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CCAS sports centre opened

Erina, New South Wales

Central Coast Adventist School (CCAS) has celebrated the opening of its new \$3.2 million sports centre.

Federal Member for Robertson, Deborah O'Neill, officially opened the facility with the unveiling of a plaque.

The sports centre features two full-sized basketball courts—one is a feature court for basketball and the other is marked out for a range of sports. Further stages will be added in the coming years to include classrooms, home and visitor change rooms, bathroom facilities, presentation rooms, tiered seating and a third playing court, plus an entry foyer, a commercial kitchen and conference room.

The majority of the funding for the first stage of the centre came from a \$2.5 million grant through the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution program.

Ralph Luchow, executive director of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, NNSW Conference, said, "I would like to commend the principal, school council and school community for the wise use of their BER funding to not only provide opportunities for a quality education experience for students, but to be inclusive of the needs in their local community."

CCAS principal Dean Bennetts said, "We are truly blessed to have a facility such as this." —*Brenton Luchow*



One of the new basketball courts.

Great Controversy leads to baptism

Koro Island, Fiji

A literature evangelist is praising God after a recent baptism inspired by *The Great Controversy*.



Mr Florian and the Tui family.

Thomas Florian visited the teachers' residence at Nasau

Tuatua Primary School last year and gave each teacher a copy of *The Great Controversy*. All the families were happy to receive the book except one couple, Rafaele Tui and his wife, Ana, who seemed suspicious of the literature but laughed and thanked Mr Florian as he walked away.

The literature evangelist pleaded with the Holy Spirit to impress upon the hearts of the teachers to read

the book. He later returned and Mr Tui related his story: "I started to read *The Great Controversy* last year but lost interest, so I threw it into a box which was about to be burned. Early this year I felt uneasy from what I had read so I began to search the house trying to find it. I finally found it and hugged it with joy. I continued reading it . . . then I learned about the Sabbath."

The couple started keeping the Sabbath, travelling to the church compound every Friday afternoon and returning on Sunday morning. The church pastor began Bible studies with them. "We can all praise God as they stepped into the waters of baptism," Mr Florian said. "Rafaele and Ana, who were brought up in the Catholic Church, are rejoicing in God's truth." —*Penioni Vula*

Anna shines for her school and community

Woombye, Queensland

A Queensland teenager has achieved extraordinary success and acclaim at her school's speech night.

Anna Beaden, a student at Nambour Christian College—an independent Christian college on the Sunshine Coast—is the youngest of six children to David and Beth Beaden, who attend the Landsborough church.

Anna was recognised in the following categories: College Captain Cup—for her service as Senior Girl college captain for 2011; National Australia Bank Leadership Award—in recognition of being an exceptional student leader; and academic excellence—Anna was placed third overall in her class in academic achievement. Anna was also the highest achieving Maths B student for the year and received an academic certificate for exceptional results in her semester report card.

In other accolades, Anna was awarded the Avondale

President's Scholarship, which includes \$A8000 towards her tuition expenses; and the \$A500 New Life Assembly of God's Mission Award, which will allow her to continue her passion for serving others through mission and service.

"Congratulations Anna on a fantastic year," said head of Senior School, Brad Elliott, who is also an Adventist.

"During her captain's speech, it was obvious Anna had gained great respect from her peers, along with the Year 10 and 11 classes who are also in the Senior School. The influence she has had on her peers has been outstanding and I'm certain she will make a difference in this world." —*Brad Elliott*



Anna Beaden.



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Following God's call

James Standish

The problem with good people is that everyone seems to want them. Such is the case with our much loved and respected colleague, Pastor Pablo Lillo. Last month, Pastor Lillo gave the RECORD team the news that he has decided to follow God's leading back to local church ministry. At the conclusion of a transition period, he will assume the responsibilities of senior pastor of Castle Hill church in Sydney.

Pastor Lillo's tenure as Head of News and Editorial has seen outstanding gains. Not only did he oversee the redesign of the RECORD magazine, but also the launch of a new RECORD website and the innovative RECORD iApp (an Android App is in the works).

In addition to his work with the print and online RECORD, Pastor Lillo is integral to the production of the weekly *Record InFocus* current affairs program and has done the groundwork for a new television program that will soon begin broadcast on Hope Channel—*Record In Depth*.

We are all saddened that Pastor Lillo is leaving, as he is doing an outstanding job and, on a personal level, I will miss not only his energy and organisational skills but also his consistent Christian example.

When asked to comment on his return to pastoral ministry, Pastor Lillo was modest as always, stating, "I have been blessed beyond measure serving the church in this capacity. I've worked with an excellent team who consistently kept to deadline, and who stretched to expand the RECORD ministry into television, online and apps. The decision to accept the call to pastor Castle Hill came only after much prayer."

We are now praying to find someone God will use to fill the enormous gap Pastor Lillo's departure will create. If you believe God may be calling you to this unique ministry, please read the position notice on page 20.

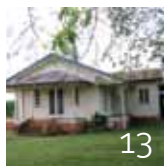
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High note for Daniel

Daniel Brinsmead, a musician, conductor and teacher from Canberra, ACT, was one of eight winners in a competition held by Abbey Road Studios, London. The competition looked for undiscovered composers worldwide and attracted 918 entries. Daniel's anthem, "Come Sleep", was recorded in London with the Eric Whitacre Singers. — *Beverley Hogg*

Tidy Town winner

Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community has won the 2011 Tidy Towns—Sustainable Communities program in the General Appearance category for the Midwest-Gascoyne region of WA. The award also recognises the community's achievements in working towards sustainability, including preserving their culture and protecting the environment and amenity of their towns. — *David Cowled*

No voice gives voice

Ben Keri is scribbling on a notepad: "Being mute has shown me the difficulties of not having a voice in society." He and other students, including Rosemarie Southern and Karli Borresen (pictured), accepted the challenge of Avondale College of Higher Education mission club COSMOS to go 40 hours without hearing, seeing or talking. It raised more than \$A500 for Asian Aid's Kollegal School for Speech and Hearing Impaired Children in India. — *Brenton Stacey*



Wahroonga welcomes Dr Ted Wilson

Hundreds attended a special evening with General Conference president, Dr Ted Wilson, held at Wahroonga church, Greater Sydney, during his recent visit to Australia. Dr Wilson's talk, entitled "God's Great Victory", stressed the need for reformation and revival. Dr Wilson is pictured with Wahroonga church's pastoral team, Alban Matohiti, Gilda Roddy and Lloyd Grolimund. — *Tracey Bridcutt*

Public speaking winner

Year 10 student Laura Pinto recently represented Central Coast Adventist School, NSW, in the Terrigal Rotary Public Speaking competition and won the heats. She spoke about the value of poetry to our everyday lives with a skilful blend of humour, creativity, expert knowledge and drama. Laura will now progress to the semi-finals. — *Narece Thapa*

Student representatives meet the president

Representing all Adventist School students within Australia, NZ and the islands of the South Pacific, Sydney Adventist College captains recently met with General Conference president, Dr Ted Wilson, and his wife, Nancy, at Wahroonga church, Greater Sydney. The captains represent 260 primary schools, 35 combined primary/high schools and 28 high schools— a total of 58,845 students in the Adventist education system within the South Pacific Division.



Hoop dreams

The second Adventist Basketball Championship featured 13 teams playing 34 games across two days. The goal was to develop community and experience Christian values. "I learned more about my walk with God through the way others were treated on and off the court," said Avondale College of Higher Education men's team member, Josh Hamilton. The championship included teams from the Gold Coast, Kempsey, Melbourne and Western Australia. — *Andrew Parker/Aaron Bellette*

French connection

French students from Years 8, 9 and 10 at Central Coast Adventist School, NSW, recently participated in a café-theatre performance, showcasing the plays they have been learning this year to family, friends and staff. — *Marilyn Grange*

Singing God's praises

Pacific Adventist University vice chancellor Ben Thomas recently participated in a branch Sabbath School at Laloki Elementary School, PNG. Children attending this facility include many marginalised by general society. PAU students and staff have been supporting this school since its inception through Operation Food for Life, by providing educational resources and starting a branch Sabbath School. The children are very responsive and enjoy nothing more than praising God through song. — *Dennis Perry*



Angry birds beaten

Since its launch the "Angry Birds" game app has been downloaded around 500 million times. But even more popular is the Holy Word. On any given day, more people will download the Bible, than will download Angry Birds! Special features include footnotes, links to commentaries, maps, charts, animations and even sermons.



Far and wide

In 2012, Adventists around the world will participate in distributing the classic spiritual book, *The Great Controversy*. But, true to form, the Church in South America has kicked off the distribution early, with 5000 Portuguese copies of the book given away in one day, in just one region of Brazil. Similar campaigns have occurred in Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay and Mexico.



Church leaders—a barrier

New research has revealed the top 10 factors blocking Australians from considering Christianity. According to McCrindle Research, the representative sample of more than 1000 people saw abuse by church leaders as the number one turn-off. Other barriers included hypocrisy, religious wars, suffering, condemnation and hell, and the church's stance on homosexuality.



I was wrong

After three failed attempts at predicting the end of the world, 90-year-old Harold Camping has admitted that only God knows when Jesus will return. After Jesus failed to return in 1994, Camping pushed the date forward to May 21, 2011—and then to October 21. He now says that God has not abandoned us, He's in charge and He'll reveal the truth in His time.



Spread the Word

More than 10 per cent of the world's living languages are spoken in one country—PNG. 375 Bible translation projects for PNG have already been completed or are underway. But more than 300 language groups remain without even a single verse of Scripture. Wycliffe Associates is ramping up its efforts in the region—raising money for a translation centre and technological resources for local translators.—*Mission Network News*



Giant merger

Two of the world's largest Christian publishers are set to be stablemates after Rupert Murdoch's NewsCorp agreed to purchase Thomas Nelson. NewsCorp already owns Zondervan, publisher of the best-selling NIV Bible. Both Thomas Nelson and Zondervan will be managed by NewsCorp subsidiary, Harper-Collins, which will become the world's largest Christian publisher.

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Large cities the focus of evangelism

Wahroonga, New South Wales

World Church president, Dr Ted Wilson, has encouraged members in the South Pacific Division (SPD) to make large cities the focus of evangelism.

Speaking to Institute of Public Evangelism (IPE) board members at Wahroonga, Australia, last month, Dr Wilson shared the vision and need of reaching people in the urban areas of the world, starting in 2013.

"You have some large cities here and have done very well in many cases at reaching the people, but not perhaps in the comprehensive way that Ellen White indicates—using every possible approach so it is sustainable on a long-term basis," Dr Wilson said.

"This is not just about public evangelism. Cities are made up of multiple small cities and you can't reach Sydney by holding a meeting in the Opera House. You can reach many people, but you can't reach Sydney."

Dr Wilson's vision includes the Ellen White-inspired "centres of influence" concept. He said he's delighted that Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing has put the idea into practice, trialling innovations such as Brisbane's Kitchen Sanitarium and Sydney's Sanctuary Sanitarium. He also mentioned the need for integrated media evangelism, small groups, and the mobilisation of all youth and church members in outreach and community service.

The IPE was set up to foster and encourage public evangelism and provides funding and support for pastors who apply to run such initiatives.

Dr Wilson heard reports of past IPE events and future projects, including an initiative in Fiji where every pastor is currently fasting and praying one day a week for a "field school of evangelism" that will launch in 2012.

SPD president, Dr Barry Oliver, sees the IPE's involvement as crucial as each of the Division's four unions concentrate their attention on one major city in 2013. He said urban evangelism was also a great opportunity to involve young people and theology graduates who will be equipped and empowered as they assist.

"I'm delighted to see such an emphasis, such a systematic approach to how we should do evangelism," Dr Wilson said. "The IPE is the nerve centre for the promotion of evangelism and we're humbly praying to the Lord to open the way so the cities of the world will become one of the greatest focal points for members and pastors." —Mark Baines



New leaders for Papua New Guinea

Wahroonga, New South Wales

In a clean sweep, three new senior administrators have been appointed for the South Pacific's largest church region—in terms of membership—the Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM).

Dr Leigh Rice was appointed president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in PNG in a vote of the South Pacific Division (SPD) executive committee, which met in Wahroonga, Australia, last month.

Dr Rice was appointed general secretary of the PNGUM in late 2010 and has been leading the PNGUM in a caretaking role since Pastor Joseph Talipuan stepped down from the presidency in May.

"Cross-cultural leadership requires a lot of listening, a lot of guidance, a lot of teasing out from the local people what's going to work best for them, rather than imposing my set of expectations or my way of doing things," said Australian-born Dr Rice, reflecting on his experiences working as a mission president in Albania (2000–2005) and with Pacific Islanders in New Zealand local churches.

Although the trend is towards home-grown leadership in PNGUM, there was

unanimous support for Dr Rice's appointment from the PNG members of the executive committee, who see strategic benefits in terms of a strong relationship with the SPD and influence with the PNG government. "He was the obvious choice," said Richard Maru, a lay member of the executive committee from PNG. "For us it's not about localising for the sake of localisation, it's not the emotions of having a Papua New Guinea citizen [as president]—it's about the best man for the job."

The year-end executive committee meetings also saw a new general secretary and chief financial officer (CFO) voted in for PNGUM. Incoming general secretary Pastor Blasius Managos has been working alongside Pastor Rice as associate secretary for the past year. From 2006 to 2010, he was the president of the New Britain and New Ireland Mission, his home region.

The new CFO is Australian-born Bob Butler, who has been overseeing the work of 126 Adventist hospitals and clinics in the East-Central Africa Division since 2008.

Pastor Kepsi Ilodo was voted in as associate general secretary. He has been a general secretary, twice president of local missions, and is a very experienced pastoral leader. —Kent Kingston



Dr Leigh Rice.



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Above and Beyond

Wahroonga, New South Wales

The almost-completed *Beyond the search* evangelistic resources were showcased recently at the studios of Adventist Media Network (AMN) in Wahroonga, Australia.

The official launch of *Beyond the search* is scheduled for early next year. The screening at the AMN studios was timed to coincide with World Church president, Dr Ted Wilson's, visit to Australia.

Dr Wilson described *Beyond* as an "extraordinary leap into the future" and a "catchy", "street-savvy approach". "It focuses on the Word of God and does it in a very attractive and attracting manner," he said.

Also present were World Church treasurer Bob Lemon and members of the South Pacific Division (SPD) executive committee.

The *Beyond* package consists of 14 half-hour feature television episodes, as well as 29 Bible study/discussion episodes, a book and Bible study series by Clifford Goldstein, and a soundtrack music CD.

AMN's award-winning director, Kyle Portbury, involved a number of film industry heavyweights in the production, including director of photography Gordon Brown, the winner of five Emmy awards for his work on IMAX films; original score composer Michael Price, who has been nominated for Emmy and BAFTA awards; and the acclaimed London Metropolitan Orchestra.

Funds for the project were provided by the General Conference. As a result all efforts have been made to ensure the sale price of the DVD series makes it attractive for evangelism.

"We're not doing this to make money," AMN CEO Neale Schofield said. "It's about saving souls."

Those present at the special screening viewed a highlights reel and episode 1, *Beyond disaster*, which focuses on the signs of Christ's return. This topic was the most popular in the 1998 *Search* series, which *Beyond: the search* is designed to supersede.

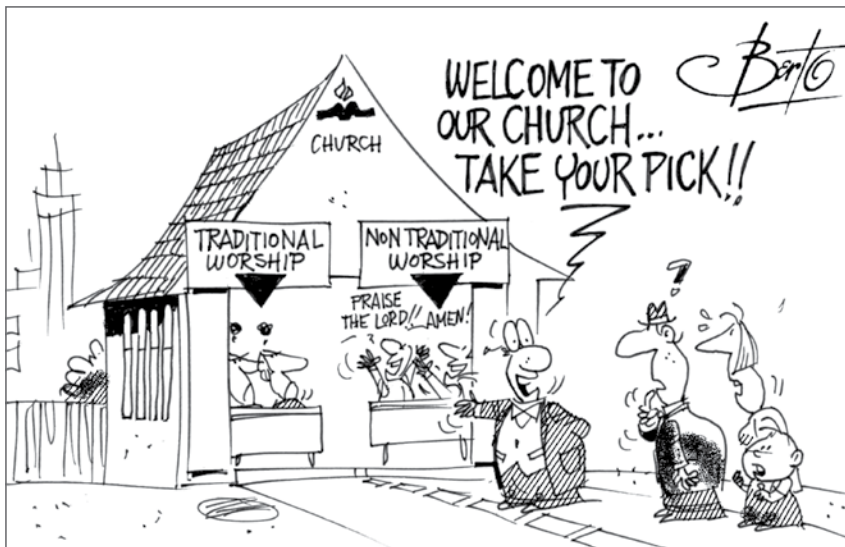
The audience response was enthusiastic. "I'm very, very excited," said New Zealand Pacific Union Conference president, Pastor Jerry Matthews. "I think this is going to be the biggest thing that's happened in Adventist media since HMS Richards launched into radio all those years ago."

"I don't remember ever seeing something as good quality as this in the Christian media," said Danijela Schubert, assistant to the SPD president. "It was clear, it was convicting and it made you think . . . I just can't wait to share it with someone."

-Kent Kingston



Neale Schofield addresses the Beyond crew.





President's call for more disciples by Pablo Lillo

More than 100 leaders from every corner of the South Pacific met for the annual meetings of the division executive committee (DEC) of the South Pacific Division (SPD) in Wahroonga, Australia, last month.

"The next three days are all about mission," said Dr Barry Oliver, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific. "Everything we do and every action we take in the DEC . . . must be directed to the end of fulfilling the mission that we have been given."

Dr Ted Wilson, president, and Pastor Robert Lemon, treasurer, for the World Church, attended the meetings. Dr Wilson reported on the General Conference's urban evangelism plans for 2013. He used the example of Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem; how He wept over the city where He was to be falsely accused, tried and crucified.

"Jesus knew what was to happen in a matter of days. He didn't become angry or resentful. He wept! He wept for the people of the city," Dr Wilson said. "As a Church, we can draw the conclusion that the people of the cities are important to God and to the fulfilment of the Gospel commission to take the good news into all the world."

The theme for the meetings was Tell the World: Reach Up, Reach Out, Reach Across. The strategic themes have been prepared in line with the vision, mission, values statement and strategic plan of the General Conference for 2010-2015.

President's report

Dr Oliver said our primary focus was to make disciples. "That is what Jesus has commissioned us to do," he said. "When we're distracted from disciple-making, we are failing to be and to do what Jesus asks of us. I call on all entities, leaders and church members to renew their commitment to Christ and His mission. If you cannot articulate how your plans and activities relate to disciple-making, or if you have never stopped to ask this question, then it is time to get to it. If there is no connection, change the plan or activity—it is far too easy to get distracted. And we do not have the time or the resources to be distracted."

Dr Oliver also shared plans for Project Hope, an initiative of the General Conference to distribute over 163 million

copies of Ellen White's *The Great Controversy* around the globe. The DEC discussed plans to expand this initiative to also include *Steps to Christ* and *The Desire of Ages*.

"Church members are encouraged to purchase multiple copies of the books of their choosing and personally share them with family, friends, work colleagues and people with whom they have developed personal interaction," he said.

It's anticipated the books will be available to order in 2012 for distribution from the middle of next year.

General secretary's report

SPD general secretary, Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, informed the DEC the accumulative figure of baptised members within SPD for 2010 is 427,476. "The SPD is growing in membership, yet the accuracy of the data could be challenged for various reasons," he said.

A significant issue is the weaknesses in the Church's reporting system from the Pacific Island nations. Obtaining accurate reports from them is still an ongoing challenge. "For example, a baptised member could be counted twice when being rebaptised, as his/her name may still be in the church record books," Pastor Tanabose said. "Many local churches haven't audited their church records for years."

To minimise these challenges, the General Conference committee has recently taken actions to restructure the church's reporting system, Pastor Tanabose said.

Chief financial officer's report

SPD chief financial officer Rodney Brady reminded the committee that the most important source of income for employing ministerial staff and operating Missions, Conferences and Unions was tithe.

To August this year, the tithe increase in the Australian Union Conference was 8 per cent and the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference 1.6 per cent. There were small declines in the Trans-Pacific Union Mission and Papua New Guinea Union Mission tithes, which could be attributed to outstanding reports and currency movements.

In 2010 there was a slight decline in SPD-wide offerings collected during the church service. Reports to August this year show an increase compared to the same time in 2010. ➤

Pablo Lillo is head of news and editorial of RECORD.



OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

The divinity of Jesus

One of the distinguishing features of Christianity is the role and claims of its Founder. The heart of the Christian faith is what we believe about Jesus: He is the essential content of each doctrine. It is vital, therefore, what we think about Jesus and His teaching regarding Himself.

What claims did Jesus make about Himself?

- ▶ Jesus asserted that He was divine, a claim that exposed Him to charges of blasphemy.
Read John 10:30-33.
- ▶ Jesus stated that He was eternal.
Read John 8:54-60.
- ▶ He declared that He had the ability to forgive sins.
Read Mark 2:5-7.
- ▶ He claimed to be the Giver and Sustainer of life, both physical and spiritual. This claim was repeated in different ways known as the 'I am' statements: the Bread of Life (John 6:35), the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25), the Living Vine (John 15:1-8) and the Water of Life (John 4:13-14).
- ▶ Jesus claimed that He would judge the world (John 5:24-30), a claim that He repeated in His trial before the Jewish religious leaders (Matthew 26:63-65).
- ▶ Jesus accepted adoration and worship, something of which only God is worthy. For an example of this, **read** John 20:28. Jesus' acceptance of worship contrasts with the reaction of the angel in John's vision as recorded in Revelation 22:8-9.

The claims of Jesus cannot be separated from His teaching. The famous Christian author, C.S. Lewis, once spelt out the issues in the following manner—either Jesus was a lunatic or a liar or who He claimed to be, the Son of God; we are not left with other choices. May we confess as Peter did, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

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



HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Aspirin

For years, aspirin was the staple treatment for pain of all kinds, and also for reducing fevers. It was sold by the ton.

However, this all changed in the 1950s when paracetamol was invented. It was just as good. Also, it did not cause the nausea, horrible sweats and increasingly frequent gastric bleeding that aspirin did.

But as the sun set on aspirin, it was suddenly discovered that it could thin the blood and reduce risks from clots, the cause of most heart attacks. Today, it is sold as an enteric coated tablet in blister packs solely for this reason.

Many people aged over 50 have tiny dark blue bruises on the backs of their hands. Most are caused by rupturing capillaries from aspirin! Fortunately it's not serious and the good effects are still occurring inside.

Today's emergency treatment for a heart attack? Give an aspirin, then call an ambulance. It's often life saving.

Health information? Go to <docwright.com.au>. Enter symptoms and click for immediate information. See your doctor for serious or persistent symptoms.

MY MINISTRY IDEA

About to sell all and venture into mission service, Kiwi graphic designer and illustrator Tania Hassounia, from Christchurch, New Zealand, now jokingly refers to herself as a "location-independent digital nomad and missionary designer".

Tania is mobilising her freelance design business, Drawer Full of Giants, to work remotely round the world while at the same time offering her services (free of charge) to ministries that need assistance with graphic design in their local community, yet haven't the budget to do so.

As a modern day tent-maker, Tania will work on any design project that is needed and, while aiding the host ministry, she will continue servicing her paying clients from the road.

"Eleven years ago I attended a mission weekend at church and I felt a profound yearning—I wanted to be an overseas missionary," she says. "I just knew."

Although her responsibilities as a single mother kept her in Christchurch, the call would not go away. "I've been preparing; I've been getting rid of stuff all these years. I've felt it would be a great opportunity to have to lean on God."

When Tania felt ready to begin sharing her plans more widely this year, confirmation of God's call was quick, with two requests being presented within days that have filled up her calendar for 2012. First stop: Thailand, where she'll be a designer for Hope4Bangkok's church planting ministry, teach an art class in the local community and assist a film crew as they record village storytellers on how their lives have been changed since meeting Christ.

The second call of 2012 will find Tania in the United States where she'll be a designer and children's book illustrator for True Step Ministries.

Currently, Tania is preparing to leave as she sells her worldly possessions to fund her travel. You can find Drawer Full of Giants on Facebook to follow Tania's mission adventures.



Food allergies and intolerances in children

with Cathy McDonald



There has been much discussion about the rise in food intolerances and allergies in New Zealand. Although the reason is not clear there are a number of theories, including the increased need for sterilisation of foods and the relating lack of exposure to germs, as well as changes to our diet and an increased awareness of what does and doesn't affect us.

With the terms intolerance and allergy often used interchangeably, what is the difference?

Allergy

Allergy is a response that involves the immune system, usually caused by a reaction to the protein in the food. This reaction occurs quickly—usually within 30 minutes of eating even a tiny amount of the offending food. Common foods which are allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, dairy, eggs, seafood, wheat and soy. Symptoms include irritations to the skin (rash, hives, swelling, eczema), gastrointestinal tract (vomiting, abdominal pain, cramping and diarrhoea) and respiratory tract (wheezing, asthma, hay fever and in extreme causes anaphylaxis).

Intolerance

In contrast, food intolerances don't involve the immune system, and are caused by a negative reaction to a particular food or an element found in that food group, for example, lactose in milk and dairy products. It can be hard to work out the offending food as the reaction is usually delayed. Like allergies, the response and sensitivity can be

varied and individualised. Responses to intolerances are generally less severe than allergies, and include skin rashes, hives, eczema, nasal congestion, sinusitis, asthma, coughing, headaches, abdominal cramps, nausea, gas, bloating, diarrhoea and constipation.

Food allergies are increasingly becoming an issue and concern for all parents, even for those whose children do not have food allergies because they still need to carefully consider what to send to school and offer at parties.

How can we care for the needs of children with food allergies or intolerances?

- ▶ Find out your child's school food allergy policy, as many exclude certain foods.
- ▶ Explain to your child about allergies and how they are potentially life threatening, even if they eat a small amount or give friends with allergies the food.
- ▶ Check food labels—the New Zealand Food Standards Code makes it compulsory to list any of the major allergens that are ingredients in the product. Many food producers will also provide information that states "may contain" to cover for any allergens which may be unintentionally in the food.
- ▶ Be mindful about what food you provide for parties, special occasions or sports events—most parents will let you know if their child has an allergy prior to the event, but it may be good practice to ask.

If you are concerned your child may have a food allergy or intolerance, it is best to seek medical advice.

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RECIPE Grilled tofu and vegetables stacks with lemon herb sauce

- 320g firm tofu, drained
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small kumara, peeled and thinly sliced crosswise
- 3 small long eggplants, halved, and sliced longways
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 red capsicum, seeded and quartered
- 2 medium courgettes, thinly sliced crossways
- 4 sprigs of basil to garnish

Lemon herb sauce:

In a food processor, combine herbs, lemon juice, garlic and oil. Puree until smooth. Set aside.

Tofu vegetable stacks:

1. Heat an oiled chargrill pan over high heat. Cut tofu into 12mm thick slices and marinate in two tablespoons of the balsamic vinegar for 15 minutes. Drain and pat dry with paper towels.
2. In a bowl, combine olive oil and remaining vinegar. Brush vegetables with oil mixture. Grill tofu and vegetables until lightly browned, 2-3 minutes each side for tofu, and 3-4 minutes for vegetables.
3. Lightly grease four 1½ cup capacity ramekins and layer each with capsicum, eggplant, tofu, herb sauce, courgette and kumara. Place baking paper across the top of the ramekins and weigh the mixture down with cans for 40 minutes or overnight in the refrigerator.

To serve: Heat the oven to 180°C and cook for 10-15 minutes or until heated through. Drain off excess liquid before inverting each ramekin onto a small plate. Swirl extra herb sauce over and around vegetables and garnish with basil, and serve with salad.

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

PER SERVE: 1575 kJ (375 cal); Protein 12g; Fat 29g; Carbohydrate 14g; Sodium 25mg; Potassium 500mg; Calcium 325mg; Iron 7.5mg; Fibre 5g.



LETTERS

ONE VERSION

Ron Coleman, email

In response to "Which Bible version do you prefer to read?" (Opinion poll, November 5), I use the NKJV.

I wish our Church would use one version as a standard pulpit version. I find it very frustrating when we're asked to open our Bibles and then I have difficulty following when the Bible being quoted is a different version to mine. I often "switch off" and lose track of the sermon.

The same thing happens in Sabbath School when various people quote from different versions.

ABJECT POVERTY

Roger Hargreaves, VIC

It's with some interest that I read "A response to global warming" (Feature, October 15), where the author suggests, among other comments, that "Global warming has potential to become . . . a test of the relevancy of Christianity", and by inference Adventism.

Unfortunately, in most western economies, the issue of climate change has become mired in politics and the ponzi-style money go-round of carbon trading schemes that generally only benefit a few. Meanwhile, half of the world's population exist in abject poverty, hunger, repression and suffer from diseases.

The author seems unable to offer any guidance or advice on how or what he or RECORD readers or Adventism should forsake so as to make any meaningful impact on the world's climate let alone any positive action that would in any way alleviate the plight of those billions living in poverty.

LESS FORTHCOMING

Harwood Locton, NSW

Daniel Livingston is to be thanked for raising the issue of climate change and initiating debate within the Church.

It seems paradoxical that a church that places so much emphasis on the veracity of the doctrine of creation has in general been less forthcoming on our responsibility to care for that creation.

Dismissing the human role in global warming ignores the many other adverse impacts of a carbon-intensive lifestyle upon the environment, other people—especially those living on the low islands and in the highlands of the Pacific and elsewhere—and our own health. Think of the excessively high asthma rates around the power stations and open cut coal mines of the Hunter Valley.

Even if there were no human contribution to global warming, the issue of pollution from carbon burning still needs to be addressed.

INTEGRATED TERTIARY SYSTEM

Branimip Schubert, NSW

I would like to express full support for the initiatives of the relocation and rebuilding of Fulton College, "Building begins at Fulton College (News, November 19).

It's important to emphasise that Fulton College is part of the integrated tertiary system of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific and an affiliated campus of Pacific Adventist University (PAU) in Papua New Guinea.

Under the "academic umbrella" of PAU, there are several tertiary institutions that are issuing PAU awards.

Currently the tertiary system is comprised of PAU, Sonoma and Fulton Colleges, and the Study Centre in Lae.

I believe it is important for our members to be aware of the bigger picture and future possibilities when it comes to tertiary education in the Pacific. While the integration process is in its early stages, significant progress has been made and I hope future initiatives will create a strong presence in the Pacific to serve the future needs of the Church.

My hope is that we'll adequately serve territories where we currently do not have a presence, particularly in the Solomon Islands where we have a significant need to provide quality Christian tertiary education.

IN A STRANGE TOWN

Jennifer Winfred, via email

A big thank you to the Grafton church in NSW.

My family found itself in a dilemma when my 16-year-old nephew, a non-Seventh-day Adventist, left a day too early on his way home to Gravesend from Lismore.

His bus to Gravesend didn't leave until Tuesday, which meant he had to spend the night with no money in a strange town.

I tried to contact the local church pastor, Paul Richardson, to see if his family could put him up for the night. His wife, Jane, answered and was so loving and caring and didn't even hesitate to look after Zac.

He was able to spend the night with a lovely Adventist couple enjoying a bed and meal with part of our worldwide family. Thank you so much for going the extra mile.

Note: Views in letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All letters are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author's original meaning will not be changed. Not all letters received are published. See page 4 for contact details.



The Abergowrie miracle

by Richard Warden

GOD IS AMAZING! FIVE YEARS AGO HE LED US TO North Queensland with hardly a cent to our names. After living in Daintree for three years it looked as though we could no longer afford to stay in the area. For three months we prayed for God to lead us.

God led us to two blocks of land at Abergowrie in the beautiful Herbert River Valley, 35 kilometres north-west of Ingham, North Queensland. He used a Christian we had never met to tell us, in the face of difficult negotiations: "If God wants you to have this land, this land will be yours. Mark my words." After praying, the owner offered the land to us for less than previously rejected offers and the bank called, saying they made a mistake and could lend us \$25,000 more; the exact amount to purchase the land. God provided both the deposit and bank loan at a time when we had no money. I was self-employed and had borrowed to start my business. Rebecca, my wife, was a stay-at-home mum.

When we moved to Abergowrie we had no doubt that God had brought us there. The question was why? Again we made this a matter of earnest prayer. "God, what do you want us to do here?" God sold our business at the right time for the right price and I was offered a job two minutes from where we built our small home.

Four weeks after we moved in, the Uniting Church closed down and sold. For more than six months we felt a great need for a church in this valley. We were told by locals, "If you start a Bible study group, we'll come along" and "If you start a church, we'll come along". One week after we moved to Abergowrie, Rebecca had a dream but dismissed it as just a dream and did not mention it to me. In the dream the old Uniting Church was for sale for \$120,000. We purchased it and used it as a church.

Imagine Rebecca's surprise when, in January 2011, we stumbled across the church for sale on the internet for \$120,000. Was God trying to tell us something? I had my doubts. It wasn't too long ago that the bank had told us we shouldn't have the loan they gave us for our home. We

were "just surviving financially" and had no spare money. There was no way we could contemplate purchasing the church. How could we ask anyone to sponsor a church with no members? Maybe we could sell our home? So we prayed even more. We put everything on the altar and asked God to reveal His will.

God seemed to be leading us down the path to purchase the church. Then the local real estate agent told us he felt impressed to quote Ephesians 5:16: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." God led Rebecca to the same text when praying for a Bible promise regarding the church. The agent then proceeded to pray with us for God's will to be done.

In faith we went ahead and put a contract on the church, knowing we did not have the finances. We stepped out, believing that if God granted the loan, He would also provide the repayments. The bank manager told us they thought they could give us another loan in spite of our circumstances. But they rejected our application. So we continued to pray. God led us to another bank to refinance our home and worked out the valuations to the last cent. He removed one obstacle after another and we were able to purchase the church.

So, we had an empty old church and no spare cash. We prayed for God to direct and supply our needs. We started getting phone calls and people donated chairs, a DVD player, a TV, data projector, PA system, organ, keyboard and a radio transmitter. We even received assistance with the repayments. God started us on a church-planting project and led people from the community to encourage us to start worship services.

We meet weekly in the church now. We also run kids' activities and there are three families having Bible studies.

God has been faithful. We know that He has called us to minister to the people of Abergowrie and Ingham. We're just ordinary people, but we have an extraordinary God who loves us beyond measure. R

Richard Warden writes from Abergowrie, where he's been living with his wife, Rebecca, and children for 19 months.



Worship:

Journey into God's presence

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR A SEVENTH-DAY Adventist Christian to take the journey into God's presence in the experience we call worship? Is it mainly a matter of the mind, or conversely, the heart? Must you be able to sing in tune to take the journey into God's presence? Does it demand a huge effort on your part? Does God extract some kind of cost? Must you say goodbye to your culture, your basic personality, the language of your own soul, and put on the personality and language of some kind of a holy culture? Perhaps some of these questions are more easily answered in the context of finding a biblical model for Christian worship.

One of the most engaging worship stories told in the Bible is the tale of two travellers, Cleopas and a companion I think of as his wife. Bypassing the flourishes, music, drama, and oratory of tabernacle and temple, this worship story

focuses on two individuals taking a mournful journey from Jerusalem to the little town of Emmaus.

Their encounter with the Stranger on the road to Emmaus can become a clear road map for our journey into God's presence. US theologian Robert Webber—who wrote more than 40 books on worship—suggests that our worship, like theirs that day, takes shape around four themes.

Stage One of the Worship Journey – The Gathering

“Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.” (Luke 24:15)

Like Cleopas, shouldering our burdens, failures, distractions, sins and dislocations, we take our first few steps down the worship road. The doors of our hearts begin to open. Jesus draws near and the distractions begin to melt away. It is the gathering, but it is not always to be understood as inevitably sad and painful. There are accounts of gather-

ings in Scripture that take our breath away. The gathering in today's worship still functions to bring us into the presence of God and make us ready to hear His Word. Worship leaders who truly understand the gathering will enable us to banish forever the dreaded expression "preliminaries". We will become more aware of the assembling of the body and the fabulous expressiveness that music, other creative arts and warm-hearted hosting can provide in giving us wings to celebrate the journey into God's presence.

Stage Two – "The Burning Heart" – Hearing the Word

"Did not our hearts burn within us . . ." (Luke 24:32)

Imagine being Cleopas and hearing the Lord of Glory "beginning with Moses and all the prophets, explaining to them what was said in all the Scripture concerning Himself" (Luke 24:27). The burning heart is ours when in the experience of worship at its best we hear "the recitation of God's mighty deeds of salvation". Worship leaders, as well as preachers, have an enormous responsibility here, for it's not just in preaching alone that we experience the burning heart.

Stage Three – "The Lord is Risen" – Meeting Jesus with Thanksgiving at the Table

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognised Him." (Luke 24:31)

Webber declares "here without question, is the climactic point of our worship". Cleopas knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We have the gift of knowing Him supremely there as well. The breaking of bread and the proclaiming of the Word, both central to the worship of the earliest Christians, should be highly prized in our worship. "There is no other experience in worship that can equal the intensity of Table worship. We literally enter into the unrepeatable historic event of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and our life in faith is empowered by the pattern of death, of resurrection . . . having communed with Him, we go forth with an eternal 'thank You' on our lips." All the beauty of thanksgiving, testimony and response to the energising Word of God, even prayers for healing in worship, cluster around this theme of table and thanksgiving.

Stage Four – Going Forth Into the World

"They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem." (Luke 24:33)

Worship for us, as for Cleopas, ends in action. Transformed lives are filled with the desire to go and tell others.

The central motifs of the worship journey first taken by Cleopas do provide a unifying way for Adventist worship leaders worldwide to find a consensus that is spiritual rather than cultural, theological rather than stylistic. The beating heart of Adventist worship is revealed in those four elements from the Emmaus road—the gathering, the hearing of the Word, thanksgiving and going out into the world.

The gathering may be short or long, contemporary or traditional. But let Adventist worship leaders everywhere maintain their passion to bring their people from the troubles and triumphs of the weekly road and to set them together on the way to the heart of God. The journey can be

via the hymns of their childhood, the songs of their youth, or the music of today and tomorrow. It can be in the language of King James, or the lyrics of Steven Curtis Chapman and Kirk Franklin.

The burning heart that has heard the Word, can be set on fire by a variety of communication styles, impacting the people of God in all their astonishing diversity. The worshippers' hearts may be set on fire by:

- › The Word in the hearts and mouths of passionate preachers.
- › The Word in the mouths of skilled readers or actors.
- › The Word illustrated by the cameras of committed Christian media specialists.
- › The Word in the eyes and hands of visionary Christian artists.
- › The Word in the voices of musicians, and in the sounds of their instruments.

Thanksgiving

The celebration of the risen Lord at the table, along with the thanksgiving coming from the hearts of worshippers, deserves much more thoughtful attention in Adventist worship. Could it be that the rhythm of our church life holds more opportunities for the Lord's Supper than just the traditional "once-per-quarter?" Might we be drawn closer to the heart of God if we planned more intentionally and more frequently to associate the Lord's Supper with highlights of our spiritual milestones and worship journeys in our congregations? On worship days when the Lord's Supper is not celebrated, can we provide more opportunities for thanksgiving?

Going out into the world

God intensely desires to go with us into the world. The benediction is the place where we acknowledge God's desire, and accept the conferring of His presence on us. Baptism is another place in Adventist worship where the going out into the world can assume a much higher profile.

In taking their worship much more seriously, Adventist Christians are uniquely poised to fulfil their grand mission. That mission is beautifully captured by the vision of an angel flying high in the heavens calling the world's inhabitants to "worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water". Adventist worship will seek continually to acknowledge the victory of Jesus at the cross and in the cosmos. Through the gathering, the Word, thanksgiving and going out into the world, it will clearly map and signpost the journey into God's presence. Adventist worship is blessed with the Sabbath—richest of days for a context; a vision of the future that bathes it in hope and triumph; and a celebration of the Gospel that enables it to touch and heal the most wounded spirits. ✠

Source: Robert Webber, *Worship, Journey into His Presence*, Mansfield, PA: Kingdom Publishing, 1999.

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Can tension be good?

by David Marshall

TENSION EXISTS IN MOST OF OUR CONGREGATIONS between:

- ▶ the need to do church in a way that will make people in the community want to come, join in and feel at home—and will encourage the youth to stay by and commit; and
- ▶ the need to do church in such a way as to make it a fulfilling, uplifting and satisfying experience for the people who are the current adult members of the congregation.

If that tension doesn't exist in your congregation, chances are that it should. The absence of tension may be because your church has gone to one of two unhelpful extremes:

– Either your worship leader has imposed what he/she believes is a seeker-sensitive style of worship on the congregation, and all who cannot live with it have gone to worship elsewhere or have stayed away. For church members able to travel in search of, from their point of view, satisfying worship, this is not necessarily bad. I worry about those who do not have transport!

– Or your church has chosen to ignore William Temple's (Archbishop of Canterbury, 1942-44) principle—"The Church is the only society that exists solely for the benefit of its non-members"—and has chosen to run itself as a cosy club for its own members, self-protective and totally inward-looking. If you have made a decision to go that way, I wish you all the best, but I fear for your future.

If the tension does exist in your congregation, the chances are that it's healthy. At least it indicates that the two points of view are being considered, and that an attempt is being made to marry them. Let's face it, that should be possible with God's help! It should be possible to make satisfying worship for adult church members that also appeals to the youth of the church and is seeker-sensitive to—or not impenetrable by—non-members.

For that to happen:

- ▶ the existence of the tension must be acknowledged and the worship issue must be aired; and
- ▶ there must be tolerance on the part of exponents of all viewpoints.

Two deeply unhelpful ideas are prevalent.

The first takes the William Temple principle to its extreme. It says, "In order to plant you have to uproot." That is used not only as a rationalisation for the removal (with imperfect consultation) of an existing, working model of worship, but also as an excuse for the removal of effective church officers who get in the way of 'control'.

The second unhelpful idea is when senior members of the congregation say, in effect, "If the youth are going to stay in the church, and the unchurched are going to attend the church, it must be on our terms. Our churchy ritual—Sabbath School as is; Divine Worship as hymn sandwiches—is non-negotiable."

If the youth are going to stay in the church, and the unchurched are going to attend the church, it must be on our terms.

These unhelpful attitudes represent the extremes.

The uprooting extreme destabilises existing congregations and results in the effective exclusion from church of more conservative believers, many of whom have sacrificed financially to build and maintain their churches, and have kept traditional Adventist witness alive in the past half-century.

The "on our terms", "don't spoil our service" extreme prevents growth and excludes youth.

There has got to be give.

True enough, in areas where there is a high density of Adventists, there is scope for separate congregations to accommodate those who prefer a more reflective, traditional form of worship, and those who prefer an altogether more modern, upbeat, alternative form of worship.

But for most that is not an option. That being the case, there has got to be give and mutual tolerance. There has got to be an acknowledgement of the need for the church to:

- ▶ cater for the needs of its present membership, and
- ▶ reach out (experiment) with modes of worship that will fulfil the needs of its youth and be comprehensible to visitors with no church background.

It is good that inclusive worship experiments are being conducted in many parts of our Church. It is inevitable that there are varying degrees of success.

In my observation:

- ▶ alternative worship succeeds where it is attempted after full consultation and is not inappropriately imposed on a congregation that is largely uncomfortable with it;
- ▶ alternative worship succeeds when it represents input from all parts of the church family, younger and older, and represents the best of the new and the best of the old.

Worship fails in an atmosphere of intolerance and rigidity.

Not all worship experiments are strictly seeker-sensitive. A group of ecstatic arm-wavers can be as non-seeker-sensitive as a traditional congregation using a rigid liturgy and employing a combination of Victorian language and 'Sevspeak' (Yes! We have our own language!).

The arm-wavers will embarrass the majority of unchurched people; the unchurched will not thank you for embarrassing them—neither will they necessarily forgive you.

The worship of the rigid traditionalists with the old-fashioned language will be impenetrable to the secular unchurched. The language we use must be comprehensible to the people who live in the community of which the church is part.

There has got to be tolerance across the generations. But we must minister to the congregations we already have, as well as to the ones we would like to have. A congregation is a family in which the wishes of each generation are represented in worship—not just Grandad's and mine!



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GREY NOMADS CAMP

4—12 May, 2012
Stuarts Point
Convention Centre

The North New South Wales Conference's annual Grey Nomads Camp for 2012 will be held at the Adventist Convention Centre, Stuarts Point, NSW from 4—12 May, 2012. The event is open to people from across Australia, and is an excellent opportunity for retirees to meet and fellowship together.

Dr Roy Adams, a former associate editor of the *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World*, is the guest speaker for the 2012 Grey Nomads Camp. Dr Adams spent the majority of his time in pastoral work in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

He obtained a PhD in theology from Andrews University before lecturing at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines. He has long been a highly sought-after speaker, and is a prolific writer. Dr Adams worked as associate editor of *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* from 1998 to 2010.

Accommodation is limited to private caravans and tents. Limited cabin, dormitory and motel rooms are available.

Applications for Grey Nomads Camp open mid-January, 2012.



OPINION*

Litiana Turner

Be a world changer

3.9 billion copies of the Bible have been printed and sold over the past 50 years. According to squidoo.com, the Bible is at the top of the list for the most read book in the world. Knowing that so many Bibles have been printed makes me wonder what difference has it really made?

Our world population is near the 7 billion mark and I'm wondering what transformation (if any) can 200,000 Bibles in the hands of 200,000 young people within the South Pacific Division (SPD) make? As I ponder these questions I am reminded of Leymah Gbowee. She is one of three women who share the Nobel Peace Prize for 2011. Her story is how one woman was able to impact and bring about change within a country torn apart by civil war.

There is another young girl in PNG who attended a children's camp for a week. When she returned to her school after the camp program, Dorcas copied some of the Bible verses she'd learned at camp onto pieces of paper and shared them with her friends at school. Today, because of what the Holy Spirit did through Dorcas, people have been baptised and a church has been built because of the persistence and commitment of one individual.

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All it takes is YOU! Want to know more? Go to <www.worldchanger.me>

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OPINION POLL

Would worship be more meaningful if there was:

- Better music
- Better preaching
- Personal spiritual preparation
- More creativity



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RECORD REWIND

Pablo Lillo



Beyond the open door . . .

The Church in its early days in Australia was going through difficult times. Our pioneers had ambitious plans at a time of great economic uncertainty. The gold rush was over, banks were closing, businesses were going bankrupt and unemployment was soaring.



In Cooranbong, labourers had been constructing the Avondale School buildings and needed to be paid. But Ellen White described the situation: "We could not obtain money to pay the workmen on the school buildings and a large debt accumulated . . . But all we can do is wait and hope and believe, and keep working in faith" (Letters 61, 1899).

At the same time a member from Melbourne who had loaned the school 300 pounds—roughly equivalent to

\$A500,000 today—requested the money be returned almost immediately. This proved to be an awkward time for the church leaders. Money was scarce and overdue from America. A G Daniells, president of the Australian Union Conference, cried to God in despair seeking an answer. God answered in the form of a promise, "I have delivered thee. I will meet this situation. Be of good cheer." Daniells was sure the Almighty was going to do something.

At about four o'clock on a Wednesday afternoon, Faulkhead, the treasurer of the newly-formed Conference, suggested to Daniells that they go to the bank located on the corner of Scotchmer and Nicholson's streets, North Fitzroy, and request a loan. The two walked the four blocks towards the bank. As they passed the bank they noticed that every door was closed except a side door, which was unlocked.

They walked into the bank and found the banker and his assistant counting the day's takings with the vault wide open. The bank inspector was due to arrive the next day and they wanted to check their cash holdings.

"Faulkhead!" the banker exclaimed in startled surprise. "How did you get into this bank?" "We walked in," he replied. "Yes I know, but how did you get the door open?" queried the trembling bank manager. "I shut, bolted, locked, and chained that door myself. How did you get it open?"

"We did not touch it—it was open," was all they could say. Pale and almost in a state of shock, the banker hurriedly relocked the door. Returning, he asked, "What is it you want?"

The men told of their dilemma and their urgent need of 300 pounds. "What security can you give?" asked the bank manager. "Only our word tonight," responded Faulkhead and Daniells.

The two men sent by God to the bank in the afternoon were certain that an angel of the Lord had opened the bank door. The banker was profoundly impressed.

Faulkhead and Daniells left the bank carrying 300 pounds—an answer to prayer. The following Sabbath Daniells couldn't hold back from sharing his experience of God's deliverance.

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Discipleship

I was talking with Pastor Jerry Matthews the other day. Jerry is the president of our New Zealand Pacific Union Conference based in Auckland, New Zealand.

The territory of the Union includes New Zealand, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, The Cook Islands, Wallis and Futuna, and Pitcairn. He was telling me of an initiative of the Union in setting up a Centre for Discipleship and Ministry. The purpose of the centre is to equip church members for mission by providing significant training blocks which cover a whole range of topics and practical mission-focused skills. The first session will be held from February 6 to April 28, 2012. It is a major time investment for those who attend but they will be rewarded many times over!

The Australian Union Conference has also provided an opportunity for spiritual reflection and mission-focused upskilling with its Australian Union Conference Training Centre. Its next session will be held from February 5 to 24, 2012. A number of enthusiastic attendees have already benefitted from the training programs offered in 2010 and 2011. They are using their spiritual gifts for the benefit of the church family.

I am excited about these initiatives. They provide a special opportunity for growth and discipleship. And this very focus on discipleship and training aligns perfectly with our South Pacific Division Mission Statement which simply reads:

Our mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ of all peoples, communicating the everlasting gospel in the context of the Three Angels Messages of Revelation 14:6-12

Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division.

Finding my religion

Karina Parker

In July this year, I had the opportunity of being selected to be in a photo shoot for teenage girl magazine, *Dolly*. Unfortunately, this shoot was scheduled for a Saturday. I was devastated and emailed back informing them that, sadly, I wouldn't be able to make the shoot on Sabbath due to religious reasons.

Later in the day I received a message from a journalist from *Dolly*, asking if they could use my reason for not being in the shoot on Sabbath as a feature article on religion. I was so relieved. By honouring my commitment to God and not taking the first modelling photo shoot offered—even though I had really wanted to—I believe I had been rewarded.

The article involved a daunting phone interview that lasted for more than 30 minutes. I was interviewed about my beliefs as a young Seventh-day Adventist. I was asked to explain what it means to be a committed Adventist, some of the positives of being a 16-year-old Christian, the issues I struggled with and why I was an Adventist.

The photo shoot for the article happened in mid-August. I went to the Australian Consolidated Press offices in Sydney and from there I travelled with two other girls featured in the article and a journalist to the location of our shoot. It was great sharing my beliefs and learning about their religion. We bonded and had lots of fun together.

I was relieved when I first read the article in the magazine: I was really worried that I had said something embarrassing. Thankfully, I didn't—the article was beautifully written. Being able to share my beliefs as a young Adventist was an amazing experience. It's exciting to know that when girls all over Australia read the magazine, they will stumble across an article that may have an impact on their life's journey. I hope to continue to be a witness to others about Jesus, a special Person in my life.

The article is featured in the December issue of *Dolly* magazine.



POSITION VACANT | Head of News & Editorial

The South Pacific Division is seeking applicants for the Head of News & Editorial position. Responsibilities include serving as Editor of *Record*, Executive Producer of *Record In Focus* and Producer of *Record In Depth*. The successful candidate will have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a commitment to the beliefs and ethos of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Necessary abilities include excellent written communication, editorial, multimedia and organisational skills.

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Kids' SPACE

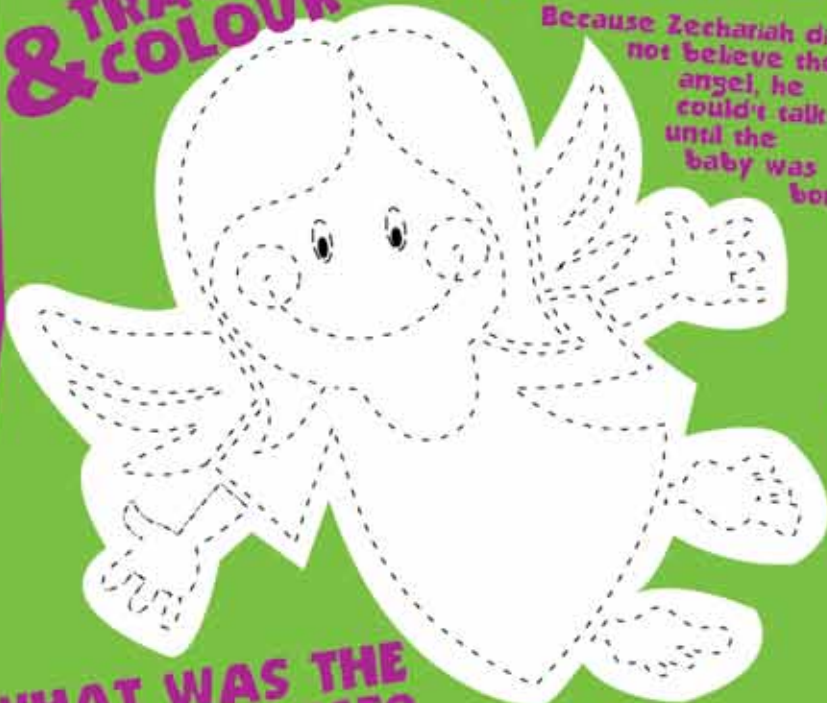


BULA KIDS*

This week's story is about a man named Zechariah. He was a priest and was in the temple one day when an angel came to tell him he would have a son, and he was to name him John.

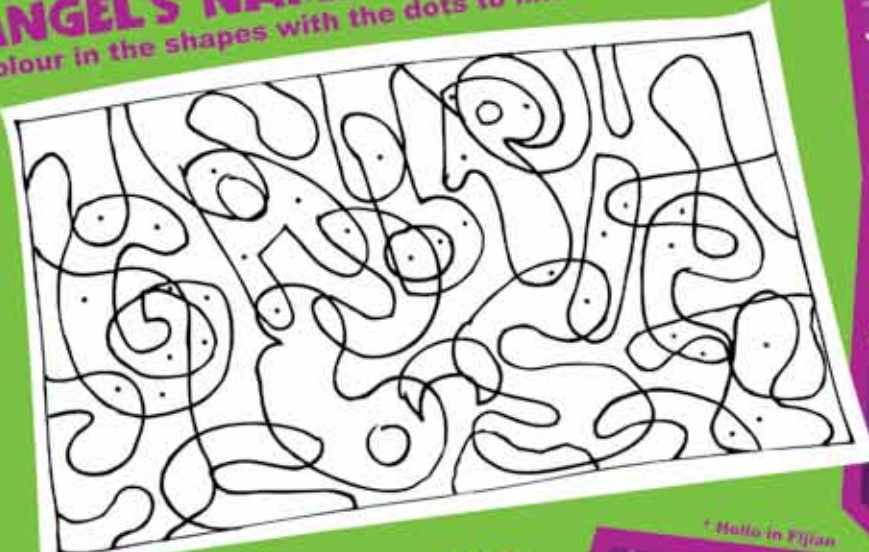
TRACE & COLOUR

Because Zechariah did not believe the angel, he couldn't talk until the baby was born.



WHAT WAS THE ANGEL'S NAME?

Colour in the shapes with the dots to find out.



FILL IN THE BLANKS
TO FIND OUT WHAT GOD'S NAME IS
"The Mighty One has done great things for me, _____ is His name." **Luke 1:49**

GRACELINK MESSAGE
God's gifts of love fill me with hope and joy.

* Hello in Fijian

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Burns (Windale, NSW), David Green and Emma McPhee (New Lambton); nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Glory, Mick and their family joined the Adventist church in 1964 and were long-time members of Swansea church. She loved the company of her family, also becoming a community grandmother at the local public school. She was a strong supporter of Asian Aid Australia and assisted many underprivileged

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Owen D'Costa

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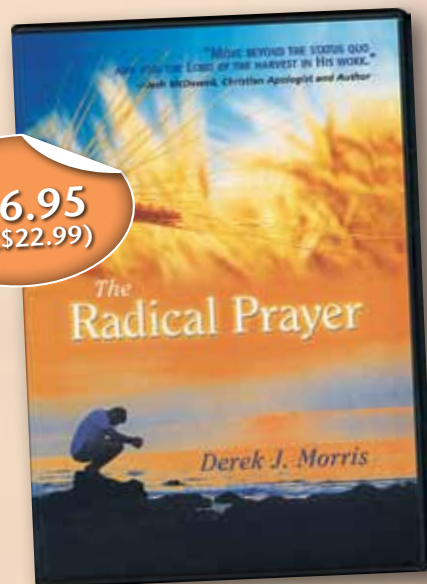
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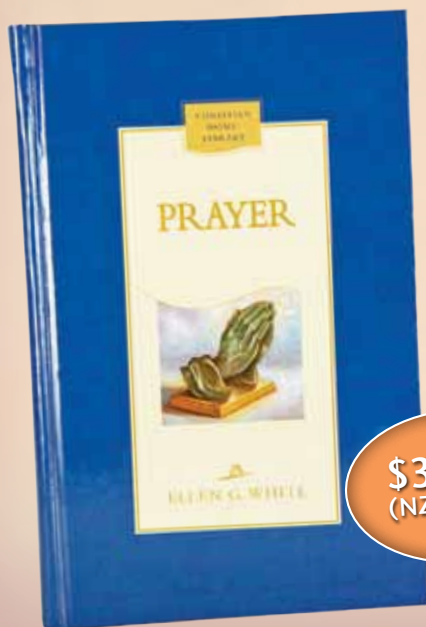


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