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Signs reveals secrets in NZ

Wellington/Auckland/Dunedin, New Zealand

Some 800 people attended prophecy seminars sponsored by *Signs of the Times* magazine at Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin recently.

The presenter was Pastor Gary Kent, speaker for the *It Is Written Oceania* television programs.

The seminars have helped local church outreach, with more than 350 people planning to attend follow-up "Secrets of Prophecy" seminars to be presented by local church pastors, Malcolm Eastwick (Dunedin), Jake Ormsby (Wellington) and Clifton Glasgow (Auckland).

The seminars were part of *Signs'* "Try for Jesus" Rugby World Cup outreach initiative. "To my knowledge, this is the first such program by *Signs of the Times* since the Church's early days in Australia, around 1886," *Signs* editor Lee Dunstan said. "Back then, tent and hall meetings were adver-

tised on its pages." There were hundreds of requests for free *Signs* subscriptions and a viewing of the *Who Is Jesus?* DVD series.

"Our expectations were exceeded, and now I'm looking for sponsors," Mr Dunstan said.

Public evangelism like this may now become a feature of Signs Ministry. "Future seminars would possibly tie in with the *Beyond* series, which features evangelist Pastor Geoff Youlden, a regular contributor to *Signs* magazine and the main presenter of the *Beyond* programs," Mr Dunstan said. —Melody Tan



Gary Kent (right), Malcolm Eastwick and Lee Dunstan at the Wellington seminar.

Magazine back from The Edge

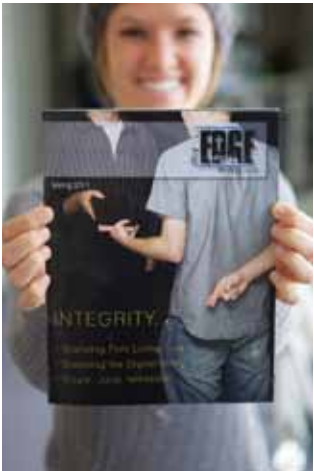
Ringwood, Victoria

After a two-year break, *The Edge* magazine has returned. It was originally included in RECORD as a magazine for Adventist young people, and dealt with topical issues for teens and youth.

The rights to the magazine were given to the Australian Union Conference (AUC) Youth department in 2009. Now called *My Edgemag.com*, it will be published quarterly in print form, as well as having an online presence. The new magazine is in full colour and is put together by the AUC Youth department and a team of young lay professionals. While the name of the magazine and segments, as well as the layout, have been updated and changed, readers will recognise some segments that are similar to the old *Edge*—such as the editorial (Edgitorial), a profile of a local church youth group (Status Update), devotional, Bible studies and other challenging articles.

Pastor Tony Knight, director of the Youth ministries department of the AUC, is also the editor of *My Edgemag.com*, and welcomes submissions, including letters, photos and articles.

The spring 2011 edition of *My Edgemag.com* has a theme of integrity. To receive a free copy or make a submission, email <myedgemag@aucyouth.com>. —Jarrod Stackelroth



Students run United church service

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

A unique event in the history of Pacific Adventist University (PAU) occurred recently when it was invited to conduct the worship service at the United church at Koki in Port Moresby.

The church's leadership committee gave PAU students and faculty responsibility for the entire Sunday morning service.

Members of the United church had previously presented musical items as part of a Sabbath program at PAU. The invitation was in response to that visit.

Dr David Thiele, dean of the School of Theology at PAU, said, "I was thrilled to have 30 members of the United church sitting in the front row when I last preached at PAU but it was nothing compared with the amazing experience of preaching to 300 of their members in their own church."

Dr Thiele's sermon dealt with the cosmic conflict the world is caught up in. The presentation was supplemented

by musical items and testimonies from PAU students, who also led out in the scripture readings and prayers.

As part of the program, three PAU students were interviewed about their experience at the

university as part of a student recruitment drive. After the church service some of the Koki members asked questions privately regarding their children coming to PAU.

PAU vice-chancellor Ben Thomas said, "I'm sure these kinds of interactions have a long term impact—one that for some people will go beyond PAU, to the kingdom." —David Thiele



PAU students pray in University church.



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The contrarians

Pablo Lillo

Not long ago I was confronted by a church member who seemed angry with the world. He said he was sick of the church and its leaders—stating that it had no direction and was lost in the wilderness. He shared his disappointments with me for more than 10 minutes. Then he looked me straight in the eye and said, "As editor of the RECORD, what are you going to do about it?"

Instead of arguing or defending, I asked him a few questions to find out more about his spiritual journey: How long have you been attending church? What made you commit your life to God? What are you doing in your church that is making a difference? When was the last time you shared your faith with a non-Christian? Do you attend a Bible study group during the week? How are you serving the poor?

I've met many in the Church who've become anti-clergy, anti-sinners, anti-Ellen White, anti-Trinity or anti-establishment. They point fingers at what is now in place and tear it down. Many are stuck on the negative and they know how to write blogs that deconstruct and talk about what is wrong. And I ask, who doesn't know how to do that?

Now, more than ever, I believe the Spirit of God is moving in the Church in creative, generative ways—calling us to engage our neighbourhoods and display God's kingdom in everyday life. Instead of wasting our energies attacking each other, we should be turning towards our communities, asking, "What are the ways we need to change in order to engage the people in our community who no longer consider church a part of their lives?"

In this edition Roger Walter (page 14) shares his passion for creating a working, outreach mentality for any church in any setting. Terry Johnson (page 18) asks the question in his feature article *Kingdom growth lazy?* "Should we be measuring the effectiveness of our evangelistic mission and its impact?"

Pastor Pablo Lillo is head of news and editorial for the South Pacific Division.

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Fulton world changers

"Right here, right now, I'm a world changer! What about you?" Students from Fulton College, Fiji, have been promoting the World Changers Bible Project, aimed at providing 200,000 Bibles to young people.

—worldchanger.me



Church planter goes to prison

Pastor John Horvath recently preached to 800 prisoners in Nairobi, Kenya. The Commander, an Adventist, invited Pastor Horvath to share with the inmates. Pastor Horvath had been in jail himself, and was able to relate well. The local pastor came along for the first time, a little fearful, but has now caught the vision and is developing a new church plant right in the prison.

—John Horvath/Newswest



Volunteers build clinic in Minj Mu

A group of 20 volunteers helped build a clinic in Minj Mu, in the highlands of PNG. During their visit they also ran a daily medical clinic, computer class and conducted an evangelistic series. They were assisted by a dedicated team of local people, without whose help the project would not have been completed.

—Greg Walsh/Northpoint



World record for Weet-Bix kids

Earlier this year, 202 youngsters, along with All Blacks Jimmy Cowan, Israel Dagg, Hosea Gear, Colin Slade and Adam Thomson, took part in the Weet-Bix Biggest Scrum Event, as part of the Weet-Bix 100% All Black campaign. NZ kids are now in the record books, blitzing the previous record of 68 players, held by England.

—Sanco News



Maori CHIP

Papakura church, NZ, has just completed a CHIP program especially designed for Maori people. External funding has been obtained for a series of programs in the South Auckland area and they have been well attended. Papakura program organiser Mama Fairey reported that participants have enjoyed the program and significantly reduced their coronary risk profile.

—Judy McAnulty



Warburton playgroup wins award

Warburton Christian Playgroup, Vic, run by Warburton Adventist Church members Ngaire and Alan Holman, won Playgroup Victoria's inaugural Playgroup of the Month award. They were presented with a fruit basket for all the time, effort and energy they dedicate to organising and running the playgroup.

—David Edgren



Conquerors have the X-Factor

Mount Druitt Samoan youth choir, the Conquerors, recently performed on the Australian TV talent show, X-Factor. They were invited to provide back-up vocals for Australian singer Darren Hayes, who was performing his single, "Blood-stained heart".

—Irasa Patterson



Bags of Love

Members of Macksville Church, NSW, have made "bags of love" for the Department of Community Services at Kempsey for several years. The bags are given to children removed from their homes because of drugs and abuse. They recently received an urgent call to make 24 bags, and were grateful to church members, ADRA and a group of ladies from Wauchope for donating patchwork rugs, knitted teddy bears, hair products, books, pencils and other items.

—Betty Cooper



Whale of a tale

Wahroonga Pathfinders presented the story of Jonah at a special "Pathfinder Day" Sabbath program held at the Fox Valley Adventist Community Church, NSW. Playing the lead role of Jonah was Scott Fatt (pictured above), who was supported by a talented group of young people. The program was well-attended by family and friends, along with a number of visitors. The Pathfinders were later rewarded for their efforts with a pizza and games night.

—Tracey Bridcutt



Recognition

Wahroonga Adventist Television (WAT) in NSW was rated the top provider of religious content for quality, reliability and creativity at a recent TVS Producers' Forum. TVS offered WAT a 30-second ad spot, free. "We are thrilled . . . God has gifted WAT another miracle without request," said marketing coordinator Lance Weslake. —*Tracey Bridcutt*



Message with meaning

Evangelist Leo Schreven's All Power seminars are usually aimed at the upwardly mobile. But when he presented a series in Gosford (NSW), a number of residents from a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre attended. Many found Pastor Schreven's insights very relevant to their situation and six have followed on with more seminars. —*NorthPoint*



Divine approval?

It was a beautiful sunny Sabbath afternoon, but the baptism service of Damien Eacott was accompanied by a single peal of thunder. Damien was baptised by Pastor Lynn Burton at Logue Brook Dam in Western Australia's south-west. His wife Charlene has also been baptised—they are now members at the Armadale church. —*NewsWest*



Kingdom growth

Church planting is surging ahead in Western Australia with the Oasis French-speaking group at Mt Lawley adding 30 to its number over the past year. And after time spent building relationships through visitation, family seminars and Bible studies, two Spanish-speaking groups will launch soon at Rockingham and Fremantle. —*NewsWest*



Family first

Involvement with Christchurch Adventist School has seen a family join the Church, one by one. Chris McDonald, a student, was baptised in 2009. His teacher aide mum, Nichola, made some good friends from Bishopdale church, and was baptised in August 2011. Now her husband and daughter are having Bible studies too. —*Southern Connexions*



Positive response

So far this year the North NSW Conference has seen 19 STORMCo teams reach out to inland and outback communities. The teams are building relationships, as they return year after year to the same locations. After hearing good reports, nearby towns have requested that STORMCo teams visit them too. —*NorthPoint*

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Building begins at Fulton College

Sabeto, Fiji

A crowd of witnesses, dignitaries and a bamboo band were on hand for a groundbreaking ceremony at the new site of Fulton College at Sabeto, near Nadi in Fiji.

South Pacific Division president, Dr Barry Oliver, wielded the official spade, together with Pastor Waisea Vuniwa, president of the Trans-Pacific Union Mission.

But, if the truth be told, construction at the new Adventist tertiary campus began some months ago, with the land cleared, a farm shed built and tapioca planted.

Pastor Vuniwa is enthusiastic about the new location, which he says has good soil on a fairly level site with a river around the property.

"The lease condition itself is very attractive," he said. "The chief of Sabeto has given his land to the Church and has leased it for 100 years and that is renewable at the end of each 100 years—it is very secure; legally secured."

About seven years ago, the traditional landowners at Fulton's current location, 46 kilometres north of Suva, began to push for the return of the site. After legal disputes and years of uncertainty, the courts found in Fulton's favour.

By that time, however, church leaders had committed to relocating to Sabeto, a 10-minute drive from Nadi International Airport—a plus for the Fulton student body, most of whom come from outside Fiji.

The plan is for classes to begin in 2013. But the building program will grind to a halt if additional funds cannot be

found. "Right now we have \$A5.25 million," said project manager Graham Allen. "We're about \$7 million short at this stage."

Mr Allen estimates that the building could be completed in 12 months if the funds were available, "but, apart from that, it's going to stretch it out".

Dr Oliver said he's conscious of the help provided by various levels of church administration, as well as through special offerings.

But he has urged members to contribute further to the establishment of the new college.

"We're really asking our members to dig deep and see if we can't get this project moving."

Fulton principal Steve Currow said the new campus would provide better IT resources, a higher standard of accommodation and better disabled access on a flatter campus.

"Fulton has made a phenomenal contribution to the Church in the South Pacific and throughout the world," Dr Currow said, "and we expect that this will continue on the new campus." —*Kent Kingston*



Transit unit and staff houses under construction.

Women empowered at retreat

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Marriages were saved, broken hearts were mended, forgiveness was made possible and legal procedures were explained at a retreat for women held recently in Papua New Guinea.

More than 1000 women attended the seven-day, Herevamuku retreat, organised by the Women's Ministries Department of the Central Papua Conference (CPC), particularly for widows, single mothers, divorcees and women with marital problems.

The day's programs included devotions, seminars, skills training and social activities. The seminars focused on the need areas of the participants. Many became emotional as they expressed their appreciation that the Church had taken the time to meet their spiritual and emotional needs.

"Hundreds of them had these hidden wounds in them for many years," said Jeanette Egu, Women Ministries director for CPC. "It was at this retreat they realised their contribution to the Church and it gave them the confidence to be active in the Church."

The facilitators spoke on the theme, "Jesus, our only Hope". They took them step-by-step through their experiences and explained some positive strategies to deal

with pain and anger management.

"As a result, some women with marital problems were able to save their marriages because of the program. The divorcees were able to forgive their husbands, which they had not been able to do for many years," Mrs Egu said.

The facilitators were Robert Nana, Pastor Cameron Wari, Pastor Bill Robinson, Pastor Henry Otio, Pastor Simon Vetali, Beryl Howard, Tau Mea, Joan Jack, Jeanette Egu, Catherine Voggi, Edna Worri and magistrate, Nerrie Eliakim.

About 50 women who attended were non-Adventists, mostly from United church. —*Jeanette Egu*



Women of all ages attended the retreat.

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Interactive exhibit a first for camps

Watson Park, Queensland

Visitors to Big Camps across the country came face-to-face with extreme poverty this year, with more than 1500 stepping through the doors of a new, travelling interactive exhibit.

NotONE, developed by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia, transports visitors into the lives of two people living in poverty before posing the question, "are you NotONE to let this continue?"

Hundreds of visitors stepped into the shoes of Mary, an albino girl living in Tanzania, and Leyley, a Karen orphan living as a refugee on the Thai/Burma border.

"I've heard about the albino issue, but never seen it, felt it or understood it so personally," said one visitor. "I can't believe this kind of thing still goes on in our world."

"It's an immersive experience," said Matthew Siliga, manager of ADRA Australia's Public and Supporter Relations department. "We wanted people to be able to step out of their lives for a few minutes and come face-to-face with the reality of life for those living in poverty."

As a result, hundreds of people joined ADRA's prayer team, each taking on the responsibility to pray for the people ADRA works with around the world, the ADRA team and the work they do.

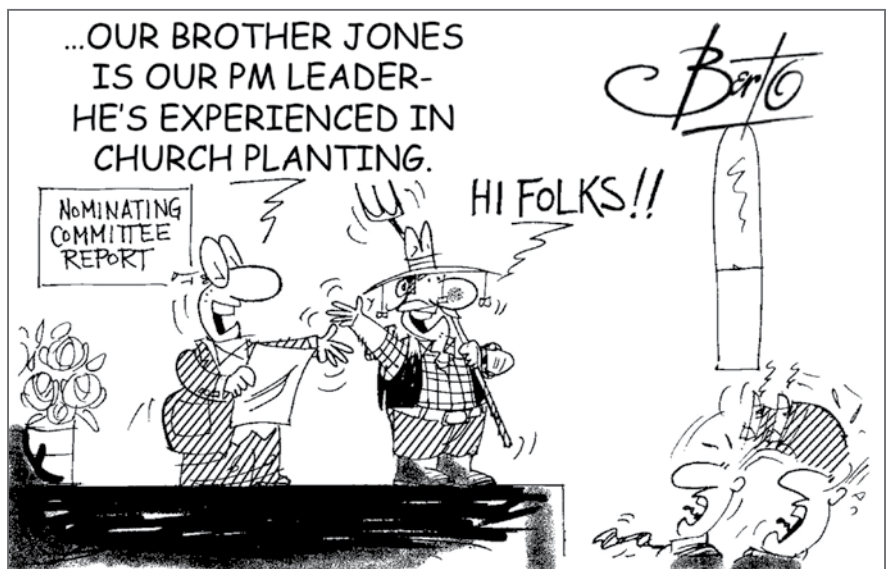
"Prayer is integral to our ministry," Mr Siliga said. "Not everyone can support us financially or go on an ADRA Connections trip. But everyone can pray."

NotONE is the first exhibit of its kind to visit Big Camps in Australia. In 2012 it will return to South Queensland and North New South Wales, while also travelling to South New South Wales, South Australian, Western Australian and Tasmanian camps.

For more information about ADRA's work and opportunities to get involved, or to view a digital version of NotONE, visit <www.adra.org.au> or connect at <www.facebook.com/ADRAAustralia>. -Braden Blyde



Participants walked in the footsteps of those ADRA helps.



Food for life saves lives

by Pablo Lillo

Operation Food for Life volunteers have been serving the poorest of the poor, on the outskirts of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, for almost a decade.

Cofounder Dennis Perry said his team of volunteers have been working with families living at a rubbish tip.

They found an elderly man who has spent his life at the Baruni rubbish dump, living in a space no bigger than an outside toilet. His home, a shack with no windows, is made from timber he found at the tip.

It's estimated that more than 2000 people live off the rubbish dumped on a daily basis.

The miracle of this man's story is that despite his filthy living conditions he knows Jesus has not abandoned him. "Many times in recent years he said he had no food and was physically dying of hunger, until Operation Food for Life volunteers knocked on his door with delicious rice-based meals," Mr Perry said.

"Words are totally inadequate to describe the horrific conditions in which families call their residence."

Mr Perry spoke to the elderly man at length through an interpreter.

"When I mentioned we come in the name of Jesus to him with food, he opened his door and showed me the inscription on the inside of his door," Mr Perry said.

The inscription was a picture of Jesus that had been carved into the door.

After the man had eaten the food provided he went into his room and bought out a picture of Jesus (pictured with a Operation Food for Life volunteer), who obviously means more to him than anything the world can offer.

Operation Food for Life started in Tonga nine years ago, when Mr Perry, an Adventist, passed a community living off scraps from a rubbish tip while on a business trip.

"I got out of my car, bought some food and spent the day at the tip feeding them," he said.

Inspired by the example of Jesus, Operation Food for Life seeks to provide material, emotional and spiritual support, bringing dignity and hope to the forgotten and the disadvantaged.

Mr Perry has seen first-hand the hundreds of children who live and work at the Baruni rubbish dump. Most of them don't go to school because there are no places for them or their parents can't afford it.

"For over four years our teams of volunteers have been providing food—both physical and spiritual—and clothing to large communities who physically live on the garbage dump or edges around the tip," Mr Perry said.

"These folk scavenge through the rubbish dumped on the refuse tip for any leftover food scraps, to help them supplement their meagre existence."

In taking a wholistic approach to people's physical and spiritual care, Operation Food for Life volunteers come from all walks of life. They go into areas where there is poverty, sickness and homelessness—bringing Jesus to communities.

For more information, or to support this ministry, email Mr Perry at <operationfoodforlife@gmail.com>. ↻

Pablo Lillo is head of news and editorial for the South Pacific Division.



OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

The purpose of the Incarnation

The doctrine of the Incarnation teaches the amazing truth that God appeared as a man in the person of Jesus. This mystery is powerfully expressed in 1 Timothy 3:16, widely regarded as one of the earliest creedal statements of the Christian faith.

Why did Jesus become a man?

- ▶ Becoming human enabled Jesus to serve as our great High Priest.
Read Hebrews 2:17, 18 and 4:14-16. Because He was tempted, He can help us to overcome temptation; because He experienced the frailties and limitations of the human condition, He can sympathise with our weaknesses.
- ▶ He became a man to provide us with an example of righteousness and obedience, particularly in His attitude towards unjust suffering.
Read 1 Peter 2:21-25; Hebrews 5:7-10.
- ▶ He came as a man to save mankind.
Read Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10. Specifically, this mission was accomplished through His sacrificial death on the cross. **Read** Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45 and Hebrews 2:9, 10. Jesus could not die for us as God—it is impossible for divinity to die—so He took mortal human nature upon Himself so that He could die for the sins of the world and provide us with the offer of salvation and the hope of eternal life.
- ▶ Jesus became human so that He would defeat the devil's rebellion.
Read Hebrews 2:14, 15. Satan tried everything to make Jesus fail but he was completely and consistently defeated. His total defeat was confirmed by the shout of victory on the cross: "It is finished!" (John 19:30).

The Incarnation has great theological and practical significance. Those who deny the human nature of Christ are of the spirit of Antichrist (1 John 4:2,3 and 2 John 7). The humanity of Jesus is also a powerful demonstration that God cares about us, so much so that He gave His Son to die for us and become sin on our behalf (2 Corinthians 5:21).

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



WHY I BECAME AN ADVENTIST

I am Ratu Kinijoji Moala Tui Maro, paramount chief for the southern half of Naviti Island, Fiji. I was brought up in a Methodist family and was very committed.

In June this year, Pastor Watekini Naruma, a Seventh-day Adventist district director, asked my permission to run some meetings on Naviti. I was impressed by his respectful attitude, gave my blessing and accepted his invitation to attend the meetings myself.

I was surprised by what I heard—Pastor Naruma showed us many new things in the Bible. When I looked in the Bible for myself, I found that what he was saying was right. The teaching of the seventh-day Sabbath particularly convicted me.

There was an ocean baptism at the end of the series of meetings. I watched as a number of people were baptised and the service concluded. People began to leave the beach and I approached Pastor Naruma and asked, "Why not me?" Everyone was surprised but they turned around and returned to the beach where I was baptised as well.

At first my wife was angry that I had left the Methodist Church. One day she came at me with a stick. But somehow she could not hit me—it seemed that the power of God froze her body.

Now, I get up at 3am every day to read my Bible and I'm putting Adventist health principles into practice. My wife is noticing the positive changes in me and is calming down. I also continue to have the respect of my people. It's difficult for them, as the Methodist church building has a seat reserved especially for the paramount chief. So far I have not returned to the church to take my place there.

Instead, I worship with the two families who gather every Sabbath in a house. I have a dream to see an Adventist church built on the island. I have land available and would be interested to explore the possibility of a fly'n'build project.

As paramount chief I could try to use my authority to influence others to become Adventists. But I've decided it is better to lead by example. So far only one has done so—Isala Dabuaeilagi, my head warrior and bodyguard according to Fijian custom.

My life has turned upside down. But I'm healthier, happier and closer to God.
—as told to Josaia Seru and Kent Kingston.



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The spiritual void of parenthood

by Philippa Matheson

FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER I WANTED TO get married and have children. I am so thankful that God has blessed me and fulfilled my desire and given me a loving and supportive husband and two beautiful children. The downside is that since having children, my spiritual life has suffered. Before having children, particularly during my years at university, I attended small groups, was involved in an Adventist students' association, went to youth meetings at Big Camp, and had stimulating and vibrant Sabbath School lesson discussions. This period of my life was awesome and a continual spiritual high. I expected that when I had a baby, nothing would change, but my life changed drastically.

I had a concept that my baby would fit in around my pre-existing schedule but my baby didn't. Having a baby tied me down and meant I couldn't go out in the evening. Even if I wasn't breastfeeding my baby and could leave him with someone else for a few hours to go to a small group, I was too exhausted from broken sleep to want to go out. I needed to sleep when the baby slept. As my baby became a toddler and another baby came along, I still couldn't go out in the evening because I didn't want to disrupt the routine I was working so hard to maintain. I thought my children would fit in with my life, but my children didn't get the memo.

My children are now two and three-and-a-half so my husband and I have been involved in Beginners Sabbath School on a weekly basis for nearly four years now. It has been wonderful to teach my children Sabbath School songs I remember from my childhood and watch as they learn the actions. It is delightful to hear their little voices say their memory verses and pray to Jesus. It is incredible to see my children's excitement at reading Bible stories about Noah, Daniel and Joseph over and over. As amazing as it is to

witness my children growing spiritually, I feel like I am spiritually stunted. I long to have spiritual stimulation as well, and these seemingly simple Bible stories raise so many questions. Why did Noah—the holiest man on earth at the time who followed God's directions to build the ark despite all the ridicule—then become a drunk? Why did the men who had accused Daniel get thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children? Why was it acceptable for Jacob, a follower of God, to overtly favour and more deeply love Joseph than his other children?

We try to stay for church most weeks but are usually unsuccessful. Even if we make it all the way through, it is hard to concentrate on the message because most of my attention is going towards ensuring that my children are not disturbing anyone else. I didn't think it would be like this. I just assumed my children would sit still and quietly through church. It is slowly getting easier and my three-and-a-half year old is reasonably good, but it is embarrassing having people turn around and stare when my children make a bit of noise.

At home we have worship with the children daily. My husband and I also read the Bible and pray together after the children are asleep. But I still feel there is something absent and I miss having interesting and invigorating group discussions. We have moved around over the past few years and have recently been going to a Beginners Sabbath School where others have shared that they are having similar struggles and seeking spiritual nourishment. It has been such a relief to discover that I am not the only one stuck in the spiritual void of parenthood. And together we are planning to do something about it. R

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OPINION*

Kent Kingston

Members only

My grandfather, Pastor Hector Kingston, would travel to a town, erect a giant canvas tent and preach on the theme, "Dead Men Do Tell Tales". It was archaeology; it was prophecy; it was evangelism of the sort that brought thousands into the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the post-war years.

Recently, I travelled to a campground with giant canvas tents, each featuring inspiring preaching and great music. It's a wildly successful model—organisers sometimes have to turn some away. But it's not evangelism. Because, frankly, there's no room for the general public and we don't promote our most costly and best-produced events to them.

So much of what we do as Christians is focused on building ourselves up—personal devotions to weekly worship to General Conference sessions. Evangelism is so often relegated to a grudging Sabbath afternoon of letter-boxing or a prophecy seminar once every three years.

Or is it? When I look carefully, I see that evangelism is being integrated into some aspects of church life that have previously been for "members only".

For example, about half the Pathfinders at my local club are from the general community. Some of these kids and their parents now worship with us. Many Adventist schools have similar ratios of Adventist to other students and each year sees scores of baptisms. And, to be fair, I know church members who regularly invite spiritual seekers to attend camp meetings with them.

So how can we build on this trend to integrate a mission orientation into more aspects of church life? Could we invite local needy families to our shared lunches? Could we advertise our Saturday night socials? Our youth groups are involved in so many fun activities—how can these build friendships with unchurched young people? And is it unrealistic to suggest that our biggest events—camp meetings, regionals, camporees—could include an evangelistic component with reserved seating for the general public?

Maybe we should institute a policy that any Adventist who brings an unchurched friend to a StormCo, Grey Nomads camp, or a Reformation tour, gets a 50 per cent discount. Would putting our money where our mouths are help shift our perspective?

I believe it's going to take a change in how we organise and promote our activities, as well a cultural change in how we view "outsiders", before we can say we're genuinely mission-oriented.

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

Kent Kingston is assistant editor of RECORD.

OPINION POLL:

How does your church balance its mission with the nurture of its members?

- Strong mission, weak nurture
- Weak mission, strong nurture
- Strong in both
- Not doing either well

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Stacked against us

We're set up to fail. At least that's what a recent paper on weight loss appears to be telling us when it comes to diets and weight loss.

A newly published study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* followed 50 overweight or obese adults enrolled in a 10 week weight loss program involving a very low energy diet, using low calorie meal replacements. The aim of the study was to help participants lose weight over a 10 week period and then see if this had an effect on appetite related hormones and whether weight loss was maintainable over a year.

Participants' levels of appetite regulating hormones were measured at the start of the study, at the end of the 10 week weight loss program and again one year later. Results found that after the initial weight loss, levels of these hormones had indeed changed, however, in a way that could be expected to increase appetite and that these changes still remained at the end of one year. Patients lost an average of 13kg over the 10 week weight loss program, but they regained an average of 5kg after a year.

So what does this mean? With only 50 participants this was a relatively small study, nonetheless, the manner in which weight was lost, with meal replacements, should not be considered as a first choice for the average person. The idea that our bodies defend against weight loss is not a new one and makes a lot of sense. Over the last 50 or so years a large portion of the world's population begun to find itself, not just with enough food, but with more than it needs.

Before this abundance of calories, days were generally filled with hard, physical work or at least with a good amount of incidental movement, and food was homecooked and more wholesome than today.

The problem is that we don't find ourselves in this kind of environment anymore. Quite the opposite, we're less physically active and food is plentiful, easy to prepare and often calorie-dense. If we don't deal with this change are we always destined to fail and if dieting isn't the answer, what is?

The good news is the answer we're not destined to fail. While an increase in appetite after weight loss might seem like our body conspiring against us, we can tip the scales back in our favour by filling our meals with low energy, nutrient dense plant foods. These can help fill up our stomachs, but not our fat cells. This is just one example of how we may not have the power to change how our body deals with its environment, but we do have the power to change our environment.

Changing your environment can be simple. For instance, purging your pantry of unhealthy foods so you're not surrounded by poor choices at home, parking your car further away from work or the shops so it becomes a necessity to walk more each day or leaving other labour saving devices switched off.

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RECIPE

Borlotti bean and rocket salad



- 200g punnet of grape tomatoes
- Olive oil spray
- 70g baby rocket
- 1 tablespoon light olive oil
- 220g tub of cherry bocconcini cheese, drained, rinsed and sliced
- 3 cloves garlic
- 400g can borlotti beans, drained and rinsed
- ¼ cup fresh basil leaves, torn
- ½ tablespoon balsamic vinegar

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Place the grape tomatoes and garlic on an oven tray and lightly spray with olive oil spray. Bake for 30 minutes or until the tomatoes are soft and shrivelled.
2. In a large salad bowl combine the borlotti beans, bocconcini cheese, rocket and basil.
3. Once cooled slightly, add the roast tomatoes and any juices.
4. Drizzle with combined olive oil, vinegar and mashed roasted garlic. Toss the salad to combine and serve immediately.

Preparation time: 10 minutes. Cook time: 30 minutes.

PER SERVE: 1080 Kilojoules (255 calories); Protein 16g; Fat 13g; Saturated Fat 6g; Carbohydrate 17g; Total Sugars 2g; Sodium 165mg; Potassium 430mg; Calcium 261mg; Iron 2.5mg; Fibre 3.6g.



A church plant success

By Roger Walter

ON SUNDAY EVENING SHANE'S SMALL GROUP laid hands on him and pleaded with God to give him a different job. He worked as a sales representative for Pepsi, but delivering those cases of soft drink was killing his already-bad shoulders. He was their top salesperson but Shane just couldn't continue—and yet he didn't know what else to do. For Shane, the love and support of his small group that evening was a gift.

The next day when Shane arrived at work, his boss called him into the office and fired him. Although a bit confused as to why the company would fire a long-time, model employee, he walked out with a smile on his face, thinking, I

wonder what God is up to? Getting Shane to that place of comfort in the midst of the storm was quite a journey.

First Fruits

In July 1998, my family and I moved to Colorado to plant a church. My goal was to create a church that would reach a new generation of people. Could we create a church that would speak to them? Could we do something that would be sustainable, creative and relevant to the people in my generation who were unchurched?

God blessed our efforts, and we grew from zero to more than 240 in weekly attendance, on two campuses, with an average age of 32. When I left in February 2009, after

nearly 11 years of ministry at The Adventure in Colorado, 65 per cent of the church were having regular daily devotions. About 50 per cent of the church were involved in a small group for discipleship. Many were new Adventists.

One Basic Philosophy

The questions always come up: What worked and why? I believe it comes down to one basic philosophy that's articulated well in this brief exchange.

When my associate first came to work with us, he said to me, "Rog, I always heard The Adventure was so cutting-edge. I heard your music was cutting-edge, your sermons were, etc. But you aren't that cutting-edge. What's up?"

My response was simple: "My goal in starting this church wasn't to be cutting-edge. My goal was to be effective."

So with that effectiveness mindset in place, allow me to share some of what we learned along the way and some of what we did right that made us effective. This isn't just about church planting—it's about creating a working, outreach mentality for any church in any setting.

Funding Outreach

The first thing we did right was that we dedicated between 35 and 40 per cent of our monthly income toward outreach and evangelism. This allowed us to continue to do all kinds of things in the area of reaching people with the message we hold true and dear.

Our highest value was this: "Lost people matter to God; therefore, they matter to us." I never once stood in front of my congregation and asked for money. I never said, "We'd really like to do evangelism, if only we could get the money. Will you please give?" We simply made sure the money was there.

Effectiveness, not Innovation

This idea grew slowly. Within just a few months we grew to more than 100. But then, for nearly three years, we got stuck at approximately 100 people in attendance.

We were facing a turning point—grow, or become part of a district of churches. I gave an impassioned speech one evening to my leadership team, saying, "We have \$60,000 in the bank. We've spent money on equipment (sound, video, etc.); we've done a lot of creative things. But we're not growing. Let's stop spending money on ourselves, and let's spend what we have on reaching people for the kingdom."

They agreed and we brought in an evangelist to do a traditional series. God surprised us on opening night with almost 800 in attendance! In the end we spent every cent we had in the bank, and afterward we still had \$90,000. Go figure. We baptised 50 people, half of whom went to a neighbouring church that was helping us, but our attendance went up by 70. Go figure. God's maths didn't make sense to us, but we enjoyed it anyway.

During the next few years we conducted one to three evangelistic seminars per year, and we baptised 25 to 40 per series and followed up each seminar with classes or small groups to back up the teaching.

During the last three or four years I was there, we spent about \$40,000 to \$60,000 per evangelistic series, and we were spending about \$100,000 per year. We were able to do this because we had done our budget correctly.

As we crunched the numbers, we discovered that even though we spent that kind of money, it was the most cost-effective

thing we did to reach people. We simply put our money where our mouth was to do not what we "liked", but what worked.

Focusing on Mission

Some churches focus on mission for a while but eventually begin to drift toward maintenance mode. We stayed focused on our mission, which was both evangelism and discipleship.

I preached about the mission regularly; the board and leadership teams talked about the mission as the reason for our existence. No-one seemed to want to go into maintenance mode. Everyone wanted to keep us growing and learning, but also making sure everything was going well. Our budget mantra was: "Money follows vision!" And it did.

Grace—Front and Centre

Grace. My personal paraphrase of Titus 2:11-14 is this: "Grace saves us and grace changes us".

We never had a fight on the church board, a disagreement about the carpet, the music or the direction of the church. We never met someone at the door of the church and told them to go home to change their clothes.

One of our core values was to love everyone and encourage them along their walk. Our example was the woman caught in adultery. Jesus sent the accusers home, then told her that He didn't condemn her but to go home and stop doing the things that got her there.

That attitude of grace permeated everything we did as we dealt with people. But it never got boiled down to cheap grace, in which people are given a licence to do whatever they want. So many churches teach about change but no grace. Others teach grace but no change. We believed—and taught—that Adventism had the complete picture.

Running the Show

Today's church growth literature tells us that each pastor should "pastor" only about 150 people. The second and subsequent pastors need to be added before the growth will happen.

We had the opportunity to put this to a test when the

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Sabbath in Samoa

From time to time we all face circumstances which send us to our knees for special prayer. Of course, we should be praying constantly. But there are times when we need special guidance from the Lord.

Right now our church members in Samoa need our very special prayers and support. The government of Samoa has decided that it is going to arbitrarily alter the dateline so that Samoa will be positioned in alignment with the time zone of those countries west of the dateline rather than those countries east of the dateline. This change will occur at the end of this year.

The impact of this change, which is so very significant for our Church, is that it will change what has been the seventh day of the week into the first day of the week. The period of time which has been called Saturday will become Sunday!

As you can immediately understand, this has huge implications for us as Seventh-day Adventists and for our Church in Samoa. We believe that the Sabbath is sacred. The time of the Sabbath is sanctified by God. Not just any day will do. The beginning and end of the Sabbath are determined by the setting of the sun in God's order, not man's. Man may call a day by any name but the Sabbath is sacred unto the Lord.

Please pray for our people and the leaders of our Church in Samoa.

Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division.

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Mid-America Union provided funding for a half salary over a span of five years. We provided the other half salary out of our local funds. About the same time we received funding for the second pastoral position, a church member significantly helped us financially. With that money we hired a local person as our third pastor, who is now also in full-time ministry.

This provided us with the flexibility not only to pastor the people we had but to grow the church with more ministry, more opportunities to serve, and more staff to help people get involved in ministry as needed.

Within a year after hiring the extra staff, we grew by an amazing 60 per cent. We saw three key things above the norm that helped us grow like this. First, was our commitment to evangelism. Second, was our commitment to staffing for growth. Finally, in the same year, we launched our second campus.

Different Locations

We figured that we had people driving 45 minutes to church—and we needed a second service—so rather than create a 9 am service, we started a service on Saturday evenings. For the next four years we drove to church in the morning, then again in the evening 20 to 30 minutes away. We had the same structure, the same finances, the same leaders, the same music, the same mission and vision but two rented buildings at less cost than it would have been to have a single facility of our own.

This second campus, meeting in the evenings, grew to a high in attendance of about 90 to 100. Because so many non-Adventist churches have Saturday evening services, that time slot had one less cultural barrier for new people to cross. That single service was 70 to 75 per cent non-Adventist, until that balance shifted after another of our evangelistic series.

Looking for New Ways

We can read all the church growth literature we want but until we understand that Adventism grows differently, we will continue to see churches that baptise few people every year and unchanging attendance. Our theology and our practice demand that we research new models of ministry. We can use what others have tried, but we will always need to adapt that to meet the needs and growth of our own congregations within the context of Adventism.

What Next?

After Shane was fired, I went to visit him. I told him that I hoped he wouldn't leave the area because he was so valuable to me, to the church and to God. I said I felt that God might've been opening the doors for him to enter ministry. Shane was agreeable, and we talked about what that would mean to go to school and what it would do to his family.

About three days later Shane called and said, "Could I go with you to work today?" We spent the day visiting people, giving Bible studies, praying together and talking about the vision to reach people for God's kingdom. At the end of the day, when we pulled up to his car, we both spoke at the same time: "Why don't you hire me, Rog?" "Why don't you come to work for me, Shane?"

The next Sabbath a church member, impressed with our evangelistic vision, asked me, "Pastor, would it be OK if I paid the rent for the next two years?"

By his paying our rent, we took our current allocation and hired Shane. Three years later Shane went to work for the Upper Columbia Conference. He now pastors there—building another church with an evangelistic mindset.

Our focus should be on finding what we do well and getting better at it. I used to think that if you created a contemporary worship model, people would flock to church. It didn't happen. Let's keep innovating, let's keep experimenting, but let's also focus on what is effective and do that! And let's do the work of the kingdom!

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Kids Space

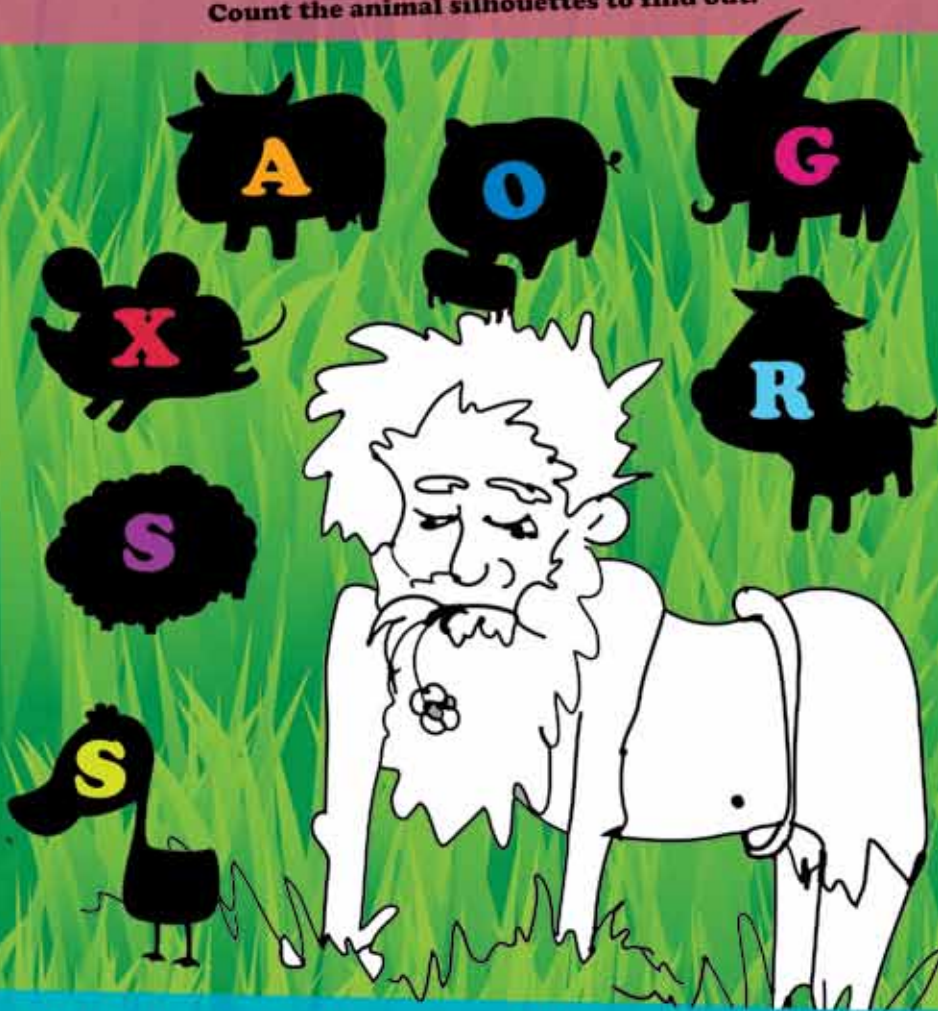


HI KIDS!

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, so he sent for Daniel to tell him what the dream meant. God told Daniel what the dream meant and it wasn't nice.

Daniel told the king that because he was proud and didn't acknowledge God as Lord, he would be sent to the fields to live as an animal! Read the rest of the story in Daniel 4:33-37.

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Kingdom growth
lazy?
by Terry Johnson

ALAN HIRSCH IN HIS BOOK *THE FORGOTTEN Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church*, cites the astounding statistic that in Australia 95 per cent of all churches are doing evangelism in such a way that it appeals to only 12 per cent of the Australian population! Twelve per cent is over 2.5 million Australians—so it's not insignificant but means that 88 per cent of Australians are not interested in the way that we do evangelism or church! It begs the question: how does this vast percentage of people access the Gospel if they reject what 95 per cent of us offer? Hirsch suggests that to meet them and share the Gospel, you have to ask two missional questions for the context that you live and work in.

Question 1: What is good news for these people groups?

Question 2: What would the church look and feel like among these people groups?

The answers would change depending on the area you were ministering to. But at the very least the questions need to be asked so that mission and evangelism are focused effectively.

Another question arises: should we measure the effectiveness of our evangelistic mission and its impact? The answer is "yes" as Scripture is clear that the judgment is not only about our relationship with God, but also about how we effectively share the good news with others (see Revelation chapters 1-3).

How do we fare as Adventists when our evangelistic effectiveness is put under the microscope? Are we doing well in our churches?

The apostle John in John 13:34-35 tells us that Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Loving relationships are the key to mission and evangelism and our own denominational statistics bear that out. Seventy-two per cent of all people who become Seventh-day Adventist Christians do so because of friends who share with them relationally.

Relationship building is personal, takes time, often gets messy and emotional, and the results can take years to see. Psychologically we may prefer events because we

want results NOW. It's part of our Adventist psyche and ethos. But just because it is, does not mean that it's the only way or most effective method in our Australian context.

In my 20 years of pastoral ministry I've seen over and over again that people, when presented with the Gospel, judgment and particular Adventist beliefs, are divided into two camps in public evangelism—those who accept and those who reject—and we're often satisfied with that outcome. Furthermore, unfortunately in my personal experience, more than 70 per cent of those who do accept end up leaving the Church because, tragically, they did not have good relationships with church members before or after hearing the Gospel message. That would indicate that our method is not as effective as it could be.

Clearly we need to improve our personal involvement. This is not an indictment of public evangelism but an indictment of you and I as we've chosen not to participate in meaningful ways to build personal relationships that can then be reaped at an evangelistic campaign.

What's the solution? An inspired Ellen White made it simple in *Ministry of Healing*, p 143: "Christ's method ALONE will give true success in reaching (evangelism) the people. The Saviour mingled (relationships) with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy (relationships) for them, ministered to their needs (relationships) and won their confidence (only done through time). Then He bade them follow Me!" Jesus does not call them before He ministers to them. He calls them after He's become their Friend.

Yes it's messy, emotional and often difficult, but the reward is someone who has connected to Jesus and the distinctive beliefs of our Adventist faith because YOU put the time into being their friend. Our mission would be laser-beam focused, effective and, consequently, our love for each other would attract.

As Scripture says in John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw ALL men to me!" That's a journey that I implore you to adopt and try out. You'll NEVER be bored if you do.

Pastor Terry Johnson is Youth Ministries director for the Western Australian Conference.

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R RECORD REWIND

April 16: This photo received many responses. The man on the left is Pastor Laurie C Naden, who was once the speaker for *Voice of Prophecy*, and later president of the South Pacific Division. Most respondents agree the person in the centre is HMS Richards. It is suggested the man on the right is Pastor WG Turner. Another suggestion was Pastor Clifford. The photo was taken some time in the late 1940s or '50s. The man at the back is AG Stewart.



June 18: "I believe that it is the old SDA church in Dunedin, South New Zealand. I attended it as a new Adventist attending the University of Otago (1966-1969). Towards the end of that period it was sold to a charismatic group and the congregation moved into a church property they purchased in the Octagon in the city." Received from Paul Cavanagh.

July 2: Original Prospect church about 1900 with members of the Sperring and Pond families and others. By September 1894 the church building had been completed at Seven Hills. It was known thereafter as the Prospect church and was dedicated on Sunday, September 16, with Dr Kellogg preaching in the morning and Mrs White preaching the dedicatory sermon later in the afternoon.



MYSTERY HISTORY



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ANNIVERSARIES



Stayt. Edith and Eric celebrated 60 years of marriage on

14.4.11. They were blessed with a quiet family gathering, then a surprise celebration with friends, hosted by good friend Bev Land. They married in Mackay where Ron, Neil, Margaret and Lee-Anne were born, and twins, Annette and Elizabeth, were adopted. They have 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with one on the way. Eric was a farmer. They were introduced to the Adventist church in 1953 by Pastor Clause (snr). They moved to Bundaberg in 1972, where Eric owned a sugar cane farm, and then moved to Murwillumbah in 1986, where they currently live. Edith and Eric are members of Bray Park church, and are grateful and blessed with the love and support of their family and friends.

WEDDINGS

Holman- Granciuc. James Fred-eric Russell Holman, son of Alan and Ngaire Holman (Launching Place, Vic), and Cristina Granciuc, daughter of Vitalie and Galina Granciuc (Moldova), were married 11.10.11 at Cement Creek near Warburton, Vic. They met at a NATO Summit in Budapest. The bride's parents joined in the ceremony by the use of "Skype".

Terence Goltz

Jamieson-Koziol. Michael Jamieson, son of David Boehm and Julie Jamieson, and Jasmin Koziol, daughter of Shane and Helen Koziol (all of SA), were married 16.10.11 at College Park church.

Andrew Kingston



Joseph-Munson. Mark Robert Joseph, son of Robert and

Florence Joseph (Sydney, NSW), and Kate Samantha Munson, daughter of Peter and Pamela Munson (Brisbane, Qld), were married 2.10.11 at Wahroonga church, NSW. Both Mark and Kate plan to live in Brisbane, where Mark is an accountant and Kate, a registered nurse.

Frank Tassone



MacKenzie-Parker. Craig MacKenzie, son of Brian and

Diana MacKenzie, and Renee Parker, daughter of Jeff and Robyn Parker, were married 9.10.11 at Kings Park, Perth, WA.

Jeff Parker



Moaga-Heise. Raymond Jason Moaga, son of lese and Saeni

(Jane) Moaga (Logan, Qld), and Chantal Maree Heise, daughter of Lyell and Gaylene Heise (Bonnells Bay, NSW), were married 15.9.11 in a stunning outdoor setting in Matthews Valley, Cooranbong. Chani and Ray met while studying at Avondale, and will be living in Cooranbong while Ray completes his secondary education degree.

Ray Roennfeldt

OBITUARIES

Bailey, Neil Summerson, born 15.6.1931 in Merbein, Victoria; died 7.9.11, aged 80, in Mildura. He was predeceased by his wife, Eunice, and son, Warrick, and siblings, Lauretta, Raymond and Lynton. He is survived by his daughter, Sandra; daughter-in-law, Shaji; grandchildren, Natasha, Bianca and Joryden; and brother, Harold. Neil is sadly missed by his family, and his Dareton church family; and is now sleeping peacefully until the resurrection morning.

Luis Bermudez, David Butcher

Belson, William Frank (Bill), born 5.11.1932 in England; died 1.10.11 in Kalamunda Hospital, Western Australia, from cancer. On 6.8.1955, he married Sheila Ellen O'Connell. He is survived by his wife; their children, Steve, Sharon Thomas (all of Perth, WA) and Bill (Geraldton); eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. A car accident left Bill in a wheelchair at the age of 46. He was a heavy smoker but gained the victory and became a keen Bible student. He was the leading lay preacher in the West, driving himself to city churches and huge distances across the country. He was truly an inspired man of God and sleeps awaiting the second coming of Jesus.

Cyrus Adams, Steve Richardson

Bernothe, Doris (Dot), born 15.4.1923 in Abbotsford, Sydney, NSW; died 24.9.11 in Warrigal Care, Bundanoon. In 1948, she married Cecil Alan Bernothe, who predeceased her. Throughout her life Doris maintained a strong faith, and was an example of gentle Christianity to all who knew her. For a number of years she worshipped at Hoxton Park church, where she held office in Sabbath School, and other duties, and in her later years, at the Bowral church in NSW. Doris is survived by her daughter, Rose-mae Pikkat and husband Arvo, daughter, Brenda, and son, Malcolm and wife Kate; her grandchildren, Ashley, Simon and Christi-Rose Pikkat, Benita, Emily and Tristan Bernothe; and great-grandchildren, Bella-Star, Ellie and Jet. She passed away peacefully while Pastor Hilton was praying for her.

Athal Tolhurst, Alwin Hilton, Rangi Eiao

Crowley, Francis (Frank) Rex, born 9.6.1947 in Broken Hill, NSW; died 9.8.11 in Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA. On 3.3.1971, he married Loene Flomersfeld. Eight years later they adopted six-week-old Hayden. He is survived by his wife, Loene; son, Hayden (both of Broken Hill, NSW); and sister, Lesley (Mt Gambier). Frank was a loving husband and model father. His love for his Lord was expressed in practical and supportive ways in both the church and community. Frank was a man who left memorable and profound footprints in the life of all who associated with him. Saying goodbye has been most difficult, especially for his family. He died with assurance that at the

second coming, he would be called by the Saviour he loved, to a life lived beyond imagination, forever.

Norm Hardy

Hull, Joan Alison (nee Earl), born 21.12.1926 in Mount Gambier, SA; died 9.6.11 in Port Lincoln. She is survived by Gloria Duurland (Port Lincoln), Aileen Wohling (Port Pirie), Doris Baillie (Port Lincoln), Maxine Phillis (Adelaide), Melva Adams (Port Lincoln), Rhonda Schnutze (Campbelltown, NSW), Alan (Alice Springs, NT), Brian (Adelaide, SA), Thomas (Cummins) and Mervyn (Mount Gambier). Joan was baptised in 1966 and joined the Port Lincoln church where she served in many positions. She never failed to send church bulletins and the RECORD to those who were unable to attend church that week. Every day she prayed for each member of her family: evidence of her love for the Lord and her children; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Jim Zyderveld

Lister, Roslyn Fay, born 8.8.1959 in Rockhampton, Qld; died 5.6.11 in Christchurch, NZ. She is survived by her husband, Paul; and sons, Patrick and Dominic; parents, Cyril and Grace Richter; brother, Gary and wife Irina; sister, Leanne and husband Barton; and nieces and nephews, Catherine, Gregory, Nathaniel, Joshua and Sabena. Roslyn was positive right up to the end of her two-year fight with cancer. Her birth mother, Ruth (nee Ripplingale), also died of cancer when Roslyn was three. The Lister, Richter, Ripplingale and Smith families were joined by friends from the

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Christchurch Scrabble Club in a farewell service in Christchurch.

Mackley, Erna Mavis (nee Southwell), born 12.9.1910 in Burwood, NSW; died 28.8.11 in Cooranbong, two weeks short of her 101st birthday. She was predeceased by her husband, William, in 1972. Mavis had a strong Christian faith, a great sense of humour and was a dependable and capable member of the Kanwal church for many years. She was much loved by her nephews and nieces who celebrated her 100th birthday with her. We all look forward to the great resurrection morning.

Raymond Dabson, Bruce Edgell

Nelson, Francis Albert, born 14.9.1940 in Carlton, Vic; died on 27.9.11 at home in Donvale. In January 1964, Frank married Wilma Dunn at Mont Albert church. He is survived by his wife; his three sons, Shaun, Cameron and Shannon; and three grandchildren. He was named after Frank Sinatra. Frank grew up on a small farm and at age 15, he began a signwriting apprenticeship where he won apprentice of

the year twice. He painted in oil colours, worked in graphic design, interior decorating, building construction, flower arranging, even coordinating wedding and birthday celebrations. However, his great creative love was building and exhibiting the Christmas story, with thousands filing through his home over the years. Christmas will never let us forget Frank Nelson.

*Merv Sparrowhawk,
Tony Campbell*

Nelson, Lex George, born 24.11.1954 in Adelaide, SA; died 13.5.11 in Calvary Hospital, Adelaide. He is survived by his wife, Denise; his sons, Alex and Wade; his sisters, Margaret and Gail and their spouses Brian and David; and by nephews and their families. Amongst his many interests, Lex had a deep passion for worship and youth ministry and served on various committees at local church and conference levels. His faith and courage in the face of an aggressive illness was an inspiration to those who knew him, and the large attendance at the memorial service bore testimony to the esteem in which

he was held. He will be greatly missed by family and friends, but Lex sleeps now in the blessed hope of hearing the call of Jesus to life on the resurrection day.

David McKibben

Norris, Norma Annie Violet, born 17.7.1917 in Warburton, Vic; died 9.10.11, and was buried in the Wesburn cemetery. She is survived by her younger brother Glen (Darwin, NT). In 1942, she began work in the editorial department of the Signs Publishing Company where she was a proofreader, editor and author. (She authored two books). She was editor of the magazine called *The Little Friend*, where she influenced the lives of thousands of boys and girls. She was also responsible for the "Home" and "Children's Pages" of the *Good health* magazine and continued to serve in the editorial department for 35 years. She served in various departments of the local church and was a sought out storyteller for the various children's Sabbath Schools. She loved the Word of God and always looked forward to the resurrection morning when Jesus will take us home.

Terence Goltz

Parker, Elsie May (nee Bates), born 10.9.1910; died 5.7.11 in Kings Langley Nursing Home, NSW. May is survived by Thelma and Bob Wood (Warwick, Qld), Vera and Bill Sleight (Kings Langley), Shirley and Bruce Woolfe, Kevin Bates (all of Adelaide, SA), Margaret and Jock Sherratt (Kempsey, NSW) and Enid and Peter Grabia (Adelaide, SA). In 1942, May and her family arrived in Port Lincoln, expecting to attend Sabbath services. However, May knew nobody in Lincoln and was unable to find anybody meeting in the town on Sabbath morning even though she walked around for weeks each Sabbath listening for hymn singing! Finally, May called up the conference office and was supplied with names of Advent-

ists living in the area. She then gathered the willing few into a regular Sabbath School meeting and lead out until the conference sent a minister some years later. May was committed to her Saviour and the Church and will be greatly missed by all.

Chris Manthey

Peatey, Doris Amanda, born 31.7.1919; died 26.9.11 in Caloundra, Qld. She married Lewis Peatey in Rockhampton. She is survived by her seven children, Moira Heath, Ray, Graham, Wayne, Glenda Dempster, Roslyn Crump and Val Dunleavy, and their spouses; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Doris was a wonderful woman, a great wife, mother and grandmother, who always had a song to share. She was full of laughter and love for all. Her Saviour she loved the most, and it showed in her life. She will be greatly missed.

Neil Peatey, John Rabbas

Plumb, Keith Charleton, born 3.12.1912 in Longreach, Qld; died 28.9.11 in Logan Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Caroline; their children, Desley and David; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Earlier this year, Keith and Caroline celebrated their 70 years of marriage. Keith was a true gentleman. His quiet, kind nature was appreciated everywhere they lived. His wonderful garden was his delight with shrubs, flowers and vegies, particularly in the later years of his life. Keith was greatly loved and will be sadly missed.

Ken Martin

Sowden, Terence John, born 28.1.1920 near Fremantle, WA; died 23.9.11 in Freeman Nursing Home, Rossmoyne. In February 1947, he married Laurice Speck in the old Perth church. He was predeceased by his daughter, Cherie. He is survived by his children, Gaye Ackland (Busselton), Gilbert (Bunbury), Delrine

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(Perth), Heather Nuttall (Nowra, NSW) and Andrea (Perth, WA). Terry was a teacher/ builder in the Fiji Mission for seven years, an engineer at the Sanitarium in Carmel for 12 years, campground manager in Perth for 12 years, and helped lead Pathfinders. He loved his family, church and God, and is now waiting for Jesus' call.

Keith Godfrey



Swannell, Richard John, born 16.12.1958 in Fremantle, WA; died 8.9.11, after a

short illness, in Murdoch. He was predeceased on 1.7.1987 by his mother, Claire (nee Price). He attended Carmel and Avondale colleges and on 4.4.1982 married Amanda Turner in Melbourne, Vic. He is survived by his father, Keith; wife, Amanda; three daughters, Lara, Rachael and Amy; son, Luke; and four grandchildren, Zeik, Jet, Sienna and Caitlin. A service was held at the Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth, WA, celebrating his life.

Bruce Price, Ray Swannell

Tinworth, Rosemary Julie, born 9.7.1935 in Brisbane, Qld; died 24.9.11 in Caloundra. On 17.5.1954, she married Selwyn Tinworth in the Ipswich church. She was baptised by Pastor Potter at Ipswich. She is survived by her husband. Julie was a beautiful woman, with a beautiful voice that she used to glorify her God. She lived for God and his Church. She suffered with great dignity a long illness, never giving up on her Lord and Saviour Jesus. She had total confidence in Him and His promises.

Wes Hughes, Patricia Woods, John Rabbas

Tokely, Vera (nee Smith), born 22.6.1921 in Norwich, England; died 14.4.11 in Cardinal Knox Nursing Home, Dandenong, Vic. She is survived by her husband, Reginald (Hallam); and Stuart (Pakenham) and Dianne (Dandenong). Vera never complained and trusted in Jesus right to the end. One day when asked how long she had been a Christian, she did not answer. When asked again, she replied, "How old am I?". Vera could honestly say she had trusted in Jesus all her life. She died as she lived, being everyone's friend.

Barry Whelan, Peter Hughes

Trost, Hazel (nee Goltz), born 19.11.1932 in Gatton, Qld; died 23.6.11 in Toowoomba. She married Maurice Trost, who predeceased her. She is survived by her daughters, Jenifer Goodchild and Doneta Wilson and their families, as well as her three sons, Lex, George and Raymond and their families. Hazel was a long-time member of the Gatton church. She was committed to her Saviour, loved her family and loved reading the Bible.

Terence Goltz

Webb, Pastor Fred T, born 3.6.1916 in Epping, NSW; died 5.9.11 in Klemzig, SA. Fred joined the Adventist church as a young man and, answering the call to ministry, enrolled at Avondale College, graduating in 1939. In 1940, he married Nora Grace Sweet, who predeceased him in 2006. He has served the church in literature and pastoral ministry in NZ, Greater Sydney, Vic, SA and the former Trans Tasman Union Conference, caring for some 13 churches during this time. He is survived by his three children and their families, Perrinne Slade, Stuart Webb, Warrick and Denise Brewster-Webb; three grandchildren, Jodie Reine, Garth and Rohan; and two great-grandchildren, Luca Frederick and Adele Perrinne. Fred was a much-loved and respected pastor; he was friendly, gentle, courteous, considerate and gracious. He was also a much-loved brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was laid to rest in full confidence that at Jesus' coming Fred will be raised to live for eternity.

Andrew Kingston

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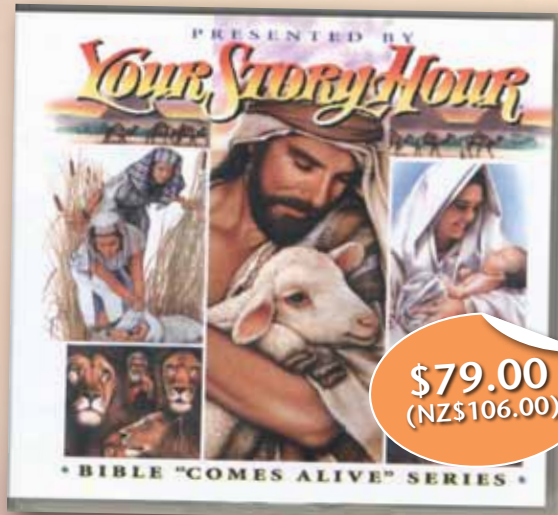
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