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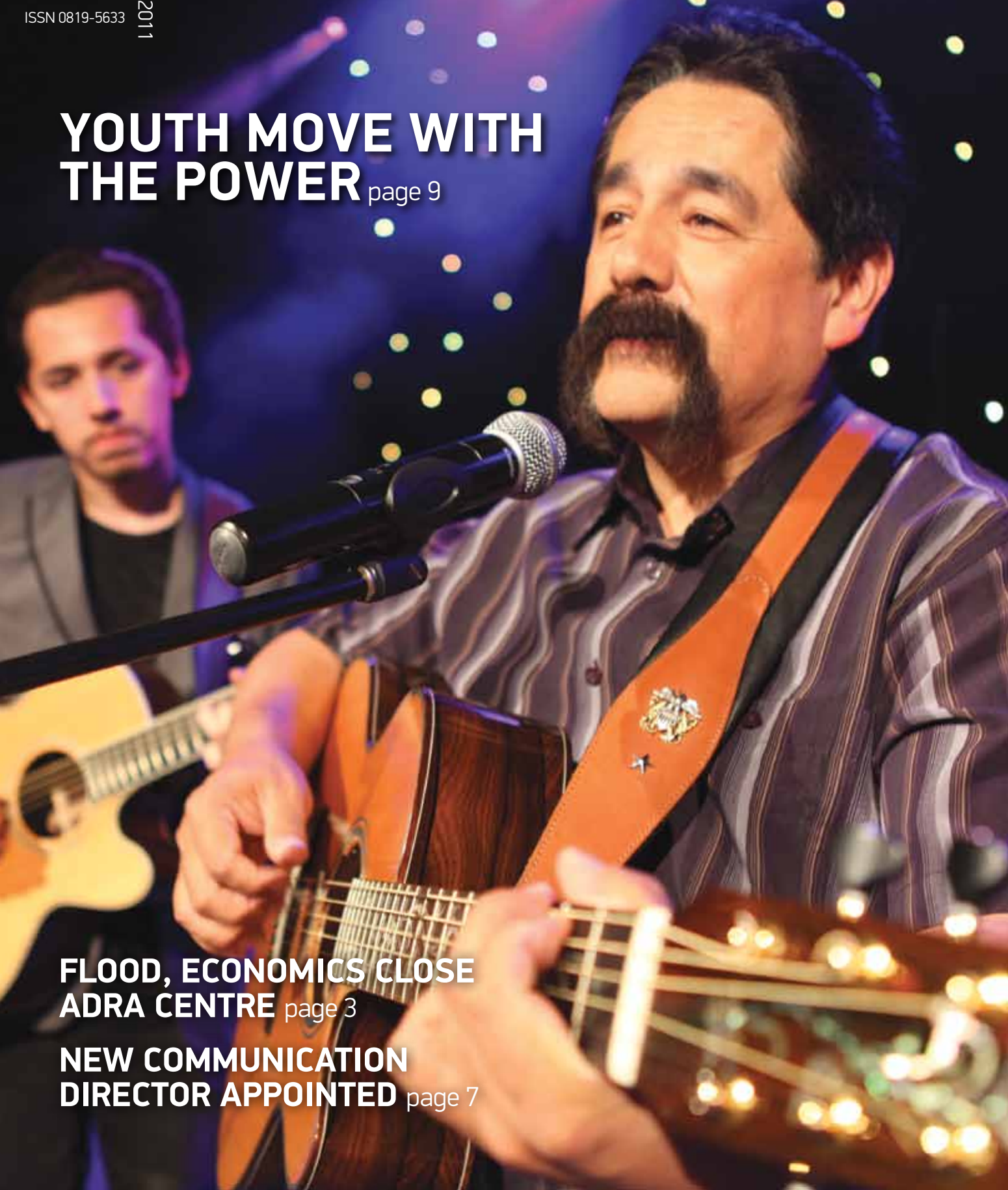
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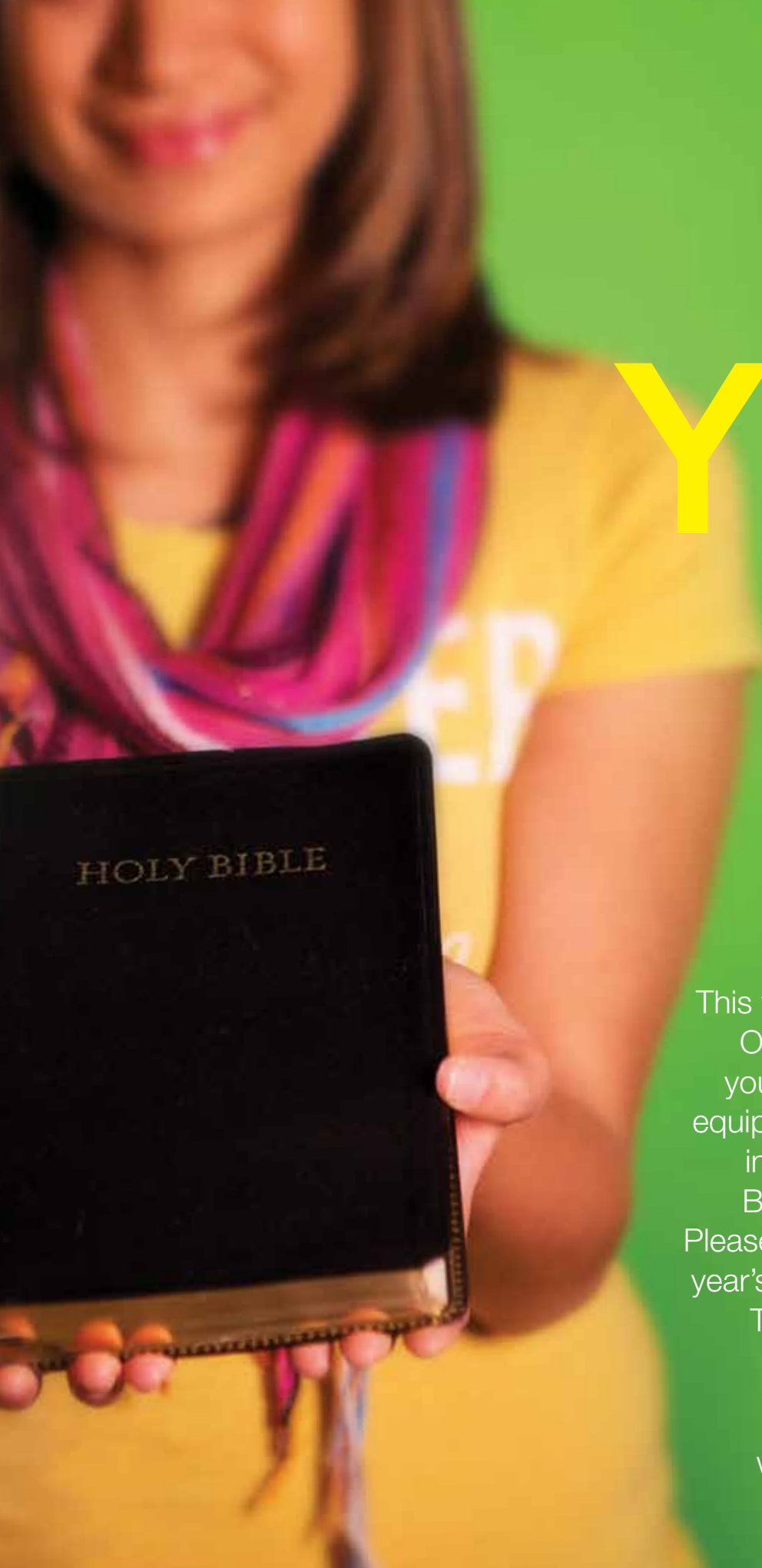
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Flood, economics close ADRA centre

Gympie, Queensland

Economic depression in the Gympie region has forced the closure of an ADRA centre which has provided an op shop and counselling service to the local community.

"After paying increasing rent and utilities, there was very little left to put into community support," said centre manager John Bell. "Our great team of volunteers were putting in many hours just to pay bills. With the effect of floods and the day-to-day struggle to make ends meet, we knew there had to be a better way to help people."

At a recent management committee, in consultation with ADRA Australia's National Program coordinator, Marilyn Mackay, the decision was made to close the centre in favour of providing a more direct way of crisis relief.

Community networking already established by the ADRA centre means support can continue to be offered as an ADRA local church project.

Gympie ADRA centre was flooded earlier this year but soon reopened. When the centre closed at the end of August, the op shop stock and shelving were given to other organisations and flood-affected communities. —Chris Foote



The Queensland floods were one factor leading to the store closure.

28 Stories: discovering Adventist beliefs

Brisbane, Queensland

A new book is sharing a road-tested resource for exploring, experiencing and personalising Adventist beliefs.

28 Stories was launched at the Move With The Power III youth leadership summit in Brisbane. Published by Signs Publishing Company, it was written by Pastor David Edgren, director of Children's Ministry for the Victorian Conference.

"*28 Stories* is a way of exploring our faith that begins with story and works through relationship and discussion to get to the teaching," Pastor Edgren said. "This includes what we think, what we feel, what we do, and how we see ourselves and God."

First written for young people, the resource has already been used in various settings.

"I really believe that if we lose our story, we lose our identity," Pastor Edgren said. "That's why 80 per cent of the Bible is stories and Jesus spent so much time telling stories. Stories become part of us and these become a foundation for our faith."

28 Stories is available from Adventist Book Centres. —Nathan Brown



New look 'Try Jesus' launched

Brisbane, Queensland

A revised edition of the 'Try Jesus' Bible study guide series was released at Move With The Power III in Brisbane.

The series has been updated by its original author Pastor Errol Webster, who has replaced many of the illustrations to capture the attention of today's younger audience.

The original edition, produced in the 1990s, has been a very successful evangelistic tool used by pastors across Australia and New Zealand.

"The content needed some revision work as the illustrations had become a little dated," said Pastor Nick Kross, youth director for the South Pacific Division. "Errol has kept abreast of many of the current stories that will inspire our youth and young adults by reading youth magazines and current musical reviews."

The other revision is an overall upgrade of the look and feel of the set. Many of the graphics had become slightly dated, but the designers have re-packaged the messages and stories with a sharp, minimalist presentation.

"I wanted a set of studies that we could use in

a public setting like a cafe without it looking overtly religious," Pastor Kross said. The new look 'Try Jesus' series will have broad appeal to younger audiences due to its simple format and content. "We've been using these studies on the Central Coast and have baptised Adventist youth and unchurched people already," Pastor Kross said.

The format of these lessons is self-explanatory, beginning with stories that set the mood for the topic. They are simple to use and only \$A8.50 per set of 24 lessons. Information at <<https://resources-adventist-org.au.adventistconnect.org/store/products>>. —Nick Kross





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"Jose Rojas plays with his son, Gabriel, at
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God's power moved

Litiana Turner

I attended Move with the Power III (MWTPIII), a pivotal training event for youth leaders and emerging leaders involved in all aspects of youth ministry. Over the five days spent together, I witnessed a unique sense of oneness from those who attended, brothers and sisters from Western Australia to Kiribati and Papua New Guinea to Christchurch. Many were blessed by the ministry rendered to the hundreds of youth leaders from throughout the Pacific. I strongly believe that MWTPIII was a Spirit-led, God ordained time of ministry.

I spoke with many people before, during and after the event, and it would be fair to unequivocally say that, "God showed Himself in powerful ways". He anointed the spoken word. God was in the nuances of everything we encountered and for many of us, MWTPIII was a life-changing encounter with God's dreams for us as individuals and as a corporate body of leaders.

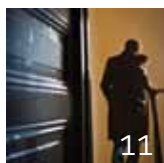
A youth leader spoke with me at MWTPIII and humbly shared, "This event has saved my ministry". Another leader shared with me that she "felt God calling her to pray for the presenters and the leaders at this event". When Pastor Nick Kross, Mavis and I discussed MWTPIII months ago, it was an event that was couched within the Acts 1:8 mandate. We wrestled daily in prayer for God's presence to be tangible. We plead with the Holy Spirit to bring the right people—so God's purposes could be fulfilled for our generation of youth.

Our mission as a youth department is to lead young people into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them embrace His call to discipleship.

Looking back, with the 700 people who attended this life-changing event, I can boldly say that it was not by our might nor was it by our power but rather it was through God's Spirit that lives were transformed and energised to serve our Church and to fulfil Jesus' commission to us, His modern day disciples. MWTPIII has empowered us to go out and impact those within our sphere of influence!

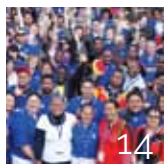
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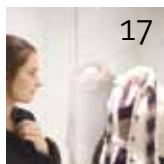
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Sue Redman

I've spent most of my time praying for the leaders. The organisers—Pastor Nick Kross and Litiana Turner—needed constant prayer and uplifting. It's been an incredible experience meeting people from around the Pacific and praying for them. It's amazing how God brings us to places for different reasons than we might have expected.



The catering team

The catering team provided 7700 meals for the 700 delegates. The team consisted of 15 volunteers; nine from Sydney and six from Brisbane. "I would do it all over again," said Arieta Saunivanua, team leader for the Fijian catering team. "I've served with beautiful people, made many new friends from around the Pacific." The catering team peeled 100kg of potatoes, cooked 100kg of rice, used 300kg of eggs and served 100 litres of milk for breakfast.



Maveni Kaufononga

I serve as Youth Ministries director for the Trans Pacific Union Mission. MWTP has brought about a revival in my life and has challenged me to refocus my ministry to the thousands of youth in my region. I've been reminded of the importance of building stronger relationships with them, so that they can build stronger relationships with their heavenly Father.



Ricardo Laloyer

I enjoyed Pastor Cheoneth Strickland's workshop titled "Teaching sexuality to young people". Too many youth are involved in inappropriate sexual activity. I want to teach them from the Word of God and challenge them to respect their bodies and serve and honour God. I see this as a major challenge as many aren't Christians.



Praise and Worship team

The praise and worship team consisted of 10 musicians from the eastern seaboard of Australia. The repertoire was made up of 24 songs from hymns like, "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus" to "Hungry" by Joy Williams—the MWTP theme song. "It was an amazing experience to see hundreds of people from across the Pacific coming together to worship our heavenly Father as one through music," said Mark Robinson, praise and worship team leader.



Sharyl Dwyer

I've been looking forward to MWTP for the last four years. The five days of learning, prayer, worship and sharing have been a huge blessing. I came for tools for youth ministry and have walked away inspired, resourced and better prepared for service in my local church. In a nutshell, I've been blessed beyond measure and have been in the awesome presence of Jesus.



Graeme Fraunfelder

I had the best job at MWTP. I've had personal interaction with almost every person at camp. My aim was to get every single person to feel special, cared for, loved and appreciated. Because there were so many youth leaders from throughout the Pacific, it was important to love and connect with everyone.



The Drama

The drama was a raw portrayal of the Christian life. It pulled back the curtains of the great controversy over every young person's life. It finished with a dramatic presentation of God's power prevailing in the life of a young Samoan girl. Pastor Ragoso Tagalao, drama team leader and district youth director for American Samoa, said, "The team spent six months in preparation to get to MWTP in Brisbane."



Sulu Tuala

I've enjoyed the worship services in the mornings and evenings as much as the workshops. I came to MWTP to become a better leader and have been inspired and motivated to do my best for God. I also wanted to network with other Adventurer leaders. I learned about the power of faith—that I can believe in myself and the children I serve. I believe our children will grow to become committed Christians, but more importantly great servants for God.

Avondale Homecoming honours alumni

Cooranbong, New South Wales

One of Avondale College of Higher Education's longest-serving staff members is now its Alumnus of the Year.

Alan Thrift received a standing ovation as he accepted the Avondale Alumni Association's highest award during the worship service at Homecoming.

President, Pastor Desmond B Hills, presented the award in recognition of Mr Thrift's dedication to musical excellence, particularly at Avondale, his gift as an educator and his contribution as a mentor. He acknowledged his 41 years as head of the then Music Department and noted his achievements as including: conducting the Avondale Symphonic Choir in the first television broadcast of a choral program in Sydney; organising tours throughout Australia, New Zealand and the United States; and serving for 20 years as musical director of the Sydney Male Choir.

Eight other alumni, one from each honour year, joined Mr Thrift as award recipients. Receiving citations from their classmates were: retired cooking demonstrator, teacher, and partner in ministry with her pastor husband, Geneva Smith (1941); artist Melvin Duffy (1951); Dr Lloyd Willis (1961), a professor of Religion at Southwestern Adventist University (Keene, Texas, USA), who also preached the Sabbath sermon; retired chaplain, Dr Roger Henley (1971); Pastor Michael Brownhill (1981); Church youth leader, Pastor Nick Kross (1986); nurse Marilyn Lewis (1991); and minister Leighton Heise (2001).

Dr Marion Shields described Jesus as a "shiftless Nazarene" during the presentation of her "Outliers, misfits or something else?" paper at the Alumni Lecture on Friday. The senior lecturer in the School of Education at

Avondale based her description on Jesus' lack of education and employment and His nomadic lifestyle, while also noting His relationships with women and tax collectors and His praise of a Samaritan. His message? Not to restore our broken relationship with God but to heal broken relationships among people. Dr Shields noted the difference between the Pharisees' definition of holiness—based on exclusivity—and Jesus'—based on inclusivity. "A healthy church often attracts unhealthy people, but a healthy church should be one of the few places where those people find love and acceptance."

The Avondale Alumni Association dedicated the lecture to retired Seventh-day Adventist educator Dr John Hammond.—*Brenton Stacey*



Pastor Hills presents Alan Thrift with the award.

POSITION VACANT | Media Ministries Director

The Adventist Media Network (AMN) is seeking a full time media ministries director, based at the Wahroonga office in NSW, working with our media ministries.

This senior management position provides strategic leadership to the media ministries at AMN. The ministries involved include: Signs of the Times, It Is Written Oceania, Hope Channel, Discovery Centre, Christian Services for the Blind, Psalter music and the South Pacific Division's Institute for Public Evangelism.

The successful applicant will have skills and experience in:

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Please send application and CV to: Calvin Dever
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Adventist Media Network reserves the right to fill this vacancy at its discretion. Overseas applicants must already qualify for a working visa in Australia.

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New communication director appointed

Wahroonga, New South Wales

The South Pacific Division (SPD) has appointed James Standish as communication director to fill the role left vacant by previous director, David Gibbons, who resigned for personal reasons.

After moving back to Australia from the United States, Mr Standish recently took up the role of Media Ministries director for the Adventist Media Network. Before moving, he was the director of Legislative Affairs at the General Conference (GC) and increased the profile of the organisation with the US government and the United Nations. While in this role, Mr Standish met with politicians and religious leaders from around the world, including two US presidents, Obama and Bush.

"His ability to network with politicians and influential leaders throughout the Pacific is a major advantage," said Neale Schofield, CEO of Adventist Media Network.

"Church administration has complete confidence in him to manage any church crisis. Not only is he a lawyer and a quick thinker, he has a great understanding of our Church around the world."

Although busy in the world of business and law, Mr Standish has always enjoyed working in the media and communication sector. "One thing I love doing more than anything is writing," he said. "I also enjoy doing television and radio."

He has written a column for the *Newsweek/Washington Post's* "On Faith" site, created and co-hosted more than 100 episodes of a Hope Channel show called *Global Faith and Freedom*, and authored various journal pieces, articles and reports.

While studying for his BBA at Newbold College, he was editor of the college newspaper, and held editorial roles at the University of Virginia, while completing his MBA, and at Georgetown University, while studying law.

With such an interesting and diverse career in the US, why return now? "We came back so our children could grow up near their extended family and so they could enjoy the unprecedented quality of life Australia offers," Mr Standish said. "I've greatly enjoyed visits and working with church and political leaders in Papua New Guinea, the Solomons and Vanuatu and look forward to working closely with leaders across the Pacific."

Mr Standish is excited by the challenges the role presents. "Electronic media is the town square of today," he said. "If we don't have a strong and effective voice, we don't exist. Personal relationships are still the key but to have a presence and impact in society we must have something more. The Adventist Church globally is at a crossroads. We have not yet found a way to effectively communicate our message in highly developed, secular societies. I believe our best chance of honing that message comes in the SPD. There is a willingness to innovate, a desire to reach and a team with a deep and broad skill set—these things are so necessary. I am looking forward to learning from and working together with the team, taking every opportunity to reach our societies."

Mr Standish is married to Dr Leisa Standish, who is on the faculty at Macquarie University, and has two young daughters, Shea and Skye.—Jarrod Stackelroth



James Standish, experienced lawyer and communicator.

Experts examine threat of secularism

Sydney, New South Wales

Twenty-seven academics and legal experts from 12 countries met at the University of Sydney this week to explore freedom of religion and the rise of secularism during a three-day international think tank.

The event—organised by the Adventist-sponsored International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) in partnership with the Sydney University Law School—was the 13th IRLA Meeting of Experts, and the first to be held in the South Pacific. Previous venues include Amman, Jordan; Madrid, Spain; and Washington DC, United States.

"I wouldn't say that right now in Australia the secular perspective is privileged," said Pastor Ken Vogel, general secretary and religious liberty director for the Australian Union Conference, "but the secular perspective is being very loudly voiced and there is a chance that that voice could actually gain so much ground that the religious voice is not only not heard but actually rejected."

The gathering was tinged with sadness for some who

had been friends and associates of Pastor Karel Nowak, director of religious liberty for the Adventist Church in the Euro-Africa Division. Pastor Nowak was in Australia, intending to participate in the meetings, when he died while snorkelling near Cairns, Queensland.

Established in 1893, the IRLA has its headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, US, and is the world's oldest religious freedom advocacy organisation.—Bettina Krause/Kent Kingston



NSW Attorney General Greg Smith (left) chats with Pastor Ken Vogel (centre) and Delbert Baker, General Conference vice-president.



Curse of violence

The Papua New Guinea government is consulting legal, cultural and church organisations (including Pacific Adventist University) as it reviews its controversial anti-sorcery laws, which prohibit practising or threatening witchcraft. Each year sees around 150 attacks and killings of accused sorcerers in Simbu province alone. —*Islands Business*



Creation care

The large roof areas of church buildings are a perfect location for solar panels. The Caloundra Uniting Church has laid out its solar array to send a message. Many churches find that, if they can afford the initial outlay, they will actually turn a profit, pumping green electricity back into the grid. —*Energy Matters*



Church-state tension

Fiji's military government has cracked down on the Methodist Church, cancelling its annual conference, banning all meetings except Sunday worship and preventing clergy from travelling outside the country. The bans come after church leaders and government officials were unable to agree on who would chair the annual conference. —*Ecumenical News International*



Be warned

The Australian Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Agency has released proposed alcohol container warnings that cover up to a third of the label area. Previous warning labels proposed by the alcohol industry were criticised for being too small and "weak". Alcohol industry representatives described the new, larger labels as "alarming". —*InTouch*



Troubled nation

Twenty-three people died and 80 were injured in a suicide attack on Nigeria's UN headquarters in Abuja. The Islamist group Boko Haram claimed responsibility. The bombing comes just days after Pastor Oyeleke Alabi Owolabi, president of the North-Western Nigeria Union (pictured), warned against equating Boko Haram with Islam generally. —*BBC/Tribune (Nigeria)*



Precious words

A copy of the Torah—the first five books of the Old Testament in Hebrew—that escaped the Jewish Holocaust, is being lovingly restored at a New York synagogue. Scribes must use a quill from a kosher bird to re-write damaged sections, and bless God's name aloud each time they write it. —*CNN Religion Blogs*

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Youth move with the power

by Pablo Lillo

More than 700 Adventist youth leaders from every corner of the Pacific travelled to Brisbane, Australia, to attend the third Move With The Power youth leadership summit.

Move With The Power III (MWTPIII) was designed to provide training and professional development for all leaders involved in youth ministry. Youth directors, youth leaders, Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders, chaplains, church pastors and elders were trained and equipped by experts in various areas of youth leadership.

"MWTPIII is the most important event in youth ministry for our Church in the South Pacific for 2011," said South Pacific Division (SPD) president, Dr Barry Oliver.

Youth Ministries director for the General Conference, Pastor Gilbert Cangy, Andrews University professor of Homiletics, Dr Hyveth Williams, North American Division director of Volunteer Services, Pastor Jose Rojas, and La Sierra University professor of Theology, Dr Bailey Gillespie, were the keynote speakers.

"We wanted leaders to be equipped in the best possible way for kingdom-building ministry with the young people in their area of influence," said SPD Youth Ministries associate director, Litiana Turner.

"We prayed for MWTPIII for many months asking God to bless and anoint everyone attending the summit."

Dr Williams said it was a "revolutionary" five days, "where I have seen people open their hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to heal them".

"So the much appealed revival has begun," she said.

A wide variety of workshops were offered providing valuable information for leadership. The workshops covered topics including, "Preaching Christ prophetically"; "Family based youth ministry"; "Motivating local church youth"; "STORMCo—the power of service"; "Teaching sexuality to young people"; "Church and social action"; and "Soul winning on the frontline".

Di Obst, from the Victorian Conference, said the summit had made a real impact on her life. "It's meant a breaking

of my spirit so His Spirit can come in," she said.

Pastor Gilbert Cangy said the summit was the continual fulfilment of a vision born in 2002. "It is the flagship leadership event for youth in the South Pacific," he said. "It's designed to be an inspiring, equipping and empowering event. As the title says, it's a moment our leaders are refreshed in a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit for transformation and service."

Pastor Rojas, keynote speaker for the evening programs, challenged the leaders to believe in their calling to service, to love unlovable youth and commit to service and faith sharing.

During the worship services brothers and sisters from different cultures, backgrounds and ages worshipped God as one—preparing for battle as they were challenged to witness to the ends of the earth.

Pastor Lonol Winnie, youth director for the Central Papua Conference, Papua New Guinea, said, "It's been an awesome experience that is difficult to put into words. We've experienced the mighty power of God in the daily worships. Our 250 youth are better prepared and inspired to go home and serve God and win more souls for Christ."

American Samoa district youth director, Pastor Ragoso Tagaloa, said the summit exposed God's power to youth "from a humble Samoan village setting".

"They experienced the dynamic power of God and plan to share it with their youth and church," he said.

SPD Youth Ministries director, Pastor Nick Kross, launched the World Changers Bible Project—a million dollar project that will give many thousands of youth in the Pacific a Bible and set of Bible studies.

"The key element is . . . the fact that only those who are prepared to step up and become disciples of Christ will be eligible to receive the Bible set," he said.

"You only get it if you're prepared to share the material with at least one other person who doesn't know Christ."

Pablo Lillo is head of news and editorial for RECORD.



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OPINION*

Michelle Noerianto

Growing through change

"It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory," said W Edwards Deming.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. When you find yourself in a battle resisting change, ask yourself what are you clinging on to? For some it's sentiment; for others it's the desire to be in control. It may well be that the resistance you are investing all that effort into is the frayed rope that has you bound. That opposition to all change is often the doorway to unnecessary stress, anxiety and fear that really rob you of all peace.

Next time change knocks at your door, check your attitudes with God and relinquish your desire to hold control. Stop thinking and acting like a victim, don't expect others to rescue you and surrender all self pity. You're not at all helpless in any situation of change; God's Word promises you "can do everything . . . with the help of Christ".

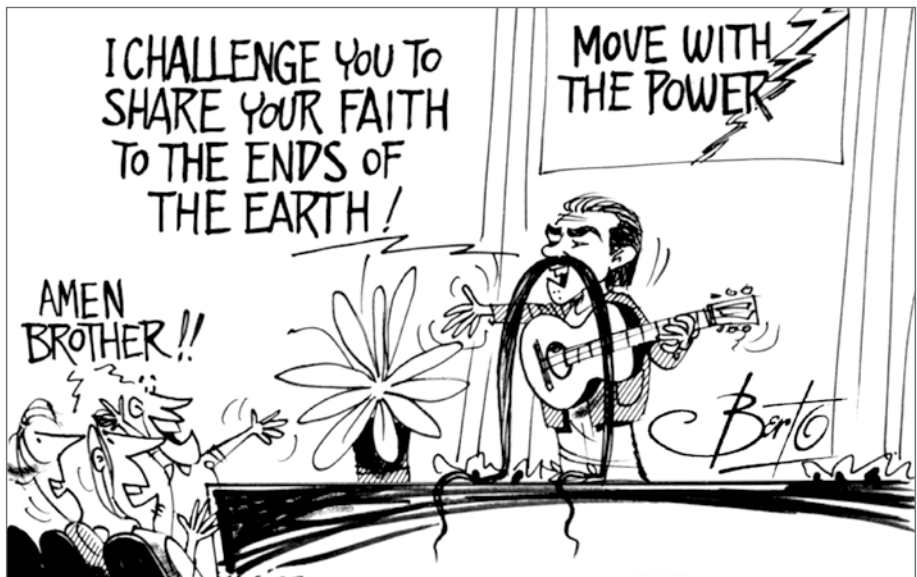
"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19 (NIV).

Let today be the day that you stop deciding not to change. When God promises to lead, let Him lead and be the best co-pilot you can be. God may well be taking you on a much better route than you could ever begin to imagine and yet you are still tempted to grab the wheel back and drive for Him. Oh, and did I mention, you are also looking in the rear view mirror at things that are in your past?

Remember that faith is the essence of unseen things. God will lead you to bigger, better things through the very change you are resisting. You may not like the changes, but learn to embrace them. Accept it as a blessing whether it's change in relationships, career, your living situation or your finances, praise God for it. It's only hindsight that shows us that a new way is often a better way.

* Views represented in Opinion reflect those of the author and not necessarily those of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Michelle Noerianto writes from Sydney, NSW.



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Unsatisfied

by Di Obst

THE HAND OF THE LORD IS UPON YOU, HE HAS brought you to this place that you might see His glory." As Pastor Jose Rojas's words resounded around the auditorium, any doubt that I was where I was meant to be disappeared. "First, you must believe! Then on that hope add faith, and to that faith, action."

Holding no current youth leadership position, I had come to sharpen my skills and talents at this incredible spiritual training opportunity. I attended the first Move With the Power in Sydney 10 years ago and the experience cemented my faith as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. I knew how powerful these events were. It had formed my faith.

So, I was thrilled that so many youth in my sphere of influence had come to MWPIII. I was hoping these precious youth would make a divine connection with their Saviour. But the Lord had brought me here for my own experience. He had something He wanted me to learn, something He wanted me to let go. Slowly, subtly, I had allowed the spirits of criticism, doubt, scepticism and pride to cloud my vision and obscure my faith. I needed to reconnect, refocus, but more importantly, to recommit.

You know the feeling. Life is going pretty well, you've accepted the talents God has given you and you are using them to minister to His Church. Your relationship with God is alright, but you know it could be better. Yes, you know the feeling. Unsatisfied.

Well that was me. Maybe I didn't even realise it but God knew. He knew and He had planned something good for me (Ephesians 2:10). But not just for me, for me and 700 others, and indeed for you too: Move with the Power III, "The Hand of the Lord is upon you". He had brought me to this place.

As I listened to the speakers and sat through the workshops, there was no new message but there was a new understanding, an awakening of my spirit to the ways of His Spirit. The Word of God became alive, cutting like a "two-edged sword" to the heart of me, meaning bursting from every word (Hebrews 4:12). Everything—every speaker, every worship, every sermon, every workshop—all pointed to the same conclusion. It's not about me. It's not about what I can do but what God can do through me. I can do nothing without the love of God that He places in my heart, and to fill my heart with His love I must let go of

all the doubt, criticism, scepticism and pride holding me back from being the woman of God He planned me to be.

Then I allowed my heart to be broken. Over and over again I let go and allowed His Holy Spirit to restore my life, to equip me with His power and His love and to remind me that I should take pride in nothing but Jesus and His sacrifice. "The Hand of the Lord is upon you, He has brought you to this place." Now I was ready to come down from the mountain and into the valley. Ready to share the glory of His presence and the message of His love.

And so now I am still unsatisfied. I'm unsatisfied to come back to my church and see our young people slip out the back door. I'm unsatisfied to come home and sit quietly when there is so much to share about the love of God and what He is doing in my life. It's time for us to stop arguing about theology and start focusing on the love of our God, rooted in a deep knowledge of Scripture. It's time to stop moving with our own spirit and power and start to move with the power of His Spirit. It is time to accept the promise of Acts 1:8 (NLT), "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere . . ." It's time to be His witnesses, to humbly love the faces of those who fill our churches and towns and to share the good things the Lord has done for us. It's time for us to stop disciplining our youth and start disciplining them, for "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" (*Messages to Young People*, E White p196).

John says in Revelation 12:11 (NIV) that we will defeat the devil "by the power of the blood of the Lamb and by the word of (our) testimony". So the messages of Move with the Power III are for everyone. Remain faithful. Move quickly to support what God is already doing. Love each other. Press on to the finish line. Share what you have experienced with God with those around you. Let people hear your story and see His glory on your face as you share the wonders He has done in you! For surely "the Hand of the Lord is upon you, He has brought you to this place". ↻

Di Obst is passionate about creating authentic worship opportunities for her church family in Mildura, VIC.



OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

The purpose of the Second Coming

From its earliest days, the Christian movement has looked forward to the Second Coming of Jesus. The apostle Paul referred to the return of Jesus as the “blessed hope” (Titus 2:13), and the anticipation of His glorious appearing has inspired the witness, mission and service of the Church down through the centuries. Not only has this teaching motivated human effort but there is also a grand divine motivation behind this climactic event.

According to Scripture, why is Jesus coming again?

- Jesus is coming a second time to keep His promise. **Read** John 14:1-3. He is reliable and true to His word; He is not going to delegate this matter to angels, but He is going to return personally (Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15).

- He is returning to meet His followers and take them to heaven to live with Him forever. **Read** John 14:1-3. This will become a wonderful reality through resurrection, transformation and translation, all of which take place when Jesus comes again.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-55.

- The return of Jesus is the grand climax of the plan of salvation. **Read** Hebrews 9:28. The Second Coming will bring about the resolution of the sin problem and the establishment of God’s kingdom of glory.

- Jesus is coming to end this old world marred by sin and usher in a new and restored world. **Read** Romans 8:18-25. The Second Coming will end the reign of sin and cut short man’s destructive activity (Revelation 11:18).

This blessed hope of the Church has both a personal dimension and worldwide significance. The knowledge of His return gives hope for the future and meaning to the present. As followers of Jesus, the longings and prayers of Paul and John should be ours as well (2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 22:20).

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



HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Q: I snore, am overweight and suffer “sleep apnoea”. The doctor has ordered a CPAP machine after breathing tests but I find it terribly uncomfortable. Is it essential?

A: Long periods of non-breathing (“apnoea”) often follow a snore which means the brain is oxygen deprived. It may occur dozens of times a night, leading to daytime drowsiness, risks driving or working machines. Long term, it’s claimed to cause blood pressure, angina and heart disease. Persevere with the mask—it can take a year or more to adjust! Also, lose some weight.

Q: Walking is often advised for better health, losing weight and eliminating muscle aches and pains. But how much?

A: Most take 7000 steps a day with routine activities. Increase this to 10,000 a day, and you will notice a major improvement. Time wise, this roughly means 30–40 minutes a day. Either in one hit, or by adding up all the short trips here and there. It is very easy. Remove fat from your diet and the positive outcome will amaze you.

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MY CHURCH

APIA, Samoa Nifo Simaika

I attend the Apia church in the capital of Samoa. The capital city of Apia is located on the central north coast of Upolu, Samoa’s second largest island. The Apia urban area has a population of approximately 37,708.

More than 200 people attend my church every Sabbath. We have a strong sense of fellowship and community—our worship services and preaching are second to none.

I serve my church as temperance leader and am involved in Pathfinder and Adventurer leadership.

Last month we were blessed to see eight people give their hearts to God through baptism. It was great seeing a mix of age groups, ranging from 16–60, standing shoulder to shoulder being welcomed into our church family. Baptisms are the highlight of our worship services; they unite us and remind us to be evangelistic and mission focused.

For outreach we offer Bible correspondence courses, visit the sick in hospital and share God’s Word with prisoners. It’s a time when young and old work together making inroads into the community.

I’m passionate about temperance and our health message and I dream of the day when our church and communities will be much healthier. My church hasn’t had a strong focus on the health message. Yes, there’s always been a strong focus on youth, children and evangelism, but not on health.

I’d like to challenge my church to take our health message to heart and model it to the rest of the community. We need to live healthier lifestyles, exercise more often, eat the right foods and constantly remember that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.



Variety the spice of life

with Cathy McDonald



Imagine eating the same foods every day! No matter how much we like certain foods, it is pretty likely we will get bored eating them all the time.

Having a varied diet not only makes eating more interesting, it also increases our nutrient intake. To date, there have been almost 50 essential nutrients identified. These are nutrients our body cannot make itself so must be included in the diet. Aside from these essential nutrients there is potentially a large range of healthful substances we don't know about. It has been discovered that there are more than 1000 different phytochemicals (naturally occurring substances in plants) which all have potential health benefits. It is the phytochemicals that also give fruits and vegetables their distinctive colours and smells.

All foods contain different combinations of nutrients and phytochemicals; therefore it is important to eat an array of foods to ensure we get all the health benefits of a wide range of nutrients.

Increasing variety also decreases the risk of toxicity. Many foods naturally contain a small amount of toxic substances which cause no harm when eaten in moderate doses. By including a wide range of food groups we ensure one particular type of food is not eaten to excess.

What makes a varied diet?

It is important to eat from a wide range of foods including wholegrain breads and cereals, fruits, vegetables and legumes. These plant foods are the preferable foods to choose

from to optimise the likelihood of getting a great range of phytochemicals and other essential nutrients. To ensure our diet is diverse we should include a wide selection of these foods, aiming to eat around 30 different varieties of food each day. Try and eat different foods one day to the next, to increase diversification. Remember you don't want to eat more; simply have a little bit of each food.

How can we increase variety?

- ▶ Try eating foods that naturally contain plenty of variety such as stir-fries, soups, casseroles, muesli, multigrain breads and dried fruit and nut mix.
- ▶ Add grated vegetables, sprouts, spreads and herbs to sandwiches or rolls.
- ▶ Eat meals with accompaniments like pesto, chutney or hummus.
- ▶ When thinking about fruit and vegetables try and eat an assortment of colours every day.
- ▶ Try eating different types of cereals and breads as they all contain many different types of grains. For example, there is wheat, oats, rye, quinoa, barley, spelt or millet.
- ▶ Try new foods; remember that it may take up to 10 tries before your tastebuds will accept a new taste so keep trying.
- ▶ Try shopping at ethnic markets; they will stock foods that you may not usually eat.
- ▶ Include a variety of ethnic meals. For example, Indian, Chinese and Mexican foods all use many different ingredients from each other.

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RECIPE

Baked vegetables with dates and feta



- 2 whole beetroot
- 4 carrots, sliced 1cm thick on diagonal
- ½ cauliflower, broken into florets
- 2 tsp balsamic vinegar or glaze
- 2 tsp toasted sesame seeds
- 1kg pumpkin, skinned and cut into 4cm pieces
- 2 red onions, cut into wedges
- 1 eggplant, chopped into 2cm pieces
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 100g reduced-fat feta cheese
- ¼ cup coriander leaves
- 6 fresh dates, stoned and quartered

1. Preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Wrap beetroot in foil and bake for 45 minutes.
3. Put the onions, carrots, eggplant, cauliflower and pumpkin in a large wide shallow baking dish. Add oil and toss so the oil lightly coats the vegetables. Bake for 35 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
4. Remove from the oven, peel beetroot and cut into chunks. Place the vegetables in a large serving bowl. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar and toss lightly. Place dates and feta on top, sprinkle with sesame seeds and coriander.

Preparation time: 15 minutes. Cook time: 80 minutes.

PER SERVE: Kilojoules 1000kJ; Calories 250Cal; Protein 12g; Fat 12g; Carbohydrate 25g; Sodium 235mg; Potassium 1130mg; Calcium 155mg; Iron 2.5mg; Fibre 8g.



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THE BEST RESOURCE IN THE CHURCH IS 200,000 young adults who are waiting to be commissioned for the mission of Christ. It is through active engagement in the mission of Christ that our youth see the relevance of our Church. Christianity is not a passive spectator sport. Living a life of faith implies following Jesus in His work of redeeming lives. In His call to Peter and Andrew, Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17, NIV). These two brothers spent the next three years doing just that: learning from Christ the principles of soul winning. As Christ met for the last time with His disciples, He made the promise, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses . . . Acts 1:8, NIV)." We want to claim this promise and raise up a generation of young adults who literally do take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. I believe the greatest way to build faith is to give it to others.

The South Pacific Division (SPD) has been blessed with a high number of talented young people who are passionate about their faith and willing to engage in mission. Through the Adventurer, Pathfinder, Ambassador and senior youth societies our young people have been trained in Adventist history and identity as well as the prophetic nature of our mission. The Youth Department mission statement says: Our mission is to lead young people into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and help them embrace His call to discipleship.

I have a growing conviction that now is the time for us as a Church of youth to become world changers. If every young adult in this Division took up the challenge to bring one person to Christ a year we would see more than 200,000 new members in one year. This would definitely change the world.

I felt I couldn't lead others in the task of soul saving if I was not personally involved myself, so, in March 2009, I accepted the offer to lead a young couple in baptismal studies. This represented a major commitment for me as a youth director who

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by Nick Kross



travelled regularly. But I knew Jesus was prompting me to re-engage at the grassroots level of ministry. On February 4 this year, I baptised the young man, who is attending Avondale College as a primary teaching student. He is now leading other young adults into a relationship with Christ and the Church.

This conviction to engage in leading people to Christ has deepened and grown into a vision to equip every Adventist young adult (15-35) with a Bible and set of studies and a challenge to become a disciple of Christ.

It came as a shock to me as I researched, that there are thousands of young Adventists, particularly in the Pacific Islands, who don't own a Bible or basic Adventist

I believe the greatest way to build faith is to give it to others.

literature to pass on to interested friends. The General Conference slogan for the next five years is "Revival and Reformation" but I kept thinking, how can anyone experience revival or reformation, if they don't possess the most basic Christian tool/weapon? For many young adults in the Pacific, the cost of a Bible is equivalent to a week's wages. This would be like me paying more than \$A1360.10 for one Bible. Would you pay that for a Bible?

The World Changers Bible will have its own cover design and will include 12 pages of discipleship training material. It will also have with it a set of Bookmark Bible studies written by Murray Hunter. They're so easy that a child could use them.

The key element here is not the reduced Bible kit but the fact that only those who are prepared to step up and become world changers will be eligible to receive the Bible set. You only get it if you're prepared to share the material with at least one other person or a small group of friends. The official launch will take place at the World Changers Youth Congress, January 1-6, 2013, at Watson Park Convention Centre, Queensland. This event will be capped at 3000 attendees. The congress will involve outreach and service activities as well as worship, preaching and fellowship. The youth will then be sent out to ignite

their world by bringing at least one person into a saving relationship with Christ Jesus.

The Bible project will only begin at the SPD Congress. Young adults across the Division will then be given training in key centres right around the Pacific during 2013. The local launches will include two days of training and the official launch of the world changers with their evangelism kits. Every world changer will have the support and encouragement of their local youth department as well as web-based resources. 2014 will be dedicated to organising reaping campaigns for the harvest of young adults who have found Jesus and wish to be baptised.

To provide 200,000 hard cover Bibles and study guides will cost more than \$A1 million to purchase and distribute to every nation in the South Pacific. We have been offered the camp mission offerings for this project, but this will only be a starting point for us in raising sufficient funds. So in addition to the camp mission offerings, the '750 Club' will be initiated. The 750 Club is for anyone who is prepared to donate \$A1000 online (worldchanger.me). If 750 people donate \$A1000 we will reach our goal and will be able to place the order for 200,000 Bibles and study guides in March 2012. You can donate any amount at this website, so if you wish to donate more or less, you can. Church youth groups, Pathfinder clubs and other groups may also choose to become 750 Club members. Every donation will make a difference. A donation of \$A1000 will provide 250 Bibles and has the potential to bring 250 people into the Church. The delivery date will be in September 2012, to one location in the Division. We will then send the Bible kits to major centres in the Pacific for local launches. Each world changer will have to pay the equivalent of \$A1 so the other \$A4 will be subsidised through these donations.

If the Lord places on your heart the desire to be part of this project, please don't hesitate to visit the worldchanger.me website. Remember the words Jesus will say to His sons and daughters upon His return, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me". Your financial support will definitely save lives.



Pastor Nick Kross is the director of youth ministries for the South Pacific Division.

LETTERS

FANTASTIC CONFERENCE

Lesleigh Bower, WA

As an attendee at Move With The Power (MWTP), I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the South Pacific Division (SPD) youth directors and their team for the substantial time and effort they invested in organising a fantastic conference.

As a local church youth leader, I returned to Perth feeling energised, refreshed and assured that my role is crucial to the long-term viability of our church. All aspects of the program were specifically tailored to equip delegates to meet the needs of the young people within our care. For that I'm so grateful.

After attending MWTP, I was also impressed with the recognition that young people are not merely the "church of the future", as the age-old saying goes, but are "the church of the present".

As a young person, I acknowledge the need for my generation to step up and be accountable for disseminating our unique message of hope throughout the community. That my Church is willing to provide support, training and mentoring toward this end is so appreciated. Please pray for our youth leaders as they actively seek out new and innovative ways to build up young disciples to meet the needs of 21st century society.

CHALLENGED BY NEED IN FIJI

Felicity Johnson, SA

I've been challenged by Pastor Nileshchan's need of a church building in Fiji, "My church (TPUM Edition, July 30). I'm praying that God will touch and awaken our hearts to the

desperate need of our churches in the South Pacific.

Surely there are true Christians who will pick up the call/challenge and provide this faithful pastor with a proper building so he can witness, teach and serve his fellow man and bring them to our Lord and Saviour.

A fly 'n' build is needed. Who will volunteer their expertise and make this dedicated man's dream—and I'm sure, God's plans—come true?

TIMELY WARNING

Kristine Stahl, SA

Dr David Tasker's article, "The Challenge of generational change" (Feature, July 16), serves as a timely warning for all Adventists—it's my hope and prayer that everyone will read and digest it.

In the same edition, Pastor David Edgren's article, "Concrete Thinking", adds to the thought that although change must come, it must be in the form of "primitive godliness". It won't happen without a personal "jackhammer" experience.

Berto's cartoon captured the essence of it with his apt depiction of our confusion over righteousness by faith—the very thing we all need to understand correctly and have before we can "go home".

TOO YOUNG?

Name withheld, via email

I read with interest "Media and mission" (Feature, August 20) and pondered "Why aren't we booming with growth?"

I'd like to share one reason. My granddaughter, at the tender age of 10 asked her parents if she could be baptised. After a lot of discussion my daughter

approached our pastor for baptismal classes only to be told she was too young and to consider it in her late teens. My daughter was disappointed and so was my granddaughter, Mary, (not her real name).

Mary's desire to be baptised did not wane one bit. She has a wonderful "God-filled" life and I treasure the evening I arrived at my daughter's home well after the children were in bed. I could hear Mary talking to Someone. I asked my daughter who she was talking to and she said, "Oh Mum, she's praying. She'll speak for a little while and then wait quietly for some time—then respond to His promptings and this pattern is repeated for sometimes up to an hour or so".

Mary turned 12 this year and her desire to be baptised has been finally realised. But her name doesn't appear on the Adventist church roll. She was baptised by the minister of another denomination, at home in the presence of family, friends and her favourite teachers, who've played an important role in bringing Mary to this point.

Mary still attends her local Adventist church and feels every bit a part of the church community. My daughter has pointed out that she can make a profession of faith when the leaders deem her old enough to have her name on the official role.

My heart aches for all the young people over the generations who have wanted to be baptised only to be told "no, you're not old enough", and then have never made the decision for baptism. Or maybe lose them to other congregations—now that's food for thought isn't it?

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Outward adornment vs inner beauty

by Erica Bartle

GIANT ONLINE WOMEN'S FASHION RETAILER ASOS, which has projected £1 billion of sales by 2015, recently ran a promotion called 'Confessions of an ASOS Queue Jumper', giving entrants the chance to win £250 to spend on the site, by coming up with a snazzy caption. Hosted on the site's Facebook page, which has 800,000-plus "likes", the copy read: "Sometimes, you have to sin to win . . ." These ASOS addicts 'fessed up exactly what they'd do to get to the front of the ASOS sale queue, and shared their sin on Facebook or Twitter.

For many of the women and girls, the act of shopping is considered a sin, with its requisite feelings of guilt and shame. It is connected to vanity, gluttony and idolisation. The allure of ASOS is that there is no judgement, only encouragement: a feeling of purpose, productivity and community based around unashamed consumerism. ASOS gives girls without direction an aspiration: to look good, await the excitement of receiving their parcels of clothing and feel better about themselves. For women who "fantasy shop" away the hours, shiny, happy, pretty sites such as ASOS take the sting out of life, which might otherwise be quite dull.

Sadly, in the process, many are missing out on the blessings of God. God is not a party pooper; quite the opposite. He is a God of abundance, of joy, of love, of grace, of beauty, filling up empty spaces and longings of the heart with His presence and amazing creativity. And because all things work for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose, we can expect He will go out of His way to ensure our needs are met, even materially.

Quite unexpectedly, on my 30th birthday I received a package in the post. Inside, wrapped in delicate tissue paper, was the most beautiful dress I had ever seen: a demure, cream, quite expensive frock by designer Clare Press. As I ran my fingers over the smooth, satin dress, I felt like Cinderella, and lifted my eyes to God and smiled in praise. And I shared the excitement with my mother the next day—my husband simply could not relate to the elation this beautiful thing brought me. A designer dress

might seem a frivolous thing, particularly in light of great suffering, but God uses everything for His glory. He knew that I had an event to attend at which the dress could be worn and adored and then written about. Perhaps He also knew I had this article to write! But more than that, He knows my heart.

Peter recommended in his first letter, "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewellery and fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." Your wardrobe and appearance should not become the focus of your being. The way we present ourselves should come from an innate desire to bring glory to God, who loves us so much, and not others or the self.

As a journalist and women's blogger, I have found that God has given me the tools necessary to achieve a pleasant enough standard of dress and just enough financial means to maintain my appearance, to ensure that I am not left out of the conversation; a conversation that can be very, very superficial. Rather than denying the pleasures of good grooming, or striving to keep up with what's in vogue, my personal dress code is in line with biblical principles and the assignment God's given me to perform in this world.

With the expectation that God will always provide, and delights in doing so, I am always blessed with lovely things. I get gift vouchers for birthdays that allow me to partake in store-bought clothes shopping, but rarely want for much, as I get my boots re-soled and buy quality things that fit well to ensure their longevity. I host clothes swapping parties, where girls can trade their wares rather than spending money on new clothes, and trade my pre-loved clothes at market stalls, too. These are simple principles for economic efficiency and they keep me from being a slave to the fashion forces as presented on ASOS, where too much is never enough. The irony is that in God's economy, when our focus is on Him, we want for little and receive much. ✂

Erica Bartle is editor of the Girl With A Satchel blog.

SNAP SHOT

with Dr Barry Oliver

An elders' retreat

I enjoyed last weekend. I spent it on an old paddle steamer—the *Coonawarra*—on the Murray River.

It was a very special weekend, thanks to Andrew and Bubbles who own the boat and make it available to church groups. What made it even more memorable was that the weekend was a retreat for the elders and their families from the Mildura church. The church pastors and their families attended also.

We spent time together singing and praying and worshipping. We also spent time honing our preaching skills and discussing how we can provide the quality of spiritual servant leadership that the church wishes to see in its elders and ministers.

It was obvious that there was a close bond between the members of this leadership team. The team members had obviously spent time together in order to build the kind of cooperative relationship that must reap considerable benefit for the whole congregation. In fact, they told me that they have a retreat similar to this one at least once a year.

I commend the leaders of the Mildura church for taking time out to grow together and to develop their leadership skills.

It would be good if every local church followed their example. To those of you who have been called by your church to lead as elders and ministers I have just one simple question: What is the date of your next retreat?

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

PARK RIDGE, Queensland

In 2010 some parents were inspired to create an opportunity for our young people to experience the simple joy of service to others in need.

A year later a team of 30, including 15 teens, headed off to Atoifi Hospital for two weeks. Situated on Malaita, a 10-hour boat ride from the capital Honiara, Atoifi is our only mission hospital in the South Pacific.

This vital 90-bed hospital trains over 50 per cent of the nurses in the country. What started out as a plan to paint some of the hospital turned into something much bigger as God challenged us to step out in faith to

see what He would do. As we put each need to God, He provided people with the skills and convicted donors and sponsors who contributed building materials and equipment valued at more than \$A190,000, with our church members funding a further \$A25,000. Our team motto, "Before you call I will answer" (Isaiah 65:24), became very real to everyone as God performed many miracles. People donated books, clothing, linen, cooking utensils, tools and soft toys. The response was so over-whelming that we sent a second shipping container.

Our teens learned to paint, weld, cable and install computers as we largely completed: painting much of the hospital; constructing 10 covered walkways; installing 30 donated computers into the school of nursing; nurse education and establishing an emergency department; and supplying satellite equipment for internet and pathology online.

At Atoifi, health and evangelism are so tightly woven together that you cannot distinguish between the two. Heathen customs are still practised in some of the surrounding villages. In this setting, the teens presented a kids' club about creation which attracted 150 children. Their ministry was so powerful that the surrounding village chiefs asked us to come back and run kids' clubs in their villages.

"When Aussie young people work, have fun, and experience village life, their outlook and values change forever," said team leader Kelvin Jakes.—*Kim Jakes*



OPINION POLL

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SPOT THE NUMBERS

READ 2 KINGS 5 TO SEE WHERE THEY FIT



BIBLE TEXT

I _____ THAT _____ IS NO _____ IN _____ THE _____ EXCEPT _____ 2 KINGS 5:15

GRACELINK MESSAGE

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Cornell, Brian and Joy (nee Knight) were married

20.12.1960 by Pastor Ken Low in Central Church, Brisbane, Qld. Their daughters Leanne and Wendy, with husbands Adrian Sinclair and Gregory Honey, and grandchildren, twins Violet and Peter and baby Wendell, hosted an extended family celebration. Brian was a pilot with Mandated Airlines in PNG until encountering

Sabbath difficulties. Joe Solomon of Madang and Brian were first to reach the plane carrying Pastors Gander, Grieve and Martin that crashed at Togaba, near Mt Hagen, in 1955. Returning to Australia, he began teaching, ending his career in Brisbane in 1990 as principal of Stafford State School. They then retired to Wonga Beach.



Mitchell, Kevin and Leonie (nee Hack) were married 17.5.1961

in Guildford church, NSW by Pastor Lester Hawkes. They have been active members at Guildford, The Rock, Grafton, Lismore and Ballina churches in NSW and now attend Gold Coast Central church. They are blessed to have their children, Paul and Jenean, and their families, living nearby. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family on the Gold Coast.

known for her love, kindness, generosity and selflessness.

Paul Geelan



Elliott, Beryl Jeanette (nee Wilson), born 9.9.1941 at Gosford, NSW; died 24.1.11 at

Newcastle. On 15.10.1961, she married Norman Elliott in Hamilton church. She is survived by her husband; her sons, Colin, Darren and David (all from the Hunter region); and her sister, Julene Becker, who lovingly cared for her sister during the last few months of her life. Beryl was an active and enthusiastic lady who lovingly cared for her family and friends. Her long and protracted illness did not stop her from being a positive and caring person.

Kevin Amos

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WEDDINGS



Hunt—Blackburn. John Hunt (Esk, Qld), and Audrey Blackburn

(Grantham, Lincolnshire, England), were married 26.6.11 at Mountain View, Esk, Qld.

John Rabbas



May—Jenkins. Ryan May, son of Lawrence and Amanda May

(Dubbo, NSW), and Carla Jenkins, daughter of Denis and Jillian Jenkins (Berowra), were married 13.6.11 at the Beecroft Presbyterian church.

Rick Ferret

OBITUARIES

Adams, Lima (Kay), born 13.7.1934 at Bombala, NSW; died 25.6.11 at Alstonville. On 27.3.1954, she married Bert Adams. She is survived by Goldie Adams, Jayne Adams, Sally Bryant (all of Lismore), Brett Adams (Moree); and nine grandchildren. Kay was dearly loved by her family, friends and Saviour and was

Geertsema—Eelsing, Anna, born 22.1.1922 in Holland; died 29.6.11 in Kings Langley Aged Care, Sydney, NSW. In 2000, she was predeceased by her husband. She is survived by her two children. Anna migrated to Australia in 1955 and settled in the Wahroonga area of Sydney. She awaits the sound of the trumpet to awaken her when Jesus comes.

Ron Pieterse, Bill Sleight



Gibson, Elizabeth (Beth) (nee Pietsch), born 3.10.1928 in

Germany; died 3.7.11 at Croydon, Vic. Beth's life was her family. She had a strong faith and was an active member of the original Croydon church. Beth is

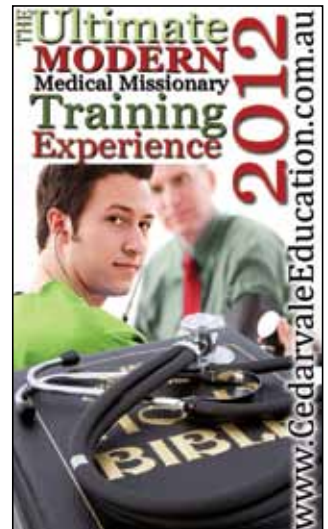


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fondly remembered for her culinary delights at fundraising occasions and church lunches. She is survived by her husband, Jeff; and children, Anne, Dot, Gary, Kevin, Jeff and their families. Beth has not enjoyed good health in recent years and now awaits her Saviour's resurrection call.

Ken Raymond

Hromis, Nada, born 3.3.1930 in Yugoslavia; died 28.2.11 in Brisbane, Qld, surrounded by her love ones. She is survived by her three daughters, Mila, Radmila and Zorica and their families. Nada was a much loved mother and grandmother. She loved the Lord and lived her faith. She'll be sadly missed by her family, friends and members of Salisbury church. Now Nada sleeps, waiting to hear the call of her Saviour when He returns.

Miljan Popovic

Kilpatrick, Jean Cecilia Mary (nee Graham), born 5.12.1921 at Coolangatta, Qld; died 21.6.11 in Brisbane. On 18.11.1943, she married James Kilpatrick, who predeceased her in 2002. She is survived by her daughters and their spouses, Lynette and Alan Hughes, Janice and Rob Patterson, Andrea and Paul Cozier. Jean was a wonderful Christian Adventist soul, who shared her faith with family and all she met. She was an upright lady to the end who loved her church at Mitchelton, Brisbane and her Lord.

Ross Baines



Lowe, Valma Ruth, (nee Olsen), born 30.4.1928 in Sydney, NSW; died 25.6.11 in Auckland, NZ. Val was married to Cyril for 45 years. He predeceased her in 2006. Val is survived by her children and their spouses, Joy and Mike Laker, Terry and Nicole Lowe, Del and Soe Tint, Robyn McKechnie-Lowe, Murray and Tish Lowe, Fasena and Foma'i Nonu; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; siblings, Roy, Ralph, Dawn, Leon and Mel. Val was a devoted mum to six, but her mothering extended much further, with countless foster children experiencing her unconditional love. She and Cyril poured their lives into young people, often in creative ways whether at home, at Sabbath School or at Pathfinders. Val loved beautiful things, she unconditionally loved people and she loved her Lord. Resting safe in the arms of Jesus.

Stephen and Leanne Davies

Prisgrove, Aaron Luke, born 18.7.1978 in Alice Springs; died 12.7.11 in Perth, WA. He is survived by his parents, Richard and Ella Prisgrove (Sunbury, Vic), his brothers, Liam and Ryan. He is mourned also by Ella's siblings in the Rowan family, together with his old schoolmates from Gilson College and many other friends from Victoria to the Pilbara, WA.

Bert Cozens

Rowell, Heath, born 2.4.1923 at Lockton, SA; died 26.6.11 at Loma Linda, California, USA. In 1951, he married Reba Bas-sham at College Place, Washington. He is survived by his wife; Edward and Beverly (Loma Linda, CA); Timothy, and Heather, Ken, Joshua and Jonathan Smith (Oregon, USA). Heath graduated from the University of Melbourne, Walla Walla College and Loma Linda University as he and his family prepared for a life-time of medical mission service, including terms in Pakistan, Burma (Myanmar), Malaya (Malaysia), Indonesia and Jamaica. He will be remembered by all who knew him in the US and Australia as a true servant of humanity who loved his family, his God and his church.

Graham Stacey

Smith, Clifford, born 4.5.1921; died 13.7.11. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Geoff and Anthea Smith; Judy Genin, Flo and Barry Pidgeon, Jenny and Julio Da Silva, Lyndell and David Cotton; his grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren. Cliff was a lover of birds and animals and many friends from these societies were present. But most of all, Cliff loved his family and all were present down to the youngest great-grandchild.

David Macdonald

Tamas, Febrona, born 9.2.1924 in Durdevo, Yugoslavia; died 23.6.11 in Toowoomba, Qld. She was baptised in 1944. In 1954, she married Julian Tamas, who predeceased her in 1997. She was also predeceased by her son, John, in 2006. She is survived by Febronja and Goran Rijavec (Gatton), Julian and Irene Tamas (Brisbane) and Marija and Zoran Stojovic (Brisbane); nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Febrona was small in stature but a giant in Jesus. Her deeds follow her. She lived a full life, victorious in Jesus and was always giving to others and putting them first, with love, goods and encouragement. She is greatly missed.

*Andy Krause, John Rabbas
Misa Radovanovic*

Tsanov, Alina, born 18.11.1921 in Volano, Italy; died 19.6.11 at Casino, NSW. In 1943, she married Michael Tsanov at Birchgrove, who predeceased her in 1990. She is survived by her children, Lydia, and twins, Tina and Mark and their spouses; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In 1930 her family moved to Australia. Alina was an excellent seamstress—making all the family's clothing. She was also renowned for her hospitality, always providing for those in need and others including the Bulgarian Consul. Alina was kindergarten Sabbath School teacher for many years, and helped with van ministry. She was president of the senior citizens' club, winning the Premier's Award and the Frank McAskill Award. Carpet bowls was also a favourite with Alina.

Beth McMurtry, Ernie Krause



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