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EDEN program rewrites lives

Auckland, New Zealand

A new initiative of the Adventist Church has been making inroads into the lives of young women in the Cook Islands and New Zealand.

EDEN began as an initiative of women's ministry in the New Zealand Pacific region. The women's ministry leadership team recognised the need for greater support in the lives of young women.

"There is a growing concern that our young women need us more than ever," said Pastor Kylie Ward, relationship ministries team leader for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC). "Too often conservative Christian girls seem to have less information about health and wellbeing issues than other young women in the community."

This concern is backed up by a new research study, The New Zealand Youth Survey, which found:

- * 18.3 per cent of female students report a significant number of depressive symptoms, compared to 8.9 per cent of males.

- * Among those aged 15, 13.9 per cent of female students reported suicidal attempts, compared to 6.2 per cent of males.

- * Female students of all ages are more likely to smoke cigarettes.

- * 50 per cent of students report not accessing health services due to a number of perceived barriers. 19.8 per cent of girls didn't access health care as they reported feeling uncomfortable with health care professionals—only nine per cent of males perceived this barrier.

The statistics showed a need for young men and women to have specialised programs for their health and wellbeing. Even though spirituality was important to 35 per cent

of students in New Zealand, only three per cent learn about sexual behaviour from a spiritual context.

"It was in this context that EDEN began to address the issues that young people

struggle with every day," Pastor Ward said. "EDEN creates a space that is unique for young people. "It's a thinking space rather than a telling (what to do) space.

"Creating an environment for critical thinking skills is more affective in mitigating against risky behaviour. This requires creating a neutral and affirmative environment that builds self-esteem and safety for questions and discussions. On this platform we can build leadership skills and provide tools to help young women grow into strong, competent adults."

Ninety-five per cent of participants reported they had learned new information and ideas and 85.7 per cent said EDEN equipped them to write a better story of their lives. One girl said, "I've learned to make good decisions, be more confident and write a better story about my life and direction."

At the last North New Zealand Conference Session, it was mandated that a boys' project run in partnership with EDEN.—*Kylie Ward/RECORD staff*

More @ <www.edenconference.co.nz>.



Participants enjoyed spiritual fellowship.

Church celebrates 75 years

Adelaide, South Australia

The newly-renovated Adelaide City Church was filled to capacity as it celebrated its 75th anniversary on August 13.

Members, visitors and friends reflected on the journey the church had taken through the years. With excellent music provided by the church choir, enthusiastic congregational singing, a challenging lesson discussion, stirring sermon and a combined lunch that was a feast, it will be a day long remembered.

The first church in Adelaide was started as a result of an evangelistic series conducted by

J O Corliss in 1886, where 25 people were baptised. Despite many attempts and visits from Pastor A G Daniells, EG White and her son W C White, it was not until 1936, 50 years later, that the Adelaide congregation finally had a church home at 82 Angas Street, Adelaide, at a total cost of some 2800 pounds.

Wilfred Were, who at the age of 17 helped his grandfather, W C Were, build the church, was present at the celebration and still remembers the work he did.

With a founding membership of 125, the church has ebbed and flowed over the years, with current membership standing at 207. With a strong emphasis on evangelism, nurture and music, the current pastor, Dr Wolfgang Stefani, is confident about the future. He reports that a soup and bun lunch catering for over 100 people is provided every Sabbath to the church family, with many of them being tertiary students, both from Adelaide and overseas.—*Andrew Kingston*



Pastor Wolfgang Stefani prays with choir behind.



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"Aboriginal Pastor Johnny Murison emerged on the smoke-clouded stage to start the celebration."

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Neglect or nurture

David Tasker

His bumper sticker said it all. On the back window of an old pick-up, parked in the driveway of a rundown house, was the statement, "End terrorism—ban religion!" At the edge of his yard was another sign, explaining that he was letting native bush take over "as a gift to his neighbours". He believed he was giving them a reserve in their own street in which native flora and fauna could flourish. But his tall weeds and piles of rubbish looked more like a refuge for rats. Probably the only gift he was giving to his neighbours was a continuous supply of live food for their cats.

People don't need cynical bumper stickers. They need authentic people who live balanced lives and whose friendship they value. As Ellen White put it so cogently, "If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one" (9T 189).

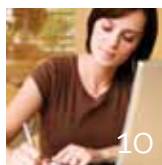
I was interested to read of a Mr Anderson who was driven out of the Church by people misusing Ellen White's writings. He's not the only one. Later, he attended the Napier camp meeting in New Zealand in 1893, and after listening to Ellen White in person, re-joined the Church.

Time is too short to allow our piles of neglect to be masqueraded as beneficial to the community of believers. But neither do we need the destructive blasts of self-proclaimed reformers in our midst.

This edition of RECORD celebrates the legacy that Ellen White left us. I invite you to dust off one of her books and read it afresh. Ignore both the "terrorists" and the piles of neglect and let this prophetic voice rekindle your "first love". Move from the neighbourhood of the guy with the cynical bumper sticker, and follow our friend Anderson's lead.

Dr David Tasker is Spirit of Prophecy coordinator for the South Pacific Division.

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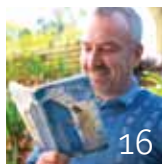
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Photo: Kathy Hawkins



Eldest and youngest

Lismore church, NSW, experienced a special day for three people. Ben Hawkins grew up in an Adventist home and had a strong desire to be baptised. Hugh Mackney earnestly wished to be baptised. For Pastor Paul Geelan, the two candidates represented the oldest and youngest people he had ever baptised. –Valerie Dunstan



Pouring out support

Overflow from the Queensland floods reached the empty garden beds of Tweed Valley Adventist College. The primary students' charity, "iNOT", gave students the challenge of raising \$A1000 for the Queensland Flood Appeal. By reaching their target they also got the opportunity to dump buckets of slimy mud over each of their teachers (pictured) and the principal. –Lee-Anne Dobson



Photo: Alexandra Race

Blue September

Prostate cancer survivor Graeme Postlethwaite (right) is a true blue advocate for men's health. He spread the word about Blue September, a month-long campaign aimed at raising awareness about cancer in men. A member of the Sydney Adventist Hospital Support Group, he visits men who have been treated for prostate cancer. –Tracey Findlay



25 years of service

Morphett Vale church member, Freda Raethel, was recognised by Meals on Wheels, South Australia, for 25 years of service. "I wanted to make a difference in the community and serve people in need," she said. Ms Raethel delivers 25 three-course meals a fortnight. Meals on Wheels has been serving the community for 50 years. –Pablo Lillo



Church built by hand

Longburn Adventist College students, NZ, went to the Solomon Islands to help build a church for Vovohe village. The area was hammered hard by tsunamis in 2007. The school raised \$NZ14,500 for materials such as roofing iron and other costs. The villagers cut wood and hewed and sawed boards for the building. "The trip opened the eyes of our students to mission and greater opportunities to connect with the locals," said teacher, Janita Bond. –Lee Matthews



Vacation work

Eleven-year-old Eden Evans volunteered at the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Op Shop in Salisbury, South Australia, during her school holidays. She had heard how the shop is making a difference in her community and around the world. Eden and thousands of other ADRA volunteers, give up their time to help those in need. –Braden Blyde



Run for charity

Amongst the 85,000 runners taking part in this year's City2Surf (Sydney, NSW) were 15 fit volunteers wearing ADRA t-shirts. The group helped spread the word about ADRA and raised more than \$A1000 for its work—particularly the ADRA Centre in Blacktown which offers free counselling support services. –Braden Blyde



Pathfinders show they care

Wahroonga Pathfinders, NSW, spent a day cleaning up "The Way" community centre at Redfern as a service initiative. They also sorted through donated clothes, did repairs and cooked lunch for the community. Club leader David Savage said there was a great team spirit and it was a successful day. Centre manager Pam Grove said the Pathfinders had made a huge difference to the centre. –Tracey Bridcutt



Spanish translation

Can We Still Believe the Bible? has now been published in Spanish. Authored by Dr Bryan Ball, the book was relaunched in English earlier this year to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible and its significance for faith and culture. The Spanish edition has been translated and published as *Todavía Podemos Creer en la Biblia?* by Asociacion Casa Editora Sudamericana, the Adventist Church's publishing house in Argentina. –Nathan Brown

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Ministry reaches 'alone' women

Honiara, Solomon Islands

An Adventist business woman in the Solomon Islands has founded a ministry to reach out to widows, divorced and separated women.

Nanette Tatu's Oru-Taloo Ministry encourages these women in their relationship with Jesus, helps them to reach out to each other, and where possible gives them jobs in her companies.

'Oru' means 'widow' whilst 'Taloo' means 'alone'. Assisting with jobs is very important because in the Solomon Islands there are no government benefits, which means if a woman has no source of income or family to support her, life can be extremely difficult.

On the first weekend in August, Ms Tatu sponsored, organised and held a mini-camp in Honiara for 35 of the women she supports in her ministry. The theme chosen by Ms Tatu for the weekend was 'To Minister and to be Ministered', which is what her ministry is all about.

Throughout the weekend Ms Tatu spoke about the need to reflect God's love. Guest speaker Maxine Sutcliffe, a member of Galston church, Sydney, NSW, also ministered to the women by sharing her story, before speaking about praying for ourselves, then others—including how to really pray for our enemies, and the benefits of forgiveness. On the Sabbath afternoon each woman gave their testimony and spoke of God's leading in their lives.

The closing session on Sunday afternoon was very moving and sprinkled with tears. The women showed their appreciation to Ms Sutcliffe by presenting her with a personally signed, hand-made thank-you card, and covering her with lava lavas and local bags. Six women sang a "Farewell Song to Maxine", that had been specially composed that morning.

"I experienced a little touch of heaven on earth over the weekend," Ms Sutcliffe said. "The women reflected Christ with their friendliness, acceptance, hospitality and beautiful melodious singing. Although I went to Honiara to minister to these women, they ministered to me." —Maxine Sutcliffe/
RECORD staff



The women had all experienced some form of loss.



Avondale a five-star experience

Cooranbong, New South Wales

Ratings from graduates published in the 2012 edition of *The Good Universities Guide* reinforce Avondale College of Higher Education's reputation for providing quality education.

Avondale again receives five stars in the key "The educational experience" area—for student-staff ratio, staff qualifications, teaching quality, generic skills and overall satisfaction. With the addition this year of ratings from domestic graduates, Avondale receives eight five-star ratings, one of only two institutions—Bond University is the other—to do so.

President Dr Ray Roennfeldt describes this as "gratifying". "While we're working hard to increase our research intensity, we can't afford to neglect the 'bread and butter' of the Avondale experience—teaching quality, generic skills and overall satisfaction," he said. "Five-star ratings for these show we remain focused on our ethos and mission."

Dr Roennfeldt gives two reasons for Avondale's consistent five-star ratings in "The educational experience" area: "Our staff members are totally committed—they're the best. And our students are service-focused and talented—I'm in awe of them."

"The educational experience" area is important because data for six of the eight ratings comes from a Course Experience Questionnaire survey of graduates conducted by Graduate Careers Australia. "Feedback from former students obtained by an independent third party—that's credible and valuable," said Colin Crabtree, newly-appointed director of advancement and marketing.

Avondale receives mixed ratings in other areas of the guide.

In "Characteristics", the guide gives Avondale only one star for student demand (down one from this past year) and no stars

for non-government earnings, research grants and research intensity (same).

Ratings are higher in "Access and equity", with four stars for indigenous participation (same) and the proportion of students given credit for TAFE studies (up four), three stars for access by equity groups (down one) and entry flexibility (up one), two stars for the proportion of entrants who are school-leavers (down one) and one star for gender balance (same).

In "Who's there", the guide rates Avondale—with a semester one enrolment of 1347—as having a "very small" number of higher education students. A "high" proportion of these are over 25 years of age, so it is not surprising an "average" proportion study off campus.

All the ratings in this area are based on data from a Graduate Destination Survey, also conducted by Graduate Careers Australia. "Our criteria in determining excellence is different to what's measured in 'Graduate outcomes'," Mr Crabtree said. "It's not about money or status but about making a difference, often through service. That's the key to Avondale's mission."

The guide is the only publication containing independent rankings and ratings of all universities and higher education providers in Australia.—*Sonja Larsen with Brenton Stacey*



Students jump for joy at the new ratings.

Photo: Colin Chuang

Concert celebrates diversity

Sydney, New South Wales

Several hundred people celebrated their ethnicity at the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and iGeneration (iGen) Concert held at Sydney Adventist College recently.

The event was the culmination of youth fundraising for the ADRA Appeal. Collection of \$A50 plus entitled young people to free attendance. Funds raised totalled \$A12,207.

The concert was the fourth iGEN annual event held by the Greater Sydney Conference (GSC) to encourage Adventist youth to do something about poverty. The iGEN bylines—nvolve, mpact, nspire—challenge youth to get involved, make an impact and inspire others to do the same.

Although GSC is proud of its rich cultural heritage—64 per cent of members having no Australian roots—there are few opportunities for members to share their unique backgrounds. The iGEN concert gave ethnic churches a chance to showcase their culture and share what ADRA is doing in their home countries.

Members of the 25 ethnic churches in Sydney were

asked to wear national dress, contribute music/dance and an ADRA story from their home country. The 14 countries represented in the concert celebrated

both differences and compassion for the poor through ADRA. Anna Weatherup shared her musical talent before Jeanelle Isaacs, outgoing ADRA youth ambassador, announced the appointment of Leela Landers, from Paramatta church, as ADRA youth ambassador for 2011/12. Leela will visit ADRA projects in Thailand in October before returning to work with the youth in GSC.—*Malcolm Rea*



Young people paraded flags and national costumes.



Cop that!
A policeman from Bamaga, at the northern tip of Australia, is preaching to his Pentecostal congregation using books purchased from literature evangelist Elsie Brady (pictured). The books include Ellen White's *Conflict of the Ages* series. Elsie says she's looking forward to returning to Bamaga to see how things have developed. —*In Touch*



Celebration
The school community at Noosa Christian College (Qld) was excited to see both a student and a teacher baptised in an especially great ending to the Week of Worship (WOW). Mel Zaninni and Joanna Ford were baptised by Pastor David Reilly at the Cooroy Church. —www.NoosaCC.qld.edu.au



Postition filled
After a two-year search for a producer, Adventist World Radio is thrilled to begin airing its first programs in Tibetan. Nurpu, the new Tibetan-speaking producer, translator and announcer travels three to six days from his village on foot and by bus to record the programs in AWR's studio in Kathmandu, Nepal. —*Adventist World Radio*



Never fear
Signs of the Times magazine is keeping its message current with a new flyer focusing on the global financial situation. "Money Meltdown" gives Revelation 18's perspective on what's happening. It presents the outworking of the great controversy—pointing to the only safe haven for our treasure, the Bank of Heaven. —www.SignsOfTheTimes.org.au



New beginning
A camp meeting in the Western Solomons saw around 40 people publicly confess their faith in Jesus through baptism. In a highlight Sabbath event, 32 of the group were students from Kukudu Adventist College. It's amazing to see how God works. Keep praying for our high schools in the Solomons. —*Joseph Pitakia*



Divine appointment
Literature evangelist Clint Hollingsworth (pictured) was disappointed that he couldn't manage to visit a lady some hours from his home who he'd heard was interested in seeing his books. Imagine his surprise when the same lady walked into the home Clint was visiting in the Kimberly (WA) region, 3000 kilometres from home. —*In Touch*

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OPINION*

Ben Reynolds



Loving those books

Ellen White. The very mention of her name produces all sorts of reactions, from the flaring of nostrils to an indifferent shrug of the shoulders. Since falling asleep in the arms of Jesus almost 100 years ago, her writings have been the subject of both praise and ridicule among those inside and outside the Adventist community of faith.

Questions concerning her role and authority have continued to float like an iceberg in the theological waters of the Church, showing no signs of melting anytime soon. With this in mind, I have decided to avoid splashing around in the water. Instead, I simply want to share some of the reasons why, despite the diversity of opinion, I continue to love and respect the books that bear her name.

First, they give me a greater desire to better understand the Bible. Upon opening any of her books, I am always amazed at the number of times she quotes from the Bible. Even when she isn't directly quoting Scripture, her writing is soaked in the language of the Bible. This encourages me to know and weave God's Word into the fabric of my own life.

Second, they give me a greater desire to live a godly life. The first book of hers that I read was *Messages to Young People*—talk about diving into cold water! But rather than being a source of discouragement, it proved to be one of encouragement. Her work places before me the challenge of being the person God wants me to be.

Finally, they give me a greater desire to tell other people about Jesus and His soon return. Despite the disappointments earlier in her life, her passionate belief in, and proclamation of the Second Coming, never faded. The fervency of this conviction and her love of Jesus is a continual reminder to me of the blessed One, and blessed hope, that is soon to dawn.

This is why I love those books.

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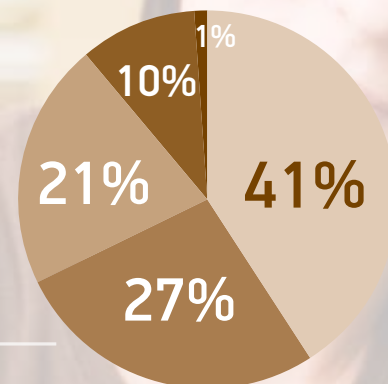
Students surveyed on Ellen White

Most Australian Adventist young people are familiar with Ellen White's writings but don't know how they should apply to the world today, according to a new survey.

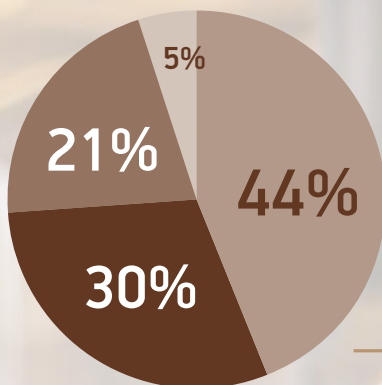
Murray Hunter, chaplain of Northpine Christian College in Queensland, conducted the online "White Light" survey of 15 to 25-year-old Adventist young people.

How familiar are you with Ellen White's writings?

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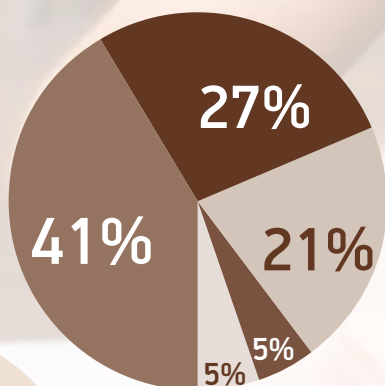
Most young people have some familiarity with Mrs White's writings.



How many of Ellen White's writings could be found in your home?

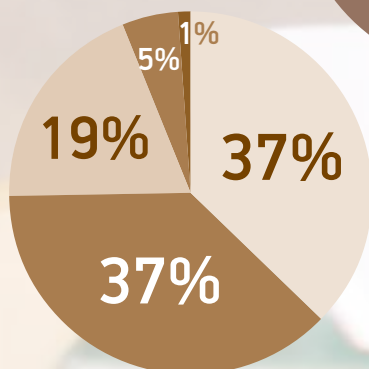
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The majority of young people have Mrs White's writings at home.



How often does your family discuss Ellen White?

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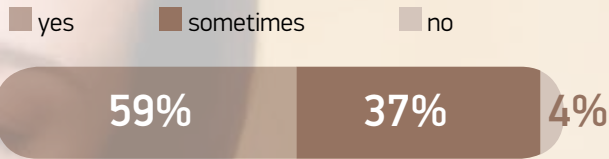


How often do your peers discuss Ellen White?

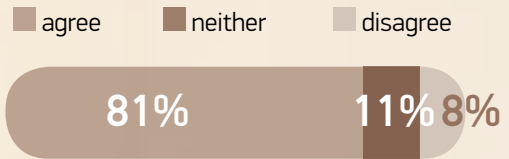
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Mrs White is not a popular talking point among family and friends.

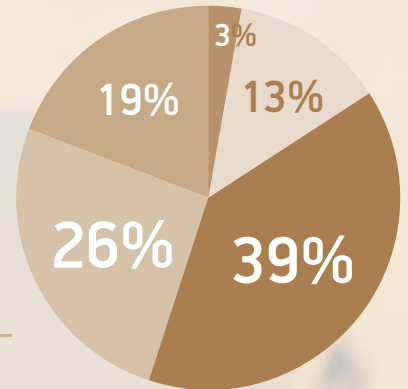
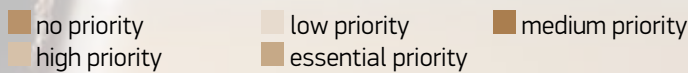
Are Ellen White's writings worthy of attention today?



Was Ellen White a modern-day prophet from God?

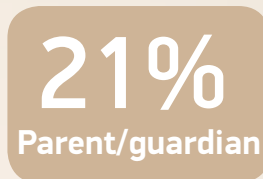


What priority should Adventist churches and schools place on teaching about Ellen White?



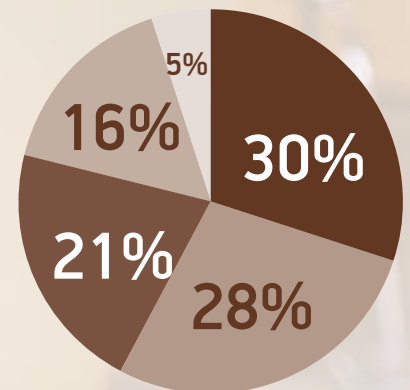
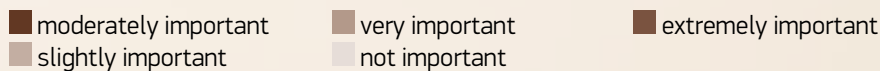
There is clear support from young people for teaching about Ellen White.

Who would be the best person to ask if you wanted to know more about Ellen White?



Others included teachers, chaplains, peers and elders.

How important are Ellen White's writings to your personal faith development?



79% of respondents see Ellen White's writings as valuable to their spiritual growth.

"The concern remains however, our young people feel her writings continue to be misused by some in the church . . . For both the young and the older generations of the Adventist church our hope and prayer must remain that we persist in being a Bible centred people who, with fervour, continue to deliver the message of a living Christ to a dying world." –Pastor Murray Hunter



OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

Homosexuality

Homosexuality is a hot topic today, both outside and inside the Christian church. How does the Bible deal with this issue?

Firstly, God loves homosexuals just as much as he loves heterosexuals, demonstrating His love while we were yet sinners by sending Christ to die for us.

Read John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4,5.

Homosexual behaviour is sin

Homosexuals are not helped when their practice is glossed over as though it has no moral consequence. The Bible rejects homosexual behaviour as a proper expression of human sexuality. Those clinging to such practices forfeit eternal life.

Read Mark 10:6-9; Genesis 1:27,28; 2:24; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9,10.

Homosexuality not the greatest sin

However, the Bible is not only opposed to homosexual behaviour. Those having sex outside of marriage, idolaters, thieves and coveters will also not inherit eternal life unless they repent and turn from these sins. Jesus taught that the proud and self-righteous (manifested in gossip and criticism) are in far greater danger, because they do not seek God's forgiveness. **Read** 1 Corinthians 6:9,10; Galatians 5:19-21; Luke 18:9-14.

Good news for practising homosexuals and other sinners

God can free us from bondage to every sin. After a list of sinful acts, including homosexual behaviour, Paul adds with a note of triumph, "And such were some of you: but you were washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of our God." Grace teaches us to say no to all worldly lusts, and to live godly, upright and pure lives while we await Christ's return. If you have been caught in the grip of sexual lust or any other sin, God can set you free right now, if you will just come to Him as you are and claim Jesus as your Saviour and the Lord of your life. **Read** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Titus 2:11-14; Revelation 12:11.

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HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Hayfever season

The sneezy, wheezy, joyless spring fever time has arrived. Pollens from millions of square hectares of flowering grasses shower onto unsuspecting cities and towns, large and small.

These are called "allergens", tiny protein particles readily inhaled and causing special cells called mast cells. These produce a chemical called histamine, which rapidly moves to all parts of the body. In allergic or "atopic" persons, this causes a raft of unwelcome symptoms, such as a running nose, itchy watery eyes, irritable ears, maybe a skin rash you want to scratch till it bleeds, a parched dry throat, mild wheeze or cough, sometimes hives.

To avoid all this annoyance, ideally work in an air-conditioned environment with windows closed to avoid pollen invasion. At nightfall as temperatures drop, pollens fall to the ground and explode, releasing more nasty particles.

Stay inside at this time. Shake outer gear before coming inside to remove particles. Avoid driving in the country.

Drink lots of water. This helps eliminate histamine, the chief culprit, from the system. Apply cold packs to irritable areas, such as the face, around the ears, pack into the eye sockets, and change often. Avoid temptation to scratch. Once started, it is hard to avoid, and offers temporary relief only.

MY MINISTRY IDEA

Morphett Vale Adventist Church has a special neighbour in Prescott Primary Southern. This thriving primary school of 250 students has partnered with the church community in reaching out to Adelaide's southern suburbs. Staff and students have worshipped at Morphett Vale—attracted by VBS programs.

In late 2010, when the South Australian conference launched plans for an intentional evangelistic program, Morphett Vale church looked for opportunities to build bridges in the wider community. Associate pastor and Prescott Southern chaplain, Lilian Panozzo, suggested an intriguing means of connecting with school families that the church was keen to pursue.

With 180 families attending the school, new brothers and sisters often pop in for "Show and Tell". Keeping financial pressures and the immediate needs of the families in mind, a gift of nappies was proposed: the Nappy Bank. Prescott's chaplain would deliver this gift in a personal visit, with a note of encouragement and welcome from the church community. It was hoped that each contact would provide a tangible, practical support during a busy and sometimes challenging time. It was further anticipated that meeting with the chaplain would open conversations leading to friendship, sharing and connection to Morphett Vale's church community.

In 2011, five families have received a Nappy Bank visit and at least two more have been added to the delivery list. The gift has touched hearts, and families have expressed their gratefulness for the unexpected thoughtfulness. This has led to questions about Morphett Vale and Prescott Southern, Adventist faith and practice. One mum has indicated her desire for further conversations about belief. Simply walking alongside families in life's journey as genuine friends makes the Nappy Bank a worthy investment. —Lilian Panozzo



Why does a healthy weight matter?

with Cathy McDonald



With more than half of Australians overweight or obese, our weight has become a well . . . big issue.

Every day we seem to be bombarded with messages about weight and our body shapes—from shocking obesity statistics; to quick fix weight solutions; to the other extreme with stories about unhealthily skinny celebrities.

Added to this, when it comes to weight, everyone seems to have some advice to offer.

The fact is maintaining a healthy weight can be hard work, but it is vital for overall wellbeing and plays a much bigger role than “looking good”, which is what we often fixate on.

So, how does my weight impact my health?

Being overweight or underweight can place us at a higher risk of “lifestyle” diseases such as high cholesterol, diabetes and heart disease.

In fact, there’s such a strong correlation between good weight and good health that the World Health Association ranks overweight and obesity as the fifth leading risk for global deaths.

Unfortunately, for many Australians being overweight is a problem. The Australia’s Health 2010 report states that rates of overweight and obesity continue to rise. In 2007–08, 3 in 5 adults and 1 in 4 children were either overweight or obese.

While there’s significant focus on the issue of obesity, being underweight can also place your health in jeopardy.

Not getting enough food, and therefore nutrients, can lead to nutrient deficiencies and specific conditions such as osteoporosis and anaemia, as well as a general lack of energy and vitality. Being severely underweight can sometimes be linked with eating disorders, which are life threatening and may require psychological treatment.

It’s just as important to speak to your doctor if you are underweight, especially if you are struggling with eating.

What is a healthy weight?

Recent studies have shown, when it comes to our own weight, we’re often not the best judge—being either too critical or too accepting of those extra kilos.

There are a number of tools which can be used to determine an estimated healthy weight such as Body Mass Index (BMI) formulas but they can simplify the process too much. The best way to know what a healthy weight is for you is to have a chat with your doctor or dietitian. A health professional can take into account all the factors needed to accurately work out what a healthy weight is for you. Remember, a healthy weight looks different for all of us!

Reaching a healthy body weight

The great news is that if you are struggling with maintaining a healthy body weight, there are many excellent resources that can help. Your GP can point you in the direction of a range of resources most suited to you.

As a start, visit www.healthyactive.gov.au for some great information on enjoying the benefits of a healthy weight.

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RECIPE Tempeh and vegetable stir fry

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 300g packet of tempeh, cut into 1cm dice
- 1 red onion, halved and sliced lengthways
- 5 cm ginger, peeled and cut into matchsticks
- 3 cloves garlic, sliced
- 1/4 cup vegetarian oyster sauce
- 2 carrots, peeled, halved and sliced on the diagonal
- 1 bunch broccolini, cut into 6cm lengths

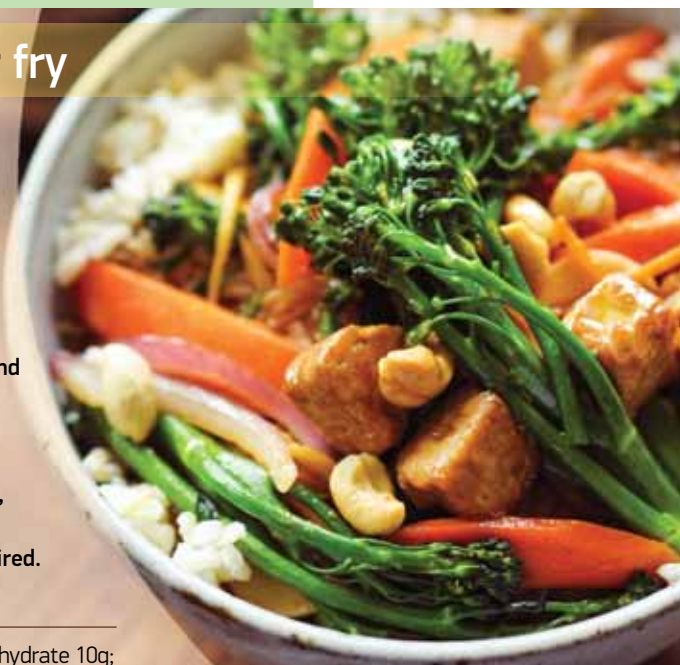
1. Heat the oil in a wok over a high heat. Add the tempeh, onion, ginger and garlic and stir fry for 3 minutes or until the tempeh begins to colour.

2. Add the vegetarian oyster sauce, carrots and broccolini. Stir fry for 2 minutes or until the vegetables are tender crisp.

3. Serve immediately with steamed brown rice and sprinkle with chopped, toasted cashews.

Tip: Equivalent amounts of firm tofu can be used instead of tempeh if desired.

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



PER SERVE: 830kJ (200cal); Protein 14g; Total Fat 10g; Saturated Fat 1g; Carbohydrate 10g; Total Sugars 7g; Sodium 690mg; Potassium 590mg; Calcium 75mg; Iron 7.5mg; Fibre 6g.

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RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

Fledgling church nurtured

In the early 1890s, A W Stanton, a layman in Montana, became critical of denominational leaders and asserted the Church had become 'Babylon'. By selective misuse of Ellen White materials, Stanton justified his position in his 50-plus page pamphlet, *The Loud Cry*, calling on the Seventh-day Adventist church membership to 'come out of her'.

Stanton wrote to Ellen White, seeking her endorsement of his views, but she promptly replied from New Zealand to correct his position. She followed it up later in the year (1893) by publishing four articles in the *Review* entitled, *The Remnant Church Not Babylon*.

Before he received Ellen White's reply, Stanton tasked one of his new supporters, W F Caldwell, to travel to Australia, meet Ellen White and to seek her support of their views.

Caldwell left immediately for the West Coast, without first returning home, and boarded a ship to Australia. Caldwell's wife, not an Adventist, promptly divorced him for deserting her and the children and he never saw them again. Arriving in Australia, Caldwell discovered Ellen White was in New Zealand and, having no money for a ticket, wrote to her and waited for her response. When the reply came it was gentle and understanding, acknowledging his sincerity and honesty. She told him of others with similar views who had made a shipwreck of their faith. She also made a clear distinction between 'Babylon' and the 'Remnant Church'.

Caldwell accepted Ellen White's explanation, attended the Bible School in Melbourne, and became a colporteur. When Ellen White returned to Australia, she employed him for a time and he even typed some of her manuscripts. Eventually Caldwell returned to the United States and continued to work as a colporteur there.

A century later this story is invaluable in the way it illustrates Ellen White's nurture of the church. As well as getting the "unstable" Caldwell back on his feet, her kind but firm approach prevented schism in the fledgling church.

Lester Devine is director emeritus of the Ellen G White Adventist Research Centre.

MYSTERY HISTORY

First Division camporee, Yarramundi, NSW, in 1974-75.

Do you know the people in the photo?

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A life that matters

by Nathan Brown

IT'S HOW ALL THE GOOD STORIES END AND, AT LEAST in a general sense, it's how the big story of our world ends. The good guys are victorious; the bad guys defeated; the wrongs are made right; the world is renewed and restored; ". . . and they all lived happily ever after".

But the closing lines of *The Great Controversy* don't use this classic formulation. Instead, it goes like this: "From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love."

There is obviously something bigger going on here than just the characters in the story having all their adventures completed, trials overcome and problems solved. We are reminded that the real Hero of the story is a God who loves.

And it also wakes echoes of where the story began. *The Great Controversy* is the fifth and last in the "Conflict of the Ages" series that began millennia and 3500 pages earlier with the opening lines of *Patriarchs and Prophets*: "'God is love.' His nature, His law, is love. It ever has been; it ever will be."

The big story of the "Conflict of the Ages" and the great controversy is the love of God. Ellen White gave away the ending in the first page of the first book of the series. And the epic story in between—particularly focused on Jesus, the *Desire of Ages*—is the story of that love being worked out amid the history, tragedy and brokenness of our world.

We might be tempted to assume this is more a story of a higher plane and another place. The workings of God's love and its final victory can sometimes feel like the business of a distant heaven that we might get to experience for ourselves at some time in the future, if we can sustain that much hope. But in Mrs White's progressing, understanding and urging, this love is as much about transforming the present as it is about final re-creation.

For a variety of reasons, I have been reading quite a lot of Mrs White's writings this year and I have been struck repeatedly by the significance she recognised in life here and now. One of her major themes is that *this* life matters. The choices, priorities, attitudes, actions and lifestyle we adopt today make a difference for today and forever, for us and for others—and this emphasis continues to be seen particularly in the Adventist Church's expansive health, education and welfare work around the world.


A few years ago, I was fascinated to discover the record

of Mrs White's funeral, held on Sabbath, July 24, 1915, at Battle Creek (*Life Sketches of Ellen G White*, pages 462–480), particularly the address by then-General Conference president A G Daniells. Daniells had worked with her for most of the last 25 years of her life, first in Australia in the 1890s and on their return to the United States at about the same time, with Daniells becoming General Conference president in 1901 and continuing in that role until after her death. He knew Mrs White well and offered an inspiring summary of her life's work.

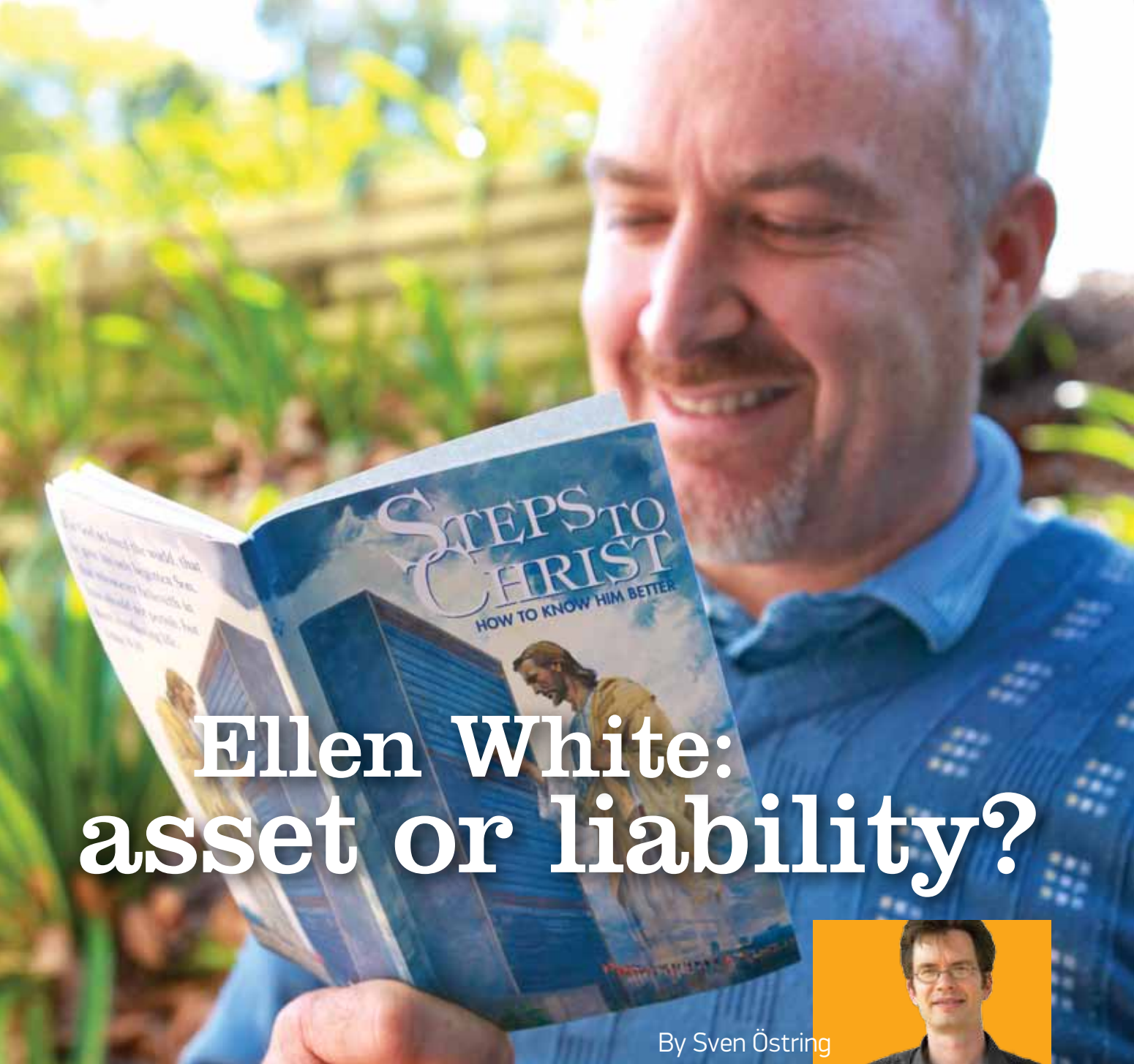
In his eulogy, Daniells recognised the God-given inspiration that sparked Mrs White's ministry and emphasised her focus on the Bible and Christ as the central foundations of all that she did, spoke about and wrote. He recognised in Mrs White's writings the role of the Holy Spirit "to make *real* in the heart and lives of men all that [Jesus] had made *possible* by His death on the cross" (page 472) and the role the Church should also play.

Daniells also pointed to the broader focus of Mrs White's ministry and writings—the implication of her understanding of the nature of God and His mission that life matters now in so many ways: "Through the light and counsel given her, Mrs White held and advocated broad, progressive views regarding vital questions that affect the betterment and uplift of the human family, from the moral, intellectual, physical and social standpoint as well as the spiritual" (page 473).

He used remarkably strong language to summarise her call for action in the world in response to the issues of her day: "Slavery, the caste system, unjust racial prejudices, the oppression of the poor, the neglect of the unfortunate—these all are set forth as unchristian and a serious menace to the wellbeing of the human race, and as evils which the church of Christ is appointed by her Lord to overthrow" (page 473).

When we re-discover the life and work of Ellen White, we find a strong belief in both the love of God and that our responses to that love matter. In the stories of her life, we also find a life that mattered, a remarkable pioneering woman who lived her life for the God whose love she came to understand more and more, and risked herself to contribute to the mission of the Church and care for those in need. Trusting the final joyous ending, we are called and inspired to work toward it now in those same kinds of ways. 

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Ellen White: asset or liability?

By Sven Östring



I WAS STANDING AT THE BAGGAGE CLAIM AREA AT Melbourne Airport, trying to peer past my fellow passengers to see if I could spot my little Nike sports bag cruising along the baggage carousel. A quick glance down to my iPhone screen made my heart skip a beat—the SMS I had been waiting for had finally arrived.

I too have been in prayer and the Holy Spirit is not leading me to the Adventist Church. I am a man who has been set free. I will have nothing to do with the teachings of Ellen White. May God bless you.

All of my confidence evaporated immediately and I was left with a sense of despair and almost panic. Why did it have to end this way? It seemed so final with no further

opportunity for discussion. Was it her fault again?

Have you ever had those thoughts? Have you ever wondered whether Ellen White's writings are an asset or a liability to the Seventh-day Adventist Church? In short, would the Seventh-day Adventist Church be better off if she had never existed?

Of course, it's impossible to go back and try to alter the course of history. However, what we can do is compare the Seventh-day Adventist Church with other Sabbath-keeping movements that preceded the Adventist Church down through history.

The Seventh-Day Men were Christian believers who lived in England around the time of King James I. Based

on their careful study of the Bible, including the prophecies in Daniel and Revelation, they believed that Christians should keep the seventh-day Sabbath as the biblical day of rest and worship. Interestingly, many of these seventh-day believers taught that Christians should not eat unclean meat and that they should practise foot-washing in the Communion service. A prominent leader in this movement even taught that Sabbath-keeping Christians had won the victory over the mark of the beast! All of these teachings sound strangely familiar and rather promising.

However, by 1800, the Seventh-day Men church movement had almost died out in England. Fortunately, a number of the seventh-day believers emigrated to the state of Rhode Island in the United States, close to the city of Boston. Within 20 years, these Seventh-day Baptists had formed an association for all of their Sabbath-keeping churches, providing a very important network of support and growth. Today, almost 300 years later, there are only about 55,000 Seventh-day Baptists in the world.

In the middle of the 1800s, another group of Christian believers were gathering in the north-eastern states of America. These Adventists had come through the Great Disappointment in 1844. Rather than abandon their belief in Jesus' soon return, though, they felt called to study the Bible more carefully. Through the influence of a young Seventh-day Baptist woman called Rachel Oakes, they also accepted the seventh-day Sabbath. This movement continued to grow rapidly, and today the Seventh-day Adventist Church family has about 17 million members.

The big question for us is this: why has the Seventh-day Adventist Church been so effective in making Sabbath-keeping disciples around the world? What are the spiritual tools that God has given our Church to effectively accomplish His mission?

While there are definitely many reasons for the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, one particular reason stands out: the prophetic role and ministry of Ellen White. Dr Jack Provonsa has commented that, if it had not been for Ellen White, the Seventh-day Adventist Church would not exist today.

And what was her influence? Within two months of the Great Disappointment, Mrs White received a powerful vision where she saw a group of Adventists journeying towards heaven. "If they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus," she was shown, "they were safe." The group could have easily fallen apart at the start, had it not been for her encouraging vision.

Mrs White's influence did not stop there. Four years later, she encouraged her husband, James White, that the Adventist message would "be like streams of light that went clear round the world". Mrs White had the vision that God was calling the Seventh-day Adventist movement to have a global mission, at a time when there were less than 100 Adventists and when other Adventist leaders thought that they only had to focus their message within the United

States. Mrs White's influence went structurally deeper as well. Through her guidance and leadership, our Church developed an international network of medical and educational centres that provided practical training and service so that the lives of individual people around the world could be transformed according to God's principles. She also gave wise advice to the Church to avoid centralising authority. It has been observed that Mrs White's "contribution to the Adventist Church in government remains astounding".

Mrs White's vision also included young people. She said that, with the appropriate nurturing, training and coaching, young people have abilities that would qualify them for almost any position of responsibility. She advised pastors and church leaders that working to reach young people is a ministry of the highest importance. She also encouraged the whole church to sympathise with young people and be patient with them, recognising that their talents are needed in our churches.

Most importantly, Mrs White always directed people to focus on Jesus. In 1888, when the Adventist Church was grappling with how we are saved, Mrs White supported two men who were advocating the concept that we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus. "Lift up Jesus!" is a continual theme of her writings. Long after she had died, her friends and neighbours continued to refer to her as "the little old woman with white hair, who always spoke so lovingly of Jesus".

When Mrs White began sharing the visions that she received from God, there were less than 100 people within the Adventist movement. By the time she died, the movement had grown to over 130,000 and today our Seventh-day Adventist Church family has grown to 17 million. Did Mrs White ever want to take credit for her ministry? No. She always saw herself as God's messenger. She always pointed people to Jesus. Should we, as a Church, gloat about our growth? No, because in the same way, we are simply God's messengers, who are building on the biblical and prophetic work that other people have accomplished before us. We need to point people to Jesus too. As a prophetic people with a special message for the whole world, it is essential that we earnestly desire and pursue the gift of prophecy, including the significant gift of Mrs White's writings. Why? Because the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus, and this life-changing story about Jesus is what the world desperately needs to hear. R

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Adventure for Prophet

by David Edgren

LONG, LONG AGO, BACK BEFORE YOUR MUM OR DAD were born—even before your grandma and grandpa were born—there lived a lady who had a very adventurous life. She travelled around the world telling people about the special messages Jesus gave to her in visions and dreams! Her name was Ellen.

When Ellen Harmon was a teenager, her parents took her to church meetings where people talked about Jesus coming very soon. They said He was coming in less than a year. They said they knew the exact day Jesus would come. And, sadly, when the day passed, they found out they were very wrong.

Many people who had been coming to the church meetings stopped coming after they were so greatly disappointed. Some thought the dates were wrong. Others thought the people setting the dates were wrong. But, no matter what they thought, they were all sad.

During that very dark and sad time, something amazing happened. Ellen had a dream that showed the very people who had been disappointed walking on a high path toward heaven! At first, she was scared to tell people about the dream because she thought they would laugh at her. But, once she worked up the courage to tell her friends, they encouraged her to tell more people. And this is where her life of adventure began.

When Ellen started having more visions, a young preacher named James White was convinced her visions were from God. He began spending more time with Ellen and telling people about her visions. Soon, he fell in love with Ellen. James wanted to get married quickly because they could both feel God calling them to go tell the world their wonderful messages. James was afraid if he went in one direction and Ellen went in another, they might never get married. On August 30, 1846, they were married and Ellen became Mrs White.

Mr and Mrs White had four children—all boys—Henry, Edson, William and John. Their youngest boy, John, died as a baby. For the three months of his short life he suffered from a skin infection, which caused blisters, fever and very sore skin. Ellen said, "My dear babe was a great sufferer. Twenty-four days and nights we anxiously watched over him, using all the remedies we could for his recovery, and earnestly presenting his case to the Lord. At times I could not control my feelings as I witnessed his sufferings. Much of my time was spent in tears and humble supplication to God" (*Spiritual Gifts*, v2 p 296).

Their first born, Henry, died of pneumonia when he was

16 years old. It started with a simple cold. Life was very tough for people before modern medicine.

Mrs White's travels often took her far away from her family. Sometimes she felt lonely. She wrote to her husband James: "Although I miss you very, very much, and love you, yet I feel at present I belong to God to wait for and do His will . . . It has been hard, so hard."

On land, Mrs White travelled in carriages, on trains and by horse. After one mountain ride in Colorado, she wrote: "It looked fearful so high, and below was a fearful precipice of rocks. If the horses had stepped over to one side we should have fallen hundreds of feet." (Letter 12, 1872). When she was in her late 80s Mrs White's twin grandsons, Herbert and Henry, took her for her first ride in an automobile. She said, "It is the easiest machine that I have ever ridden in" (Letter 11, 1913).

While on a long sea voyage to Australia, Mrs White was travelling with her son's wife and granddaughter. The ship stopped near an island in Samoa. Because big ships can only get so close to land, they had to stop in shallow water. Mrs White and the other ladies were wearing the long dresses of the day and could not walk in the water as the men did. So, two big Samoan men carried the women to land. On their first trip, the two men clasped hands making a chair and carried Mrs White to shore where she sat on a large rock.

Ethel May, Mrs White's daughter-in-law, later wrote: "Another man took my four-month-old daughter in his arms and held an umbrella over her to shelter her from the sun. Then he motioned for me to get on his back. So I scrambled onto his back and wrapped my arms and legs around him, and off we went. Mother White laughed so hard at the sight that she couldn't stop. She laughed until she fell off the rock" (*Adventist Review*, July 7 1983).

When she was home, Mrs White loved gardening. At nearly 70, she wrote in her diary: "I arose at half past 4 am. At 5, I was at work spading up ground and preparing to set out my flowers."

What an amazing life Ellen White had because she chose to follow her dreams and share her visions. God has great plans for your life, too. Say yes to Jesus, and your life will be a grand adventure! R

Special thanks to Jeff Crocombe for his online presentation, "Meet Ellen White - wife, mother, friend" at <http://www.slideshare.net/jcrocombe/meet-ellen-white-presentation>.

Pastor David Edgren is children's ministries director for the Victorian Conference.

Kids' Space

Hi Kids

This week's story is about a woman named Deborah, she was a judge.

God had given her a special responsibility – to lead Israel. One day God spoke to Deborah and told her He would deliver the people from slavery.

Deborah went to Barak with God's instructions. Barak was scared. WHO DID BARAK ASK TO GO WITH HIM?

FOLLOW THE SQUIGGLY LINES TO FIND OUT



Deborah



Army



God



Slaves



Barak

Because of Barak's choice, he didn't get the honour of winning the battle. We must always listen to God's people who always know what to do.

MEMORY VERSE: "Show proper _____ to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the King." 1 Peter 2:17

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Gibbs Salika

I was born into a Christian home where my family attended the Uniting Church. My parents were committed to the faith—my father served as a deacon and my mother and sisters were involved in women's fellowship.

Throughout my schooling I was always involved in church life. After finishing school I studied law at university and later graduated as a lawyer.

In 1982, I married a committed Seventh-day Adventist. She wanted us to be married in the Adventist Church but I said "No", we'll get married in the Uniting Church.

On Sabbaths, Rossica, my wife would go to church and on Sunday I would attend the Uniting Church. Throughout this time I wasn't aware that Rossica was praying for the Lord to open my heart and mind to new truths—to see the Sabbath as the real day of rest.

In 1989, I became ill with malaria and pneumonia. While I was weak in bed, Rossica asked her church pastor to visit and pray for me. Our first meeting wasn't pleasant as Pastor Kupea prayed for me without my consent. I had turmoil within accepting a pastor from my wife's religion.

Pastor Kupea visited me again the next day and continued to do so until my health improved. Eventually we became friends and Bible studies followed. Then Pastor Kupea asked if I would like to study the book of Revelation. I agreed and he led me through an interesting journey and later introduced me to the *Desire of Ages* and other books. I always enjoyed reading and was fascinated by the Sabbath truth and wondered why so many had accepted Sunday as the day of worship when the Bible was so convincing. I realised that many people in my village who couldn't read for themselves had accepted Sunday.

I accepted the Sabbath truth without stepping into an Adventist church. I told Pastor Kupea that I'd go to church when I was ready. I needed to inform my immediate family that I had learned new truths and was changing my day of worship. They reluctantly accepted my decision and convictions.

It was almost 12 months from when I accepted the Sabbath as the true day of worship before I started attending church. On September 9, 1990, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour and was baptised into Jesus and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

My journey as a follower of Jesus has been enriched over time. My change in lifestyle has made me more disciplined and given me a greater outlook on life. I believe that God was preparing me for a greater calling—to serve my country.

After working as a lawyer for 11 years, I was appointed as a judge to the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea. To serve as a judge is the pinnacle of one's career in law. I thank God every day for allowing me to serve in this capacity and achieve my dreams. I strongly believe the opportunity to serve is a blessing from God and, as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, I'm committed to serving my people with integrity and compassion. *-with Pablo Lillo*

**James Matejko**

I was born and raised an Adventist in South Australia.

I grew up in the Church and made a decision to be a committed follower of Jesus at a young age. By the age of 13 I knew I wanted to get baptised but it took a few more years before it happened.

It was mainly because I thought I had to learn more about myself, our beliefs and experience life a bit more.

When I turned 16, Pastor Allan Croft baptised me in front of family and friends. It was a special day—I was very humbled by it. Throughout the ceremony I felt the awesome presence of Jesus. It's like He was standing next to me the whole time.

My decision for baptism was based on the fact that I totally believed in a loving and patient God who had my best interests at heart. It was only after I was baptised that I really started to know more about Jesus and our relationship grew stronger over time. The great thing is that Jesus was there to help me when the trials and temptations came my way.

Soon after my baptism I became youth leader at Morphett Vale church. Initially, I felt as though I was thrown into the deep end with huge responsibilities. But the Holy Spirit gave me the wisdom and ability to serve. I also had amazing mentors who guided, empowered and believed in me. I'm grateful to Lili Panazzo, our current associate pastor, and Devron Strickland, our previous youth pastor.

I'm grateful to those who encouraged and believed in me. To be called to serve at such a young age is challenging—but God provides.

I have never regretted my decisions for Jesus, and I never will. *-with Pablo Lillo*



APPRECIATION

Hartley, Raymond Charles. Nola, Carol, Sheryl, Faye and families would like to express our appreciation and thanks for your kind expression of sympathy shown to us on the loss of a loving husband, father and grandfather. We deeply appreciate those who travelled long distances to be with us, and who sent food, flowers, cards and called with kind words. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARIES



Baker. Bill and Aldyth were married 23.6.1951 in the Methodist Church, Camperdown, Vic. They celebrated their 60th anniversary on 19.6.11 in the Red Hill Hall, Cobden, with family and friends. Bill and Aldyth moved to the family farm 'Callamondah' at Jancourt, near Cobden, when they first married and have lived there ever since. Bill love farming, which he has successfully pursued all his life with Aldyth at

his side. They have two sons, Andrew, who farms with them, and Simon, who lives in England. They also have four grandchildren. Bill and Aldyth were baptised into the Adventist Church in 1970 at Camperdown. They have both served several positions in the church and Aldyth has ministered many times with her beautiful soprano voice.



Dose. Fred and Anita celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends on 9.7.11. Fred, an Adelaide boy, met Anita, a beautiful German immigrant girl, and they were married at the Adelaide Prospect Adventist Church by Pastor Wade on 9.7.1961. Fred and Anita lived in many places throughout Australia, finally settling down in Adelaide where they were foundation members of the Morphett Vale church. They are proud parents of Stephen and his wife Robyn, and Sonya and her husband Paul; and have seven grandchildren.

Nigel Ackland

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■ **Executive Assitant to CEO—Sanitarium,** see page 14.

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WEDDINGS



Chimbetete—Aitken. Gilmore Chimbetete, son of Crispen (dec)

and Martha Chimbetete (Bulawayo, Zimbabwe), and Amy Aitken, daughter of David and Lyn Aitken (Perth, WA), were married 8.2.11 at Swan Valley church, Perth.

Abby Aviles



Hale—Knopper. Bernard Edward (Bernie) Hale, son of Gordon

(dec) and Margaret Hale (Kataning, WA), and Talitha Ellanjae Knopper, daughter of Peter (dec) and Cherrele and Mitch Kelemen Balingup, were married 24.7.11 at Kulikup church. It was a double celebration as it was also Talitha's birthday.

Ray Eaton

OBITUARIES

Aldous, Ruby Margaret, born 25.4.1923 at Mansfield, Vic; died 15.6.11 in Mansfield Hospital. On 4.6.1948, she married Robert Aldous, who predeceased her. She is survived by Adrian Aldous (Benalla) and Dianne Quick.

Peter Hughes

Bohm, Frank, born 9.2.1917 in Legrad, Croatia; died 28.7.11 in Stanthorpe Hospital, Qld. On 1.7.1945, he married Maria Horvat in Legrad, Croatia. He is survived by his wife, Maria; and Sonja Markov. Frank had a strong faith in the Lord Jesus and he liked to read his Bible. He was well loved by his family and church community at Summit. He will be remembered as a good Christian.

Humberto Rivera

Brand, Iris Heather (nee Williamson), born 10.11.1925 in Sydney, NSW; died 29.6.11 at Banora Point. On 2.4.1948, she married Gordon William Brand, who predeceased her in 2002. She is survived by daughters and their families, Glenise and Geoff Donovan and Karen Julien; granddaughters, Nicole and Jody; and great-grandchildren, Skye, Leighton and Seth. Iris was a long-time member of the Mullum church. She was very committed to her Saviour and the church.

Cranville Tooley

Burke, Denis Timothy, born 30.5.1930 in Ryde, Sydney, NSW; died 15.7.11 at Kings Langley, Sydney. He is survived by his wife, Jill (Kings Langley); his children, Tim and Jon (both from Adelaide, SA), Cate (Tas) and Alex (Japan); and two grandchildren. Denis graduated from Medicine at Sydney University in 1955 and spent his life bringing medical care to the poor in Sydney. He led an expedition from Sydney University to be one of the first cave divers to explore the watery depths of Jenolan Caves. He was baptised with his wife Jill in May 2008 and now sleeps awaiting the soon return of Jesus.

Chris Manthey, Alex Penman

Davis, Allan, born 5.5.1936; died 29.4.11. He married Dorothy (Dot), who predeceased him. He is survived by Pete (Central Coast, NSW) and Lyndell (Lismore). Allan was a highly valued contributor to the Tweed Valley churches and community, and used his electrical and building skills in many service trips to the Pacific Islands.

Brett Townsend, Bernice Underwood

Doig, Rebecca Maree (nee Martin), born 29.7.1978 in Goulburn, NSW; died 10.7.11 at Bowden Brae, Sydney. She was the loved wife of Scott and mother to Emily Rebecca; loved daughter of Brian and Cheryl Martin; sister to Kerelyn (Bundaberg, Qld) and Stephen (Canberra, ACT) and their families; and loved granddaughter of Kate Martin (Goulburn, NSW).

Iorangi Eiao, Peter Race

Fleming, Ernest Roy, born 13.5.1913 at Lismore, NSW; died 16.7.11 at Alstonville. He was predeceased by his first two wives, Enid and Ellen, and by his daughter, Glenda. He is survived by his third wife, Dorothy (Alstonville) and his children, Ernest, Keith and Ruth. In August last year, Roy wrote, "The greatest event of my life was when I became a Seventh-day Adventist which completely changed my lifestyle. While retired at Alstonville Retirement Village, my aim is to memorize 50 psalms, 13,627 words in their right order." Roy will be remembered for his love of his family, his genuine interest in helping people and his determination to live his beliefs.

Beth McMurtry



Forbes, Kerrie Anne (nee Stanley), born 13.4.1966 at Mt Gambier, SA; died 5.7.11 at Young Care, Brisbane, Qld. On 18.12.1988, she married Clayton Forbes. She is survived by Kirsten Beahan and Michael Forbes (both of Caboolture). Such a short life, so beautifully lived. A life of sorrow, and yet a life of faith, always thinking of others despite her own troubles. She was a heroine, an inspiration, and one day soon will be a princess in the Kingdom of God.

Athol Tolhurst, Chester Stanley, Bob Possingham

Griffin, Norman Alfred, born 3.2.1928 at Kyogle, NSW; died 12.11.10 at Wahroonga. On 26.3.1953, he married June Lee at Parramatta church. He is survived by his wife, June; four children, Lynette, Faye, Ronald and Louise; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and siblings, Allan and Phyllis. His entire working life was devoted to his family, his business Griffin Homes with brother Allan, and the Parramatta church, having held all church leadership positions over a period of 40 years or so. He was also heavily involved in the Parramatta church relocation. He was a life member of the NSW Water Ski Association, a life member of region 5 in the Water Ski Association and an honorary life member of the Queensland Water Ski Association. In his memory, the Water Ski Association has created a trophy called 'The Norm Griffin Perpetual Trophy', which will be

presented to the top driver of the year at region 5. He touched so many lives, was always caring for others and is greatly missed.

Gilbert Cangy, Roger Govender

Hartley, Raymond Charles, born 5.2.1932 in Christchurch, NZ; died 18.7.11 in Christchurch hospital. On 28.10.1960, he married Nola. He is survived by his wife; and his children, Carol (Palmerston North), Sheryl and Peter Scott (Hamilton) and Faye Levett; and his grandchildren, Christopher, Amie, Danielle, Jordan, Taylor and Coral. Ray was a recipient of the Queen's Service Medal. He awaits the resurrection.

Paul Kleinmeulman

Nicholls, Joyce (Duffy), born 8.1.1930 at Wyong, NSW; died 13.7.11 at Ferros Village Banglow. In 1955, she married Edward Kingsford Nicholls. She is survived by Julie (Sydney), Stephen and Tracy (both of Mullumbimby). Joyce was a faithful and committed member of the Byron Bay church for over 25 years. She loved her Saviour very much.

Cranville Tooley, Ian Johnston

Peterson, Frank Walter, born 28.8.1911 in Adelaide, SA; died 27.6.11 in AdventCare Whitehorse, Vic. On 31.12.1930, he married Mollie Mudie, who predeceased him in 1995. On 26.1.1997, he married Iris Washington, who predeceased him in 2006. He was also predeceased by his children, Barry, May (both in 1989), and Dennis (2006). He is survived by his children, Adrian (USA), Christine Starke (Victoria

Point, Qld), Errol (Korumburra, Vic), Felicity Bleckly (Adelaide, SA), Gay Pearce (Elizabeth); 26 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren. Frank was a faithful church member, loved by all who knew him. He loved his God, his family and motor cars.

Ken Mead, Tony Campbell

Pickett, Marjory Jean, born 3.10.1917 in Ardrossan, SA; died 4.7.11 in Salisbury Private Nursing Home. In 1934, she married Roy Pickett at Ardrossan Methodist Church, who predeceased her in 1988. She is survived by her children, Margaret Proctor (Craigmore) and John Pickett. Marjory was a devoted mother and wife, known for her warm, nurturing and infinite love. She worshipped at Gawler and Elizabeth churches. Resting in Jesus.

Lee Bowditch-Walsh

Porter, Cornelia (Corrie) (nee Kensen), born 15.4.1939 in Amsterdam, Holland; died 8.7.11 at Wyong, NSW. On 28.12.1960, she married Robert Porter. She is survived by her husband; her daughters, Pamela Grove (Sydney), Lisa Porter-Dabrawski, and her husband, Paul; and her grandchildren, Marissa, Robbie, Chantelle and Grace. Corrie was a much-loved teacher at Avondale High School for three and-a-half years, Adelaide High School for 10 years, and various state schools. A loving mother and pastor's wife, she will be always cherished and forever remembered.

D Ford, G Porter, D Bertelsen

Romero, Robin Louis (Rob), born 30.3.1930 at Coburg, Vic; died 29.5.11 at Nelson Bay, NSW. He married Elaine. He is survived by his wife; his children and their families, Kevin and Wilma, Peter and Sue, and John and Sharlene;

his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Rob was a real man of God. He and Elaine gave many years of voluntary service in building churches and facilities right throughout the South Pacific Division. Statements of appreciation were read from Pastor Barry Oliver and Pastor Chester Stanley for the wonderful work that this devoted couple has done. He served the Coffs Harbour church as senior elder for many, many years. Rob loved his Lord supremely.

Gordon Smith, John Lang

Seenyen, Ella, born 18.1.1935 in Mauritias; died 15.6.11 in Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW. She is survived by her husband, Pastor Hedley Seenyen (Kings Langley, Sydney); her two sons, Helle (Singapore) and Cursley (Sydney). Ella was a wonderful Christian lady with a heart open to everyone she met. She was loved by many for her compassion, love and care, and for her devoted spiritual life and faith in God. She is missed by family, friends and the congregations that she and her husband served. Ella is sleeping now and we look forward to the joyful resurrection morning when Jesus comes to take us home.

Chris Manthey, Stenio Gungadoo

Sinclair, Catherine Maria, born 3.7.1925 in Johannesburg, South Africa; died 10.4.11 at Bellingen, NSW. She was the loved mother and mother-in-law of Tim Dun, Margaret Schaar, John and Margaret Dun, Cherie and the late Bob Masterman, Peter and Kath Macky, and Tippy and Harold Stanley; cherished grandmother and great-grandmother; and loving sister and sister-in-law of Betty and the late Graham Vernon. Cath was a lady who quietly loved her Lord.

Miroslav Stilianovic, John Lang



Smith, Clifford, born 4.5.1921 at Bundaberg, Qld; died 13.7.11 in Bundaberg. On

6.4.1942, he married Thirzah Rice. He is survived by his loving wife, Thirzah; his children and their spouses, Geoff and Anthea Smith, Judy Cronin, 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

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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

Tasker, Raymond Richard, born 30.3.1921 in Thornleigh, NSW; died 4.3.11 at Wyong Hospital. On 22.11.1939, he married June at Pappinbarra, NSW. He was predeceased by his son, Ronald. He is survived by his wife (Avondale Retirement Village); Lorrelle (Fraser Island, Qld), Sharon and Des Gillis (Cooranbong, NSW), Lorrelle and Colin Graham (Inverell, NSW), Janette and Les Gale (Oxenford, Qld); 15 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren. Ray was a quiet man who loved his Lord and family supremely. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. He has the assurance that one day very soon he will hear the voice of his Master on that great resurrection morning.

Horrie Watts, John Lang

Vander Stok, Arend, born 31.8.1920 at De Lier, Holland; died 7.6.11 at Kings Langley, Sydney, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Klazina (Kings Langley), two sons Jacob (Canberra) and Jerry (Sydney); five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Arend and Klazina were raised in the same street in Holland and met in the local church choir. In 2008 Arend was baptised at Kings Langley Retirement Village and, after a battle with poor health, he is now at rest waiting the return of Jesus and a joyful resurrection.

Chris Manthey, William Sleight

Williams, Iris Vena (nee Harrison), born 7.11.1924 in North Sydney, NSW; died 28.6.11 at Warnervale. She was predeceased by her husband, Ronald David Williams. Iris is survived by her children, Allan and Louise Williams (Raymond Terrace), Neville and Alice Williams (Wellington), Merrilee and Peter Walters (Brisbane, Qld) and Jill and Richard Lee (Armidale, NSW); grandchildren and great-

grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Born into the faith, Iris spent her early years in both Sydney and Newcastle. Throughout her life, Iris stayed close to the Lord, and until recent years was actively involved in church life and caring for her church family.

Youngberry, Rodney, born 15.7.1934 at Toowoomba, Qld; died 6.12.10 at Alstonville Aged Care Facility. On 14.4.1960, he married Delma Crabtree. He is survived by his wife (Mullumbimby); and Kyley Funk (Adelaide, SA) and Malvin Youngberry (Brisbane, Qld). Rod served the church at Mullumbimby for over 50 years. He will be missed greatly by all those who loved him, especially his wife and children.

Ernie Krause, Cranville Tooley

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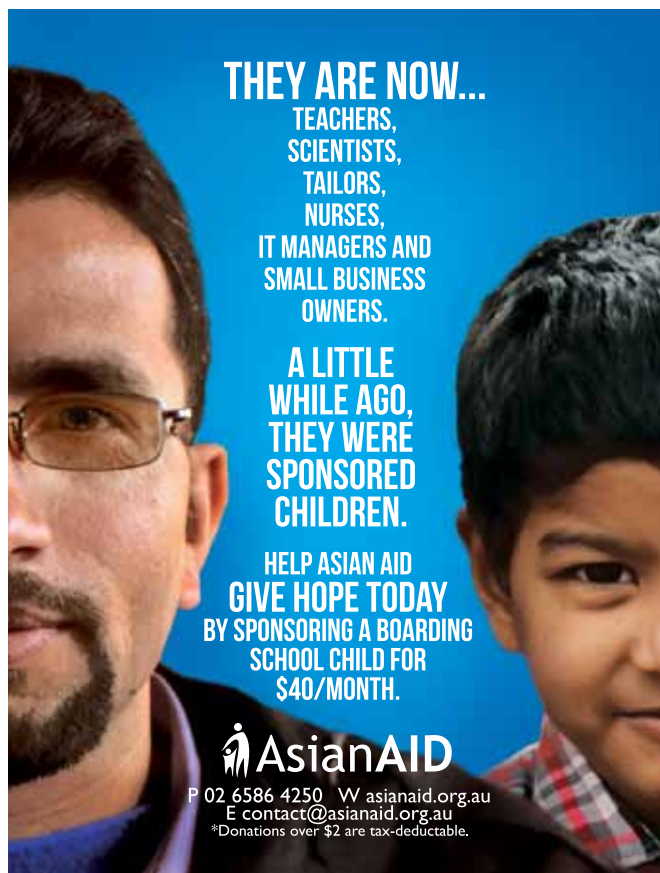
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