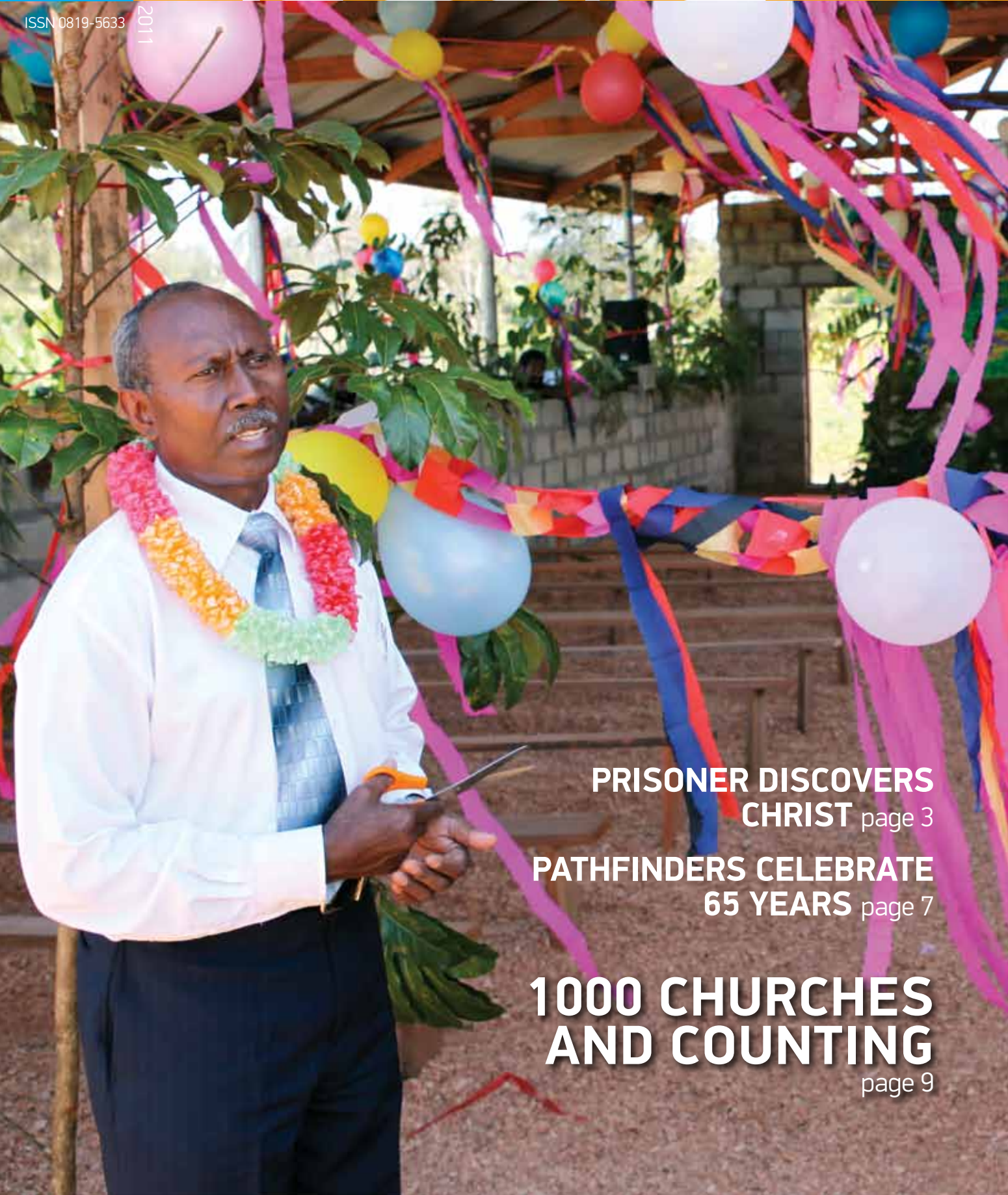


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Sanctuary makes a good start

Pymont, New South Wales

Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing's Sanctuary has received an award of accreditation, demonstrating its commitment to quality and safety.

The fact that accreditation, a process that can take years, was granted only 10 months since opening its doors is a significant achievement.

Sanctuary's philosophy is centred on caring for the whole person—their physical health, emotions, relationships, connection with the community and environment, spirituality, sense of meaning, purpose and hope in life.

"Since we're new, we were already committed to setting up processes and procedures," Sanctuary Sanitarium group manager, Brenda Rea, said. "We figured it was an ideal time to do it well to achieve and even go beyond the benchmark."

In its first year, more than 2000 people have visited the waterfront premises in Pymont, Sydney. Many of the clients have come for repeat and/or referral services, with the average client visiting over four times.

"Our clients appreciate that we really do care for them," Mrs Rea said. "Their feedback is extremely positive which is why nearly a third of our clients come through word of mouth." —*Mirella Gordon*



Staff celebrate the centre's accreditation.

Volunteer dies on mission trip

Vanua Lava, Vanuatu

A mission trip to Vanuatu has been marked by tragedy, after a volunteer from Brisbane was killed while clearing an aircraft runway on the remote western side of Vanua Lava Island.

Wesley Mooi (pictured), 44, who attended the Beaudesert Adventist church, was cutting down a massive banyan-type tree with a chainsaw when a large section of the tree fell on him. He died at the scene.

A team of five adults, accompanied by their five children, were being assisted by locals to clear two airstrips at Wasaga and Leon Bay. The work was intended to support Dr Mark Turnbull and his family, who provide a medical aviation service to Vanuatu's northern islands under the banner of the US-based Adventist Laymen's Services & Industries, a supporting ministry of the Church. Airstrips in the south-west of Vanua Lava will allow visits to villages previously only accessible by hours of boat or foot travel.

Mr Mooi is survived by his parents and sister. His friends remember him as having a methodical mind, providing a quiet and calm example to others. His body was flown back to Australia for a private burial. A memorial service was held at the Beaudesert Adventist church recently.

Local villagers and church members at Vanua Lava plan to dedicate the finished Leon Bay airstrip to the memory of Mr Mooi. —*Kent Kingston/Darren Vaotuua*



Prisoner discovers Christ

Richlands, Queensland

A long-time Discovery Centre student has become an evangelist from within his prison cell. Matthew Baronet (pictured) has been studying the Adventist Church-sponsored Bible lessons for six years while serving time at the Wolston Correctional Centre in Queensland.

During this time he has recruited close to 150 students, has conducted prayer/study groups from within his cell and has initiated the 'JAILMAIL' ministry.

Starting out as a simple pen-pal service, the 'JAILMAIL' ministry, within its first 11 weeks, spread to seven prisons in Queensland and another in New South Wales.

"I do think that prison is God's training ground and there is a lot of work to be done behind these walls of razor wire," Mr Baronet said.

"The amount of pain, suffering, hurt souls and damaged people in here is a true sign to the work of Satan . . . I have

seen firsthand the power of the Lord Jesus at work here in my new home. To say that God changes lives is an understatement—this I know."

Mr Baronet views the 'JAILMAIL' ministry as a way of bringing happiness and support into people's lives both from within prison and those on the outside. "The good Lord is blessing my work here in prison and I feel a close connection to the team there at Discovery," he said.

Mr Baronet is planning to produce a documentary on his life upon leaving prison, and a collection of memoirs detailing his experiences while serving time, highlighting directly the work of Christ in his life from one lost soul to the transformed and redeemed man he is today. —*Tammy Zyderveld*





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A simple faith?

Pablo Lillo

I had no idea of her simple, yet powerful faith. I always knew Cana enjoyed writing but I was surprised when she brought home her classwork at the end of the term.

Cana, who is eight-years of age, wrote the following piece as an assignment for Year 2. She had to answer the following question: You are visiting a country that has never heard of Jesus. Describe Jesus to them.

Jesus is the Ruler over the world, He was born sinless. Everyone should worship Him. Jesus has His own book called the Bible. The Bible tells lots and lots of stories about His power and love.

My favourite story in the Bible is called "Baby Jesus". It's about when Jesus was born. Jesus was on earth but one day He died on a cross to save us from our sins. Then He went into a tomb. God sent an angel from heaven. The angel left Jesus to go to heaven to live with God, Jesus' Father and now Jesus is not on land but in heaven and one day all people who believe in Him will go to live in heaven with Jesus. Jesus is a lovely Leader.

Cana's understanding of the Gospel message—the story of Jesus—reminded me how much I need to pass on my faith to my children.

My parents were the single-most important factor in leading me to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Without applying any pressure, their examples of godly living and genuine transformation made me want to know more about God, read my Bible, attend church and eventually ask Jesus Christ to be the Lord of my life.

I strongly believe it's possible to offer even the youngest child the richness of the experience of God as the foundation for their spiritual life.

The most precious thing you can give a child is not money, possessions or an education. The most precious thing you can give them is a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ. In this edition Daniel Livingston shares his perspective on global warming (page 14).

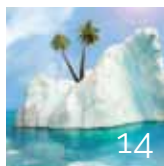
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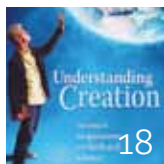
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Come Alive with JESUS



Photo: Edward Cross

Special guests

Lismore church, NSW, was privileged to have worship led by two visitors from the Solomon Islands: Pastor Lynston T Piobule, principal of Hoda Ministerial Training Centre, and Pastor Robinson Diosi, the vice-principal. Their photos showed the urgent need for refurbishment at the training centre and Lismore church is planning a fly 'n' build there next year. —Valerie Dunstan

Come Alive

The Resource Centre of the Australian Union Conference has a new letterbox card for the Come Alive Bible study guides. The Come Alive series introduces Bible students to a new life in Jesus and can be followed by the 15 lesson set, Stay Alive. It is only \$A6 per 100 for the letterbox cards and \$A4 per study set. —Don Madden

Luck of the draw!

Avondale College of Higher Education's food services director, Nick Hartigan, has won a national competition after buying 10 tins of oil. The spoils? A cash prize of \$A15,000. The competition, organised by Integro Foods, gave businesses the opportunity to win cash, a car or a travel voucher. National business manager Gary Cossart presented the cheque. "It's great the money is going to someone who will use it to improve facilities because more people will benefit," he said. —Brenton Stacey



Married the "Jesus way"

Alice Springs church witnessed the marriage of Diane and Jeffrey Campbell. The couple, from the remote township of Finke, were married by Pastor Gordon Stafford, the director of Mamarapha College, WA. Diane is a student at the college. While the Campbells have been married the "traditional Aboriginal way", they both wanted to be married "Jesus' way". —Tanya Dutlow

New members at Raymond Terrace

Pastor Esava Koro welcomed Ray and Louise Wilkie into church membership at Raymond Terrace following their decision to keep the Sabbath as God's holy day. After watching Kenneth Cox's teachings on Revelation on 3ABN, they searched for greater truth and found a Sabbath-keeping church in their area. —Mary Fedorow

Young award winner

A 16-year-old girl from Landsborough church, Qld, has won the 2011 Order of Australia Student Citizenship Award. Tayla Rose was involved in several community service projects which included a week-long STORMCo trip to Roma, Queensland. She also volunteered at several animal shelters, raised funds for breast cancer and collected \$A1500 in one afternoon for Bibles in the Pacific. —David Edgar



Master Pathfinder

Barbara James, who attended the "Keepers of the Flame" Pathfinder 65th anniversary in Christchurch, New Zealand, said she started in "Pals" (the precursor to Adventurers) in 1944 and completed Master Guide in 1961. —Kent Kingston

Sign language

Melina Williams, a teacher at the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children in Sydney and a daughter of deaf parents, believes boarding schools are a great way for deaf children to learn. Speaking at Asian Aid's AGM in August, she said boarding schools such as Asian Aid's Kollegal School for Hearing and Speech Impaired in India, provided great opportunities for children to socialise, improve their sign language skills and excel at their education. Melina sponsors a deaf child through Asian Aid and visited the school. —Kimberley Ellison

Safe places

Penrith church, NSW, raised awareness of child abuse on White Balloon Day by giving all the children of the church white or purple balloons branded, "It's all 'White' to say NO". Church child safety officer Heather James and her daughter, Karina Kunz, gave a short presentation. Penrith has taken steps to be a 'safe place' by physically altering the church (doors with glass panels, etc), as well as educating the members. —Leonie Duff



Unhappy ending

New research from the UK shows that couples who live together before they marry are 45 per cent more likely to divorce. The Christian-based "Jubilee Centre" surveyed 14,103 households and found that if couples never marry, the likelihood of separation before their first child is five, increases six-fold. —*Daily Mail*



Re-branding

Some within America's second largest denomination are pushing for a name change. Critics say the name "Southern Baptist Convention" is a barrier to church-planting outside the southern states of the USA. But a motion to establish a taskforce to consider the issue was voted down at the Convention's Executive Committee meeting. —*Baptist Press*



We are family

Genetic studies suggest that up to 85 per cent of Arabs in the land of Israel are actually descendants of Jews forced to convert to Islam over the centuries. Hebrew University research shows that both the Palestinians and the Jews descended from the Kurds of Babylon, homeland of the patriarch Abraham. —*Assist News Service*



Online ministry

The most popular page on Facebook is "Jesus Daily". It has more than 8.4 million fans who receive daily messages of encouragement. Its creator, Aaron Tabor, said he's aware of at least 6000 people who have given their lives to Christ after connecting with the page. —*Christian Newswire*



Gagged

America's National Religious Broadcasters group has expressed concern about Facebook, Apple, Comcast, AT&T and Google, which have all adopted policies to censor lawful viewpoints expressing Christian views or controversial ideas on current issues. Some platforms have already removed orthodox Christian viewpoints on homosexuality and other issues. —*Christian Post*



Grim statistics

Anglicord CEO Misha Coleman said levels of violence against women in parts of the South Pacific were "horrific". More than 60 per cent of Solomon Islands women report some kind of violence from an intimate partner. And more than half of women in the country have been forced into sex. —*Anglicord*

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Pathfinders celebrate 65 years

Christchurch, New Zealand

Hundreds of South Island Pathfinders, leaders, parents and past Pathfinders gathered in Christchurch, New Zealand, to celebrate 65 years of the Pathfinder movement.

Special guests during the "Keepers of the Flame" weekend were much-loved previous youth/Pathfinder directors for the South New Zealand Conference (SNZC)—Pastor Bob Possingham (commenced 1966), Pastor Ervin Ferris (1969), Pastor Eric White (1974), Pastor Paul Gredig (1986) and Pastor Bob Larsen (1991). Those directors who have passed away or who were not able to attend were also remembered.

The weekend's official activities consisted of a Friday night service at Ilam church, a Sabbath morning and afternoon program at the Aurora Centre, a Saturday night banquet for Pathfinder pioneers at Bishopdale church, and a Pathfinder fair at the conference's Pascoe Park campground on Sunday.

Highlights included the presence of the original wooden torch carved by the founders of Missionary Volunteers (MVs), the precursor of the Pathfinder movement, and the presence of a local bagpipe band that played for the opening parade on Sunday. The building of Lake Lyndon Lodge by volunteers in the late 1960s was remembered a number of times.

Sabbath afternoon saw the inaugural Arnold Rolston Award presented to the SNZ club which has performed at the highest level, and demonstrated the true spirit of Pathfinders.

Mr Rolston was involved with the Bishopdale club in the early '70s and had a passion for sharing Christ while showing young people a good time in nature. On August 13, 1979, while on his way to Pathfinders, Mr Rolston's car was hit by a vehicle driven by a drunk driver. His son, Martin, died in the accident. Mr Rolston died on October 11, 1979, of a heart attack, aged 49, seven weeks after the accident. His doctor and family members believe stress from the accident and the death of his son played a key role. The winner of the Arnold Rolston Award for 2011 was SNZ's largest club, Bishopdale.

But the spiritual high point of the weekend came when Pastor Bob Possingham made an unscheduled appeal to the Pathfinders at the main Sabbath service. Recalling the story of Moses and the burning bush, he stated "it was not the bush that was worth looking at; it was the fire inside the bush", using this as a metaphor for the transformed life. Countless Pathfinders raised their hands when Pastor Possingham challenged them to devote their lives to Jesus, with about 40 coming forward for baptism. —Kent Kingston



Smiling faces from the Filipino Pathfinder club.

DVD sheds light on dark issue

Watson Park, Queensland

A new DVD series, *Delivered from evil*, was launched at the South Queensland Conference Big Camp.

The series deals with the recovery of Michelle Hood and others from the aftermath of childhood sexual abuse.

Graham and Michelle Hood, founders and directors of Mission Serenity, said the primary focus for Mission Serenity was to help the now adult victims of childhood abuse within the Church to recover to a full and meaningful life.

South Queensland Conference president, Dr Neil Watts, in his opening address, thanked the Hoods for their ministry to people whose lives have been destroyed by physical, mental and sexual abuse.

Mrs Hood suffered at the hands of a church elder for six years when she was only a small child. "I lost my identity at the age of nine and didn't get it back until I was 50," she said. Her life was to take many destructive turns from that period on. She has been able to turn this around and regain control of her life again through the healing power of grace. Mrs Hood said the foundation of her healing from abuse was forgiving her perpetrator.

During the launch, Mr Hood stated that between a third and a quarter of people in our time have been or will be abused in their childhood years and it's getting worse, with

reported cases increasing.

"Sexual abuse thrives because people keep secrets and secrets are the hiding places where

we store our sin and Satan loves that," Mr Hood said.

South Pacific Division president, Dr Barry Oliver, thanked the Hoods for being willing to share their story and empower people who have been abused.

"I'm so glad we're breaking through the barrier of silence," he said.

"As a people we have to ensure that all our churches are safe places for our children to worship in."

The four DVD boxed set contains 14 half-hour episodes with testimony and expert opinion from people like renowned child safety investigator, Geoff Kelly.

If you would like to order *Delivered from evil*, go to <www.missionserenity.com.au>. — Pablo Lillo



The team from Mission Serenity.

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Largest-ever evangelistic campaign

Honiara, Solomon Islands

An evangelistic campaign in Honiara has had the largest-ever attendance at an Adventist program in the Solomon Islands.

It resulted in the largest number of baptisms and biggest attendance for a new Adventist church in the Solomons.

The evangelistic program began with 12,000 attending, but numbers kept climbing. It peaked to 35,000 by the last meeting.

Brisbane-born evangelist, Pastor John Carter, spoke on the latest discoveries in astronomy and scientific evidence for the existence of a Creator. At the end of the program he asked people to make a commitment to Christ as the Creator. Almost everyone raised their hands in commitment.

"The Church in the Solomons has been praying for the revival and it is a joy to see firsthand God's Spirit sweeping across this nation, bringing a new people to faith," Solomon Islands Mission (SIM) president, Pastor Wayne Boehm, said.

"I continue to hear of miraculous stories of people attending these meetings, some who have been keeping the Sabbath on their own through their own Bible study, now coming to these meetings to have their faith affirmed."

The Carter Report team imported 10,000 Bibles for people attending to use from the second week onwards. But with audience numbers constantly increasing it was obvious many were left without.

A former president of the South Seas Evangelical Church was one of the record 524 people who were baptised in the Lunga River near Honiara. Twenty-nine pastors stood in the water, with a line of 18 or 19 people standing on the shore in front of each of them.

"What we've witnessed over the last 10 days has been nothing short of a modern Pentecost," Pastor Boehm said. "The baptisms are the first fruits from the campaign and it's expected that many more will continue to make a commitment to the Lord and for baptism."

Seventh-day Adventist world church president Ted Wilson sent Pastor Boehm a message saying, "We praise God for the large and enthusiastic attendance at the evangelistic meetings being held in Honiara by Pastor John Carter. It's obvious that many are being drawn to the peculiar messages focusing on the Bible and its answers for today's many problems.

"Truly, Jesus is the only answer to the challenges we face in today's highly unsettled world. What a privilege to share the three angels' messages of Revelation 14 as we point people to Christ, His righteousness and His soon return."

Following the baptism, 3000 people attended the first meeting of a new Adventist church in Honiara. Pastor Boehm took the first service with a message entitled, 'Take me to the finishing line'. He encouraged everyone to stand by the decisions they had just made.

Some who had missed out on being in the mass baptism the previous weekend, came ready for baptism. SIM ministerial secretary, Pastor Jonnie Tango, told the meeting that they would soon hold a special baptism for them. The meeting was held in a giant open-sided auditorium at the church's Maranatha Conference Centre. —RECORD staff



Pastor John Carter speaks to the crowds about Jesus.

1000 churches and counting

by Jarrod Stackelroth

The small village of Agil, near Mt Hagen, Papua New Guinea, was the focus of international attention when its new church opened. Not only did messages flow in from all levels of the church from around the world but international guests were on hand to mark the occasion.

Every church dedication is special, however, this church represents the 1000th church in the South Pacific Division (SPD) that has been roofed by the group, Volunteers in Action (VIA).

Since 2000, VIA has roofed 1026 churches in the island missions of the SPD. That is almost 90 projects per year, or one church roofed every four days. Almost 750 of those projects have taken place in the PNGUM. The church, now complete with a sturdy corrugated iron and timber roof, shelters the congregation from the elements and will last longer than a traditional thatched roof.

Special guests included SPD general secretary, Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, acting-president of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, Pastor Leigh Rice, local Western Highlands Mission (WHM) president, Pastor Max Zaccias, VIA founder, Cliff Morgan and Delphine Archer, a major supporter through time and donations to VIA. The WHM office was closed for the day, to allow staff to attend and church and community members of all ages joined the festivities.

The road into the church was scattered with people walking in to attend the celebrations. Delegates met Pathfinders marching along the road into the village with a giant banner for the celebration. There was a Scottish marching band, complete with bagpipes and drums to lead the Pathfinders, delegates, church members and children.

Pastor Lawrence Tanabose cut the ribbon and said a prayer of dedication before everyone filed into the church. The low, wooden benches were filled to capacity and those who didn't fit inside looked in over the low concrete walls, down both sides of the church where they heard a brief history of the church and Adventist work in Agil.

Cliff Morgan provided some background information on VIA and its work in the area. He reminded those listening that it had been a team effort.

"It is God working through local church members where the real action happens," he said. "There are the people who acquire the land, get the timber, carry materials, put up the framework, put on the roofing iron and run evangelistic

programs in conjunction with the roofing program. It is at this level that God seems to work the most."

He praised the local VIA coordinator, Jim Wagi, the local mission and the local church members for making the day a possibility and encouraged the church to be a lighthouse in their community. "Let Agil church, like all other roofed churches, be a shining beacon to glorify God," he said.

Mr Morgan also presented a letter written by Garwin and Marilee McNeilus from the United States. The McNeilus family has supported VIA since 1999, providing more than \$A930,000 during the past 12 years.

Pastor Ted Wilson, General Conference president, also recorded a video message, which was played on the day. He spoke of the way these projects united everyone from lay members to church administrations, and how together, with God, the impossible becomes possible.

After Mr Morgan finished his presentations, Mrs Archer also testified to God's hand in the work of VIA.

Pastors Tanabose and Rice both presented messages of encouragement and hope to those gathered. Then the church dedication was completed but the celebration was far from over. A local pastor was ordained and seven candidates were baptised in the river nearby. A call for those requesting baptism was made and many people came forward, including the man who had donated the land for the church.

After the baptism, community leaders had a chance to respond to what they had witnessed. The first to speak had been born and raised Catholic. He had expected nothing to come of the church in Agil because there was such a small group of Adventists there (the church has only 11 members). However he was surprised when the church sprang up. He said it was clear God was working in that church and later offered some land on which to build an Adventist school.

Pastor Peter Bana, general secretary of WHM, responded to the community leaders, saying the church was for the community and inviting them to attend.

VIA was founded by Cliff and Val Morgan in 1996. The couple retired in 1989 and volunteered a year of service at Pacific Adventist College in 1990 and in Russia in 1993. The people they met and the experiences they had, led them to form VIA.

Jarrod Stackelroth is assistant editor of RECORD.



OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

The human nature of Jesus

The marvel and mystery of Christ's nature was an issue that caused tremendous debate and controversy in the early centuries of the Christian era. Many attempts were made to explain this mystery, most of which either confused or denied the divinity or humanity of Jesus.

What does the Bible teach about the human nature of Jesus?

▶ Jesus entered this world as a weak and vulnerable baby. His birth was unique—He was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18-25)—yet His arrival in this world was also through a natural process similar to ours.

Read Galatians 4:4. The genealogies in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke also point to His human nature.

▶ Hardly anything is recorded about the childhood years and youth of Jesus, but the Bible indicates that He grew and matured in a normal and healthy manner.

Read Luke 2:40, 52.

▶ Jesus experienced hunger, thirst and tiredness as we do. **Read** Matthew 21:18; Mark 4:38; Luke 4:1, 2 and John 4:6 for examples of how Jesus experienced human limitations and needs. He also experienced the full range of human emotions such as anger, sadness and frustration.

Read Matthew 26:40, 41; Mark 9:19 and John 2:13-17.

▶ A number of witnesses testify to the reality of the humanity of Jesus, such as John the Baptist, the disciples Peter and John, and the apostle Paul.

Read John 1:30; Acts 2:22, 23; Philippians 2:5-8 and 1 John 1:1-4.

In summary, the Bible teaches that Jesus was fully human. Indeed, Jesus' favourite title in relation to Himself was 'Son of Man', which shows His solidarity with the human family. Because Jesus became human, He cares, sympathises and understands. He knows what it is like to be human, and that gives us tremendous comfort and encouragement (Hebrews 4:16).

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



HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Daily activity

Each day most people walk about 7000 steps. This might sound like a marathon, but in fact it's not. All the little bits add up. Getting out of bed, going to the bathroom, the kitchen and dining room, out the door, into a bus, then up some steps at work, and buzzing around the office all day long, soon adds up.

But is this enough for optimal physical health? Not really! Fitness experts say it is better to go the extra distance and aim for 10,000 steps. Now, what does this mean practically? As long as all the little bits total around 30-40 minutes per day, you are well on your way to being relatively fit physically.

This also keeps your muscle fibres and joints working and in good shape. It enhances blood flow through the entire body, especially the limbs. In winter this warms you up. If doing it in a single hit, you won't notice it until you've gone about half way. Then your entire system feels warm.

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REEDY CREEK, Queensland

Greg Pratt

Reedy Creek church is situated in the heart of the Gold Coast alongside the Gold Coast Christian College campus. We are a Spirit-led church seeking to actively "be" the church in our community. About 160 people make up our church community and attend the worship service on any given Sabbath.

Over the past six months, we have experienced an amazing revival through the power of the Holy Spirit as we have intentionally journeyed on the path to church health and renewal. We have seen amazing answers to prayer and growth in attendance at our weekly prayer meetings and worship services. We have also seen other areas contribute to our growth and focus on becoming an inspiring beacon for our community like: the Nehemiah Project to restore the church building; the development of a welfare bus and soup/food kitchen, which is being led by our youth and young adults who are going to serve the needy in our community; and Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centred recovery program that helps to heal hurts, habits and hang-ups that may be destroying or holding people back from reaching their God-given potential. These are just some of the programs, services and initiatives we offer as a church, with much more happening throughout the week, and already there are new and exciting ideas and initiatives being revealed to us as we continue to seek the Lord's leading in our church and lives.

We also actively and intentionally work with and share resources with the school and other church campuses on the Gold Coast in order to advance the Lord's work and have a greater impact in the surrounding community.

We believe God has called us to raise up a church community that is relevant, life-transforming and empowering, and together we look forward to experiencing what the Lord is going to do in and through us as we seek His will and follow His leading in our church community.





Body image and health

We've all had one of those days when we've looked in the mirror and haven't been happy with what we've seen. You know, those days when your hair seems to have given up on you and is trying to escape.

Generally, we'd all like to greet the world looking our best and there's nothing wrong with showing we respect our bodies. However, when we place too much importance on how we look, or aim for unrealistic and unhealthy ideals, it can lead to unnecessary worry and even dangerous behaviours.

Body image is how we perceive, think and feel about our bodies.

It's influenced by a number of factors, and can have no link whatsoever to our actual appearance.

It comes as no surprise that we're often our own harshest critics. In fact, nearly half of all normal-weight women overestimate their size and shape, and about a quarter of normal-weight men believe they are fat. This kind of unrealistic body image has the potential to become a serious problem. It can lead to poor self-esteem or harmful behaviours such as crash dieting or over-exercise.

However, there are a number of things we can do to

help cultivate a healthy body image:

Stop self-diagnosing and speak to a doctor or dietitian. We all have a unique healthy weight range and the first step in building a healthy body image is learning what a realistic and healthy weight is. Doctors can also provide great information on resources to help build a healthy body image.

Focus on health. A healthy weight is just what the name suggests—weight that is consistent with good health. Maintaining a healthy weight is important for avoiding a range of chronic diseases. Focusing on healthy eating and regular exercise is more important than focusing on clothes sizes.

Respect emotions. When we're stressed or upset, it's easy to get down on ourselves. If we acknowledge stress and its source, it gives us the ammunition to resolve the real problem and stop it from creeping through to other areas of our life.

Look for positive, realistic inspiration. Remember the images of cellulite-free movie stars in magazines have been retouched. Instead we should look to our peers for inspiration on healthy living. There are often great examples of real, happy, healthy people right in front of us.

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RECIPE

Potato and corn chowder

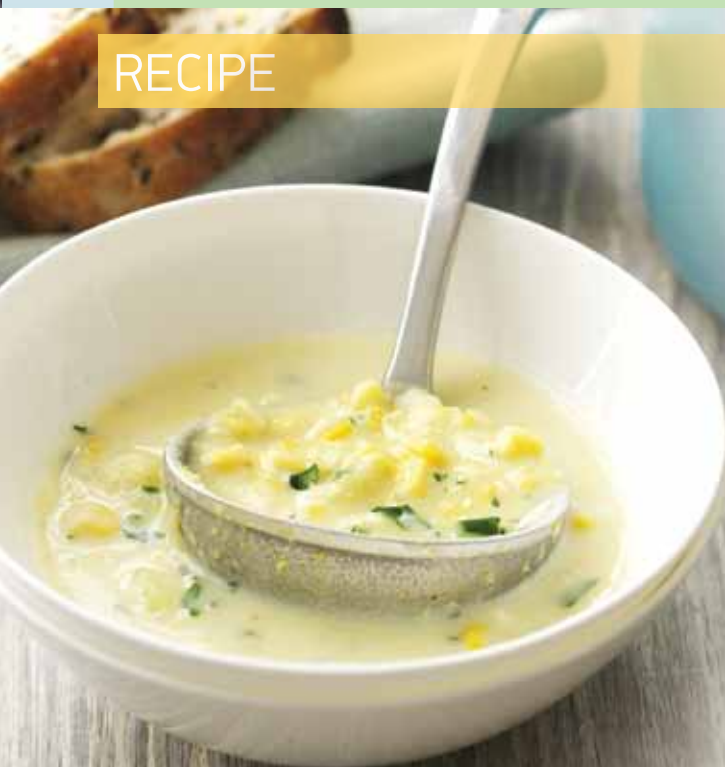
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 3 potatoes peeled and diced finely
- 2 cobs corn or 1 cup corn kernels
- Pinch nutmeg
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 medium onion, diced finely
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups Sanitarium So Good®
- ¼ tsp salt

1. In a large saucepan heat oil over moderate heat. Sauté onion for 3 minutes or until translucent. Add potato and water. Cover and bring to boil.

2. Using a sharp knife cut the corn kernels from the cobs, add to saucepan with So Good, nutmeg, salt and parsley. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes or until potato is done when tested and the chowder has thickened slightly.

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

PER SERVE: 1120 kJ (270 cal); Protein 10g; Fat 10g; Carbohydrate 32g; Total Sugars 5g; Sodium 160mg; Potassium 1160mg; Calcium 180mg; Iron 2.4mg; Fibre 5.4g.



LETTERS

**OPPORTUNITY TO
EVANGELISE**

Norm Symes, via email

In reference to the question, "Should Adventist schools have a minimum number of Adventist students?" (Opinion Poll, August 6).

My answer is no. There should be no minimums in any of our schools. For too long we have been a closed book with the belief that the outside world would contaminate us.

Our new system gives us a great opportunity to evangelise to the young and influence their minds in the way of Christian values.

**BITTERLY
DISAPPOINTED**

Robert Vincent, NZ

I'm bitterly disappointed to read "Rethink" (News in brief, August 16) of an Adventist politician who voted in favour of New York's controversial gay marriage law.

For Nelson Castro to say, "I think marriage should be between a man and a woman but I don't have the right to prohibit others to have the right to get married", is embarrassing and disappointing.

He should have voted on the basis of "Jesus said so" biblical evidence, proclaiming, "It's my responsibility to support our Creator's intention".

In contrast, the last Catholic adoption agency in Britain will close its doors after unsuccessfully trying to win an exemption from the UK's anti-discrimination laws, saying it wants to work in a way that is consistent with its Christian ethos, which means placing children with heterosexual couples only. Now that is integrity.

SPIRITUAL SUCCESS

Sven Ostring, WA

It was a strange feeling reading "Too Young?" (Letters, September 17), the story of "Mary" who'd been told she was too young to be baptised.

I could resonate with her experience in many ways, yet I feel my story is a spiritual success story for children wanting to get baptised.

As a child, I had plans to be baptised at the age of 12. However, a discerning pastor invited me to get baptised when I was 10. I readily agreed, and have never looked back. Certainly, I have grown a lot in my understanding of salvation and relationship with Jesus since, but my commitment to following Jesus at that age was real and genuine.

Perhaps Jesus' message to pastors today would be the same as what He said to His disciples in the first century, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God," (Matthew 19:14).

**FORMING LIFELONG
BELIEFS**

Julie Weslake, director,
Children's Ministries

My heart aches for the many children who have a strong faith and a desire to be baptised members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but who are told they are too young.

Children aged 9-12 are at a crucial stage in their spiritual development. They are making big decisions and are forming lifelong beliefs and attitudes.

The church manual says that there is no stated age for baptism but that a very young child should be encouraged and given Bible studies that

may lead to baptism.

The children's ministries department of the South Pacific Division has written the "Child Commitment Ceremony" to support the decisions of young children. The older child's request for baptism should be taken very seriously as studies show that if they are put off or ignored that many of them leave the church and never come back.

**THE ONE CONSTANT
IN MY LIFE**

Lesley Topperwien, WA

I read with interest "Too Young". I had the privilege of being baptised a week before my 11th birthday.

I attended an Adventist school where baptismal classes were held. When I asked to attend, my parents spoke to my teacher. I was given permission and attended baptismal classes run by Pastor Wally Hammond and my headmaster a year earlier than the traditional Year 7.

My relationship with the Church has, at times, been tumultuous. My relationship with my God has been the one constant in my life and that was acknowledged in my public baptism at an early age.

My dad has taught me to always look to God for my example and not people. I thank God for the privilege of being born into a Christian family and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Age has nothing to do with readiness to be baptised or our personal relationship with God. I listen with joy to my grandchildren expressing their love for God and pray that no-one will ever stop them from being baptised no matter what their age.

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Creating safe places

by Suzanne Hadfield

ONE IN THREE GIRLS AND ONE IN SIX BOYS WILL be sexually assaulted in some way in Australia by the age of 18¹. The average age of internet exposure to pornography in Australia is 11 years², and in one study of the Adventist Church in Australia, 1 in 6 respondents indicated that they had been personally subjected to incest or sexual abuse³.

Research indicates that church statistics parallel those in the wider community; that ought not be so! I work with victims of abuse, provide education to church pastors, leaders, people working with children, and members in many congregations. I also encourage congregations to implement Safe Place strategies in churches. My desire is that we have "God honouring, abuse free, harm free, person valuing and respectful churches" (source: SCTA Training Manual), beacons on a hill where people meet with Jesus in safety.

The Christian life is not a spectator sport: it calls for participants! If each of us play our role and follow the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit, we would see great transformation, with many set free, while others are protected from abuse. Here are some solutions to the Church's challenge.

1. Speak out. For too long people have covered up the truth about abuse. We fear hurting the abuser's reputation, or we doubt a child's story, or we think it's someone else's problem. Look at Jesus' life—He stood for the things that mattered. Through love for the vulnerable and weak He became involved. We are His hands and feet on earth. If you know someone is being abused, speak out. The Bible encourages us to "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; for the rights of all who are destitute" (Proverbs 31:8). The Adventist Church is so passionate about the safety and wellbeing of others, that we have a 24/7 abuse hotline. You can call for advice, help or support on 1800 220 468. Many churches have a Safe Place coordinator who can help you. Look for their details in the church bulletin or on the posters at your local church.

2. Stranger danger is not the issue; at least 85 per cent of all victims know their abuser. That leaves 15 per cent unknown to the victim. The prevalence of incest (sexual relations with a relative) is alarming. Statistics show that most often it is a father, uncle or grandfather of the child.

Unfortunately, it is becoming more common for older brothers to sexually assault younger sisters which poses serious problems for families.

Some people think a sex offender will look a certain way or of a certain age or a certain intelligence, but this is not the case. Persons become abusers if they have two elements: power and access. Where strangers are most dangerous is on the internet or on children's smart phones. Would you know if your own children were being bullied in their own bedrooms via the worldwide web?

3. Knowing where your children are and with whom.

Many cases of abuse happen at overnight camps and sleepovers. This is due to the nature of access and power. However, abuse is also likely to occur in familiar surroundings such as a child's own home or a relative's home. Parents don't understand that with the process of grooming they can be groomed first. Grooming is a calculated process to gain access to a child or youth to sexually abuse them, often over a period of time. For example, an uncle who you have come to know and love offers to put the kids to bed while you put your feet up, may be testing to see how far they can get with the child without being caught.

The best prevention is to educate your children about their body: what is private and what no-one should touch, not even parents. There needs to be good processes of accountability for those having access to your children. Bravehearts Inc. has produced an effective method for parents to teach their children about personal safety. *Dittos Keep Safe Adventure* DVD is a great resource and is only \$11 available at www.bravehearts.org.au

These tips may greatly reduce the chance of abuse or of abuse continuing. Abuse happens every day in our community and the effects are deep and long lasting. I'm excited about our Church moving in a positive direction and preventing abuse within the church community. This will help us help others in the wider community. ↻

1 Australian Institute of Criminology, 1993

2 Bravehearts, Issue 2, 2010

3 Adventist Family Study, pub. 1995, Brad Strahan, Bryan Craig, Australia

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HOT TOPIC!

a response to **global warming**

By Daniel Livingston

THE THREAT OF GLOBAL WARMING HAS potential to become the most prominent issue for our natural environment, social justice and even a test of the relevance of Christianity.

Strong claim? Consider the claims of scientists, who have proposed that there is a greenhouse gas "tipping point" beyond which life will never be the same for planet earth. According to a recent paper in *Nature*, humans risk drastic impacts if we continue to allow more than about 350 to 550 parts per million (ppm) of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the earth's atmosphere.

The problem is that we have already entered that boundary of uncertainty. The current concentration of CO₂ is 391 ppm, up from the pre-industrial amount of 280

ppm, and almost certainly higher than it has ever been. Even allowing the proposed upper limit of 550 ppm would still require a significant reduction to current rates of CO₂ emissions.

This also presents a significant social justice issue that Christians would do well not to ignore. Most RECORD readers enjoy modern conveniences that mean we are responsible for significantly more greenhouse gas emissions than the global average. Australians and New Zealanders, for example, are responsible for around four times the global average, per person, and around 20 times the emissions of residents of Pacific Island nations. If everyone lived as do most RECORD readers, including myself, we risk making much of the earth uninhabitable in a few very short years.

Adventism has a good track record in responding positively to the biggest issues our world faces—most of all through presenting God’s love and ultimate restoration plan. In addition, Adventism values social empowerment, equity and peace, and contributes much in the areas of health, education and humanitarian development.

But what about our natural environment and the threat of catastrophic climate change?

I fear that if Adventists ignore or even reject the threat of climate change, Adventism risks losing its appeal and credibility to those in society who believe we have a huge problem that deserves attention.

Why is it that many of us struggle to accept the conclusion of 97.5 per cent of climate scientists that global warming is occurring, that humans are the major driver and that action is needed to avert a crisis?

As Bible-believing Seventh-day Adventists, we have good reason to take a position at odds with the scientific consensus on the question of the origin of life. But in the area of climate science, the consensus is not based on assumptions regarding events that took place when none of us were present, as is the case in the question of origins. Nor does the scientific consensus on climate change demand loss of faith in the Bible. Climate science involves direct observation and measurement of physical processes occurring in the present.

It’s true that there are appealing contrarian arguments, but these tend to selectively focus on isolated pieces of the picture. For example, recent record snowfalls throughout New Zealand may seem to suggest reason to question the scientific consensus. Climate science explains, however, that global warming causes more extreme weather events as well as increased evaporation and precipitation—including more snow.

Satellite photos of polar ice sheets show they have grown in area over recent years. But the rest of the story is that the thickness of the ice sheets has dropped even more rapidly, and the total volume of polar ice is diminishing at an alarming rate.

The climate has been changing in natural cycles for thousands of years. To conclude, therefore, that humans have no impact on climate is like saying “forest fires have happened naturally in the past so any recent forest fires can’t be caused by humans”.¹

When all the evidence is gathered, there is overwhelming support for a warming world and that human activity has recently become the driving force.

Adventism has a good track record in responding positively to the biggest issues our world faces—most of all through presenting God’s love and ultimate restoration plan.

The impacts are already being felt. Glaciers are retreating, ice sheets are melting and billions of tonnes of ice are permanently lost each year. Spring is coming earlier and species are migrating poleward and to higher altitudes. The sea level is rising, and temperatures in the ocean, over the oceans and over the land, are all rising.

In the face of overwhelming independent lines of existing evidence that global warming is a real problem with a largely human cause, how can Adventists best engage constructively on this topic?

No biblical basis has been developed for rejecting the theory of human-caused global warming. In fact, the Bible says that the planet will “wax old like a garment” (Isaiah 51:6), that “the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now” (Romans 8:22), and that ultimately God will “destroy those who destroy the earth” (Revelation 11:18). The idea of harmful human-caused climate change may actually be consistent with both the Bible and science.

Climate change theory fits neatly with the Adventist view of end times. It may add to the weight of evidence that the distinctive Adventist understanding of our place in history and Bible prophecy is true. Our theology does not rely on global warming being true, but the idea that

the world cannot keep going on as it is for much longer is consistent with the biblical picture of end-time tumult in the natural, social, religious and political spheres (see Matthew 24).

There are numerous policy response options to the problem of climate change, including doing nothing. Adventists may feel somewhat justified in prioritising other concerns, such as spreading the Gospel leading up to the Second Coming of Jesus. But for Adventists to reject the reality of human-caused global warming risks severely reducing our credibility. Our contribution to the debate should move beyond rejection of scientific consensus. Sure, there are questionable policy response options that Adventists may reasonably oppose. Without a sound platform for questioning the science, however, we would be better off finding ways of communicating our message to contribute credible hope in a world with a serious, perhaps insurmountable, global warming problem.

¹ See skepticalscience.com (by John Cook, a scientist and Christian, and other authors) for a thorough, yet readable, analysis of the scientific evidence and arguments.

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OPINION*

Kyle Portbury

You can't see the forest...

You sense it, long before you actually get there. It's an unsettling feeling knowing that something is seriously wrong and there's nothing you can do about it. But it's not the illegal logging trucks or even the vast swathes of devastation either side of this road-to-nowhere that really disturbs me.

Instead, deep in the Amazon Rainforest, two hours' drive from Macapá, a Brazilian city right on the equator, I'm a guest in the house of a family whose only means of income are the very trees that lay broken around their modest home. I'm sure they don't realise that the friendly filmmakers (and two heavily armed police escorts) are here to highlight the destruction of which they are complicit.

Having seen us working hard all morning in the hot, humid clearing between their house and the untouched rainforest, they simply extended their hospitality to us in a gesture that transcends all language barriers. It's hard to demonise people who pour you freshly squeezed juice, made from fruit picked right out of the very jungle they are helping to endanger. I can't help but feel just a little responsible myself, having passed an area on the way out here covered in toilet paper—well trees planted to make toilet paper anyway.

After all, I use it don't I, doesn't that make me equally complicit? One hand on the roll the other on the chainsaw. I'm very quick to point the finger at someone else but how often do I admit my own role in the state of the planet. In Jeremiah, God challenges the Israelites and reading it today, it challenges me, "And when I brought you into a fruitful land to enjoy its bounty and goodness, you defiled my land and corrupted the possession I had promised you" (Jeremiah 2:7). I strongly believe something is seriously wrong and the unsettling thing is, maybe it's my attitude.

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

Kyle Portbury was in the Amazon to direct the upcoming Beyond series.

POLL RESULTS:

What do we need to do to keep our youth in church?



OPINION POLL

What type of involvement should Seventh-day Adventists have in environmental issues?

- Active campaigning
- Influence family and friends
- Live responsibly
- No action, its not important

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A sheltering tree

by Hyveth Williams

GROWING UP IN ENGLAND, WE WERE REQUIRED TO study English literature in high school. One of my favourite poets was Samuel Taylor Coleridge, best known for classic poems such as *Kubla Khan* and *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*. In a reflection on his life and the strength of his earlier years, called *Youth and Age*, Coleridge wrote that, “Friendship is a sheltering tree”.

One of the greatest gifts one can give another is the understanding and peace of camaraderie, especially when sealed by a covenant of commitment. To have someone to whom we can turn at anytime and know they’ll not scoff at our dreams or betray our confidence is a precious thing. To lean on someone when the going gets rough and tensions run high is a wonderful thing. When the searing rays of adversity burn their way into our lives, to find the relief of a cool shade under the sheltering tree of a true friendship is an indescribable privilege.

The massive trunk of such a sheltering tree brings comfort and breeds security. Its large leaves of love cover us from the heat of shame and are like a handy handkerchief that wipes the beads of worry from our brow. Beneath its branches many discouraged souls have found repose. Souls like the prophet Elijah who, after his showdown on the summit of Mount Carmel with the Baal priests, was threatened by Jezebel and became depressed. He was ready to quit his prophetic ministry, but God refused to accept his resignation and gave him what he really needed—food brought by a raven and rest under the cooling shade of a juniper tree. But it was the friendship of the youthful Elisha that was his lasting sheltering tree. Elisha became a true companion who followed him everywhere and ministered to him (1 Kings 19:21).

David, admired as a man after God’s heart, was haunted and hunted by the jealous King Saul whose single object was to see him dead. But between Saul and David stood a sheltering tree named Jonathan, who neither shook nor shed in that precarious position. No matter how hard Saul

tried, he couldn’t cut down that covenant friendship like a sapling, for Jonathan was loyal and dependable as an old oak. He assured David saying, “Whatever you say, I will do”. No conditions. No limits. No bargains. No reservations! Jonathan even “went to David and encouraged him in God” (1 Samuel 23:16). Wow! What an incredible sheltering tree.

The apostle Paul had similar sheltering trees that sustained him throughout his converted life. There was Barnabas who stood by him when everyone else stayed away. Silas, his travelling companion over many otherwise lonely miles, Dr Luke and Timothy, Onesiphorus and Epaphroditus, Aquila and Priscilla, Phoebe and all the saints Paul greeted in Romans 16, were a veritable forest of sheltering trees in his life.

But no-one is a greater sheltering tree than Jesus. In fact, no-one cares for us like Jesus. Jesus is the Friend who is closer than a brother or sister who said, “Greater love has no one than this that one lay down His life for His friends” (John 15:13). From the beginning of time until today, there has been no greater sheltering tree, yet He also needed and enjoyed the sheltering friendship of others such as Lazarus, Martha and Mary whose story we find in John 11. Jesus was often refreshed beneath their branches in a modest home in Bethany. He was lavishly fed with the fruits of their affection and fellowship, and because Jesus was committed to the basic principles of friendship, John was able to report that He loved, and kept on loving, this noble family.

It’s true, there’s no other friend like Jesus. He stands tall, like a California Redwood, above all other sheltering trees. So true is He that in a world suffering from disaster fatigue, acrimonious politics and global economic decline, we can still know and sing, “What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief to bear, what a privilege to carry, everything to Him in prayer”. We know that Jesus is our Friend, but can He say with confidence that we are His? ↩

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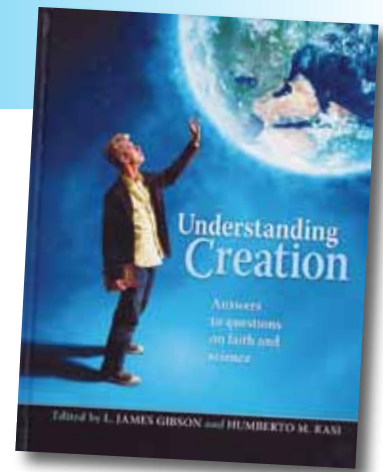
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Understanding Creation:
Answers to Questions on Faith and Science
Pacific Press, 2011

There is a need for more written material dealing with Creation, especially how to deal with the scientific challenges to the biblical account. The book "Understanding Creation" was written to help with this need. Students and young professionals say they are regularly asked to provide an explanation for their Christian beliefs of Creation, especially regarding fossils and the Flood. We took 20 commonly asked questions and had 20 authors provide scholarly answers in language anyone could use.

Half the book addresses philosophical and theological questions, including the supposed conflict between the Bible and science, the science of evolution, Darwinism and morality, and living without all the answers. The other half of the book addresses scientific questions, including the Big Bang, radiometric dating, plate tectonics, dinosaurs and fossil records.

Many aspects of the biblical creation record have broad implications for Christian thinking. Here are three:

One: God is freely active in His Creation—in unique events we call miracles. This idea conflicts with the current thinking among scientists that nature is governed by fixed laws, and God does not intervene in history.

Many fear that science could not work if God is intervening to cause events that would not have happened otherwise. We could not trust science as the standard of truth, which is an offense to human pride. But if God really does sometimes cause unique events—creation—we ought to accept the Scriptures as God's main revelation to us, and reject claims that science is the most reliable source to learn about Creation.

Two: Humans were created better than they are now. Originally made in God's image, without moral flaw and in a perfect environment, our first parents distrusted God and brought violence and death into this world. God's response was to implement the plan of salvation, coming to earth to die in our place. Many people oppose this view of human nature. They have not found any evidence of superior human ancestors or a world without suffering and death. The idea that we are sinful, fallen beings is an offense to human pride. But the gospel message that God has provided for our salvation is based on the truth of the Bible's Creation story and is the only revealed basis for our hope of eternal life.

Three: The seventh-day Sabbath. To observe the seventh-day Sabbath is to show our faith in the biblical account of Creation. The Bible gives no other reason for keeping the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week rather than any other day. Without the Creation account, any numbering of days is purely arbitrary, and any day could be considered the seventh day.

Observance of the seventh-day Sabbath symbolises our faith in the scriptural account of Creation in six days, and our dependence on God for knowledge of our origins, our nature and our destiny. This may explain the depth of opposition to Sabbath keeping. It is an affront to human pride in that it reminds us of our tendency to get things wrong, both in science and in religion.

Our goal for the book is to help Christians witness for the gospel by helping them deal with questions that underlie the logic of the gospel—the biblical story of six-day Creation, the entrance of suffering and death due to sin, and the provision for Christ to redeem us and restore us to relationship with Him in a new creation.

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SHALOM KIDS



An angel of the Lord told Samson's mum that he was special. He was to eat special food and to grow his hair long. God told Samson that if he followed the rules, he would be a very strong man.

But Samson liked to do his own thing. Instead of marrying an Israelite woman as God instructed, Samson chose Delilah, a Philistine who could not be trusted.

Find out what Delilah does to take away Samson's strength.

Follow the lines and write down the letters



Read the rest of Samson's story in Judges 16: 1-2
MEMORY VERSE: "Create in me a pure heart, O God." Psalm 51:10
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*Hello & Peace to you, in Hebrew

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Let the little children . . .

I accompanied my grandson to his kindergarten meetings at South Queensland camp. I had a great time. I listened as he and his friends sang together, helped him with his craft activity, and watched as in awe and wonder he patted a python, a goanna and a small crocodile (with a strong rubber band around its mouth!) The children were right into it, obviously enjoying what had been prepared for them.

I thank God for those who right round our division lead, teach and nurture our children and young people. To be a leader of children is a very special gift. Thank you for the way in which you are being used by God. The Church is grateful for the way in which you keep our children safe—safe from the threat of abuse and misuse now and safe in the hands of God. The church must be a safe place—providing for the present and the future of our children.

I thank God for people like Graham and Michelle Hood, who with many others, are facilitating healing for those who were not protected in their childhood and youth. What a tragedy when those who are vulnerable are not provided with the safety they deserve by people and the church they love. Thank God that through the work of many wonderful people there can be healing and restoration.

I pray that we will all value and care for our little ones. They are so precious in the eyes of God. And so they should be in our eyes also.

*Dr Barry Oliver
is president of
the South Pacific
Division.*



TOOWOOMBA, Queensland

During the Toowoomba (Qld) annual Carnival of Flowers, Debby Birach-Mayer put together a thematic floral display in St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Debby, who attends the Highfields church, is a master florist and runs the Flowers To Impress school of floristry. This is the fourth year that the school has made floral displays on scriptural themes in the cathedral for the festival.

This year the floristry students each presented a floral design based on one of the "I am" sayings of Jesus, including "I am the bread of life", "I am the good shepherd" and "I am the living vine".

Debby herself decorated the aisles of the church and also the pulpit. Her main work was a presentation of the face of Jesus in bark and flowers on the left side of the altar.

Doing these displays has led Debby into her ministry, which she has called "The Language of Flowers". The goal of the ministry is to bring people closer to God through a deeper understanding of His floral creation.

Approximately 5000 people see these displays each year. This year Debby was invited to speak in the cathedral for 25 minutes each day of the festival week to explain the meaning of each floral design and how Jesus can be relevant in our day-to-day lives.

Debby has been asked to organise floral seminars in different towns across Australia and also in cities overseas. Her next appointment is in London later this year.



ANNIVERSARIES



Hansen. Wallace and Eileen Hansen were married 60 years

ago on 21.5.1951 at Moonee Ponds church. They have been blessed with two children, Ashley and Marcia; four grandchildren, Dale, Sheree, Tara and Scott; and are delighted great-grandparents

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to Laila. Wallace had a long teaching career, which included serving as vice principal of both Box Hill TAFE and Keysborough Tech. Upon retirement they travelled the world together. They now enjoy a quieter life at Coronella Retirement Village where Wallace indulges his love of woodwork and Eileen produces amazing vegan dishes. Wallace and Eileen continue to be loyal, long-time members at Nunawading church.

and Rosemary Bond (Morawa), were married 29.4.11 at Araluen Botanic Park, Roleystone.

Lynn Burton



Upcroft–Bartlett. Matthew Upcroft, son of Terrence Upcroft

and Susan Johnson (Qld), and Kelsey Bartlett, daughter of Wayne and Carol Bartlett (Springwood), were married 15.5.11 at Springwood church.

Sean Berkeley

WEDDINGS

Hehir–Bond. Clancy Denis Hehir, son of Terence and Alfreda Hehir (Bindoon, WA), and Renee Annalise Bond, daughter of Philip

OBITUARIES

Bailey, Jilian Gaynor (nee Morley), born 25.12.1932 at Cope Cope, Vic; died 2.11.10

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■ **Also see page 18 for executive assistant to CEO–Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing Company.**

peacefully at home at Woon-garrah, NSW, from leukaemia. She was predeceased by her husband, Bill, on 1.10.09. She is survived by her children, Sue, Kerrie, John, Debra and Robyn, along with their spouses; her grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. She was a hard-working Christian lady whose strong faith in her Lord was an inspiration

to all those who knew her. Jill's greatest hope was that her loved ones would be ready to 'see her in the morning'.

John R Lee, Roger Nixon

Broadhead, Kenneth John, born 6.1.1928 at Tumut, NSW. On 26.12.1968, he married Margaret Hampstead. Kenneth is survived by his wife (Kilcoy, Qld);

and his daughters and their families, Carolyn and Kris De Blois (Caboolture), and Leanne and Greg Haywood (Peachester); and his grandchildren. In Kenneth's childhood, he spent time with his siblings at Tumut and Bowral. Ken worked with the railways as a fireman for the steam engines. During this time he had a serious accident and it was then that he gave his heart to Jesus. Kenneth later worked at the Sydney Adventist Hospital as a gardener for 46 years, until he retired in 1995. He and his wife then moved to Kilcoy, to be nearer to their children and grandchildren. He is sadly missed by all.

Heinrich Rusterholz



Dulian, Jan (John), born 22.6.1923 in Radlow, Poland; died 20.7.11. Jan came to

Australia to make Melbourne his home in 1964. He married Gerda in Poland and had two children. Jan was known for his love for the Lord and the Advent message. He was a hard worker and died while protecting his wife and the family home as fire

engulfed it during the night. Jan remained to fight the flames but was overcome. He was a much-loved husband, father and grandfather. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Gerda; daughter, Ursula; and five grandchildren, Rachel, Karen, David, Daniel and Andrew. Jan rests in the Lord and the hope of a joyful resurrection when Jesus returns.

Peter Rollo, Peter Hughes

Hart, Ruth Emily (nee Richardson), born 11.10.1919 in Harden, NSW; died 25.7.11 in Point Clare. In 1941, she married Ivan Brown, and they were blessed with two daughters. In 1989, she married Doug Hart, who predeceased her in 2005. Ruth loved her family, and cherished beautiful music with friends in her music club. She is survived by her daughters, Rhyll Lister and Neroli Munn; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Ruth waits for the blessed hope of Jesus' return.

Adam Cinzio

Prisgrove, Aaron Luke, born 18.7.1978 in Alice Springs, NT;

KARALUNDI VACANCIES

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