News Network*



### Church growth

According to new figures, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the second-fastest growing denomination in North America. *The 2011 Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches* shows a 4.31 per cent growth rate for Adventists, just behind the Jehovah's Witnesses at 4.37 per cent. In 2010 Adventist membership in the region topped one million. -*National Council of Churches*



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# Hindson Awards 2010

by Jarrod Stackelroth

IT IS A USEFUL EXERCISE TO STEP BACK occasionally and take a look at why we do what we do. For example, why do I work at RECORD? Maybe because I like to read and write. Maybe because I wanted to use my talents for the Church. Or maybe it is just because they were silly enough to give me a job!

On a more serious note, why do we produce RECORD? The masthead tells us it is the official news magazine of the South Pacific Division. What does that mean? Is it practical or just official?

We here in your friendly RECORD editorial department think it's something more. You may not notice as you read, yet any content that goes into the magazine must pass a test. We ask the question: Will this inspire, nurture, educate or challenge our readers? We want the magazine to build community, encourage people to talk to each other, even respond. It is a magazine that is accessible to people of all ages and nationalities.

In other words, it is a magazine for you. And that is what the Hindson Awards are about—recognising your contribution to the magazine. Without you, RECORD would not be what it is. Your letters, stories, photos and personal testimonies make the magazine. This is our way of saying thank you!

**Best news photo**  
**Troy Livah – Students build church in isolated village (News, August 28)**

These photos were excellent action shots depicting faith in action. The photo of the students in the canoe was excellent but had the wrong orientation to be a cover. Definitely the best photo we received.



**Best feature article**  
**Grenville Kent – The real Mile High club (May 15), Mark Serrels – Unequally yoked (September 18)**

This category was a tie. The team was equally divided between the two features. Both writers opened themselves to criticism as they used personal experience to encourage us to examine our motives and who we are as Adventists.

**Best practical feature**  
**Michelle Noerianto – Fasting: A spiritual discipline (October 16)**

Michelle sets out fasting in a neat, practical fashion, with simple tips and a biblical base.

**Best letter**  
**Christine Miles – Not scandalous (June 5)**

This letter was a favourite among the team for its encouraging words. Christine was willing to share her own experience in support of the feature writer (Maybe, May 1).

**Best opinion**  
**Marissa Grove – Lifestyle, not a ritual (July 3)**

Marissa challenges RECORD readers to keep praying for family and friends who have left the Church. And challenges those of us who remain to become more serious in having a personal relationship with God.

*Jarrod Stackelroth is assistant editor of RECORD.*



**Best news article**  
**Jacqueline Wari and Nancy Langdon – 13,000 women inspired to witness (News, June 19)**

It is always great to hear about some of the major events that are happening around the South Pacific Division. This event was epic in size and promptly

and comprehensively reported by these two women.

Comment? Go to [record.net.au](http://record.net.au)



# Why more hurt?

by Kayle de Waal



**WAS SITTING IN A COMPUTER TRAINING SESSION** when a colleague poked his head into the door and said Christchurch had just been struck with a 6.3 magnitude earthquake. You could feel the collective angst of the group immediately rise and the first thing we asked was whether there were any fatalities. At that stage, no-one knew, we were told. One of my colleagues led out in prayer and the instructor, noticing the change in mood and our faces too, I'm sure, asked if we should continue. Hesitantly we agreed to continue knowing we had a few minutes to complete anyway.

How do we respond, from a biblical perspective and individually, to the serious number of natural disasters we have been experiencing lately in our own backyard—the Queensland and Victorian floods, cyclone Yasi and now Christchurch—for a second time within six months. What about the huge tragedy now unfolding in northern Japan with thousands upon thousands feared dead. This is the worst of all nightmares for the Japanese, our fellow human beings. These deaths are a deep and tragic loss for families and are really beyond description in terms of the gut-wrenching experience they go through.

Well, for one thing, we know these signs are going to increase and intensify as we approach the day of our Lord's return. Did you know that there were over 30 earthquakes since the beginning of 2010 that were more than 7.0 on the Richter scale? Perhaps the evening news that recounts these tragedies in a few minutes has left us with the inability to recall the damage and devastation caused. Jesus clearly stated that wars, disasters and earthquakes will increase as we approach the end (Matthew 24:1-9; Luke 21: 25-28). John deepens the complexity of the issues at the end by saying that "the devil will come down to you in fury, because he knows his time is short" (Revelation 12:12). The devil's time and intensity is inversely proportional. With less time, he has more fury. It seems then that the devil is going to be allowed by God to wreak havoc on this terrestrial ball we call home. How strange that what insurance companies label as "an act of God" is in reality "an act of Satan". We are biblically correct in ascribing blame to the devil because Scripture says God is beyond reproach, blameless and just (Psalm 116:5; 1 John 4:8; 1 John 1:8). In fact, at the end of the book of Job, after his terrible ordeal, God commends Job for not "speaking wrong" of Him (Job 42:6). Job never once blamed God and neither must we as we see tragedies and disasters unfold around us.

Ironically, the devil wanted Jesus to worship him in Matthew 4 since he claimed to be the ruler of this world. The havoc wreaked by the devil in these last days, in terms of the natural disasters we see escalating, is actually an exposé of the devil's character and modus operandi. He is a murderer and the father of lies (John 8:44) and is out to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). This is the kind of make-believe ruler he is. While this may provide some understanding for what we see taking place around us, what of the cost, not in

infrastructure and so forth but the cost of human lives. And what of the pain and turmoil caused in people's lives?

God's ways are not our ways, neither are His thoughts our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8). In this great controversy, God has purposefully limited Himself to work within the confines of a broken world. Because He has chosen to truly enter into our existence, not only in the Incarnation, but also in His dealings with us, God, in some acute and mysterious manner, feels the devastation and loss of every human life. If He notices a sparrow, not when it is dead, but as it is falling to its death, then unquestionably He notices when a human being, made a little lower than the angels, passes on or is in grief and loss. God cares deeply and profoundly, in a manner I nor anyone else can never completely articulate.

Death will be the last enemy to be destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:26). Have you ever wondered why that is the case? Death has been defeated because Christ has won the victory through His death and resurrection. God now uses death for His own salvific purpose. Yet, when we see death, we see defeat, but God sees victory. Hence, God can use death for His glory. That glory will be made manifest at the Resurrection when countless millions, who have passed away in natural disasters, will be made alive by the power of the conquering Christ. In the meantime, their deaths speak to those of us who are still alive and especially those who were closest to them. Since they are vulnerable, the deaths of their loved ones provide the Church the opportunity to minister to these dear people and for the Spirit, the still small voice of God, to speak to their hearts as they lay their heads on their pillow.

Of course, there are many others who have died in natural disasters who won't be in God's kingdom. For them probation had closed, for even if they had continued living they made the choice of who would be lord of their lives. For still others, their death in a natural disaster could be an act of grace. God took Samson's life when he did, not in answer to his prayer but more so as an act of grace. If God left him he could have returned to his old ways and been lost. His death would eventually bring him life, eternal life (see Hebrews 11:32). I believe there will be many in this category. Still some, in places like Indonesia, Japan and Pakistan, would have lived up to all the light and truth they had. God will wink at their ignorance (Acts 17:26) and bring them into His kingdom.

Through it all I've learned to trust Him, through it all I've learned to put my faith in Him, sings Andre Crouch. I haven't thought through all the possibilities, but certainly a big point in all of this is that God is good, and all the time and in every circumstance God is good. When the dust finally settles in Revelation 20:10, only God's throne is left—no pretenders, no rivals, no questions. God has been fair and just in His dealings with us and He alone will be worshipped for eternity, where there will be no more disasters, only peace. ↩

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OPINION

Melody Tan

Matters of the heart

I nearly never became a Seventh-day Adventist.

I was in my teens when I first went to church, but apparently, I was dressed so differently that several members were concerned—both for my own salvation and the influence I would have on their young people.

In the eyes of someone just starting to assert her individuality, it felt like rejection. Church very quickly became a place where I felt unaccepted, judged unkindly and looked upon with condescension.

Hypocritical, anti-homosexual and judgemental. That is how Christians are described in the book *UnChristian*, by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons. Kinnaman’s company embarked on an extensive three-year research to find out what people thought about Christians and Christianity in America. Their conclusion? “A majority of outsiders (referring to those who don’t go to church) say Christians are quick to find fault with others.”

Kinnaman’s research showed that nearly 9 out of 10 young outsiders said that the term judgemental accurately describes present-day Christianity. And even young Christians think our faith seems too focused on other people’s faults.

Now a Christian, it still concerns me how we treat those whom we think are different to our standard of Christianity, and how quickly we judge those who wear jewellery, have tattoos, chew with their mouths open or . . .

This is not a debate about what the Bible has to say about our outward appearances. This is about the bigger picture. Our job as Christians is to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind . . . [and] love your neighbour as yourself” (Matthew 22:37, 39). It is not our job to judge.

People are in church looking for answers and acceptance. Do we portray a God who loves them for who they are, or one who rejects them because of how they’re dressed? After all, “The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7).

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Is there a place for Christian rebuke?

No, never

28%

Yes, only between close friends

36%

Yes, between church members

18%

Yes, whenever required

18%

Next Poll

How has your life changed since your baptism?

- A positive change
- No change
- Difficulties

Refer to *Baptism: Into Christ or into the church?* (page 16). Visit <record.net.au> to answer this poll.



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## Exercise matters

Love it or hate it there is no denying the benefits of regular exercise are many and varied and extend far beyond weight management.

### Types of exercise

There are three basic types of exercise that we should incorporate into our weekly routines.

**Strength training**—When many of us think of strength training (resistance training) we conjure up images of body builders or professional athletes. However, building muscle strength through activity is something that holds value for all of us.

#### Benefits include

- Weight management
- Strong bones
- Improved balance and agility
- Reduced stress on joints

#### How to . . .

Skeletal muscles create movement by contraction. If muscles perform these actions often (repetition), against a resistance and for longer duration they will adapt and increase in strength. This is the basis for strength training. Repetition and duration can be increased as you feel comfortable. There are many different types of resistance you can use, either in a gym or at home. Common training programs include weight machines, free weights and dumbbells, resistance bands or your own body weight.

**Cardiovascular training**—Known by different names such as aerobic training, endurance training or cardio. It gets our heart pumping hard to provide large amounts of oxygen to our working muscles.

#### Benefits include

- Reduced blood pressure
- Increased weight loss or weight maintenance
- Reduced likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease

#### How to . . .

Cardio exercises include any exercise that increases your heart rate and gets you puffing such as running, cycling, swimming, brisk walking, stair climbing and rowing. Aim for at least 30 minutes per day. This can be done at one time or separated into intervals over the day. Try to also include a warm up and cool down—begin with slow movements to slowly increase your heart rate, then towards the end of your workout, slow down the movements and finish with stretching exercises.

**Flexibility training**—Flexibility training (stretching) is often overlooked in many of our training regimes. Often we feel we don't have time to stretch and would rather spend that time actually performing 'real' exercise. There is much debate about the role of stretching in injury prevention, but aside from this there are other benefits to following a regular stretching program.

#### Benefits include

- Increased joint range of motion (flexibility)
- Reduced muscle tightness
- Improved posture

#### How to . . .

Try to incorporate basic stretches into your other exercise plans, targeting areas you have been working out. Also consider your other activities, such as work. For example, if you sit at a computer all day you may need to focus on shoulder and neck stretches. Try to also include one or two longer sessions per week which are solely focused on stretching, to target all areas of your body.

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## RECIPE

### Easy date loaf

- 1 ½ cups chopped pitted dates
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ½ cup self raising white plain flour
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup self raising wholemeal plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

1. Place dates, sugar, margarine, and water in saucepan. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes. If you would like to use the microwave, place the dates, sugar, margarine and water in a covered glass bowl and microwave on HIGH for 4 minutes. Remove from heat and cool.

2. Add the egg and mix well. Stir through sifted flours and baking powder, then place in a lightly greased 14 cm x 21cm loaf tin.

3. Bake in moderate oven, 180°C, for 50 minutes.

Serves 14. Preparation time: 15 minutes.

Cook time: 50 minutes.

Tip: A healthy snack for the lunchbox.

PER SERVE: 660 Kilojoules (160 Calories). Protein 2g. Fat 3g. Carbohydrate 31g. Sodium 130mg. Potassium 180mg. Calcium 20mg. Iron. 0.8mg. Fibre 3g.



## OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

### Somebody

Genuine Christians—the church and body of Jesus should have the highest self-esteem of all people because of who they are in Christ Jesus.

### Children of God

A person putting their trust in Christ is born again from above thus becoming a child of God and a member of His household of faith. How amazing, in view of how we have run from, hidden from and despised God and His grace. In Christ we are special. You are somebody!

**Read** John 3:3,5,9,14-16; Ephesians 2:19; Galatians 6:10; 1 John 3:1

### The bride and body of Christ

But as if that is not enough, in Christ we are also the bride of Jesus, loved by Him unto His own death. As His beloved bride we are therefore one with Him – His body.

**Read** Ephesians 5:25-32

### Temples of God

Rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, whose death redeemed us to God, we become temples of the living God, both individually and corporately.

God lives in us through His Spirit. Now since God lives in us, then we have: His power to face all obstacles; His wisdom to handle every problem; His love that flows through us to love the unlovely; and we are never ever alone for He is with us always even to the end of the world.

**Read** Ephesians 2:20-22; 3:14-21; 1 Peter 2:4-7; Matthew 28:20

### Priests with a mission

We are not just temples—we are also priests of God’s temple. It is because God lives and abides in us that both males and females become priests with the glorious mission of “showing forth, by our lives and our deeds, the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light”. In Christ you have meaning and purpose in life.

**Read** 1 Peter 2:9-12

Talk about a reason for healthy self-esteem. If you have not yet been baptised by faith into Christ and His body, right now make a decision to belong to Jesus. If you are already a member of His church, ask God now to make you a more loving and faithful bride, a more zealous priest to bring others to Him.

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



## HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

### Vegetarianism (part 1)

Food consists essentially of carbohydrates (also called starch, sugars, carbs), which are broken down in the body to produce energy. If we eat too much, unused amounts are converted to fat and stored for a rainy day. Fats come next. They contain vitamins, insulate and protect the body but also store energy. There are proteins, which are the building blocks of body tissue. They are also called amino acids, and found in meat and various grains. Then there is fibre which creates bulk, and finally vitamins and minerals. These are all essential to make all the other chemical reactions occur in the body, and which keep us alive and well.

Fortunately, these basic ingredients are spread over an enormous range of plants, fruit and vegetables, nuts, and other everyday products. We can pick and choose but balance is essential. Many people today prefer a vegetarian diet. “Mad cow disease” in Europe indicates what may happen if an animal becomes infected. It may pass on the virus or germ to humans, and lead to similar disasters. Meat is very high in animal fat, and even lean cuts have a high fat level. Animal fat is a key ingredient in cholesterol formation. Elevated levels may corrode and block key arteries throughout the body, leading to premature cardiac disease. Risks of heart and blood vessel disease increase rapidly as the figure escalates.

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## MY STORY

### Shane Blomfield

I am a former Pentecostal pastor, who was baptised as a Seventh-day Adventist in December last year. For many years, I had been an evangelist, church pastor and youth pastor with one of the largest youth ministry programs in Queensland.

I often studied the Bible and I had simply overlooked the mentions of the Sabbath in the Bible. But one day as I was reading, the Holy Spirit brought the Sabbath to my attention. I studied it further and ended up ringing up the local Seventh-day Adventist pastor at the Edens Landing church. I had been aware of Adventists and after making this contact, I went through a series of Bible studies.

In February, I attended the Australian Lay Training School because I wanted to further my ministry calling. It has been a positive experience spending time together with the other students, sharing our stories with each other and learning from some wonderful pastors.

I have learned so much about the Church and its history. This has been a useful program to build up the body of Christ and is useful to be able to share the special things we have as a Church.

It has been an absolute blessing. I have always been an evangelist and reaching out to people is close to my heart. Now I’m looking forward to going back to my church and community and sharing what I have learned.





# LETTERS

## A BIG WELCOME

Jack Lange, QLD

Thank you Alex Chit-Nat-Hrout for sharing your amazing story of conversion (My Story, January 22).

I'd like to offer you a big welcome into God's family. We love you as a brother.

I was deeply touched by your yearning for a better life and how God saved you from a life of incredible violence, sin and spirit worship.

## A MESSY SINNER

Name withheld, NZ

Thank you Rochelle for your excellent article, "We need more sinners in church" (Feature, March 5).

I am one of those messy sinners. I used to think I was gay but now realise that I am transgender. Unfortunately, the most I can expect in church is to be considered a non-person.

It seems that people like me don't matter. I no longer have any expectations that this will change. I want to belong, but realise that this will not happen. I pray your article will make a difference to others.

## DISAPPOINTING

Brian Way, VIC

The article "Face to face with the black dog" (Feature, February 19) was a really timely and helpful inclusion in the RECORD.

However, it was really disappointing to not find (mention of) the Dr Neil Nedley Depression Recovery Program. It's being offered throughout Australia by a number of Adventist churches and identified as a creditable source of help for folks impacted by depression, either directly or indirectly.

From my observation as

someone who has undertaken the Dr Neil Nedley course in leadership training, I have seen some 50 people complete the recovery course. I can vouch for the high success rate that he claims for participants who complete his course. The course also leads participants to an awareness of the building blocks for mental, physical and spiritual healing and health.

## OPENNESS AND HONESTY

Name withheld, VIC

Thank you Graham Hood for your article, "Lonely men" (Feature, February 5).

Your openness and honesty in telling us of your battle with pornography is an inspiration to me. I too have been battling with internet pornography for a number of years, and you are right in saying that loneliness is a key factor.

Many times I've felt defeated and contemplated giving up altogether. Your article gives me hope in Jesus' saving grace despite the shame, guilt and loneliness. I hope our Church will address these issues sometime soon.

## DEROGATORY COMMENTS

Kristine Stahl, SA

Thank you for "An inconvenient truth" (Editorial, February 5). I was just complaining to our pastor about this very subject.

My issue is, I would like to bring some of my work colleagues to church, as I know they would like to come. One charismatic friend has even accepted the Sabbath. But I can't bring her because without exception some dear saint, either from the pulpit or in a Sabbath School class, makes a derogatory comment

about charismatic churches and other denominations.

My friend has ceased to remind me about visiting my church. Yes, I believe we have a correct biblical understanding, but many have a wrong attitude which disqualifies us.

## GIFT OF PROPHECY

Samuel Millen, CANADA

I absolutely loved Pastor Lloyd Grolimund's article, "Ellen White, the Bible, and perfection" (Feature, December 4, 2010).

I'm a fourth generation Australian Adventist who believes Ellen White had the gift of prophecy. As a young person, I experienced the "suffering and anguish" from the false teaching on perfection that plagued my church.

I hope the article will set many sincere members free. Jesus said, ". . . you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32, NIV).

## ZERO TOLERANCE

Suzanne Rosenburg, NSW

I was saddened to read about the Adventist pastor who was sacked after being charged with serious sex offences (News in Brief, February 19).

I share a "zero tolerance for such misconduct" as expressed by the Conference where he had been employed. I agree that this sort of offence must not be allowed to continue. I applaud the fact that the victims have been offered counselling. But I wonder if the perpetrator and his family have also been offered support and counselling. This seems to be the one missing ingredient in the news.

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# Baptism:

## Into Christ or into the

IS BAPTISM INTO CHRIST THE SAME AS BAPTISM INTO the Church, or is there reason to believe that baptism is into Christ alone and is a separate issue to the question of church membership? These questions have considerable practical importance for both the individual believer, and the Christian communities. If baptism is baptism into the church, then, for new believers, their baptism is their incorporation into a specific community of faith. In other words, their decision for baptism is also a decision to join a specific church. If baptism is without reference to church membership, then new Christians need not make a choice of which group to join before they are baptised.

This issue also has importance for the Christian churches. Should they refuse to baptise those who are not prepared to join their ranks? If baptism into Christ is the same as baptism into the church, then a refusal to join the church indicates a lack of readiness for baptism, and a failure to understand its true nature. If not, then the church is acting in a reprehensible manner to refuse baptism to those who are wishing to take the name of Christ, but who show no particular inclination to join a specific Christian group.

### Baptism and Becoming a Jew

The background of Christian baptism is most likely to be found in the process whereby a Gentile became a Jew in the first century. There were several parts in the process of a Gentile becoming a proselyte—a convert to Judaism. First, they would undertake instruction in the Law, and take a solemn vow to live their life in obedience to the Law. As part of this process, if they were male, they became circumcised. They then underwent baptism. This symbolised their cleansing—the process of declaring that they were leaving an unclean lifestyle, and adopting a clean one.<sup>1</sup> Finally, the convert to Judaism had to offer a sacrifice at Jerusalem.

John the Baptist used baptism not just for Gentiles, but

also for Jews who wished to declare that they wanted to turn their lives to God—to repent (Matthew 3:1-12). Jesus Himself received John's baptism (Matthew 3:13-17), and Jesus' disciples continued the practice of baptising while Jesus was still with them (John 4:1-2). In adopting this practice they were adopting some of the ideas and practices of baptism which already existed within Judaism.

Several of the elements of Jewish proselyte baptism can be found in Christian practice. Potential converts to Christianity devoted themselves to instruction in the teachings of Jesus (Acts 2:42-43). Paul several times refers back to the teaching that he gave his own converts (eg 1 Corinthians 11:23; Galatians 3:1). Indeed, although the matter is still debated vigorously by scholars, some suggest that one of the reasons put forward for writing the four Gospels is that one or other Gospel was the instruction given to new converts to Christianity.<sup>2</sup> By their baptism, early Christians declared their repentance, the turning around of their lives. Nor should it be overlooked, that in so doing, they became incorporated into the body of believers. They were baptised into the "body of Christ".

### Baptism Into Christ

According to Gal 3:27-28, "As many as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ" (NRSV). In this passage, Paul underlines the essential unity of all believers, because they were baptised into Christ. Therefore, fundamental distinctions of human existence have ceased to have meaning: there is no longer any difference between Jew and Gentile, male and female. Also prominent is the concept of community. We are one, but that is because we are "in Christ". 1 Corinthians 12:13 speaks of our baptism into the one body. Thus baptism is baptism into a community. Christians are not baptised as individuals to stand alone.





by Robert McIver

# church?

## Baptism the Doorway into the Church

Throughout the New Testament, baptism was the doorway into the church. Take for example the story of the first large group of believers to join the church, as it is recorded in the book of Acts. Acts 2:1-47 recounts the miraculous giving of the Spirit to the first believers, and the results of their ability to preach in other languages. Many were convicted of the truth of their message, and asked the appropriate way in which to respond (v. 37). Peter told them to repent and become baptised (v. 38). The repentance spoken of by Peter was rather like that spoken of by John the Baptist: a complete reorientation of their life. It is noteworthy that Luke describes the resultant baptisms in the following terms: "that day about three thousand persons were added" (v. 41, NRSV). The question naturally arises, to what were they added? They were added to the community of believers, with whom they joined in breaking bread, and from whom they received instruction (v. 42). In the thought world of the New Testament, baptism was the doorway into the church. In the normal course of events, there is no possibility of baptism without fellowship with fellow followers of Jesus.<sup>3</sup>

## Baptism, the Gifts of the Spirit and the Community of Believers

Immediately upon Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove (Matt 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22). Throughout the rest of the New Testament there is the expectation that a close link exists between baptism and the reception of the Holy Spirit. The apparent exceptions in Acts are presented in such a way as to underline the fact that they are exceptions to the regularly expected pattern of events.<sup>4</sup> When Paul discovers disciples who had not received the Holy Spirit when they became disciples, he immediately lays his hands upon them so that they might receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-6). Water baptism without Spirit baptism lacked an essential component of Christian baptism. But so did Spirit baptism without water

baptism. When the gifts of the Holy Spirit were poured out on Cornelius and his family, Peter naturally thinks that they should also be baptised in water (Acts 11:15-17). This link between baptism and the Spirit is made elsewhere in the New Testament. For example, Paul can say, "For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into the one body" (1 Cor 12:13).

What makes this important for the discussion here is that the gifts of the Spirit were given, not to the individual, but to the community of believers. In 1 Cor 12:4-26, Paul shows that the different gifts work together in the body of the church, just as the different parts of the human body, though different, work together. "The gifts he gave were . . . to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Eph 4:11-12).

What, then, has baptism to do with the Christian church? Is baptism into Christ the same as baptism into the church? If we were to give a biblical answer to this question, we would have to say that in the New Testament baptism is the doorway into the church. By baptism we are incorporated into the body of Christ. This body is visibly expressed in the church. Baptism into Christ is indeed the same as baptism into the church. ↻

<sup>1</sup> This aspect of Christian baptism is particularly highlighted in William G Johnson's book, *Clean: The Meaning of Christian Baptism* (Nashville, TN: Southern Publishing, 1980).

<sup>2</sup> Eg. Harald Riesenfeld, *The Gospel Tradition and its Beginnings: A study in the Limits of "Formgeschichte"* (London: Mowbray, 1957), *passim*, esp. pp. 10-24; E. von Dobschütz, "Matthew as Rabbi and Catechist," in *The Interpretation of Matthew* ed. Graham Stanton (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1983), 19-29. The process of instructing Christian converts is described by the term "catechesis" in academic literature, such as those cited here.

<sup>3</sup> "In the Church of NT times the ceremony of baptism was the only and the indispensable means of becoming a member of the Christian *ejkkhsva* [church]." Aland Richardson, *An Introduction to the Theology of the New Testament* (London: SCM, 1958) 337.

<sup>4</sup> James DG Dunn argues this case in detail in the published version of his PhD dissertation, *Baptism in the Holy Spirit* (London: SCM, 1970).

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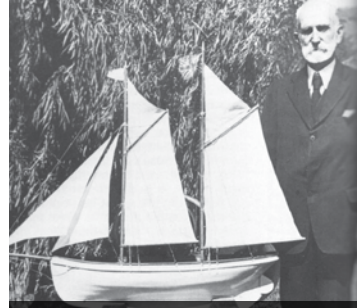


## RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

### Missionary captain

A Welshman, Griffith Francis Jones, qualified as a master mariner in 1890 and subsequently read some Adventist literature while sailing between London and New York. Jones must have responded to God's call for when he later married Marion Valentine he listed his occupation on the marriage certificate as missionary rather than master mariner though at the time that statement was more one of intent than reality. But in 1893 Captain Jones became an Adventist and he and his wife then associated with the Doctors Kress in medical work in the UK for a time. Having given up the sea—and the status and prestige that afforded—Jones became a literature evangelist but he had a clear conviction that God had a special purpose for him though the nature of that was not clear at the time, especially when former friends and even church members reproached him for his change of career.



Captain Jones with a model of the *Advent Herald*.

In 1900 the Captain and Mrs Jones went to America and enrolled in the new and then somewhat rustic Keene Academy in Texas. A very refined couple, isolated from their own and very status conscious culture and now in primitive conditions, the transition must have been difficult but on his graduation from the Bible Instructor's Course this dedicated couple went as missionaries to the Far East and the Pacific where from 1901 Jones opened Adventist missions. In the decades following he and his wife worked in 38 countries, with 34 language groups between them. He learned most of them!

The boat Captain and Mrs Jones used to travel across the Pacific was called the *Advent Herald* and was purchased with money raised by the young people of the Church in 1916.

When he died, at 77, Jones was planning an extension of mission work into New Caledonia. Small in stature, Jones was a giant among Adventist missionaries and "a possessor of the gift of tongues in the truest sense". This story has not yet been fully researched and told. It would be an ideal dissertation topic for a doctoral scholar in the new PhD program at Avondale! In the meantime, Captain Jones is sleeping in Jesus in the Northern Suburbs cemetery in Sydney, surrounded by the graves of numerous fellow workers and colleagues.

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## MYSTERY HISTORY



### Do you know?

- The date the photo was taken
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# Kids' Space



Peter was one of Jesus' disciples and he loved Jesus very much however he made a mistake because he was scared.

Jesus knew that Peter loved Him and He forgave him. In the same way, Jesus loves us even when we fail Him.

PETER DENIED KNOWING JESUS HOW MANY TIMES?

3 FIND THE ROOSTERS IN THE PICTURE



## GRACELINK MESSAGE

God wants me in His family even when I fail Him

"I \_\_\_\_\_ prayed \_\_\_\_\_ you... that your \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ fail. \_\_\_\_\_ when you have \_\_\_\_\_ back \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_". Luke 22:32



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## SNAP SHOT

with Dr Barry Oliver

### For all generations

The Christian church in many countries has become a comfortable place primarily for those who are advancing in years. Just about any demographic study or national census will confirm this to be true. Fortunately, this is not true for the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout the Pacific and it need not be true for the Church in Australia and New Zealand. Our Church is special because unlike others it is a Church for all generations.

Just think about it and thank God for who we are. We have a global education system second to none—the largest protestant global network of educational institutions catering for pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary-age young people. We have a whole range of ministries and services for younger children including Sabbath School, Adventurers, Pathfinders and camps. For teens, we have the senior Pathfinder program, camps and Sabbath School. Then for young adults there are a whole range of challenging adventures to be found in StormCo, volunteering, fly'n builds, rally days, camps, as well as what happens at local churches and district events.

There are many possibilities in sharing our faith and lifestyle that can be huge for our younger church. In addition there are our annual camp meetings that are better than ever and continue to be enjoyed by all ages. Even when we are "grey nomads" the Church is still providing for us.

I actually do not know any other Christian denomination which offers as much as the Seventh-day Adventist Church—and I have checked out most of them! Maybe we do too much!! I do know this. The most important thing is that we are all encouraging each other to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

Pacific Yacht Ministries, in conjunction with Rural Health in Vanuatu, has completed a very busy but successful medical health program in the northern region of Vanuatu.

Two sailing catamarans, *Another Angel*, skippered by Brian Dodds, and *McDive*, skippered by Tony Batten, participated this season.

Medical professionals from Australia, many volunteering their time and paying for their travel, work side-by-side with local health specialists.

"Interaction between the two cultures at a professional level is a highlight of the trip," says Brian Dodds.

All services are supplied free of charge, with the costs covered by donors. This year the teams had almost 17,000 patient interactions, including general medical and dental treatments and health education. "We also take the opportunity to distribute Bibles and *Signs of the Times* to the isolated villages," says Jan Dodds. "They appreciate them so much."

The population of the tiny island of Merig in the Banks group is 20 and there is no boat landing. So people and supplies are dropped onto an exposed ledge with deep water beside it. "This year the swell was too large to use the dinghy, so the staff swam ashore and we motored *Another Angel* up to the ledge and threw the supplies and equipment across to the waiting locals," says Mr Dodds. "Whatever it takes to get some relief for our friends here."

Two purpose-built wheelchairs were donated to Pacific Yacht Ministries by the Sunrise Rotary Club at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast. One was presented to an 18-year-old woman in the mountains of Tanna, who has crawled on the ground from the age of two. The other chair was presented to a young man who had been confined to his small hut for almost two years due to a stroke. Four men carried him into the bright sunshine and put him in his new set of wheels. His smiles of happiness turned to tears of joy in appreciation of the gift.

Each year Pacific Yacht Ministries takes large amounts of donated medical supplies, clothing and spectacles to Vanuatu. For information and donations, visit <[www.pym.org.au](http://www.pym.org.au)> .—Bruce Judd



Children were excited to receive toothbrushes.

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## ANNIVERSARIES



**Borgas (nee Ball).** Basil and Erica celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 27.2.11. Basil dedicated his working life to Sanitarium and Erica dedicated her life to being a loving wife and mother to six children, Heather Foster-Steed, Kaye Greive, Trevor, Wayne, Geoff and Mick. Loving grandparents to 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, Basil and Erica have always upheld their faith in God in their family life, church and community.



**Rubessa (nee Horwood).** Ben and Lorraine were married in Ballarat, Victoria, on 30.1.1961. As much in love today as they were then, they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary near their home in Perth, WA with their two children Natalie Watts (Perth WA) and Paul Rubessa (Cooranbong NSW), and close family. Thankful for God's leading in their lives, they look forward to many happy years ahead.



**Scott (nee Wood).** John and Fay celebrated their diamond anniversary (60 years) in Busselton, WA. They were married on 10.1.1951 by Pastor Powrie at Perth church. During their years together John and Fay have been active members of the Capel and Busselton churches. Congratulatory messages were received from the Queen, the Prime Minister and other government representatives. Celebrations were shared with family members including their five children; many of their 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



**Ward (nee Hill).** Martin Ward and Olga Hill were married 21.12.1960 at Nunawading church, Vic. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends in Melbourne. Martin and Olga have four children, Shayne, Rochelle, Adrian and Calvin; and 11 grandchildren. They now live in Cooranbong after serving in church educational work in Australia and overseas.



**Willersdorf.** Arthur and Wendy Willersdorf celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 23.12.10 with a lunch at their home, Andergrove, Qld. Their daughters, Wendy Page-Dhu, Sue O'Shea and Sheryl Willersdorf and families, including two great-granddaughters, helped to make the day successful. Arthur was senior elder and treasurer of north Mackay church for the most part of 30 years. Wendy held several positions over those years including welfare leader. Congratulatory cards were received from the Queen and the Prime Minister.



**Goldsmith-Simpson.** Marvin Goldsmith, son of Mark and Zeny Goldsmith (Albany region, WA), and Emma Simpson, daughter of Doug and Kathryn Simpson (Dubbo, NSW), were married at 10:10am on 10.10.10 at Toronto church. Marvin and Emma both graduated from their class in 2009 as nurses and are now working at the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

*Mark Goldsmith*

**Norman-Dureta.** Ross Jeffrey Norman, son of Leonard (deceased) and Dorothy Norman (Hawthorn, Vic), and Marina Dureta, daughter of Josip and Andela Dureta (Austria), were married 23.1.11 at Auburn church, Hawthorn.

*Tony Campbell*

**Pickin-Day.** Michael Pickin and Alison Day were married 21.1.11 at Gunner's Barracks, Georges Heights, Sydney, NSW. Michael, a barrister, was educated at the Sydney Adventist College.

*Bruce Price*

**Rowe-Webber.** Darren Rowe, son of Pastor Gavin and Julie Rowe (Traralgon, Vic), and Melissa Webber, daughter of Craig and Fiona Webber (Cameron Park, NSW), were married 5.12.10 in the Hamilton church. Darren and Melissa are both Education students at Avondale College.

*Gavin Rowe*

**Streatfeild-Atkins.** Brett Streatfeild, son of Garry and Sonya Streatfeild (Bowral, NSW), and Naomi Atkins, daughter of Noel and Mandy Atkins (Port Macquarie), were married 9.1.11 at Fountaindale Manor, Robertson.

*Clansi Rogers, Sid Griffith*

**Wambeck-Maenza.** Marlon Shane Wambeck, son of Oliver and Marie Wambeck (Claremont Meadows, NSW), and Silvana Maenza, daughter of Umberto Maenza (Sydney) and Agata Calarco (deceased), were married 29.12.10 at Galston church.

*Roger Vince*

## WEDDINGS

**Diaz-Duran.** Miguel Diaz, son of Bernardo and Rosa Diaz (Vic), and Sabrina Duran, daughter of Carlos and Alba Duran (Vic), were married 30.10.10 at Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, Vic.

*Richard Araya-Bishop*



**Ferry-Charaneka.** Cameron Ferry, son of Raymond and Karen Ferry, and Anastazyia Charaneka, daughter of Alex and Lyn Charaneka, were married 4.1.11 at Tatra Receptions Chapel, Mt Dandenong, Vic. A beautiful and joyous celebration, one that honoured God.

*Paul Von Bratt, Luis Bermudez*

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## OBITUARIES

**Andrews,** Brida Jones (nee Henning), born 22.11.1926 at Penola,

SA; died 16.1.11 at Cleveland, Qld. On 9.3.1954, she married Mervyn Andrews, who predeceased her on 9.12.00. She is survived by William Andrews (Regents Park, Qld) and Sharon Otago (Manly West); 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Brida was a kind and gentle woman who loved and lived for her family.

*Bob Possingham, Gabriel Ontanu*

**Atcheson (nee Mitchell), Alma Edna**, born 30.12.1923 at Albury, NSW; died 1.1.11 at Lismore. On 11.5.1948, she married Jim at Newcastle. She is survived by her husband (Alstonville); her sons, Russell and wife, Glenda (Waveye, NT), Douglas (Sydney); daughter Pamela and husband, Peter Teschner (Alstonville); six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Alma will be remembered for her love, gentleness and active service for her Lord in the church and community.

*Eric Greenwell, Michael Browning*

**Ayling, Robert Lindsay**, born 8.9.1927 at Christchurch, NZ;

died 19.3.10 at Christchurch. On 1.6.1963, he married Estrillita Clapham at Opawa. He was baptised 26.3.1966 at Sydenham. He is survived by his wife (Christchurch); children, Deanna, Serenna and David; grandchildren, Jonathan and Emilene. Robert was a very gifted musician, committed member of St Albans church, much loved father and husband.

*Craig Gillis*

**Baglee, Elizabeth Joan (Betty)**, born 5.5.1920 in Suva, Fiji; died 21.12.10 at Murwillumbah, NSW. Betty was predeceased by her husband, Albert, in 2010. She is survived by her daughters, Sue (Sydney), Ros and John (England), Alla-May and Brian (Gold Coast, Qld), Cas (Melbourne, Vic) and Sally-Anne (Sydney, NSW); four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Betty was a talented, creative and gifted person who shared her crafts and skills with numerous people within and outside of the church. She was also known for her poetry, some of which has been published.

*Adrian Raethel*

**Bartlett, Selwyn Arthur**, born 2.1.1915 at Cambridge, NZ; died 6.1.11 at Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village, Qld. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Hilda, in 2009. He is survived by his children, John (Shepparton, Vic) and Judy Fua; nine grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. Selwyn and Hilda graduated together from Sydney Sanitarium in 1939 and were married in the old Wahroonga church in February 1940 and were immediately involved in an evangelistic tent mission. That began a lifetime of ministry, building churches and raising congregations, being the pastor of numerous churches in various places and bringing many to know the Adventist message.

*Orm Speck, Bob Possingham*

**Caro, Linda Daphne (nee Tinworth)**, born 18.3.1922 of missionary parents at Bangalore, India; died 12.1.11 at Gosford, NSW. In 1943, she married Roy William Caro who predeceased her in 2002. She is survived by twin daughters, Nerolie and Merlene; grandchildren, Jennifer

and Jason; and brother, Loren. Linda worked in clerical positions at Sanitarium and later supported her husband in his business in Sydney as well as in church and school responsibilities in Wahroonga. Many people whose lives have been touched by Linda's happy nature and unselfish life will look forward to meeting her on Resurrection morn.

*Errol Thrift, Don Madden*

**Cozens, Stowell George**, born 28.2.1916 in Tahiti; died 17.12.10 at Warburton, Vic. He married Emily Fish, who predeceased him in 2005. Stowell is survived by his children, Marlene, Alvie, Wilma and Lorraine. He was laid to rest at the Wesburn Cemetery on 29.12.10. Stowell had lived in Warburton for the past 85 years.

*A H Waldrip*

**De Losa, Bartolomeo (Bob)**, born 24.8.1923 at Lipari, Sicily, Italy; died 16.1.11 in Sydney, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Anna; and his seven daughters, Nancy, Maria, Linda, Jeanette, Anna, Patricia and Rosemary, his sons-in-law, Robert, David,



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Geoff and David; and his 14 grandchildren (all of Sydney). In 1983, Bob was baptised in the Italian church, Guildford, and served as a deacon for many years. He was a very patient man and a quiet achiever. He will be sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and the Italian church members.

*Frank Tassone*

**Hoare, Doreen** (nee Montgomery), born 23.7.1917 at Orange Free State, South Africa; died 10.1.11 in Perth, WA. On 12.3.1947, she married John Hoare. She is survived by her husband; and son, Des (both of Perth, WA). Doreen was a very faithful member of the Osborne Park church. She had been in a wheelchair for 40 years as a result of a car accident but was blessed with a caring husband.

*Cyrus Adams*

**Kent, Errol John**, born 5.3.1931 at Malvern, Vic; died 1.12.10 in Gosford Hospital, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Betty; their children, Linda (Central Coast), Tony (Brisbane, Qld) and Michelle (Sydney, NSW); and grandchildren, Joshua, Christopher, Nicholas, Brayden and Belinda. Errol loved the land and was involved in various rural activities in the Narromine, Dubbo and Bathurst districts. He was a hardworking and practical man who enjoyed gardening and sport. Errol loved his Saviour and his church. He supported his community in the SES for some years until his retirement in 1996 to the Central Coast, where he served in his

local church as an elder.

*Allan Lindsay, Russel Stanley*

**Tahvanainen, Toini**, born 16.1.1921 in Finland; died 29.12.10 at Kankinya from a long illness. She was predeceased by her husband, Eino. Her children Ritya and Jouni gave her loving care. When Toini went door-to-door on welfare appeal work, it was difficult to explain the welfare work, so she asked someone to write what ADRA did on a card. When a person opened the door she held up the card. She was a regular caller and people got to know her. Toini collected the most money in church every year.

*Cyril Brown*

**Thompson, Harold John** (Jack), born at Coffs Harbour, NSW; died 30.6.10 at Maclean. Jack was one of 13 children. He is survived by five sisters, Verle, Lola, Margaret, Wilma and Judy; his sweetheart of almost 57 years, Valarie; and their children Darryl, Lynette, Steven, Phyllis, Warren, Harold (Ross) and spouses; 17 grandchildren; and 10 greatchildren. Jack lived a rich life in his love of the Lord, family, nature and especially his orchids.

*Paul Richardson*

**Wood, Doreen Pearl** (nee Ward), born 4.1.1933 at Grafton, NSW; died 12.7.10 at Grafton Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband Thomas (Jock) and youngest son David. Doreen is survived by her sister, Linda Barrett (Grafton); and her children and their families, Helen and Bill Gibbs (Grafton), Janice and

Robert Greer (Rockingham, WA) and Geoffrey and Wendy Wood (Brisbane, Qld); seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Doreen was devoted to her family and community needs. She spent many hours knitting jumpers and blankets for AIDS babies and children overseas.

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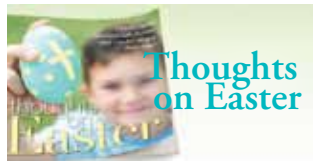
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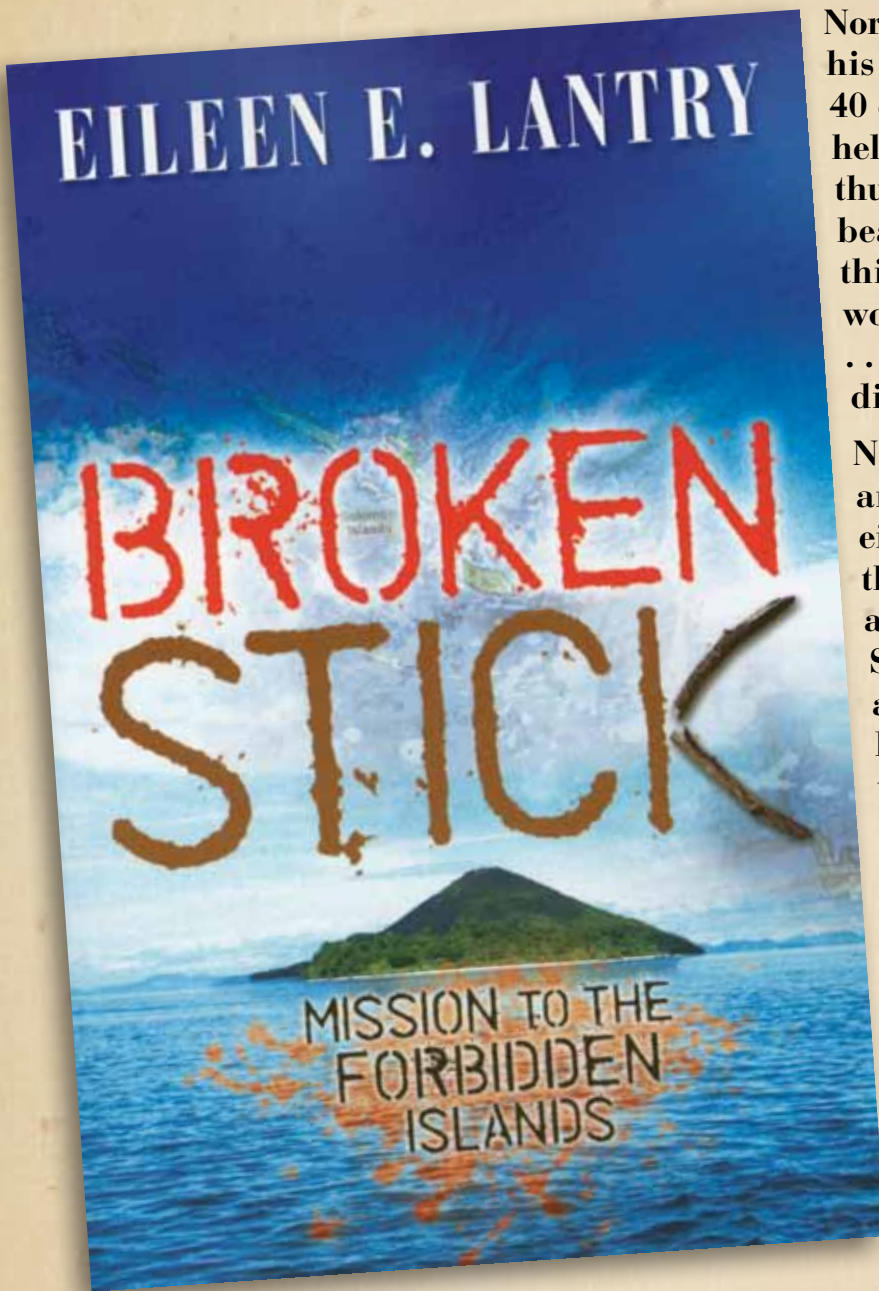
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