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## Cell-based evangelism sees results

Suva, Fiji

After two months of preparing hearts, evangelistic efforts in Fiji's capital have climaxed with an 18-night series held at a packed Suva Civic Centre and 256 people baptised at the Vodafone Arena.

Organisers estimate that up to 500 visitors attended the "Hope in Revelation" series each night. The featured speaker was Pastor Tiko Kabu, director of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries for Fiji Mission.

"The civic centre was full to capacity every night of the series, a real blessing to our Church. It has taken many years for this type of evangelism to be seen in Suva again," said Smiti Taoi, chief financial officer for the Fiji Mission.

Fundamental to the success of the campaign was the work of the 35 Seventh-day Adventist congregations around

the city who organised street preaching at four sites around Suva and held cell groups almost every night in their churches. The presence of the cell groups has reduced the evangelism team's workload, as they provide a friendly and established follow-up for those who have committed to Christ.

Pastor Kabu is following up on the success of the Suva campaign with a similar series at Lautoka City on the opposite side of the island. —Semi Taoi



Pastors used the local pool for the baptisms.

## ADRA responds to worst humanitarian disaster

Wahroonga, New South Wales

AusAID, the Australian Government's overseas aid program, has pledged to match dollar-for-dollar any donations given to ADRA Australia's East Africa Drought Appeal but strictly for two months only.

This special appeal continues until November 30, where supporters of ADRA Australia's disaster work will have the opportunity to double the life-saving efforts already begun in the heart of the drought crisis in Kenya.

"If you can give just \$10, a total of \$20 will be given to ADRA," said Chris Olafson, ADRA Australia's director of Emergency Management. "This \$20 can purchase a whole month's supply of food for someone suffering starvation in Kenya."

ADRA Australia is providing food parcels to families, installing water tanks and trucking life-saving water to isolated communities in the north-east of Kenya, and delivering emergency food and water to several communities. In Somalia, the organisation is also supporting efforts to distribute emergency food to thousands of internally displaced people. For more information call 1800 24 ADRA or visit <[www.adra.org.au](http://www.adra.org.au)>. —Carrie Unser



The United Nations is calling this the world's worst humanitarian disaster.

## Underground church celebrates baptisms

Coober Pedy, South Australia

In an echo of the catacomb worship services of the first century, prayers of blessing have been offered during a regional meeting at a new underground church in Coober Pedy, a South Australian opal mining town in the desert midway between Adelaide and Alice Springs.

Many homes, hotels and other facilities are dug out underground in Coober Pedy to protect from daytime temperatures, which can exceed 45 degrees.

The regional meeting was attended by about 120 people from as far as Port Augusta, the APY lands in the state's north-west and Finke, over the Northern Territory border.

Visiting speakers included Steve Piez, director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) for Australia, Pastor Andrew Kingston, the president of the South Australian Conference, Quinton Dutlow, pastor of the Alice Springs church, and veteran outgoing South Australian ATSIM director, Pastor Eric Davey.

The weekend saw the first people from the outback town of Marree baptised and accepted as members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Josephine Dodd and Colleen Roberts were baptised along with Maureen Williams from Coober Pedy. Pastor Davey and local pastor Allan Tuionetoa performed the ceremonies.

Mr Tuionetoa and his wife Iolani have ministered in Coober Pedy for two years, reaching out to the community and meeting practical and spiritual needs.

A small congregation now meets at the underground church, which is in its final stages of being converted from a home. —Kent Kingston



These are the first people from Marree to be baptised into the Adventist church.

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## Make your mark

Jarrod Stackelroth

She was a prostitute. It is how she's remembered. It was a label that stuck—has stuck for thousands of years. Her occupation looked down upon, her name stained—Rahab the prostitute. How would you like to be remembered? Well luckily for Rahab, while it was undeniably her history, it was not her legacy.

Rahab may have had a messy past but it gave her the courage to fight for her family. Rahab may have been on the wrong side of the law but she was willing to risk death to enter a covenant leading to life.

You see, Rahab did three things right. She acknowledged God's awesome, scary power against her own inadequacy; she threw herself on God's mercy; and she then fought with everything she had to save her family from the destruction she knew was coming. She could have declared herself for Israel and God and left with the spies. Instead she interceded and made a covenant for her life and her family.

While I won't be remembered as a prostitute, I have done things I am not proud of. I suffer from anger, lust, being judgemental—I could go on but that's not the point.

My sins, numerous though they are, ground me in my own brokenness and make me recognise my need to be rescued, reclaimed! And the more I realise I'm a sinner, the more I realise I need to fight to see my friends and family saved. When Yeshua (meaning salvation) comes, will my house be full of those who are under the covenant? Will that be my everlasting legacy or should I continue to build up my reputation, my wallet, my self? Rahab sacrificed everything she had known for a God she had found. She made a mark on the history of two peoples and may even be in the genealogy of the Saviour. What mark will you make?

Want to do something practical? Check out the "World Changers" story (page 7) and get involved to make a contribution of eternal significance. In this issue, we also celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Version, a Book with a lasting legacy.

*Jarrod Stackelroth is assistant editor of RECORD.*

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**First fruits**  
 Pastor Geoff Youlden baptised Sinqobile Magwizi at Ashfield church, Greater Sydney, after running a two-week evangelistic series for the local community. Sinqobile's parents, Anna and Edmore, and her younger brother, were in attendance on the day.—Mike Maldon

**Ukraine pianist visits Bowral**  
 Twenty-one-year-old Ukrainian pianist, Kostiantyn Tovstukha, performed a classical piano recital at Bowral church while visiting the region to perform at the Southern Highlands International Piano Competition and the Canberra Symphony Orchestra. Bowral church member Beryl Dean (left) hosted the talented pianist during his stay in NSW. Pastor Rangi Eiao (right) presented Mr Tovstukha with a gift to show the church's appreciation.—Rangi Eiao

**Meet a community hero**  
 Coffs Harbour church member Gwen Plant is a tireless worker who patrols the highways collecting rubbish. The spritely 73-year-old has been doing it for the past nine years—six days a week for up to four hours a day. "The only day I don't pick up litter is on the seventh day, Sabbath," Mrs Plant said. Her efforts earned her a write up in the local paper.—Coffs Coast Advocate



**First baptism**  
 Windsor church, NSW has witnessed its first baptisms since being reopened and dedicated. In 2006, the church was destroyed by fire and only reopened late last year. Skye Jenkins, Steve Cunningham and Kevin Brown were baptised by Pastor James Fletcher.—E Neil

**Pathfinders serve community**  
 Sixty Pathfinders from the Wantirna Club, Vic assisted locals in Steels Creek affected by fire and flood. The senior group, pictured, worked with a family to drop dead trees, clear debris and refresh their garden. The juniors and intermediates cleared out gardens affected by the fire. The locals were touched and grateful for the help received from the Pathfinders as there was no way they could have accomplished the work in one afternoon.—Elizabeth Higson

**Fun run for ADRA**  
 Up to 100 participants were involved in the Third Annual Hamilton ADRA—New Zealand Charity Fun Run. The course took participants alongside the very scenic Waikato River which meanders its way through the middle of Hamilton City in North New Zealand. The event raised just under \$NZ1800.—Rowan Jones



**First non-indigenous student**  
 David Garrard, ATSIM director for The South Queensland Conference, was ordained into the Gospel ministry at Springwood church in front of family and friends. After meeting Jesus in 1994 he felt a strong call to ministry, so in 2003 he became the first non-indigenous student to study ministry at Mamarapha College.—GoodNews

**Jump Start Your Health**  
 Dr Vivienne Doust, keynote speaker for Jump Start Your Health, held at Penrith church, NSW, advised that one out of five people in the community suffers from depression at some time. Half of those attending were from non-Adventist backgrounds. Following the lecture a vegetarian cooking demonstration highlighted foods and recipes that could be helpful for people battling depression or stress.—Leonie Duff

**Goat auction**  
 The Wodonga Slavic church's children's Sabbath School classes, Vic, handmade cards and Bible promises to raise funds to purchase goats for families in Burundi, Africa, as part of an ADRA project. Their goal was to raise enough money to purchase four goats (\$A240). God had other plans. The children raised more than they'd ever imagined—\$A1187—which will buy almost 15 goats.—Paul and Lisa Goddard

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**Best Bible**

A new LifeWay research study of 2000 committed Bible readers has found that 61 per cent prefer a word-for-word translation rather than a "thought-for-thought" translation (20 per cent). However, most Bible readers want a translation that's also easy to understand. Experts say you can't have it both ways. —Baptist Press



**Surfing for Jesus**

Christian Surfers Australia is in thanksgiving mode after the final leg of the Jesus ProAm wrapped up at Sydney's Cronulla Beach. The waves were modest but organisers were impressed at the standard of surfing on display. They reminded the crowd that, with Jesus, they can achieve mind-blowing things. —ChristianSurfers.org.au



**NEWSTART Global**

The California-based Weimar Center of Health & Education has launched a global version of its holistic NEWSTART program, offering Adventist churches the chance to bring health to their communities. The updated program deals with HIV-AIDS and substance abuse issues, while maintaining its traditional focus on obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes. —newstartglobal.com



**Deadly violence**

The Australian Parliament voted through a unanimous statement of concern after the Egyptian military was implicated in the deaths of 26 Coptic Christian protesters in Maspero. Amateur video shows military vehicles ploughing into crowds and counter-protesters attacking with sticks. Many Christians fear that Egypt's "Arab Spring" will result in an Islamist crackdown. —Australian Coptic Movement



**Don't die**

An English vicar has sounded the most bizarre warning yet ahead of the 2012 London Olympics, telling her congregation to not die or get married during the Games. Vicar Carol Richards told parishioners brides should avoid organising weddings during the Games and if there was a death, funerals should be planned on quiet Olympic days. —news.com.au



**Peace be with you**

Two out of three women peace activists who received this year's Nobel Peace Prize are active Christians. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is the current president of Liberia and a United Methodist. Leymah Gbowee, a Lutheran, led Christian and Muslim women in a prayer and peace movement that ended Liberia's civil war in 2003. —www.nobelprize.org

**World-changing donations total \$120K**

Wahroonga, New South Wales

The "World Changers Bible Project" has already received more than \$A120,000 in donations from church members passionate about equipping young people with a Bible. South Pacific Division Youth director, Pastor Nick Kross, hopes the project will place 200,000 Bibles and discipleship kits in the hands of young men and women across the South Pacific (see Feature, September 17). Pastor Kross has been inspired by stories of local churches stepping up and supporting the project. One young person, Josh Wood, went to the Ballarat church, Vic, board with a proposal to support the project and they have pledged \$A5000. Port Macquarie church, NSW, is planning to make the project its Christmas fundraiser. Lismore church pastor Chris Markey announced the project from the pulpit and had a total of \$A1200 passed to him after the service. That is 240 more Bibles. The momentum started at South Queensland Camp when associate Youth director, Litiana Turner, promoted the project. More than \$A42,000 was raised and pledged in offerings, including the youth and teens alone raising more than \$A14,000. They gave nightly offerings in response to challenges made by youth leaders, representing a third of all offerings given to the project in South Queensland. At the North New South Wales Conference Big Camp, Mrs Turner and Pastor Kross promoted the project. More than \$A45,000 was raised in the first week. By camp's end, \$A52,118.25 had been received. "This is an amazing testimony to the belief in many church members that God's Word must be taken to the

world—one World Changer at a time," Pastor Kross said. So far, these combined offerings will translate into resourcing 19,000 Bibles and study guides for a generation of young adults who will share their faith with at least one person. "This is a great start, but there is still 90 per cent to go," Pastor Kross said. As part of the fundraising strategy, the 750 club has been created for individuals or groups who are able to support the project by donating \$A1000. Individuals, churches, Pathfinder clubs, youth groups, schools or classes are encouraged to combine to become 750 club members. Donations of \$A5.00 or more can also be made online at the <worldchanger.me> website. The ongoing donations total is updated daily. "The most inspiring part of the story is that many people felt God impressing them to support the World Changers Bible Project," Pastor Kross said. "We've estimated the total cost to be \$A1,100,000, an amount which is impossible to raise by human standards, but by God's grace we believe the funds will come in." Pastor Kross constantly reminds the youth of Jesus' words in John 9:4. "While there is daylight we'd better work," he said. "We need to upskill and empower our foot soldiers on the ground." —Jarrod Stackelroth/Pablo Lillo



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**Leaders appeal for united prayer**

Ringwood, Victoria

Church leaders are calling for Sabbath, November 12, to be a special day of prayer for revival and reformation. General Conference president, Dr Ted Wilson—who will visit Australia from November 6 to 27—plans to be in Melbourne for the event. Dr Wilson has, since his appointment in July 2010, intentionally called the world church to revival and reformation. Essentially his theme has been that we live in urgent times and that we need a greater outpouring of the Spirit so that, with renewed clarity and focus, we can tell the world of the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour. His call is for Adventists to seek the Lord earnestly so that we can be a people whom the Holy Spirit can powerfully use to witness to His transforming grace. Pastor Chester Stanley, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia, has appealed to the 500-plus congregations around the nation "to be found together on our knees during worship service on Sabbath morning, November 12".

In a letter to local pastors and elders around the Australian Union Conference, Pastor Stanley suggested that churches build their worship services around the theme of revival and reformation on the day, with the sermon focusing on the topic and congregations joining together in small groups for prayer. Dr Wilson is travelling to Australia to attend the South Pacific Division executive committee meetings and will speak at Wahroonga church in Sydney at 7:00pm, Wednesday November 9; the Dallas Brooks Centre in East Melbourne, at 9:30am, Sabbath, November 12; the Gateway Baptist Church in Mackenzie, Brisbane, at 10:00am, Sabbath, November 26; and Northpine Christian College in Dakabin, Brisbane, at 3:00pm, Sabbath, November 26. —Kent Kingston



Pastor Chester Stanley.





## Members equipped for outreach

Western Highlands, Papua New Guinea

Twenty-two lay workers in the Porgera Paiala District of Papua New Guinea passed an eight-week intensive training course which has equipped them for outreach.

The lay workers were hand-picked from a large volunteer workforce who were already serving as lay evangelists and pastors in various churches in the district.

Although Porgera district is the home of one of the

world's largest gold mines, there have been no tangible benefits for the local people and there are widespread social, economic and health problems.

To address some of these imbalances, Pastor Elvin Ekari, district director of Porgera Paiala, handpicked 22 lay workers in his district. They were then trained, not only to look after churches or establish new Adventist frontiers, but in other important areas as well. Medical workers from Paiam Hospital trained them in basic health, hygiene and first aid. Pastor Ekari also arranged a district education officer to train them in basic teaching skills and they learned how to establish elementary and adult literacy schools. He then brought representatives from the Agriculture and Livestock Department to teach them about farming, fishery and poultry as alternative revenue areas.

The lay people will now disseminate the information to the communities in and around Porgera and also get involved in projects to improve the livelihood of the people of Porgera and Paiala.

The biblical and ministerial trainings were conducted by two Sonoma graduate ministers, Kevin Pep and James Dire, with the assistance of Pastor Ekari.

Two departmental directors from the local Western Highlands Mission (WHM), Pastor Samuel Mollen (Communications) and Pastor Zachery Lipen (Stewardship), were the guest speakers during the graduation. They challenged the lay workers to use the knowledge they had gained to serve God and His churches with distinction. On behalf of WHM, they also commended Pastor Ekari for the excellent program, and the local sponsors, including local businessman Philip Mungalo—who donated food items—and Paiam Hospital management. —Samuel Mollen



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# SIGNS PASS IT ON!

# Decisions from Annual Council

by ANN/TED/Jarrod Stackelroth

Seventh-day Adventist leaders representing all the world Divisions have made several significant decisions during the General Conference (GC) Annual Council at Silver Springs, Maryland, US.

## Territorial realignment

Many of the changes accepted by the council were to do with realigning administrative borders and regions around the world. Perhaps the largest reshuffle took place when a recommendation was accepted to realign the mission fields of the Euro-Africa Division (EUD) and the Trans-European Division (TED).

For the TED, this means that the Middle East Union Mission is joined with other fields in North Africa, Turkey and Iran to form a new union called Greater Middle East Union Mission (GMEU). The newly formed GMEU is home to 21 countries and more than 500 million people, and has 2900 Adventists worshipping in 70 churches and companies. This union will be placed directly under the oversight of the GC.

South Sudan will be placed under the East-Central Africa Division with offices in Nairobi. Pakistan will be moved to the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, and Israel Field will be directly under the GC as an attached field on its own. Culturally, Pakistan could be better served by the division that also serves Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, leaders said.

Cyprus will remain with the TED. The changes will take effect on January 1, 2012.

The decision means countries with similar cultures will be placed together, more resources will be available to the Middle East and more focus can be placed on the needs and challenges of specific regions.

There has been growth and development throughout the Middle East Union, Pakistan Union Mission and the Israel Field. The Middle East Union Mission has grown from the 8000 members when it was handed over to the TED from the General Conference, and now it has 20,000 members.

In 2010, the Church tasked a commission with studying Adventist work in the Middle East. A study of historical, demographic and statistical evidence seemed to indicate that the Church grows best when overseen by a unified and geographically contiguous body.

General Conference undersecretary Homer Trecartin

was appointed to serve as president of the newly formed Greater Middle East Union Mission. He previously served as secretary-treasurer of the former Middle East Union and planning director for the GC's Office of Adventist Mission.

Another shift approved by the Executive Committee moves oversight of the Guam-Micronesia Mission—comprising islands in the western Pacific Ocean—from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (based in the Philippines) to the North American Division (NAD).

The mission region includes the United States territories of Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands and Palau, and has roughly 4500 members.

At the same time, the Northeast Brazil Union Mission will be split in two, a move which recognises the burgeoning membership and competent handling of finances.

## Women in leadership

Not everything tabled was passed easily. A request to allow commissioned ministers in the NAD and TED—those who have not been formally ordained as Seventh-day Adventist pastors—to serve as conference presidents sparked more than six hours of debate.

In the end, the controversial measure was defeated by a written ballot vote of 167 to 117. The 50-vote margin defeating the NAD proposal also effectively ended the TED request, which would have permitted commissioned ministers to head church unions as well as conferences.

Noting a need for experienced leadership within the North American division's conferences, NAD president Dan Jackson said, "We believe the position of a president of a conference should be open to treasurers, to finance officers, to secretaries who are not ordained, to those who carry a commissioned minister's credential, but are not on an ordination track, including women. "This is not a request for women's ordination . . . We are talking about governance and leadership."

Pictured above is South Pacific Division president Dr Barry Oliver addressing the chair of the Executive Committee regarding the NAD's request. He asked if the move might also be available in other areas if it would help the Church's mission in that region.

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## OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

### The sinless nature of Jesus

Jesus identified fully with the human condition with one crucial and profound exception—He never sinned. He was exposed to the temptations of Satan throughout His earthly life, yet He never succumbed to sin (Hebrews 4:15).

### What does the Bible teach about the sinless nature of Jesus?

- Jesus Himself said that Satan had no hold over Him. **Read** John 14:30. In this sense Jesus had a nature like Adam and Eve who were created perfect.
- The apostles were consistent and unanimous in their testimony that Jesus never sinned. **Read** 1 Peter 2:22-24, 1 John 3:5 and 2 Corinthians 5:21.
- The enemies of Jesus were unable to find fault with Him. **Read** John 8:46,47.

### Did the unique nature of Jesus give Him an advantage? How real were His temptations?

- Jesus faced temptations that we shall never encounter. For example, He could have turned stones into bread to feed Him when He was hungry, but He refused to use His power in such a way. **Read** Matthew 4:1-4.
- Because Jesus never surrendered to temptation, He was exposed to its full power in a way we rarely experience. A poignant example is His sufferings in the garden of Gethsemane. **Read** Hebrews 12:2-4.
- He could have used His power to save Himself from His enemies, but He refused to do so. **Read** Matthew 26:52-54, Luke 22:47-51 and John 18:4-6. He never used His power for selfish purposes, but only to serve others.
- Because Jesus hated sin, the temptations He faced would have been particularly severe to His pure and righteous nature.

Jesus was tempted throughout His life and public ministry, but He never surrendered to temptation and sinned. He understands what it is like to be tempted and sympathises with us in that experience. **Read** Hebrews 2:17,18 and 4:15,16. That is the marvel and wonder of Immanuel, God with us (Matthew 1:23).

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



## HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

### Q: I occasionally get an irritation in one eye. If I press or rub, relief is immediate. But moments later, the irritation recurs and worsens.

**A:** Keep prodding fingers away from the eyes. It only makes it worse. Splash tap water into the face and eyes. This often gives prompt relief. Eye doctors prefer special fluid similar to tears, available from the chemist. Get your mind involved with something unrelated, to stop focusing on the irritation. The same applies to any itchy, irritating area.

### Q: A recent routine blood test indicated my vitamin D level was below normal. My GP was unhappy and ordered medication. Why?

**A:** Vitamin D, together with calcium, is essential for strong bones. It is produced by the sun reacting on skin. But with so much clothing and use of sunscreens, insufficient amounts may be produced. So it must be taken, usually as Ostelin, or other forms. Vitamin D deficiency has recently been associated with some heart disorders and cancer.

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## MY MINISTRY IDEA

### WAGGA WAGGA, New South Wales

Wagga Wagga church elder Steve Hancock—wanting to reach out in a relational way—came up with a brilliant idea while he was on holidays.

It was to use hobbies to connect with people. Generally people of all age groups have hobbies, and by getting them together there can be a lot of sharing.

Having coined the slogan “Hobbies for Christ” (H4C), Steve encouraged the church to purchase a four-lane slot car track to get things going, reports District Pastor Robert Cook. They also added other hobbies and games such as model planes, crafts and ping pong. Add food to this and you have a friendship-based outreach that is fun and simple to run.

The H4C program has been running for several months now. Meeting in the church hall each Tuesday night, numbers have been swelling. At the last count 30 people were attending. Over 10 of these are friends of the church members. There’s a keen interest by parents and their children, youth and some older members.

“At Wagga, we believe people need to feel they belong before believing,” says Pastor Cook. “Our church walls are disappearing! We now ask ourselves, ‘How is God working in the lives of the people we mingle with?’”

“For us, God is not confined to a box—He is speaking to everyone. We accept Stephen’s challenge to the early church, ‘the Most High does not live in houses made by men . . .’ (Acts 7:48).”—*Imprint*



## HEALTH FEATURE

### Food safety

Here are some tips that will assist you in ensuring that the food you eat is safe—especially during the warmer months of the year.

#### When food shopping

- Check ‘use by’ and ‘best before’ dates.
- Avoid buying cans of food that are swollen.
- Avoid vacuum-sealed packs that appear loose or saggy.
- Avoid chilled products that don’t feel cold, or frozen products that don’t feel solid as this suggests the store may have erratic or incorrect fridge/freezer temperatures.
- Avoid hot foods that are not steaming hot, such as rotisserie chickens.
- Ensure raw meat and chicken is packed in separate bags to other food items.
- Avoid leaving food in the car after shopping; instead go straight home and pack it away.

#### Food Storage

- Keep cold food cold—below 4°C. Ensure that your refrigerator is 4°C or lower.
- Cover foods before refrigeration to make sure that food from one dish does not spill into another dish.
- Cool leftovers quickly by putting in the refrigerator as soon as they stop steaming and use within 2-3 days.
- Store raw meat at the bottom of the fridge to avoid juice dripping onto other foods.
- Check that your freezer is below minus 18°C.
- Food should only be frozen once—never thaw out then refreeze.
- In the pantry keep foods in airtight containers to reduce the likelihood of unwanted visits from various insects.

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#### Preparation

- Wash hands thoroughly before preparing food and after going to the toilet or handling pets. Using soap and warm water, wash for 20 seconds, then dry for 20 seconds.
- Use separate chopping boards for cooked and raw foods.
- Wash utensils such as knives, chopping boards, tongs etc with hot water and detergent in between handling raw and cooked food.
- Don’t thaw foods at room temperature; instead, thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator or microwave.
- Use paper towels rather than dishcloths to clean up messy spills such as raw meat juice.
- Wash all fruit and vegetables before use.

#### Cooking and Reheating

- Cook food thoroughly and keep hot food hot (above 60°C).
- Most food bacteria grow between temperatures of 5°C and 60°C—this is the temperature danger zone. Keep foods out of this zone to slow down or prevent bacteria growth.
- Heat foods to above 75°C to kill most bacteria. When reheating food, also ensure that it is heated to above 75°C. Where possible, check the temperature with a meat thermometer. Meat thermometers can be bought from most shops that stock kitchenware.

#### Food safety in Pregnancy

- During pregnancy extra care is required with food preparation and choice as many bugs that naturally occur on foods and have no effect on adults may be harmful to unborn children. Cold meats, soft cheeses and raw eggs and seafood should be avoided and all fruit and vegetables should be washed thoroughly.

## RECIPE

### Avocado dip

- 2 avocados
- 150g silken tofu
- ½ cup lite sour cream
- 1 lemon, juice only
- 1 teaspoon sweet chilli sauce
- 2 tomatoes, diced
- 1 red onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed

- Place avocado, tofu, sour cream, lemon juice and chilli sauce in a blender. Blend until smooth.
  - Add tomatoes, onion and garlic. Pulse until combined but not pureed.
  - Serve with fresh vegetables. Serves 8 as a starter.
- Preparation time: 15 minutes.

Tips: • Avocado flesh quickly begins to darken when exposed to air. Add some lemon juice to retard the darkening process.  
• Silken tofu is a soft tofu used in desserts, sauces, salad dressings and dips. You can find silken tofu in the refrigerated section of the supermarket.

PER SERVE: Kilojoules 485kJ (115Cal); Protein 3.5g; Fat 9.6g; Carbohydrate 38g; Sodium 33mg; Potassium 390mg; Calcium 46mg; Iron 1.6mg; Fibre 2.2g.



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**OPINION\***  
Sven Ostring

## Confidently promoting Creation

In spite of the reality that the vast majority of scientists around the world do not believe the biblical account of the seven-day Creation, and instead believe that life evolved from single cellular organisms billions of years ago, I believe that our Church has been called to confidently promote the biblical seven-day Creation.

The reality is, though, that there are individuals within our Church who doubt whether the biblical account of Creation is historically true. These people may give the impression that it is more intellectually credible to hold that the Creation account simply conveys the theological truth that God is the pre-eminent Creator, rather than conveying specific details about how much time God spent creating the world. How should we, as a Church, relate to such individuals?

When communicating with people who doubt or disbelieve the literal, seven-day Creation, we should be open and honest, stating that we do hold to this belief and that our Church encourages them to explore the substantial reasons for our belief in the literal, seven-day Creation. Also, it would be valuable for our Church to continue to promote more often the philosophical, theological and scientific reasons for our belief in Creation.

When engaging with science as Adventist Christians, we are not intellectually obligated to concede to widely-accepted scientific assumptions in the area of the origin of life and the universe. The reality is that we have a fundamental belief in God, who has the power to perform spectacular miracles like raising Jesus from the dead and creating a new earth in the near future. We can still face the reality that the theory of evolution is the widely-accepted scientific theory for the origin of life. However, I believe that we have been called, as a Church, to always point people to our Creator and Saviour God and to build their faith in the Bible, including God's revelation of how He created the universe.

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

Pastor Sven Ostring writes from Perth, WA.

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**FEATURE**

# The Book that changed everything

by Gary Kent

**T**HIS YEAR, THE WORLD COMMEMORATES THE 400th anniversary of a quintessential turning point in the history of our civilisation.

No, it's not a battle. It's not a new discovery. It's not even the birth of a ruler, industrialist or artist. It's much, much more profound than that. And yet most people whose lives are impacted every day by this event, will let the anniversary slip by unnoticed.

I'm sure that you have your own treasured copy of the Bible. If you can see it as you are reading this article, look over at it and imagine your life if you'd never come in contact with this precious Book.

How would we know right from wrong without the divine guidance in the Bible? How could we draw an accurate picture of God without the stories and promises from Genesis to Revelation? How could we understand vital history without its detailed record? And how could we know the future of our world? Without it, where would we find light in darkness, forgiveness from guilt, and the great hope we have as partakers in salvation given by Christ?

Without the Bible, we would live in a very dark and confusing world. Yet for much of history, obtaining and reading a copy of Scripture was an impossible dream for most people.

And then, in 1611, something remarkable happened that helped to open the eyes of the world. Because, 400 years ago this year, the first edition of what has been described as "the most influential version of the most influential book, in what is now its most influential language" was printed. Yes, this is the year of the 400th anniversary of the first printing of the King James Bible.

That the King James Bible touched society in almost every manner is without debate. Even hard core secularists have to admit that it led to the standardisation of the English language, contributed more idioms to the English language than any other book, revolutionised education, and profoundly changed the way people viewed

themselves and their place in the world.

Idioms like "writing on the wall", "good Samaritan" and "walk on water"—just to name a few—all came into our common language directly out of the King James Bible.

The impact on education can similarly not be understated. When the Bible became widely available in the language of the people, people had the strongest motivation in history to learn to read. And they did. In a depth and breadth that had never occurred before. And with literacy came all the benefits to society we enjoy, including the benefits of technology. Without the King James Bible, the path of technological progress we've been on for the past 400 years simply would have been impossible.

While printing of the King James Bible didn't turn society into a heavenly utopia, it did result in bringing the peace, joy and love that only comes with a secure relationship with Christ into the hearts of hundreds of millions of people over the centuries.

Producing the first print runs of the KJV took resources. Indeed, it took so much money that the first printer, Robert Barker, fell into financial hard times. He eventually ended up in debtor's prison.

It must have seemed at times like this holy, precious Book would never be widely available to everyone. Robert Barker must have wondered why God had let him fall into such an abysmal place and whether it was worth printing the Bible in the first place. But through a complex series of events that involved real people making serious personal sacrifices, the blessing that some now take for granted became a reality.

It's strange that today it costs most of us nothing to read the Bible, and yet so many of us neglect daily Bible study. Let's pick up the "Book that changed everything" and treasure every moment we spend absorbing its precious message.

Photo: Pastor Gary Kent holds a 1611 edition of the King James Bible.

Pastor Gary Kent is speaker/director of It Is Written Oceania.



# A light in the darkness

By Dr Bryan Ball

**T**HROUGHOUT 2011, HUNDREDS OF SPECIAL events will be held in many countries around the world to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. A website dedicated to this anniversary lists some of these events—conferences, lectures, sculpture, drama, film, books, a special production at the famous Shakespeare theatre at Stratford-on-Avon in England, and the publication of a 400th anniversary edition of the KJV by the UK Bible Society. This edition of RECORD is one of these unique, one-off events.

The commemorative edition of the KJV includes a foreword by the Prince of Wales which reminds us that the KJV, or Authorised Version as it is also known, “became a benchmark of civilisation . . . part of the very architecture of our culture”. And that is no overstatement. The KJV/AV influenced the entire English-speaking world for the best part of four centuries, and in many more aspects of life than faith and religious belief.

In fact, it’s almost impossible to exaggerate the influence of the KJV, either at the time or since. It has shaped our language, literature, art, music, political ideology, social reform and legal processes as well as the religious beliefs and aspirations of countless millions in all English-speaking countries around the world. No other book has influenced so many people in so many parts of the world for so long a period of time. It has truly been “a benchmark” of our culture.

But more than that, it became the foundation of Western civilisation. Until relatively recently, most people in the Western world believed in the Bible and lived by

its teachings and values. But things have changed—dramatically. It’s hard to believe that our culture, Western civilisation, might one day disappear. Yet that is what many are now telling us is already happening. Since Oswald Spengler’s famous book, *The Decline of the West* in 1926, a steady stream of voices has been telling us that our civilisation is coming to an end. A more recent title tells it as *The Wreck of Western Culture*. The evidence is all around us.

In her recent powerful analysis of the global battle between God, truth and power in modern society, Melanie Phillips concludes that the present decline of Western culture results from the post-Enlightenment assault on the authority of the Judaeo-Christian Scriptures. “The attack on Western civilisation at its most profound level,” she says, is the “attack on the creed that lies at the very foundation of that civilisation.”

So how has this frightening situation come about? And are we really aware of what is happening to our own cherished culture at this present time? As we read these words, in fact?

The decline of our culture largely parallels the change in attitude to the Bible in the Western world, a change which has been slowly and insidiously growing over the past two centuries. The author of *The Wreck of Western Culture* reminds us that as atheism and humanism have replaced the older biblical beliefs, so there has been a corresponding decline in our civilisation. Values that once were well-nigh universally accepted, no longer prevail. Another perceptive writer says that Western civilisation is in “peril in ways not previously seen”. He believes it

may already be too late to change direction.

In the foreword to the 400th Anniversary edition of the KJV, Prince Charles points out that “the survival of civilised values” depends on “the corresponding survival in our hearts of the sacred”, in this instance the influence of the Bible, especially the KJV as the foundation of that civilisation. He rightly emphasises that the “Bible preserves a tradition which we ignore at our peril”. The stark truth is that at a time when that civilisation is under threat more than at any other time over the past 400 years, people are still willing to turn their backs on the one Book that virtually brought the culture into existence. As the light goes out, so the darkness increases.

One of the fundamental truths about the Bible is found in Psalm 119:130: “The entrance of your words gives light” (NKJV). Most of us can testify personally to the truth of this text—moments of illumination when something we have read in the Bible has suddenly dispelled the darkness, answered a question, calmed a fear, shredded a doubt, clarified a misunderstanding, shown the way or given us new hope. This has been true, not only of individuals, but of families, societies and whole nations. It is still true today, and is perhaps the greatest argument that the Bible is a very special Book.

The entrance of God’s Word does give light. It can penetrate the most darkened, decadent, uninformed mind and bring enlightenment and understanding. But it can also bring life, new life. Those of us who live close to the islands of the South Pacific know this as well as anyone. It can create new attitudes, new hope, new goals, new people, new cultures and a new society. If ever that was

needed it is today. Many reading these words can testify to that, and some to the amazing impact of the KJV on ourselves or on our families. We, too, can celebrate this year.

Those of us who believe that the Bible is indeed God’s Word, in whatever version or language it may come to us, have an inescapable responsibility to defend it and promote it in whatever ways we can. Only as we share the reasons for our faith in the Bible with others in our communities can we ever hope to stem the flowing tide of unbelief and the accelerating decline of those values we hold dear. God’s Word does give light, and life, but only when it gains entrance to the minds and hearts of individuals, families and communities. It has to be shared, defended, explained and lived.

This year, perhaps more than any other in recent memory, gives us a wonderful opportunity to share the truth about the Bible, about its unparalleled influence throughout history and its impact on our own lives. It is also an opportunity to explain the reasons that have led to disbelief in the Bible and the sad state of our culture today which many ordinary people find very disturbing. There is possibly no more urgent task before the Church at this critical time in human history than to reaffirm the Bible as God’s enlightening and saving Word to our world.

As the darkness about us grows deeper, let us rise to this occasion by sharing God’s Word in whatever ways we can. Let’s turn on the light and dispel the darkness. ↻

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# Using the KJV today

by Ross Cole

**W**HAT ABOUT THE KING JAMES VERSION today? Should it be the only translation we use in our pulpits, publications and devotions? Should we never use it at all? Or is there a happy medium between these two extremes?

## The Need for Contemporary Translations

We need contemporary translations for at least two

reasons, neither of which constitute a slur on the work of the King James translators.

### Changes in the English Language

First, the English language has moved a long way in the past 400 years. "Some words have ceased to be used; others have changed their meanings. When a translation itself requires translation, it has ceased to serve its original pur-

pose."<sup>1</sup> One example affects the way we read almost every page of the KJV. People often like the KJV use of "thou", "thee", "thy" and "thine" in addresses to God, because they feel it shows Him the appropriate honour and respect due to the Deity. They don't seem to notice the KJV uses the same pronouns in addresses to the devil (Luke 4:5-8). The fact is that 400 years ago "you" was the pronoun of respect, and "thou" was the pronoun of family and close acquaintance, a complete reversal of what people think today!<sup>2</sup>

### Increased Access to Ancient Biblical Manuscripts

Second, when copying is done by hand, variations are bound to creep into any text. A small portion of text may be accidentally omitted, especially if the same word occurs in the same place on two successive lines. Alternatively, a line may be accidentally repeated. One word might be confused with another similar to it, or a synonym might be accidentally substituted. Sometimes copyists may try to clarify what they perceive to be an error, in the process obfuscating a matter further. As one scribe copies from another, different families of textual variants may arise. Careful evaluation and comparison of manuscripts can greatly assist in establishing the original text.

The New Testament of the KJV was based on the "Textus Receptus" (Received Text) or the Greek text published by Luther's contemporary, Erasmus. The very idea of a "Received Text" can imply to some people an authoritative text that has come straight from heaven, a position that ignores the fact that this text itself went through several editions as further study was undertaken. Erasmus worked from the single Byzantine family of Greek texts.<sup>3</sup> In fact, he had only one manuscript for the Book of Revelation, and no Greek text for Rev 22:16-21, which he translated back from Vulgate into Greek.<sup>4</sup> Contemporary New Testament translators have access to a range of different manuscripts, often very much older than what Erasmus used. Likewise, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls has opened up a whole world of Old Testament textual evidence unknowable to the KJV translators. The possible variants may only rarely relate to decisive doctrinal issues.<sup>5</sup> However, the careful student of the Word will want to take seriously the range of possibilities for which evidence is available.

### The Ongoing Value of the KJV

Despite the advantages modern translators have, it is not time to dismiss the KJV altogether. Translations are of various sorts. Paraphrases are easy to read, but are more commentaries than translations, since they are merely the expression of the "translator's" opinion of what the text means. I would much rather hear the Kings James Version from the pulpit any day than The Living Bible, The Message or The Clear Word.

What about more formal translations? Even here I believe the KJV has an edge. Notice the comment of Jewish scholar, Robert Alter:


"Modern English versions repeatedly put readers at a

grotesque distance from the Hebrew Bible. To this day, the Authorised Version of 1611 (the "King James Bible"), for all its inaccuracies, archaisms, and insistently Jacobean rhythm and tone, remains the closest we have yet come to the distinctive experience of the original."<sup>6</sup>

Alter proceeds to discuss the way concrete Hebrew body images lose their power as they are abstracted by modern translators. One of the examples he cites is the Hebrew word for "seed". This word can be understood both in the agricultural sense and in the human sense—that is, as the term for semen; by metaphorical extension, therefore, it also comes to mean progeny. Modern translators, unwilling to trust adult readers to understand this, variously render the word as offspring, descendants, heirs, progeny and posterity. But there is evidence that the biblical writers themselves never entirely forgot the biological origin of their term for offspring.

At the end of the story in Genesis of the binding of Isaac, for example, God reiterates His promise to Abraham, "I will surely multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the shore of the sea" (22:17). If "seed" here is rendered "offspring" or "descendants", we lose the richly concrete way in which the text imposes visually, on the retina of the imagination, the picture of millions of seeds scattered like the constellations across the vast expanses of the skies, or piled on the shores of the sea. The meaning of the statement is not fundamentally altered, but its power is diminished, making it harder for a reader to sense why these ancient texts have been so compelling through the ages.

### Examples could be multiplied.

For myself as a Bible teacher, I will always advocate the arduous but rewarding task of learning to read the Bible in the original languages. If Hebrew was good enough for Moses and Greek was good enough for Paul, they will do me. In the meantime, by all means use modern translations and preach from them. But in your study of the Word, don't keep your copy of the KJV too far away! 

1. Alister McGrath, *In the Beginning: The Story of the King James Bible and How It Changed a Nation, a Language and a Culture* (London, Sydney, Auckland: Hodder & Soughton, 2001), 309.

2. *Ibid.*, 266-271.

3. For more information, see Kurt Aland, "The Text of the Church", *Trinity Journal* ns 8 (1987): 131-144.

4. William W. Combs, "Erasmus and the Textus Receptus", *Detroit Baptist Seminary Journal* 1 (1996): 46, 47.

5. A case in point is the background information to the healing of the paralytic at the Pool of Bethesda provided in John 5:4, "For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had." Taken at face value, this verse presents a very troubling picture of God. Ellen G. White describes it as a common (mistaken) belief of the day. See *Desire of Ages* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific, 1949), 201. Since it is not found in most ancient manuscripts, contemporary translations rightly omit this verse as a scribal gloss.

6. Robert Alter, "Beyond King James", *Commentary* 102 (1996): 57.

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### LIFE-CHANGING STORIES

Fred Malawae, PNG

Thank you for sharing the story of Judge Gibbs Salika (Why I became an Adventist, October 1).

Last Sunday morning I went for my usual morning walk and I met up with the judge. We walked and talked about the work of the Church in Papua New Guinea and how God is constantly bringing new converts into the Church.

I asked the judge how he became an Adventist and he told me to read his story in RECORD.

Thank you for inspiring us with life-changing stories.

### AKIN TO HERESY?

Bob Bolst, NSW

I read with special interest "Hot Topic: A response to global warming" (Feature, October 15), where the author asserts that to reject the reality of human-caused global warming risks severely reducing our credibility.

Credibility for any believer in Christ lies in their adherence to His ways and not to science. The cause of science is seen as a "faith" by some and to dare question the consensus of scientists is akin to heresy.

Global warming appears to be real, but to categorically assert that humans are the cause is overstated. What about the contributions from the sun, volcanoes and agriculture and the like?

The author has fallen into the trap that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change did when it overstated its case and severely weakened people's trust in science.

However, as disciples of Christ, our credibility is not

from supporting a cause celebre but to follow Jesus with integrity and diligence.

### HUMANISTIC VIEW?

Arthur Forster, email

I take exception to the statement that global warming is the most important issue facing the world today in "Hot Topic: A response to global warming".

As a Church, our function is to proclaim the Three Angels' Message of the soon coming Saviour to a dying world. I do not believe that we should promote highly political propaganda in our church publications.

The issue of CO2 causing catastrophic disaster is a very political and emotional subject and is portraying a humanistic view that mankind alone can control the earth, and leaves God who created the universe out of the equation.

### CHURCH NEEDS TO CHANGE

Paula Wolland, NZ

I read with interest "What do we need to do to keep our youth in church?" (Opinion poll, September 17) and the options offered.

I cringed when I read a couple of the options, especially "More emphasis on Adventist doctrine". By the time youth become teenagers they are well educated in our doctrines. They don't need to hear all the things they should and shouldn't be doing.

They need to be hearing about Jesus and His love for them; how He will help them battle their problems during their teenage years.

I strongly believe we need to change our way of thinking in this regard. "Bible-bashing" the youth does not work.

### MODELLING WORSHIP

Brian Way, Victoria

The adult Sabbath School lesson for the third quarter is a timely look at biblical principles for personal and corporate worship.

I wonder how many churches and/or worship committees have taken the time to distil the core principles so kindly and clearly presented? I wonder how many are now modelling their worship programs accordingly?

It would be also interesting to know what percentage of worship committee members in churches actually study the adult Sabbath School lessons.

### LITTLE MEDIA COVERAGE

Jess Crombie, NSW

I've often wondered why Adventist camps get so little media coverage?

One reason may be that we act like some sort of enclave totally isolated from the rest of the community. For the whole week we listen to Adventist sermons, eat Adventist food, buy Adventist books and talk to Adventist friends.

Surely it's time we did something different and started rubbing shoulders with the wider community.

The latest Adventist News Network photo gallery shows world president, Ted Wilson, pulling weeds during Union College's Project Impact.

During Project Impact 750 students and supporters got down and dirty helping the local community. Just imagine what 3000 volunteers from a camp meeting could do for the surrounding community!

It might even get some media coverage.

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**SNAP SHOT**

with Dr Barry Oliver

### Challenges moving forward

I am sitting in a committee room at our world headquarters with senior leaders from the world Divisions and General Conference (GC). The GC Mission Board is being chaired by GC president, Pastor Ted Wilson.

On the agenda are many challenging items: global initiatives in mission such as reaching the billions of unchurched people in the 10/40 window; the expansion of our global mission study centres which study and develop strategies for reaching the major religious blocks (Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Secularism, Judaism, etc); comprehensive worldwide urban evangelism; the revitalisation of our health work as the "right arm" of our evangelistic strategies; young adults and mission; prayer for the mission of the Church.

As I pen these words we are discussing the launch of a global strategy for reaching the major urban centres of the world. You will soon be hearing much more about this. It is a major strategic emphasis of the GC and our participation will be presented as an agenda item at the South Pacific Executive Committee's next major meeting. Of course, it will not happen simply by being discussed in a remote committee somewhere. It will only gain traction as each of us finds our niche in a strategy to reach cities that is all-inclusive. There will need to be some careful planning and a great deal of cooperation will be necessary.

But we just have to do it. More than 50 per cent of the world's population live in cities. In Australia and New Zealand, that percentage is closer to 80 per cent. While great things have been happening recently in some urban centres, such as the centre of Sydney, we have just started. We need to do so much more in all our major cities. And we must be intentional, strategic and resourced. A major challenge wouldn't you say?

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

### FREDERICK LEES

I grew up in a Roman Catholic home and had always heard about Jesus but had never been encouraged to get to know Him. I had also heard of the Ten Commandments but never really lived by them.

God used a friend of mine, Phil Wilson, who was a Sabbath keeper, to introduce the Sabbath truth to me. Three times in the one night he dropped in to see me but I wasn't home, until he was successful on his third attempt. He told me he had a DVD I had to watch that had presentations on the Sabbath by Doug Batchelor. We stayed up until 4:00am watching the DVD, discussing different points of view on the correct day of worship.

I embraced every part of the presentation as I discovered new biblical truth. I had been attending church on Sundays and for the first time I realised I'd been worshipping on the wrong day.

I used to play lawn bowls and Pauline Tarrants, a church member of the Gympie church, invited me to worship with her. I walked into church in my shorts, polo shirt and bandana and experienced my first worship service on a Sabbath day.

Everyone accepted me for who I was. Coming from a Catholic system I noticed there were no symbols, the music was wonderful, the sermon was uplifting and people were encouraged to read their Bibles.

Soon after I attended Pastor Geoff Youlden's seminars, then attended a prophecy seminar run by Pastor Phil Downing every Tuesday for 16 months.

Once I fell in love with the Sabbath truth, I was able to understand doctrine on the state of the dead, baptism, heaven and hell. It all fell into place for me. It's like God had placed them in line and I embraced them one by one.

In reading Ellen White's books and commentaries on the Bible, I was able to get a richer understanding of the Scriptures. Since that time I've read the *Conflict* series. I've read *The Desire of Ages* twice.

It was two years from when I accepted the Sabbath that I gave my life to God through baptism. Pastor Downing performed the ceremony in the Mary River in the Gympie region.

I have an amazing walk with Jesus, my life is full of blessings. I have kept my eyes on Jesus, my best Friend. I pray daily and surrender my life to Him. I recently attended a prayer seminar and have realised the awesome power of prayer.

I now attend a prayer group that meets once a week on a Thursday. I've learned patience in speaking to God. I know that I have to leave my requests in His hands.

Since I've given my life to God, I've had the privilege of preaching four sermons.

My dream for my church is for it to be unified—for us to work cheerfully for God in one spirit.

For the past five months I've been doorknocking around Gympie, sharing information on health by promoting the CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program. I try and finish all my sharing with a prayer.—with Pablo Lillo



## ANNIVERSARIES

**Aikenhead.** Alan and Cynthia Aikenhead celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends in the Gayndah church hall, Qld on 3.9.11. They were married by Pastor Ed Totenhofer in the Toowoomba Central church exactly 50 years previously. They were blessed with three children, Phillip, Bruce and Lea; and three grandchildren. Alan and Cynthia have for many years been the stalwarts of the church in Gayndah. Cynthia is well-known in the community for her musical ability on piano and organ.



**Litster.** Glynn and Elva Litster (nee Dempsey) recently

celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on 3.9.1951 in Mont Albert church, Melbourne, Vic. Their children, Glenda Jackson and Reg Litster and their spouses, along with their six grandchildren, Glenn, Michelle, Kym, Robyn, Rodney and Daniel, and a small group of friends, enjoyed seeing photos from the past and hearing congratulations from various leaders, including the Queen. Glynn has worked for the Church as an educator and historian for almost 50 years after graduating from Avondale. Since graduating from the "San", Elva has been involved in teacher resource development in the Pacific and has also contributed in the field of music.

## WEDDINGS

**Bartlett-Lawson.** Aaron Bartlett, son of Gary and Helen Bartlett (Campbelltown, NSW), and Desiree Lawson, daughter of Gregory and Robyn Lawson (Blackburn South, Vic), were married 14.8.11 in Linton Gardens, Somersby, NSW.

*Garth Bainbridge,  
Panapa Leulua*

**Buckley-Vakalegu.** Wayne Craig Buckley, son of Darren and Michelle Buckley (Penrith, NSW), and Joy Matelila Vakalegu, daughter of Noa Vakalegu (Fiji) and Anna Marie Innes (Penrith), were married 2.10.11 at Penrith church.

*N Pereira*

**Cocks-Bullas.** David John Cocks, son of Heather and the late Cliff Cocks (Mildura, Vic), and Michelle Leanne Bullas, daughter of Graham and the late Lorraine Bullas (Mooroolbark), were married 17.9.11 at Immerse Receptions, Dixons Creek.

*Morrie Krieg*

**Di Florio-Byrne.** Paul Lee Di Florio, son of Lou (Darch, WA) and Kate Di Florio (Joondalup), and Emily Anne Byrne, daughter of Rick and Cherie Byrne (Bunbury), were married 2.1.11 at Burns Beach.

*Lynn Burton*

**Gray-Edwards-Dickson.** Maciu (Matthew) Tuinabau Gray-Edwards, son of Silina Nageleca (Wiluna, WA), and Kylie-Lee Dickson, daughter of Lester (Esperance) and Diane Dickson (South Guildford), were married 11.9.11 at Caversham House.

*Lynn Burton*

**Hawes-Burdett.** Graeme Morris Hawes and Amanda Dawn Catherine Burdett were married 16.1.11 at Bickley church, WA.

*Lynn Burton*

**Rodgers-Hodgert.** Brett Andrew Rodgers, son of David and Nola Rodgers (Toowoomba, Qld), and Tracy Jayne Hodgert, daughter of Desmond and Valerie Leeke (Sydney), were married 25.9.11 at Crosslands Youth Centre, Galston.

*N Pereira, Oscar Sande*

## OBITUARIES

**Arambasic,** Ana, born 28.6.1925 in Koprivnica, Croatia; died 24.7.11 in Armadale Hospital, Armadale, WA. On 9.9.1944, she married Josip Arambasic. She was predeceased by her husband; and two children, Stjepan and Tereza, who died in infancy. She is survived by her children and their spouses, John and Cecile (Perth), Mary and Ljuean (Ohio, USA); her siblings, Ivan (Komorica, Croatia) and Marica (Brisbane, Qld); three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three nephews; and four nieces. Ana was a devout Christian who loved going to church even though she could hardly understand a word of English. It was the love that she experienced there that she understood. Ana read her Bible daily and

committed some of the Psalms to memory, which were a real comfort and encouragement to her during her final illness.

*Lynn Burton*



**Barton,** John Brent, born 24.5.1947 in Christchurch, NZ; died 18.5.11 in Christchurch.

On 27.10.1975, he married Jenny at Rotorua. He is survived by his wife (Christchurch); Helen and Mathew Carter (Auckland) and Michael and Corrie Barton (Gosford, NSW); and grandson, Caleb. Brent was involved in youth ministry for over 30 years. He inspired many youth to commit their life to God and serve their community through his mentorship, practical example and love for them.

Brent's faith in Jesus was unshakeable and he rests until he is united with us again.

*James Toogood*



**Bryce,** Pastor David, born 28.1.1946 in Atherton, Qld; died 18.7.11 in Brisbane. In

1973, he married Frances Soper. He is survived by his wife (Woodford, Qld); and daughter Kathleen (Brisbane). David and Frances attended an evangelistic series in Cairns and were baptised by Pastor Graeme Bradford. Next followed four years at Avondale College, and then seven years of pastoral ministry in North Queensland. David gained a commercial pilot's licence before completing 15 years as a missionary pilot,

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teacher and administrator in PNG. He and Frances saw many instances of God's miraculous life-saving providence during these years. With help from Peter Gwynne (Toowoomba, Qld), David rebuilt and opened the Omaura Laymen Training School which he ran for four years, while also acting as the local sheriff/peacemaker in the district. Ill health forced David and Frances to return to Australia in 2004, where they completed

four years of pastoral ministry in the Roma and Chinchilla districts before retiring in 2007. David was passionate about his faith and sharing the Gospel until the end.  
*Mike Brownhill,  
Lindsay Chineegadoo*

**Burgess**, Margaret Ann (nee Lewis), born 17.10.1939 in Newcastle, NSW; died 21.7.11 in St Andrews Nursing Home, Ballina. In January 1965, she married Eric Burgess. She is survived by her

husband (Lennox Head); children and spouses, Michael and Grace (Tintenbar), John and Helen (Lennox Head), and Carolyn (Lennox Head); and grandchildren, Amie, Jason, Christian and Hannah. Margaret, a nurse, suffered much ill health including crippling arthritis. Intelligent with an incredible memory, she was always smiling and helping others. She loved her Lord, the Scriptures, family and wide circle of friends.  
*Ernie Krause*

in His faith in Jesus. He is greatly missed, but now rests until the resurrection.  
*Richard Felkel*

**Marshall**, Olive Marie (nee Weekes), born 13.10.1923 in Tinonee, NSW; died 10.7.11 in Taree. In September 1947, she married Lionel Marshall. She was predeceased by Lionel, her husband of almost 64 years, on 14.5.11. She is survived by her sons, Robert (Taree), Joe and Val Marshall (Narangba, Qld); and her siblings, Athol, Verna, Jack, Athnee and Peter; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Olive was a hard-worker and a dedicated gardener with a love for Jesus, roses and opals. She was a generous and loving wife, mother, sister, nana and friend to many. She will be dearly missed until resurrection morning.  
*Ernie Krause*

**Collier**, Keith, born 3.11.1932 in Golcar, UK; died 1.8.11 in Christchurch, NZ. On 14.4.1956, he married Audrey in Golcar Baptist Church. He was baptised together with his wife on 19.8.1989 at Rangiora, NZ. He is survived by his wife (Kaipo); two daughters; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Keith spent his last few years in dementia care.  
*Erik Kral*

**Drayson**, Simon Louis Stephen, born 29.4.1976 in Kettering, Northamptonshire, England; died 28.8.11 in Swan View, WA. He is survived by his partner, Sarah Archibald; his son, Lucas; his mother, Christine; his siblings, Antony Griffiths, Sacha Van-Hugten (all of Swan View), Susan, and her son, Liam (Kent, England). Simon was dearly loved by his family and friends and will be sadly missed. Our earnest desire is to see him again on the resurrection morning.  
*Lynn Burton*

**Lane**, Harold Bruce, born 17.7.1918 in Werribee, Vic; died 4.8.11 in Ayr, Qld. He is survived by his wife, Daphane; his children, Bruce (Anne), Alwyn (Margaretann) and Rhonda; his grandchildren, Suzanne, Sandra, Bruce, Tracey, Jade and Carol; and 14 great-grandchildren. Harold was a welder by trade and spent many years colporteur in northern Queensland. One of 12 children born to Bruce and Francis Lane, he was unswerving

**Mocilac**, Anthony (Tony), born 7.1.1935 in Croatia; died 29.8.11 in Hamilton, Vic. On 10.5.1962, he married Olivia Vranse. He is survived by his wife (Dunkeld); his three sons and their families, Mickie and Toni (Airlie Beach, Qld), John and Annette, and David (Hamilton, Vic); and grandchildren, Jesse, Abe and Blake (Perth, WA). Tony moved to Australia in 1952, aged 17. His family suffered much under communism, but Tony was always cheerful and good company to be with. Joining the Adventist Church gave him a new joy, a new direction and much happiness. He also contributed to the building of the Seddon church in Melbourne, Vic.  
*Russell Wareham, Peter Tung  
Paul Fenech*

**Mooi**, Wesley, born 1.12.1967 in Brisbane, Qld; died 5.8.11 in Vatrata Village, Vanua Lava, Vanuatu. He is survived by his parents, Jack and June Mooi (Beaunesert); and sister, Meredith Mooi. The work he was doing to clear a remote area airstrip will give life to future medical emergency cases. Many

people from that area have died while waiting for, or being transported to, medical help. Wesley was actively involved with the Beaunesert church and was loved by all. He will be greatly missed. He fell asleep confident in the hope of his Saviour.  
*Andre Hamilton*

**Robinson**, Joan Myrtle, born 8.8.1929 in Wairoa, NZ; died 17.8.11 in Toowoomba, Qld. She is survived by her husband, Jack; and three daughters, Carol (NZ), Faye (Boonah, Qld) and Pauline (Ipswich); eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Joan was baptised in 1973 by Pastor Bob Trood and served faithfully in various church offices. Jack and Joan were married for 62 years. Joan awaits the resurrection morning.  
*Clive Butcher*

**Ryan**, Jennifer Anne (nee Kirkman), born 31.7.1952 in Albury, NSW; died 4.7.11 in Lismore Base Hospital. In 1973, she married Garry Ryan. She is survived by her husband (Georgica); her parents, Wray and June Kirkman (Mullumbimby); and brother, Barry Kirkman. Jenny was very energetic, high-spirited and persistent, and a lover of people. She received prestigious awards for her Red Cross and community work. Ill health led her closer to God. She is sorely missed by family and the community.  
*Ernie Krause, Paul Geelan*

**Taylor**, Kathleen Eunice (nee Fennell), born 12.11.1917 in Penola, SA; died 5.8.11 in Mullumbimby, NSW. On 3.3.1943, she married Reg Taylor, who predeceased her in 2003. She is survived by her children and their families, Dennis and Juline Taylor (Mullumbimby), and Neroli Ford (Mullumbimby); six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Kath graduated from the San in 1943. She was very talented, and could sew, knit and crochet beautifully. Kath was a wonderful housekeeper, gardener and cook who lived solely for her family, Lord and others. Greatly missed.  
*Ernie Krause, Cranville Tooley*

**Thompson**, Thelma Lyal, born 9.2.1923 in Armidale, NSW; died 15.8.11 in Tarrandoo Nursing Home, Southern Cross Care, Somerset, Tas. She married Colin Thomas, who predeceased

her. She was a faithful church member, and she loved her Lord very much. She waits to meet Him soon.  
*Iorangi Eiao*

**Trevena**, Effra Ann (nee Hayward), born 30.7.1918 in Oakleigh, Whangarei, NZ; died 14.8.11 in Auckland, NZ. On 15.5.1945, she married Pastor Ian Trevena in Hamilton, who predeceased her. She is survived by Pastor Mel and Lyn Trevena and family (Christchurch), Evelyn and Warren Wordsworth and family (Pukekohe) and Robyn and Mark Pullman and their family (Taupo). Effra was the fifth child of nine to the well-known Hayward family. She served as an 'associate' minister with her husband, Pastor Ian Trevena, for over 50 years in NZ and England. She and Ian visited thousands in their lifetime. She was there as an evangelistic assistant. Effra was the epitome of the woman described in Proverbs 31. She was a dispenser of faith, hope and love through her winsome smile, compassionate care and hospitality.  
*Alex Currie*

**Weedon**, Lloyd William, born 7.2.1929 in Lockhart, NSW; died 8.7.11 in Toowoomba, Qld. Lloyd married Margaret on 5.1.1955. He is survived by his wife; their children and their spouses, Ken and Karen, and Robyn and Mel Telford; and his grandchildren, Brent, Nicola, Greg, Michaela, Riley and Georgia. Lloyd's affable nature endeared him to a wide circle of friends.  
*Clive Butcher*

**Westacott**, Cecilia Florence (nee Rowe), born 26.2.1926 in Parramatta Park, Cairns, Qld; died 9.8.11 in Sheridan Gardens nursing home, Mt Sheridan, Qld. Cecilia married Fred Haywood Westacott on 17.1.1949, who predeceased her. She is survived by their children, Warren James, Paul Charles and Graeme John. She also fostered Irma Rhodes between 1969 and 1971. Cecilia lived through some of the most

turbulent times of the 20th Century including the Great Depression and World War II. She will be remembered with the greatest of love by her three sons and their wives; her 10 grandchildren; her three great-grandchildren; her "adopted" daughter and family; other family members, as well as friends and her extended church family. She will be greatly missed.  
*Anthony Van Duyn, Ernst William*

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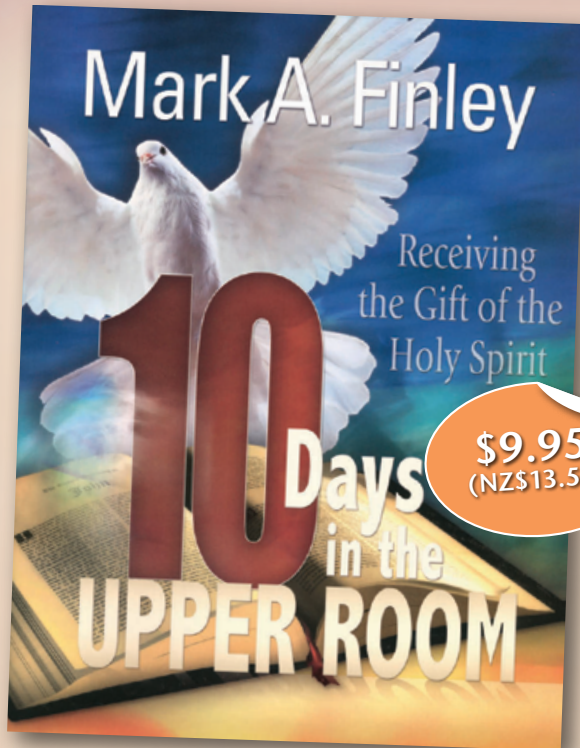
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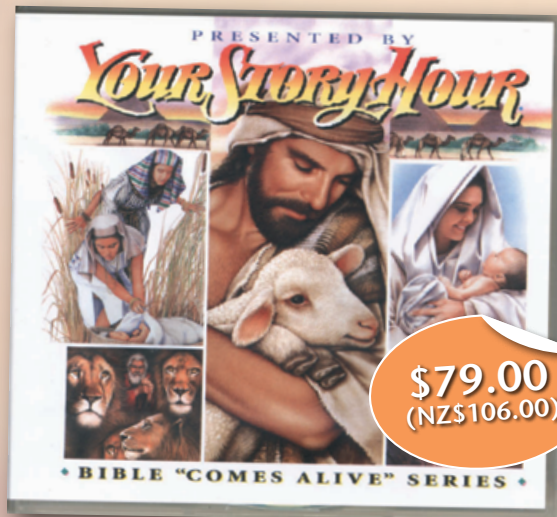
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