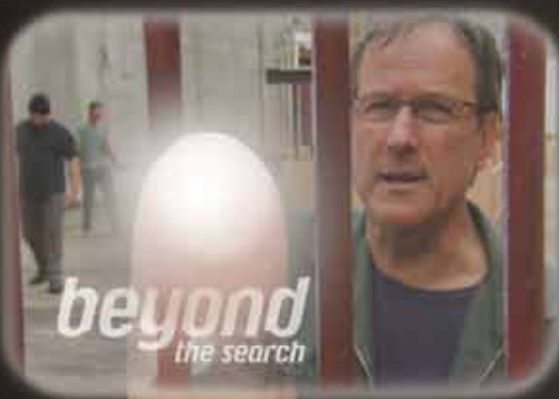


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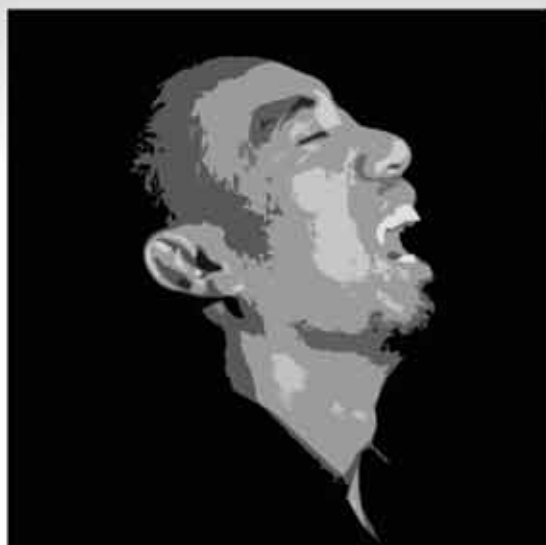
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Aboriginal Bible released

Ringwood, Victoria

A new Bible designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) was dedicated at the mid-year Australian Union Conference Board of Directors meetings.

The Bible is called the *Easy Reading Family Edition* and has been developed by the national ATSIM team in partnership with the Bible Society in Australia. It is a user-friendly translation, designed to inspire more Indigenous Australians to engage with God's Word, and contains contextualised colour prints, pages for recording family events, a number of short introductory readings intended to build faith, along with a 228-page full-colour Bible Encyclopaedia.

"The response to the Bible has been overwhelming," national ATSIM director, Steve Piez, said. "We are very

excited about our latest resource and believe that it will be used by all Australians, and will lead many people to Jesus."

The ATSIM team has also adapted *The Bible Says* and *Steps to Eternal Life* study guides to be used in conjunction with the resource. The Bible is available from Adventist Book Centres, literature evangelists and Conference ATSIM departments. —Steve Piez



The Easy Reading Family Edition Bible.

Women dig deeper into the Word

Rarotonga, Cook Islands

The first Women in the Word Conference in the Cook Islands has given women the opportunity to dig deeper into the Word of God and prayer.

Women's Ministries director for the Cook Island Mission, Sarah Arati, organised the conference on Rarotonga from May 27 to 29. Guest speaker from the Trans-Pacific Union Mission, Momoi Sausau, presented to the 70 women who attended.

Mission president, Pastor Eliu Eliu, opened the conference. The women went away empowered to focus on in-depth Bible study, to get into small groups and to share their knowledge with others.

"This is an important development," said Pastor Kylie Ward, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference Relationship Ministries director, who cares for Women's Ministries.

"We need to make sure as women that we are deep into the Word of God and God's Word changes lives." They hope to continue this ministry again next year.

—Kylie Ward



Students experience answers to prayer

Kolombangera, Solomon Islands

Christianity became more real for students from Brisbane Adventist College (BAC) on a recent Sonship mission trip to the Solomon Islands.

The 15 students from years 11 and 12 were involved in a maintenance project at Kukudu Adventist College (KAC).

Trip leader and secondary teacher at Brisbane Adventist College, Clinton Jackson, said the trip ran smoothly although the entire team was humbled into dependence on God. "The fight between good and evil is more obvious in the Solomon Islands," Mr Jackson said. "We experienced many answers to prayer that reminded us of our need to rely on God."

BAC has now completed three trips to the Western Province of the Solomon Islands. In previous years, BAC has teamed up with Darling Downs Christian School (DDCS) in Toowoomba, however DDCS ran a separate trip at the same time this year. The two schools combined efforts to deliver a kids' club program in the Gizo town hall, which at various stages housed more than 300 people.

In addition to kids' clubs performances in several villages, both schools completed maintenance projects on the island of Kolombangera.

The DDCS students painted classrooms around the village of Kenna and the BAC students were able to tile the dining hall at Kukudu Adventist College. "The tiling was really hard work," said BAC student Emma Leeson. "It was touching to see Mr Aposay lay the final tile."

BAC and DDCS are committed to providing opportunities for students to experience mission work. The impact on the students has longer term effects than a two-week mission trip. —Clinton Jackson



Students from Brisbane Adventist College.



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The right questions

Pablo Lillo

I'm told that Socrates was considered wise, not because he had all the right answers but because he knew how to ask the right questions. Questions—the right questions—can be penetrating, leading to revealing answers. They can expose hidden motives as well as enabling us to face truths we had not admitted even to ourselves.

Dr Gregory Stock, in his book titled *The Book of Questions*, has written hundreds of thought-provoking questions that would pull anyone out of their shell. When you think about the questions asked you find yourself unable to hide from the uncomfortable. Let me share some examples with you.

- If you were to die this evening with no opportunity to communicate with anyone, what would you most regret not having told someone? Why haven't you told them yet?
- You discover your wonderful one-year-old child is, because of a mix-up at hospital, not yours. Would you want to exchange the child to try to correct the mistake?
- If you could use any type of instrument to hurt someone you chose, would you?
- Your house, containing everything you own, catches fire. After saving your loved ones and pets, you have time to safely make a final dash and save any one item. What would it be?

The funny thing about questions is that they force us to come to terms with the issue. I found it interesting that the least asked questions in Dr Stock's book were the "Why" questions. Yet those are the most critical. They don't mess around; they go right to the heart of an issue. Here are a few.

- God asked Cain, "Why are you angry?"
- Moses asked himself, "Why is the bush not burned up?"
- The angels met those coming to the empty tomb with the question, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

In this edition we take a look at Adventist Media and the ways in which its various ministries are challenging people to ask the important questions about life and meaning. Support Adventist Media today with your offering so they can reach more people every day.

Pablo Lillo is head of news and editorial.

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Faith primer

More than 100 copies of *Who Do You Think You Are?* have been sent out as part of *Signs of the Times'* monthly free book offer for the first half of 2011. The book helps introduce Adventist teachings to the reader, drawing them closer to an understanding of God. Thousands of free books, including *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Controversy*, have been given by Signs Ministry to the public over the past decade. —Melody Tan (pictured)



Making tracks

After five months of polishing up and recording their jazz-influenced R&B/soul sound, Vintage Season (Emily Rex and Jarel Kilgour) are anticipating the release of their debut album later this year. "It's really exciting to see something I've been so passionate about my whole life come together. I feel so blessed," said Emily Rex. Vintage Season's album is being produced by Adventist Media Network's Psalter label.



The secret's out!

In 2010, Neale Schofield, Adventist Media Network's CEO, wrote the *Secrets of Prophecy* Bible study series for use in his local church. The resource has proved popular, with both It Is Written Oceania and It Is Written North America taking it on as their primary Bible study series.



She discovered Jesus

Lyn Sahyoun (left) publicly surrendered her life to Christ on July 30 at Mudgee Seventh-day Adventist Church (NSW), in front of friends, family and loved ones. After completing seven courses through the Discovery Centre and with the guidance of Pastor Ken Bird, Lyn made the decision to be baptised. —pictured with Tammy Zyderveld, Discovery instructor



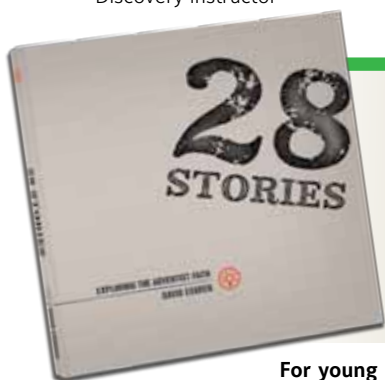
Hope for Vanuatu

Thanks to a generous donation, the 40,000 plus inhabitants of Port Vila, Vanuatu will soon be able to watch Hope Channel free-to-air. After acquiring a broadcast licence, the Vanuatu Mission has been working with Hope Channel in Australia to assist in financing and installing the equipment to make the project a reality. —Jared Madden, director, Hope Channel



Pressing on

Signs Publishing Company recently printed the new edition of the *Church Manual*, incorporating the changes voted at the 2010 General Conference session. However, this new edition also contains an additional 100 pages of South Pacific Division Supplements, which include statements from the church on social and cultural issues specific to this region.



For young readers

A new book from Signs Publishing Company was launched in front of more than 600 youth leaders from across the South Pacific Division at Move With the Power. "It's exciting to work with the youth ministries team and put David Edgren's *28 Stories* in the hands of leaders," said Signs book editor Nathan Brown. "We believe it will be a valuable resource in their ministry."



Growing response

Did you know that over half of the requests received by the Discovery Centre come from viewers of It is Written Oceania, hosted by Pastor Gary Kent (pictured). It is Written Oceania viewer requests are up 400 per cent over the last two years, to more than 8,000 requests per year. Popular items include book and DVD giveaways, Bible study courses and information packs.



Future focused

Since launching the "new look" Record last year, the team has been working hard to stay at the cutting edge of technology. In recent months we've launched an electronic presence that includes Facebook and Twitter as well as our website, iApp and online InFocus videos. Now there's no excuse not to stay in touch. —Pablo Lillo, Head of news and editorial

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Funding enables new growth

Wahroonga, New South Wales

An encouraging outlook on church growth and evangelism is revealed in reports presented at a meeting of the South Pacific Division Centre for Church Planting and Global Mission Committee earlier this year.

Sixty-six projects currently operating reported a combined total of 779 baptisms last year, with 913 people in preparation.

"It is impossible to give a full picture of all the projects, from French Polynesia to Perth," said Global Mission coordinator, Pastor Raymond Coombe.

"But these new church plants represent the growing edge of the Church, reaching into unentered areas and new people groups."

The annual sacrifice offering, collected at the end of the Week of Prayer on September 10, goes to support Global Mission projects around the world, and the South Pacific Division receives a good percentage of these funds for the support of new church plants. The biggest challenge facing the world Church is the 10/40 window representing millions of people where Christianity has not penetrated. The General Conference Session special offering in 2010 helped raise more than \$US3 million to open new work along the old Silk Road that stretches from east to west across a vast area of Asia and Eastern Europe.

Global Mission projects which will benefit from this offering include church plants among the Chinese communities of the Pacific, several Indigenous church plants in Australia, a new Filipino group in Christchurch, New Zealand, and two groups of Karen Burmese refugees in Australia. A six-year strategy for reaching Muslims in south-western Sydney is also underway with encouraging results. Other projects in Australia are targeting suburban areas of large secular cities. In the Pacific, new areas have been targeted in Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Samoa and Tuvalu. Spearheading these church groups are 83 "global mission pioneers", lay missionaries and pastors, who are sometimes paid just a small stipend to work in these isolated areas.—Raymond Coombe



New group at Marrickville.



The August 20 offering will be used for media evangelism.

Sanitarium's kitchen caters for city

Brisbane, Queensland

Local businesses in Brisbane's CBD can now enjoy great tasting and convenient workplace catering, while at the same time reducing their environmental footprint.

Kitchen Sanitarium's new workplace catering menu was launched on July 14 in Brisbane, with special guest, Australian cricketer legend Brett Lee. The breakfast launch event gave local business people the opportunity to sample the tasty meals on offer from Kitchen Sanitarium, while hearing Lee speak about his approach to health and fitness.

Sanitarium CEO Kevin Jackson, and general manager—Health and Wellbeing Services, Cathy McDonald, also shared with guests a brief background of Kitchen's philosophy of wholesome, delicious food.

Kitchen's chef Steve Warden-Hutton was presented with Green Table certification from the Restaurant and Catering Association in recognition of his team's efforts to make sustainable environmental choices in their everyday practices.

"Chef Steve Warden-Hutton and his team proactively identified opportunities to reduce energy and water consumption, solutions for composting food scraps, ensuring the use of environmentally friendly consumables and continue their commitment to buy fresh local produce," said Charlotte Toxward, Brisbane membership consultant for the Restaurant and Catering Association.

Additionally, the Kitchen Sanitarium team decided to take energy reduction a step further.

"Through the purchase of credible carbon offsets we

were able to support sustainable projects in New Caledonia, where 31 windmills spread across six small wind farms supply the island with electricity, reducing reliance on imported energy supplies, and employing local people," said Kitchen Sanitarium manager Dale Williams.

"While the carbon credits give us a 20 per cent offset we are pleased to be part of something that really makes a tangible difference in the lives of people."

The Kitchen team is committed to preparing wholesome and delicious plant-based foods, with good health the key to menu choices, and is excited about the opportunity workplace catering represents to give more of Brisbane's residents opportunities to sample Kitchen meals.

The new catering menu includes hot and healthy breakfast selections, gourmet sandwich platters and celebration cakes.

Order workplace catering online at <www.kitchensanitarium.com.au> and it will be delivered free to Brisbane's CBD workplaces.—Sharyn Brady



Staff at Kitchen Sanitarium

"Identify" refocuses youth

Nunawading, Victoria

A conference of youth leaders, young people and other church members has discussed the importance of Jesus as the focus of Seventh-day Adventist Christianity, as well as the history and mission of their Church.

Hosted by VicYouth—the department of Youth Ministries for the Victorian Conference—at Nunawading Christian College, more than 60 conference participants were joined by hundreds more at youth rallies on the Friday and Saturday nights (July 22 and 23) of the conference.

"It's easy for us to keep getting caught up in tasks just because it's what we've been doing for generations, and at times forgetting the reason why we're doing it," said VicYouth director Moe loane Stiles. "In the doing and going, our identity can become somewhat distorted. So 'Identify' is for us to stop and re-look at our reason for being and doing what we do."

Prompted by speakers Dr Grenville Kent, Dr John Skrzypaszek and Nathan Brown, the conference included round-table discussions and healthy conversations.

One of the highlights of and contributions to the weekend was the launch of a new book by Signs Publishing

Company book editor Nathan Brown. His fifth book, *I Hope*, is a collection of editorials, essays and stories.

"We both hope, that though we are flawed, broken, sinful human beings we strive always to have our hearts beat with God," Mrs Stiles explained. "In *I Hope* tough issues are addressed with hope, and to have Nathan as one of our presenters as well was a bonus for us."

"Between Signs and the VicYouth team we were able to give copies of the book to each of the conference participants," Mr Brown said, "and it was a privilege to be part of this conference and have an event like this at which to launch this book."

I Hope is available from your local Adventist Book Centres.—Nathan Brown



Author Nathan Brown with Moe loane Stiles, VicYouth director, at the launch of *I Hope*.

Photo: Nathan Chee



MISSION IN BRIEF



Planting push

Samoan churches are multiplying across Melbourne through home group ministry. "Although stagnant for years," Pastor Eddie Erika said, "they're now very much mission-oriented." Samoan churches have planted new groups in Melton, Pakenham and Craigieburn. More are planned in Sunshine and maybe Werribee. —*IntraVic*



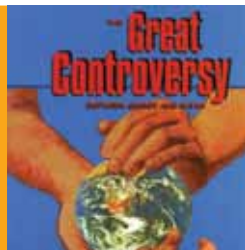
Every nation

Hope Channel is now able to reach an additional 2.5 billion people after it added two new channels to its international network. Satellites are now beaming Gospel messages to China and India. Local Adventists in both regions have been working hard to produce television programming in local languages. —*hopetv.org*



Internet impact

The Quiz28 website <www.quiz28.org>, launched in 2009, has now clocked up 10,000 completed Bible studies. The resource, initially intended to refresh British Adventists' knowledge of Bible beliefs, proved popular with the broader internet audience after the site was advertised through Google's AdWords. Free Bibles have gone out to 250 people. —*BUC News*



Unexpected

After a Catholic man in Lae, PNG, read a copy of *Great Controversy* given to him by a literature evangelist (LE), he asked if somebody could come to his home and explain more. When LE area manager Peo Soma arrived, he found 200 people waiting to hear the message. —*InTouch*



On the streets

A group of teens from Lakeside church (Bonnells Bay, NSW) was inspired by a challenge from their leaders and set out to distribute more than 300 evangelistic DVDs in their local area. The teens have been viewing the DVDs themselves, so they can answer questions about the content. —*Reach*



Pass it on

Literature evangelist Brian Curson received some unexpected help when a man he met in Halls Creek, 3000km from Perth, accepted a copy of *Great Controversy*. He shared it with a friend, Des, who later called Brian. Des, a lapsed Adventist from Fiji, asked for more books and a Discovery course. —*InTouch*

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Ellen White on Facebook

by Pablo Lillo

One of the most popular, most read, most copied books on Jesus Christ is now available as an audio book with music. *Steps to Christ* in audio format is now on Facebook with thousands of active users. So far, three chapters of *Steps to Christ* have been made available to listen to and download for free.

"More than 4000 users worldwide who've joined the page have commented, listened and have been inspired by the book," said Tim Burcham, manager of Psalter Music. Psalter Music is a ministry of the Adventist Media Network (AMN) based in Wahroonga, Sydney. "My goal is to help Adventist songwriters and musicians use their gifts in the spreading of the Gospel."

It was while listening to the book on his iPhone driving from Newcastle to Sydney that God gave Mr Burcham the idea of the audio with a mix of music.

"After being inspired by a chapter I was listening to, the chapter finished and a song by two Psalter artists came on straight after as my phone was in shuffle mode—and it fit perfectly with the chapter," he said. "It was like a worship service in my car. This gave me the idea to release the book with songs from Psalter musicians as a way of spreading the Gospel."

Mr Burcham contacted Brian Dunn, the narrator of the book, and he gave his blessing to the project. Dale Willis, audio engineer at AMN, cleaned up the audio and added the songs. "We felt Facebook was the perfect place to house the book; as it has more than 750 million users," Mr Burcham said.

So far people from all over the world have joined the page, where you can listen or download the chapters for

free. Interestingly, some of the most popular countries are Indonesia, Pakistan, Iraq, Egypt, Morocco and Albania, which are predominantly Muslim countries.

The book *Steps to Christ* changed Mr Burcham's own life at age 24. He was working as a professional drummer; his band at the time was experiencing a degree of success—radio airplay, film clips on TV—but he was also quite unfulfilled with life.

While at home he found *Steps to Christ* sitting on his dining room table. He sat on the back steps of the house and began to read the amazing book.

"The first words of the book are forever etched in my mind," he said. "Nature and Revelation alike testify of God's love . . . I sat captivated as Mrs White tied in nature with God, and it was a beautiful spring day, the whole thing seemed orchestrated—what I was reading and seeing around me were in perfect harmony."

Mr Burcham said it's hard to explain how many statements profoundly entered his consciousness that day. He saw Christ as the remedy to his sin-filled life.

"After reading the whole book I got on my knees and confessed every sin that came flooding into my mind. The peace and happiness I felt was immediate and tangible," he said.

Facebook users are encouraged to go to the Steps to Christ site (StepsToChristAudio) and click 'Like' for full access to the page and all free downloads.

For more information on Psalter artists go to psaltermusic.com.

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Are we there yet?

by Jared Madden

DAD, ARE WE THERE YET?" ASKED MY FIVE-YEAR-old son. "Not yet," I replied. "Not yet." Our journey had started seven hours ago at 4.00am. Our medium-sized car was packed full with two adults in the front and three children in the back with pillows and bags stuffed all around them.

I looked forward to our drive from Sydney to Noosa for a treasured family holiday. After all, hitting the open road provides a real break from the competing pressures of a busy life. For me, it was 14 hours of quality time to sit and chat with my wife as we powered up the New England Highway. But for my three children, stuck in the back between pillows and bags wanting to get out of the car so they could play, the perspective was quite different. Time passed and two minutes later, a question escaped the prison of the back seat, "Are we there yet? How much longer?"

This question sends shudders down the spine of any long distance driver. It is also a question, although phrased differently, I hear quite often about humanity's ride through this world's epic journey. It goes a little like this, "Where are you God? Why aren't you here yet? How much longer do we have to wait?"

The disciples used this phrase when they asked Jesus in Matthew 24, "How much longer? How will we know it is the end of the world?" When I read the passage, it reminds me of my children sitting in the back seat of the car, concentrating on the destination, not appreciating the opportunity the journey itself provides.

I imagine Jesus turned and looked each of His disciples in the eye when He answered their question: "There will be wars and rumours of wars, but don't be troubled, this must happen but the end is not yet." As Jesus continued the disciples must have looked at each other wide-eyed. "Earthquakes, war, famine and pestilence are just the

beginning . . ." I imagine Jesus paused at this point to let the disciples know what comes next is vitally important . . . and this Gospel will be proclaimed all over the world for a testimony to all, and then shall the end come."

The entire world? It's a task that for much of our lives has seemed impossible. How could the Gospel penetrate the Soviet Union, we asked, or touch lives in the remote Amazon? How could someone living in Saudi Arabia, where missionaries are banned, hear the good news? We thought about the daunting task of reaching 1.1 billion people in India and 1.3 billion in Communist China. Even if we doubled or quadrupled what we were doing, how could we keep up with a world population that is slated to reach a staggering 7 billion by the end of next year? Think about it. How many tracts would we have to print, just to reach the same percentage of the world that our grandparents' generation was able to reach in their lifetime?

The answer is complex. There is never a substitute for personal contacts. The written word remains as powerful a witness as it has ever been throughout the ages. But today we have another tool in our toolkit; a tool that I believe God has given us just for this time. Today, we have new technology that permits us to blanket this globe with the good news of Christ's soon return in a way that was inconceivable only two decades ago.

Forget how huge it was when the Berlin Wall came down; today technology is smashing down all the physical, religious and politically created walls around the world. And at the sharp end of this global game changer is the Hope Channel. Don't believe me? Consider these developments:

- ◆ Just a few days ago, we received a request for a copy of the Bible. Not remarkable in itself—the Hope Channel receives a huge number of requests from viewers—but this request was special. It came from Saudi Arabia. But not just anywhere in Saudi Arabia—the request came



from Mecca. If there is one point on earth more closed to the Gospel than anywhere else, it's Mecca. Indeed, non-Muslims are banned from visiting the city. And yet today through the Hope Channel's new Arabic language service that is broadcast across the Middle East, light is finally shining through.

- ◆ In addition to the Arabic language service, the Hope Channel recently launched both an Indian channel and a Chinese channel. The Chinese service is broadcast from the same satellite that broadcasts the Chinese government's station, as well as a number of popular entertainment shows. As if to underline the global nature of technology, a group of lay Adventists in New Zealand are instrumental in producing programming for the Chinese service.
- ◆ The Hope Channel in Brazil is a very sophisticated operation, and broadcasts throughout much of the country, including the Amazon region.
- ◆ In the US, the Hope Channel is broadcast on Direct TV, a subscriber service similar to FoxTel, that reaches an audience of over 50 million Americans. In a growing number of American media markets, Hope is also broadcast free-to-air. For example, much of the state of Oregon—home to Intel's computer chip manufacturing facility and the headquarters of Nike—receives free-to-air Hope broadcasts.

But it's not just remarkable growth and reach outside our Division. Today, the Hope Channel's ability to spread the Gospel in our neighbourhood is growing in leaps and bounds:

- ◆ Hope Channel is now broadcast free-to-air in the Solomon Islands and Fiji, and a broadcast tower is slated to be operational in Vanuatu later this year. There are also plans to expand the service in Samoa and American Samoa.
- ◆ The Hope Channel has an emphasis not just on broadcasting around the world, but producing local content in local languages. For example, a new studio is being set up in Lae, Papua New Guinea, where the Adventist Church will begin production of local programming by the end of this year and the Solomons team is undergoing production training later this month.
- ◆ The Australian Union has taken a lead in producing a wide range of programming that is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ Some of the Australian produced content is broadcast across the United States, including InFocus.

In addition to utilising satellite, cable and free-to-air broadcast mediums, the Hope Channel also broadcasts online, which promises enormous growth. The Hope Channel App is proving popular (to download it, simply Google "Hope Channel App" and follow the Apple online store instructions). One reviewer on the Apple site states: "With the new update the screen rotates. Very good programs. No lagging. Greatly recommended."

The Adventist Church isn't just another church. We are called to give God's last message to the world. Today, technology is an important tool that is allowing us to complete this mission. We are living at a moment in history when you and I have the chance to share the good news of the Gospel and show the true character of God to the world—the entire world, no ifs, buts or maybes.

Are we there yet? No, but we are blessed to play our part in the epic journey that ends with God's character vindicated, and His children safe at last for eternity with Him. ➤

Jared Madden is director of Hope Channel.

The manner of the Second Coming

A common theme in the world's great religions is the expectation of a coming 'deliverer'; someone who will end the sorrow and misery of this world and usher in a new age of joy, peace and justice. However, in all of these faiths there is confusion about how this deliverer will come, and that element of confusion is also found in Christianity in relation to the return of Jesus. In Jesus' great discourse on the Mount of Olives about end-time events, He repeatedly warned His followers about the danger of deception on this matter (see Matthew 24: 5, 11, 23-26).

What does the Bible teach about the nature of Jesus' return?

- His coming will be visible.

Read Matthew 24:27 and Luke 21:27

- The return of Jesus will be audible; there will be nothing secretive or quiet about it. **Read** 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17 and Revelation 6:12-17

- His coming will be literal just as was the case with His ascension into heaven.

Read Acts 1:9-11

- The return of Jesus will be personal.

Read John 14:1-3, Acts 1:9-11 and 1 Thessalonians 4:15

- This same Jesus will come back; He will return Himself and not send someone in His place.

- His coming will be powerful and glorious. **Read** Matthew 24:30, 31, Mark 13:26, 27 and Luke 22:25-27

- This climactic event will occur suddenly and unexpectedly, hence the comparison of the coming of Jesus to a thief in the night. **Read** Matthew 24:42-44 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

The return of Jesus will be the grand climax of this world's history. It will be a dramatic and spectacular event that will be impossible to imitate or miss. Above all, this is the fulfilment of the hopes and dreams of every follower of Christ (Luke 21:28).

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NEWS

Special magazine for NZ churches

Wahroonga, New South Wales

For New Zealand churches interested in "making conversions" at the Rugby World Cup, Signs Ministry has produced a special issue of *Signs* to be given away.

"Churches need only register their plans and place an order," said Lee Dunstan, *Signs of the Times* editor and manager of Signs Ministry.

"And think big! We have about 50,000 magazines to give away—10,000 for the South Island and 40,000 for the North. All we need is the assurance that they'll all be given out before the grand final on October 22."

The magazines will include an invitation to attend one of three prophecy seminars to be held in Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin, featuring the Signs team and It Is Written Oceania (IIWO) speaker Pastor Gary Kent.

"Sponsorship of a live evangelistic program is a first for *Signs of the Times*," Mr Dunstan said. "Whereas *Signs* has pretty much limited itself to print previously, it's now crossing media and ministry boundaries for a more effective integrated reach to the public."

The magazine distribution and evangelistic programs are part of the "Try for Jesus" initiative and form the heart of a broad outreach to help build a list of interested contacts for local churches and pastors to follow up post seminar.

South New Zealand Conference president, Pastor Craig Gillis, said, "This is a new approach to sharing the Gospel in that it is attempting to strategically connect three forms of witness—IIWO, *Signs* and public proclamation. I pray that our church members will be inspired to fully support it, not just in the running of the three events, but even more so in the follow-up of interests, and the opportunity to sponsor *Signs* subscriptions for those interests."

To encourage Try for Jesus participation, Signs Ministry has launched a Facebook page where people are encouraged to give their outreach ideas, post pictures, offer encouragement and share their successes. —Melody Tan

More @ www.signsofthetimes.org.au/tryforjesus.

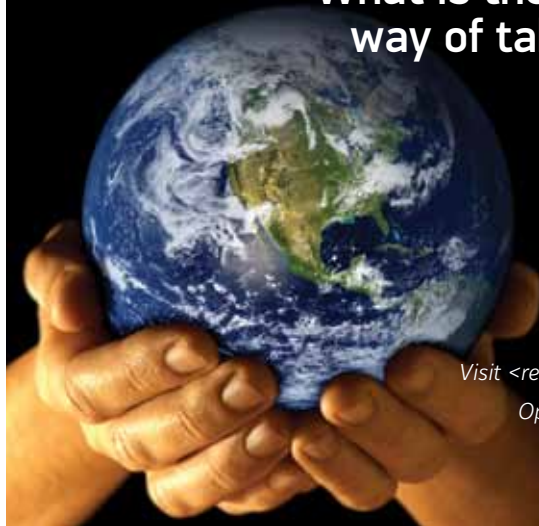


Pastor Dale Hokin is looking forward to the opportunity to connect with people as part of Signs' Try for Jesus initiative.

OPINION POLL

What is the most effective
way of taking the gospel
to the world?

- Friendship
- Preaching
- Books
- Electronic media



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Omega-3 fats - a heart healthy choice

There are many different types of fats found in the foods we eat. Some, such as saturated and trans fats, can be harmful to our hearts, while others can play a role in maintaining good cardiovascular health.

Research has linked regular consumption of Omega-3 fats to a whole range of potential health benefits. To start with, they may help lower blood pressure and reduce triglyceride levels—key risk factors for cardiovascular disease. But the benefits don't end with our hearts. Omega-3 is also essential for the development of a healthy brain and eyes in infants and children and ongoing research suggests there may be many other health benefits associated with Omega-3.

There are different types of Omega-3 fats:

- ◆ ALA (alpha-linolenic acid) is an essential fatty acid, which you can get from your diet by eating plant foods such as canola and linseed oils.
- ◆ DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) and EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid) are found naturally in marine foods, particularly in oily fish such as salmon and are often referred to as long chain Omega-3s. DHA and EPA can also be made in your body in small amounts from the conversion of ALA, meaning that fish does not need to be eaten to

receive all types of Omega-3.

Tips for adding Omega-3 to your diet:

- ◆ Regularly include good sources of ALA—flaxseed/linseed oil, canola oil, chia seeds, legumes, walnuts and foods that are fortified with Omega-3, such as bread and eggs.
- ◆ Add ground linseeds or LSA (a blend of linseed, almonds and sunflowers seeds) to your breakfast cereal or sprinkle on top of yoghurt. Remember, it's important to grind linseeds before using.
- ◆ A vegan source of DHA made from microalgae may be useful for those who do not eat rich sources of Omega-3 fats. These are available as algae DHA supplements and can be purchased online in New Zealand and Australia.
- ◆ Too many Omega-6 fats in the diet can stop the body from efficiently using plant-based Omega-3 fats. Use less Omega-6 oils/margarines (such as sunflower, safflower, corn oil) and replace with olive or canola oils/margarines so the body can use ALA more efficiently.
- ◆ If you do include fish in your diet choose oily fish like salmon, tuna and sardines. These contain the highest concentration of EPA and DHA.

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RECIPE Roast pumpkin, walnut and snow pea salad

- 800g baby kent pumpkin, peeled, seeded and sliced into wedges
- 150g snow peas, trimmed and halved lengthways
- ¼ cup walnuts
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Olive oil cooking spray
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 75g baby spinach leaves
- 1 tsp honey

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a roasting tray with a sheet of baking paper. Place the pumpkin on the tray and spray with oil; bake for 40 minutes or until golden brown and cooked. Set aside to cool.

2. Place the snow peas in a heat-proof bowl and cover with boiling water. Set aside for 30 seconds, drain immediately and refresh under cold running water. Heat a non-stick frying pan over a moderate heat and toast the walnuts for 3 minutes. Set aside to cool.

3. Arrange the baby spinach, roast pumpkin, snow peas and walnuts on serving plates. Whisk together the olive oil, balsamic vinegar and honey. Season and drizzle over the salad. Serve immediately.

Preparation time: 10 minutes. **Cook time:** 15 minutes.

PER SERVE: Kilojoules 800kJ (210cal); Protein 7g; Fat 11g; Carbohydrate 18g; Total Sugars 13g; Sodium <10mg; Potassium 971mg; Calcium 85mg; Iron 2.1mg; Fibre 4g.

TIP:
You can make extra and then divide this mixture into serving sizes and freeze.



Integrated vision

by James Standish



IF IT WEREN'T FOR A BIG TENT IN A DUSTY WEST Australian gold rush town, I wouldn't be an Adventist—in-
deed I would never have been born. It was by that tent at the beginning of the last century that my grandmother saw some spectacular illustrations of beasts, and curiosity got the best of her. A few weeks later, she was a Seventh-day Adventist.

Everything else followed from that conversion—the move to Sydney to work at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, meeting my grandfather who had moved from New Zealand to do the same, the marriage, the children, grandma's daughter going to Avondale, another marriage, more children and, *voilà*, here I am close to 100 years later.

In times gone by, big tents could have big consequences...

As a Church, we traded in big tent evangelism for sophisticated halls long ago. And while we continued to rely on posters and word of mouth, we began using direct mail campaigns and TV advertising to pique interest in our evangelistic efforts. Society changed, and we changed with it.

And now we're changing again.

To adapt to our environment, the Adventist Church is expanding its reliance on "integrated evangelism". What is integrated evangelism? It is a model that starts and ends, as all good evangelism must, with local church. After all, only a local church can provide the community, support, the teaching and the spiritual nurture so necessary to retain and grow strong Christians.

But between the beginning and the end, the local church

partners in innovative ways with a broad range of service ministries. These include *Signs of the Times*, *It is Written Oceania*, *Hope TV*, the *Search* and upcoming *Beyond* DVD series, and the Discovery Centre which offers both online and hard copy Bible lessons. None of these ministries is effective working alone. "The integration of our different evangelistic modes is the key to most effectively achieving our mission of leading the lost to a knowledge of Jesus," observes Pastor Greg Evans, director of the Discovery Centre.

For the integrated model to work, it is vital that media ministries keep their focus on serving the local church. Pastor Gary Kent, speaker/director of *It is Written*, puts it this way: "Everything we do is designed to grow local churches, because local churches are where the real action is."

Adventist Media Network CEO Neale Schofield echoes this view, stating, "Our media ministries can generate interests, but it is only local church members who can follow up and establish a friendship with them. Under the power of the Holy Spirit these personal contacts from church members, pastors and Bible workers provide the best opportunity for people to become Seventh-day Adventists."

There are a number of variations of the integrated evangelism model being trialled across the Church in the South Pacific. In each new campaign we're experimenting and learning. Society is changing fast, and the Adventist Church must be innovative to capitalise on the changes. Three examples of recent experiments include:

1) Sydney Evangelism: The Sydney evangelistic effort currently underway is hosted by the Fountain in the City church

plant. The local church instigated the event, staff the event and are doing the follow-up. To capitalise on the work of the *It is Written* television show, they invited Pastor Kent to speak and sent invitations to those who had already responded to the television show by requesting materials through the Discovery Centre.

The response was extraordinary. For a very modest advertising budget, the church was able to attract over 600 people to the event. After two months of weekly meetings, the interest remains strong, and now the local church is taking over the running of a series of follow-up seminars.

Pastor David Blanch, president of the Greater Sydney Conference, has been "thrilled" by the impact of the series. He said, "We're surprised at how effectively *It is Written* has connected with Sydney. Over 600 people attended their first session—we generally don't see crowds like that in this city. We're very excited about it, as we're focused on growing churches and developing discipleship. This is certainly a key opening to do both."

2) Adelaide Evangelism: The recent Adelaide effort involved local churches cooperating on a citywide campaign that was held in eight locations. Pastor Gary Webster, director of the Institute of Public Evangelism, notes, "What impressed me most was the way church members from across the city contributed their talents. It was inspiring to see what we can do when we all work together."

Once again, the event benefited from coordinated mass media promotion. "Church members' personal invitations remain the most effective way to bring people to events," said Pastor Andrew Kingston, president of the South Australian Conference, "but the *It is Written* contacts were also excellent as they are people who already have exposure to Adventists. Among the general advertising we used, television advertisements proved the most effective." Local churches are following up with the interests from the series.

3) New Zealand Evangelism: The upcoming evangelistic event in New Zealand is led by the *Signs of the Times* team. They plan to distribute over 50,000 copies of the *Signs* magazine during the Rugby World Cup. But they aren't going to rely exclusively on print. Rather, they are also going to be running a one-night live evangelism event with Pastor Kent in three New Zealand cities: Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin. *It is Written* interests will be invited to the events along with *Signs* subscribers and people contacted by *Signs* during the World Cup push. And like the Fountain and the Adelaide efforts, the live events will be followed up by the local churches. "This unique effort will give us the opportunity to harness the potential of print, television and personal contacts, within the context of one of our region's most important sporting events this decade," notes Lee Dunstan, editor of the *Signs*.

It may seem quaint all these years later to think about how a simple tent and a few illustrations drew crowds in frontier towns a century ago. But I thank God that someone was willing to get the message out using the latest means of that day—combining graphic arts with mobile venues. That message changed almost everything about my life.

And there will be thousands of families across the South Pacific that will, one day soon, be thankful for the men and women who are using every means at their disposal today to communicate the Gospel.

Through innovative methods and an integrated approach, Adventists are beginning to break through the clutter of modern life and reach the heart. The promise of integrated evangelism is only at its beginning. And every one of us can play a part. ↻

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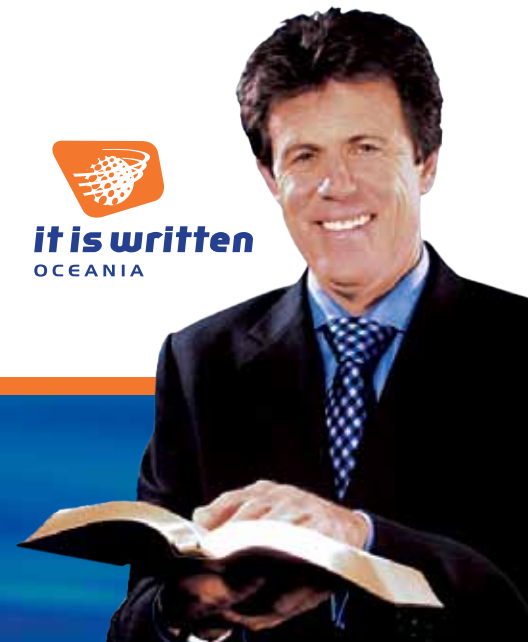
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Media and Mission

by Neale Schofield

WHAT IS THE PRIMARY REASON OUR CHURCH is not growing in a dramatic way?

The average church in Australia and New Zealand has three baptisms per year. When we consider our precious young people are part of that statistic it's possible that just one of those three is fresh from the community.

Think about that for a moment.

Jesus said, "the harvest is plentiful . . ." So over the past few weeks our team at Adventist Media Network has asked people that one question: "Why aren't we booming with growth?" Not in Africa or Brazil. But right here in the South Pacific. In your local church.

The responses have been varied. "We don't like getting our hands dirty." "We need to be converted." "We lack leadership." "I am embarrassed to invite someone to my

church." "We need to be more integrated." And yes, you guessed it, "the pastors aren't doing their job".

You probably have a few thoughts of your own.

There is no question that it's not always easy to win souls. We live in a fast-paced, secular society where people are struggling just to keep up. We get involved in some form of evangelism only to become discouraged when so few accept Jesus. If this is your experience then don't give up. There is nothing more important in life than living and sharing the Gospel.

Here is a really encouraging statement,

"If you fail ninety nine times in a hundred, but succeed in saving one soul from ruin, you have done a noble deed for the Master's cause . . . If you work in the same spirit and in the same manner indicated by the example of Him whom you follow, leaving the results with God, you can

never in this life measure the amount of good you have accomplished" (4T p132).

The value of one person is greater than all the wealth in the world. If you live your entire life as a soul winner and fail 99 per cent of the time you have been a dramatic success in the eyes of Jesus. Sounds weird doesn't it? That's because none of us comprehend how priceless we are to Jesus. It is time to work for Jesus and watch Him work as we leave the results to Him.

My background is in marketing and the media—not evangelism but at the age of 28 a pastor put his arm around me and said "I want you to come with me on Bible studies". From that point on God put within me a passion for souls. There is now no greater thrill than studying the Bible in the homes of people who are digesting the Adventist message for the first time. To see lives changed and people finding meaning and real happiness in life.

When asked to work at the Adventist Media Network I jumped at it. Why? It is the same reason why a growing number of people are investing their finances in the work of media evangelism.

Media evangelism is a gift from God to take the Gospel to the world in our generation.

There are two key reasons why I believe media evangelism is vital.

Firstly, media technology enables us to spread the Gospel like never before.

Our vision at Adventist Media Network (AMN) is to have the Adventist message "never more than an arm's length away". In other words, whether someone is in a car, train, plane, lounge room or office, we will be there with media to provide instant access to Bible truth.

In speaking of the media of her day, Ellen White said our books are so important because they go where the "living preacher cannot go" (CM page 10). This is a critical point. She is saying that preaching can reach only a limited number of people. Books can reach many more. Imagine how excited she would be today to have all the other aspects of media available to go where the "living preacher cannot go".

At Adventist Media we are investing in books, films, websites, radio and a variety of other media to reach every person in the world. We do not produce media just for the sake of it. We produce media to share the Gospel like never before.

I've just read a letter from a man in Victoria. He said this, "My life has been completely changed as a result of being brought to Christ and having accepted Him as my

Lord and Saviour and asking Him to come into my life. This probably would not have happened if not for the *It Is Written* TV program and the invitation to ask for the courses that you have."

Here is an email that came through from a man named Andrew: "I'm incredibly depressed and am considering taking my own life. I'm at the stage where I'm thinking of ways to do it. By chance, early yesterday morning, I couldn't sleep as I was wishing I would die, so I got up and watched *It Is Written*. To be honest, I've never believed in the power of prayer, but I'm reaching out now. Was it a coincidence I turned on the TV? Thank you for your time."


The second benefit of media is the ability to effectively communicate by using the creativity of the arts. There is one day that sticks in my mind from my past experience working at an advertising agency. We were pitching a concept to a large multinational company for a TV advertising campaign. As we presented the business strategy it was clear that the client was interested but not exactly riveted. As soon as our Creative Director presented the creative concept they

came to life. They rose up in their chairs. They were fixated on the message and they accepted the campaign. That experience helped me to recognise the value of creativity.

At AMN we utilise the arts to spread the Gospel. Through films, literature, music and the visual arts we enable the Gospel to come to life in a way that engages people.

Just in one media ministry alone at AMN, we had 10,000 people from the community request Bible studies and free DVDs in the past 12 months. As we launch the new *Search* series called *Beyond*, we are expecting at least as many people to request a free viewing of the DVD. Then we have *Signs of the Times* with 30,000 people reading that magazine each month. Added to this we have the Hope Channel, Psalter Music and the Discovery Bible School—all committed to winning souls through media.

It is most likely that around 25,000 people will be requesting Bible studies and other materials from AMN in the next year. That equates to an average of 50 new contacts per church in Australia and New Zealand alone. If we are only winning one non-Adventist per church per year you can see the opportunity to dramatically grow your local church. We need to work together under the power of the Holy Spirit to reach these new media contacts.

Thank you for supporting our media ministries at AMN. We have a passion for souls that drives everything we do. We have a team that believes now is the time to take the Gospel to the world. God is good. Thank you. 

Neale Schofield is CEO of Adventist Media Network.

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LETTERS

TPUM SPECIAL EDITION

Joe Talemaitoga, FIJI

I've just finished reading the July 30 TPUM special edition and am very impressed.

Three cheers to the RECORD editorial team as Island nations are now receiving and reading our Church magazine the same day as our members in Australia and New Zealand.

The weekly news stories are frequently featuring stories from the Pacific. The special edition does indeed tell us that we are a special part of the wider church in the South Pacific.

Thank you for sharing our stories with everyone, everywhere.

EARLY EXPATRIATE MISSIONARIES

Email, NSW

I just want to express my appreciation for the TPUM edition.

After having worked in the union for 15 years, I was pleased to get a wonderful and inspiring view of what the national workers are now achieving.

This reveals the ultimate aim of the early missionaries—to prepare the locals to do the work themselves. In the 50s and 60s, I used to tell my students that I was there only until they could take over and do it themselves.

It's a thrill to know that several of my former students even from the 70s are now leaders in the Church.

There is no question that since the nationals have taken leadership, under the blessing of the Lord, the growth of our Church has increased rapidly.

MOVED TO ACTION

Norma Robinson, NSW

I was touched by the story of the Nadi Indian church (My church, July 30), and moved to action by their need.

Why don't we take the approach of Maranatha, which organises a church to be built in one day? I've seen so many churches built in one day on Hope Channel. Why can't we do the same in the South Pacific?

I'm sure if church members donated their time and money we could provide representative and suitable buildings for this struggling congregation and many more throughout the Pacific.

I would like to see Pastor Nileshchan's dream come to fruition by December 2012.

BRILLIANT SUGGESTION

Evelyn Bean, ACT

I would like to congratulate the Fountain in the City team and Pastor Kent for their ingenuity in "Evangelism model a winner," (News, July 16).

It's exciting to read how a brilliant suggestion can result in a surprising attendance at an evangelistic program in Sydney.

OPINION POLL

Gail Webster, NZ

In response to the question, "What aspect of church life most needs to change?" (Opinion Poll, July 16).

Worship styles? This needs to be the personal choice of individual churches. If you don't like happy-clappy go to a different church where you do like the format.

Evangelism methods? We need to go back to preaching the message and not a social gospel.

Church structure? Is anything broken with what we have? If not then don't try to fix it.

Theology? Don't you dare touch it. We have only just begun to return to true Adventism and have almost weeded out the misguided who were deceived by the last efforts to change our doctrines.

When I became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1967 I studied the message with Pastor Bob Trood to see if I wanted to commit my life entirely to the message.

What he presented was so incontrovertible and it could not be faulted. Sister White says, "That which was truth then is truth today." Leave our doctrines alone.

HUMBLY SEEK GOD'S FORGIVENESS?

Email, NZ

I would like to respond to "Unforgiven Sins" (Letters, July 16). I agree completely with what was said but would like to go further in saying that we need to apologise for the wrongs committed in the past.

There seems to be an idea among many that the church does no wrong or somehow shows weakness by apologising, and if someone leaves it is never the fault of the church and its members.

I believe many who have been wronged would return if people apologised and corrected the wrongs.

I suggest if these attitudes and the ways disagreements were handled were changed, churches would grow.

It's a strength, not a weakness, to be able to say sorry!

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Kids' Space

NO KIDS

Do you remember Mordecai? He was Esther's uncle and he overheard two men who were plotting to kill the King. Mordecai and Esther had some difficult decisions to make.

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1 Samuel 16:7

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SNAP SHOT

with Dr Barry Oliver

Beyond The Search

For more than 10 years we have been well served by a ministry tool developed by our South Pacific Media Centre. *The Search* DVD series (video originally) has had an impact on the outreach activities of the Church, not only in this Division but around the world. A considerable number of you reading these words found your way to the Lord and into the Church with the assistance of this wonderful series.

Three years ago we began a process to update *The Search*. However, once the process commenced we quickly realised that a complete new series was needed. Providentially, resources became available and the team at Adventist Media is just about to complete a fantastic new series titled *Beyond*. It comprises 14 feature DVD episodes on major message themes. Each feature episode is designed to capture interest and attention. The episodes feature interviews with people such as Brant Webb and Todd Russell who were trapped in the Beaconsfield mine, and Tony Bullimore who was dramatically rescued from the Southern Ocean. In addition, each feature will have at least two supporting DVDs which present a Bible study on related topics. There will be a total of 42 DVD presentations.

Recently, I sat in the studio recording one of the support DVDs with Geoff Youlden, James Toogood and Lyle Southwell. Many people have been asked to participate. One of our Bible study discussions was on heaven, the other on discipleship. As I thought about what was happening, not only was I grateful that as a Church we have a state-of-the-art facility which can produce these resources, but I could not help but wonder just who will be given an opportunity to be part of the kingdom of God through this means.

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

R MY MINISTRY

On a hot Sabbath night in the south of Darwin, 37 people in need of good food and good company walked into the Palmerston Adventist church hall and found what they were looking for . . . and more.

It all began with the distribution of Brumby's leftover bread to those who need it most. As we delivered the bread each week we connected with people who were genuinely in need. The idea for a soup kitchen and an ADRA store in Palmerston was born. First we needed a name and a theme for our project. Food for Thought became the name, based on Matthew 25:35: "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink . . ."

God continued to answer our prayers as other organisations came on board with support and donations. There were months of hard work by the youth and women's ministries team, ably led by Pastor Sigila Paleso'o's wife, Donna, and inspired by God.

We began the opening night with songs and fellowship, getting to know our guests. Pastor Paleso'o introduced them to God's Sabbath by closing Sabbath together with prayer. Then it was time to enjoy the flavoursome vegetarian fare prepared by our cooks and served by the women and youth of the church. Aside from the hot food, dessert and drinks, there were clothes, toys, shoes, books, gift vouchers, sheets and blankets on offer. This was all accompanied by entertainment from our youth, their guitars and singers, joined by the beautiful voices of our guests.

A survey was conducted on the night. The results will guide future events and advertising as well as giving us a vital insight into the community's view of our church. Our committee has already met to organise the next Food for Thought event. —*Tania Tamaotai*



Pastor Sigila Paleso'o with a happy customer.



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WEDDINGS

Brown–Hilpipre. Gareth Brown, son of Hamish and Denise Brown (Perth, WA), and Ginger Hilpipre, daughter of Terry and Kathryn Hilpipre (Fulton, Missouri, USA), were married 17.4.11 in Hyde Park, Perth, WA.

Andrew Skeggs



Butler–Kurosawa. Ryan Butler, youngest son of Bob and

Joy Butler (Nairobi, Kenya, Africa), and Miyuki Kurosawa, youngest daughter of Tsutomu San and Huki San, were married 18.4.11 in Okayama, Japan. The beautiful couple were dressed in traditional Japanese costumes as they pledged their love and commitment to each other.

Bob and Joy Butler

Chew–Wai. Sky Chew, son of Gu Gee and Melody Chew, and Doris Ip Hee Wai, daughter of Ah Yap Ip Hee Wai and Chin Fong, were married 8.3.11 at Lilydale Adventist church, Vic. Doris and Sky met at Gateway Adventist Centre where they are using

their spiritual gifts in music and medicine for outreach. Doris is from Mauritius and Sky is from Malaysia.

Weefong Choo



DeGregorio–Suerte. Denis DeGregorio, son of Teresa Plumer,

and Marlyn Suerte, daughter of Fidel Suerte, were married 22.5.11 at Auburn church. They were both baptised as a result of meetings conducted at Preston church about six years ago. It was the first time for their many immediate and extended families who are Catholics to witness an Adventist wedding.

Weefong Choo

Grosse–Ball. Timothy Grosse, son of Athol and Zoe Grosse (Perth, WA), and Angelica Ball, daughter of Peter and Erlinda Ball (Perth), were married 19.2.11 in Ross Memorial Uniting Church, West Perth.

Andrew Skeggs

O'Hare–Knight. Derek Albert Hugh O'Hare, son of Brian and the late Beryl O'Hare, and Va-

nessa Josephine Knight, daughter of Louise and Peter Knight (all of WA), were married 8.5.11 at Woodloes Homestead, Cannington, Perth.

Steven Goods

Scott–Gallagher. Jackson Scott, son of Ross and Valerie Scott, and Natarsha Gallagher, daughter of Colin and Valerie Gallagher, were married 17.4.11 in a beautiful garden setting at Yarra Ranges Estate, Monbulk, Vic.

Timothy Gorle

OBITUARIES

Godfrey, Walter Francis (Wai), born 30.8.1926 in Cooranbong, NSW; died 16.4.11 in Toowoomba, Qld. In 1952, he married Jean Richards and they had a son, Keith. In 1961, he met Irene Lutherborrow. They married and had four sons, Stephen, Robert, Owen and Donald (dec 1978). He is survived by his wife, Irene; his sons and their wives; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Walter loved to play hymns and semi-classical music on the piano. He was on the organ roster at whichever church he attended. In the 1940s he worked on his parents' banana farm before becoming a public servant. During retirement he

planted several acres of bananas on his Redland Bay property. Walter was much loved by family and friends, who are looking forward to Jesus' return.

Keith Miller

Hannah, Bruce Douglas, born 19.2.1931 at Taumarunui, NZ; died 19.4.11 in Wellington. On 25.1.1954, he married Phyllis. He is survived by his wife; his children, Chrissy and John (Rotorua), Lynette (Tauranga), Judy and Kevin (Te Puke), Nigel and Caren (Masterton), and Kevin and Sue (Cooranbong, NSW); 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Bruce was an active member and elder of the Masterton church for many years. He loved helping people and will be deeply missed.

Lawrence Lane, Limoni Manu

Kraay, Christiaan, born 12.1.1927; died 22.1.11 in Auckland, NZ. On 14.12.1972, he married Margaret. He was predeceased by his son, Nigel. He is survived by his children, Shane, Gerard (both of Auckland) and Angela Kraay (Cairns, Australia); five grandchildren, Charles, Balance, Ruben, Hayden, Troydny; and great-grandchild, McKenzie. Chris was a real gentleman, who was much loved by his family and

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friends, and also by his church family at Brentwood Ave, Auckland, NZ. He was a very forgiving person.

Lawrence Lane, Neone Okesene

Stirling, Gwendolyn Bertha (nee Smith), born 31.1.1927 in the UK; died 22.5.11 at Victoria Point, Qld. On 2.6.1951, she married John Humphrey Stirling. She is survived by her husband (Victoria Point); her daughters and their spouses, Susan and Ian Wakefield (d'Aguiar), and Carol and Stuart Smith (Highvale, Qld); and her two grandsons, Dale Wakefield (Adelaide, SA) and Glenn Smith (Mt Isa, Qld).

Keith Miller, Gabriel Ontanu

Stockton, Irwyn Douglas, born 4.5.1919 in Warburton, Vic; died 11.4.11 peacefully in Hornsby Hospital, NSW. He was married to his first wife, Gwen, for 54 years, and then his now widow, Barbara for three years. He is the grandson of John Henry Stockton, who was the first Adventist convert in Australia. He was very proud of the family he grew up with and the family he had. Irwyn

lived the majority of his life in Normanhurst. He is the loved father of Wendy, Julie, Norman, Graham and Diane; loved grandad of Nicolle, Mark, Rhys, Bowen, Nikki (dec), Lana, Timothy, Rebecca, Michael, Connor, Jack and Riley; dearest great-grandad of Benjamin and Laura; dear brother of Merle, Esmond, Lindsay (dec) and Noel (Bribie Island). He came to the Lord late in life and was very glad and joyful. He awaits his hoped calling on Resurrection day. He is very sadly missed until Jesus comes.

Versluis, Wilhelmina, born 24.4.1917 at Colynsplaet, Netherlands; died 13.4.11 in Canberra, ACT. On 15.7.1937, she married Marinus at Colynsplaet. In 1942, she and Marinus were baptised in Amsterdam by a German pastor. She is survived by her husband; her children, Josie, Adrie, Nelly, Johan, Marinus, Julia and Peter; 21 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. They migrated to Australia some years after their baptism, where they worked in various states

until finally settling in Canberra, ACT. Wilhelmina was a quiet lady, dedicated to her Lord and dearly loved by her family and her church. In the closing days of her life, she often said with strong emphasis, "the Lord is my Shepherd". She sleeps waiting to hear her Shepherd's voice.

Neil Lawson, Sid Griffith

Winter, Pastor Clifford (Cliff) Charles, born 11.1.1914 at South Grafton, NSW; died 13.6.11 in Ringwood Private Hospital, Vic. On 18.8.1943, he married Grace Edith Shipp, who predeceased him on 15.7.00. He is survived by his children, Merlene Jaensch (Emerald, Qld) and Trevor (Melbourne, Vic); his siblings, Ruth, Dorothy and Arthur; grandchildren, Tracy, Nicole, Wendy and Anthony; and great-grandchildren, Tyler, Noah and James. Cliff and Grace devoted their lives to the service of their Lord in South NZ, Tasmania and SA. After retiring to Warburton, Vic, they became involved with the health care centre as volunteers, where Cliff served as a chaplain. Twenty years later they moved

to Alwara Retirement Village in Bendigo and Cliff continued to be involved with the local church. Cliff was a kind, caring and compassionate pastor and a thorough Christian gentleman.

Morrie Krieg




Woolard, Daphne May, born 26.8.1919 at Nubba Nubba, Riverina District, NSW; died 8.6.11 at Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Brisbane, Qld. She was predeceased by her husband, Colin and daughter, Colleen. Daphne is survived by her daughters, Margaret and Nancy. She was a much-loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a very loving and hard-working mother, who was well ahead of her time in so many ways. Daphne now rests, awaiting the coming of Jesus.

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