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## TV station to share Good News

Apia, Samoa

The free-to-air Adventist television station in Samoa has officially opened its new studio.

Good News TV was started by the Ryan family to share the Adventist message through television in Samoa. Early in 2011, with the lease ending on their rented premises, they decided to build their own dedicated television and radio studios and offices.

The dedication service saw the spacious studio filled to capacity by the station's supporters, Samoas-Tokelau Mission (STM) administrators, a number of Samoan pastors from overseas, who had come for ministers' meetings, and the Vailele church choir, who sang during the program.

The station has been broadcasting international Hope Channel as well as locally produced Samoan language content, such as a Revelation panel discussion, morning devotions, church services and sermons. The station was established in 1999. The radio and satellite set-up were

made possible through a 13th Sabbath offering from the South Pacific Division (SPD).

With their own studio now open, Good News hopes to begin local radio broadcasting on Good News 92.9 FM.

The dedication began with a welcome from Owen Ryan, who funded the project and on whose land the studio has been built.

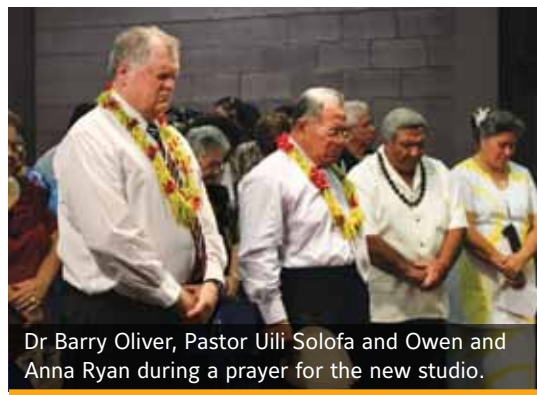
STM president, Pastor Uili Solofa, opened the program with a prayer before Anna Ryan led the guests through a brief history of the station.

"The sacrifices have been numerous but you do it for God," she said. She also thanked the STM office, local churches, Kiwi Plumbing and Vailele church, among others, for their support.

SPD president, Dr Barry Oliver, who also attended the ceremony, said, "I want to congratulate all who have worked and prayed for this day. God always has a great future in store for those who trust Him.

"As Adventists we are committed to sharing our values through the media."

Dr Erika Puni, Stewardship and Sabbath School ministries director for the General Conference, brought a message of congratulations and affirmation from GC President, Dr Ted Wilson.—Jarrod Stackelroth



Dr Barry Oliver, Pastor Uili Solofa and Owen and Anna Ryan during a prayer for the new studio.

Photo: Lina Stackelroth



Elija Ryan produces programs and manages the station.

## Adventists save thousands in East Africa

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Adventists across Australia have helped save more than 110,000 people gripped by the world's worst humanitarian disaster.

At the close of the Australian government's dollar-for-dollar matching program on November 30, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia's East Africa Drought Appeal had raised more than \$A1.1 million.

"When matched by the Australian government this means ADRA Australia will deliver more than \$A2 million worth of aid to the hardest hit regions of Kenya and Somalia during the next 12 months," ADRA Australia CEO Jonathan Duffy said.

"We really can't say thank you enough. The response, from individuals, families, churches and schools has blown us away.

"I say this directly to all those who gave or helped fund-raise: you are part of a life-saving community. Your compassion and generosity has and will save lives."

In addition to ADRA Australia's initial response in Kenya, the additional funds mean ADRA is now able to extend its impact in Kenya and across the border into Somalia.

ADRA is distributing emergency food, water and other

essential items to the most severely affected families. It's drilling 150m deep bores that will provide clean and safe drinking water for communities for at least 10 years, improving hygiene and sanitation through the installation of water points, and providing training in schools and mothers' groups.

And, as the drought recedes, ADRA will be distributing seeds and other equipment to help farmers re-establish their livelihoods.

"It's exciting to be part of this kind of change," Mr Duffy said. "But unfortunately we can't guarantee the rains will fall or the weather will improve. We know there will be more work to do."—Braden Blyde



Some of the people being helped by ADRA.



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## Being ready

Dr Barry Oliver

It seems that there is a lot of anticipation around. Many are saying that this is the last time we will welcome in a new year. It has been predicted that the world will end in 2012!

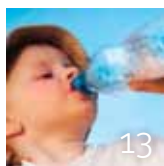
Let me say unequivocally that this prediction has not been made by Seventh-day Adventists. We do not set dates for the return of Jesus. We know on the basis of the evidence of Scripture that Jesus is returning, and we hope and pray that His return is very soon. But we do not engage in date setting for this great event. Of course, we are encouraged by the biblical writers to prepare for the time of His return. Jesus Himself clearly told us to "... be ready! For in just such an hour as you think it could not be, the Son of Man will come." He told the parable of the wise and foolish maidens to illustrate the importance of readiness.

Despite all of this, "readiness" for the return of Jesus is often misunderstood. Often I hear it described as if it is "something I am going to do" or as if it were "something I must do". But it is not at all something "I can or must do". It is something that is done for me by Jesus as I put my faith and trust in Him. It does not in the first place have to do with anything I have done for Him, but it has to do with everything that He has done and is doing for me. The only way I can be ready for Jesus to come is if I accept the gracious provision He has made for my salvation by His death on the cross. That's it. It is that simple. And of course, I respond to Him in loving obedience and trust. But that is one of the wonderful consequences of my decision to accept His grace.

You see, the point is that readiness is a "present continuous" state of being. To be ready for Jesus to return is an ever-present reality for the child of God. I want Jesus to come just as soon as possible. It can be today or later this year or ...? In the meantime, through His grace and love, we can continue to serve Him and obey Him and share Him. But we do not do those things in order to get ready. We do those things because we are ready and He has made it all possible!

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

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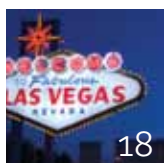
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### Book used for Bible study

Ann Paita (pictured back left) has been sharing a gift with a group of young people in Lae, Papua New Guinea. Working with organisers of the Move With the Power youth leadership event held in Brisbane in August, Signs Publishing Company was able to give away more than 600 copies of *28 Stories* by David Edgren. Ms Paita took her copy home to Lae and has been using it with her youth nurturing class. —*Nathan Brown*

### Citation recognises service

Ron Herbert received a citation from Dr Barry Oliver, in honour of his 30 years of service to the Adventist Church in the South Pacific Division in 13 different positions. During this time Mr Herbert worked in accounting, and even IT, before computers really took off. He also worked with his family as a missionary in PNG and the Pacific for seven years.

### New church

Vanuatu Mission president, Pastor John Leeman, opened the newly-built, 500-seat Freshwind church, Port Vila. The church was overflowing. It was constructed and paid for by its church members and leaders, taking eight years and 30 million Vatu. The church opened debt free. —*Jean Pierre Niptik*



### Visit with a twist

Armadale church (WA) brought a new twist to visits by church elders, pastors and deacons when Sam Burton put his saxophone under his arm and visited Armadale Hospital. Patients and nurses on the floor flocked to the ward where Sam was playing "How Great Thou Art". Everyone felt lighter and happier and thanked Sam for his visit. —*Jud Killoway*

### Bible celebrated

A small group assembled in Port Augusta's (SA) town centre to celebrate a Bible Society and Seventh-day Adventist joint project—Easy Reading Family Bible. Speakers Rev Phil Zamagias (Bible Society) and Pastor Don Fehlberg related how the Bible developed and has become a powerful resource. The Bible was launched and dedicated by Dietrich Stahl, Don Fehlberg, Phil Zamagias, Jonathan Button and Rhoda Gathoga.

### Season cheer

The over 50s group from Landsborough church, Qld, held a Christmas luncheon on December 6. The group has around 30 members and meets six times per year. This year the group met at the home of Rob and Molly Cock and was entertained by Kevin Chugg with his rendition of a number of Banjo Paterson poems, including his favourite "The Man From Snowy River". —*Glen Woosley*



### Students meet the Queen

Two senior Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community (WA) students, Vicky Ashwin and Rikeshia Corbett, accompanied the principal, Dr Paul Buschenhofen, to meet the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh at a State Reception in the gardens of Government House, Perth. The girls were delighted when the Duke of Edinburgh stopped and talked to them. —*Paul Buschenhofen*

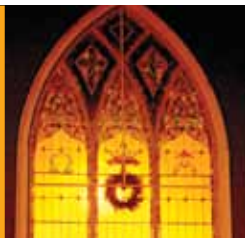
### And the winners are . . .

Signs Publishing Company announced the winning churches in Australia and New Zealand whose members submitted ideas as part of the recent ABC Survey. The winning churches are: Innisfail (Northern Australia); Wynyard (Tas); Albury (South New South Wales); Rosewood (South Queensland); LinC (WA); Toronto (North New South Wales); Port Pirie (SA); Casey (Vic); Kings Langley (Greater Sydney); Palmerston North (North NZ); and Bishopdale (South NZ).

### CHIP king?

Neville Leeson of Lismore church, NSW, is fondly known as the "King of CHIP", having run five Coronary Heart Improvement Projects in 18 months. His chief demonstrator in the kitchen, Gwen Irvine, bravely offered to provide a CHIP-friendly Christmas dinner to graduates. Nearly 40 people enjoyed the lunch she prepared with help from family and friends. Already people are asking when the next CHIP program will be held. —*Bruce Sharp*





### Ups and downs

New figures from the Christian Research Association show that smaller, traditional churches are shrinking steadily in Australia. Over the past decade, traditional Uniting churches have declined by 30 per cent and Catholic churches by 19 per cent. Pentecostal mega-churches saw a 27 per cent increase in numbers in the same period. —*Herald Sun*



### Put your money . . .

Echoing the concerns of the global Occupy movement, religious groups in the US have withdrawn \$US55 million from big banks, saying they dodge taxes and have no interest in local communities. Los Angeles Adventist pastor, Ryan Bell, is among the leaders moving their dollars to community banks and credit unions. —*Washington Post*



### Early concerns

The first round of Egyptian elections has seen Islamist parties take the lead. The Muslim Brotherhood's "Freedom and Justice Party" has 40 per cent of the vote, with the hardline Salafist "Al-Noor" party gaining 20 per cent. Local Christians are concerned for their future. The complex election process will continue until mid-2012. —*CNN*



### Smoked out

The Australian government has delivered on its promise to introduce laws requiring cigarettes to be sold in generic packages with 75 per cent of the pack covered in graphic health warnings. Adventist health leaders have expressed their support. Tobacco giant, Philip Morris, is already working on a legal challenge. —*ABC*



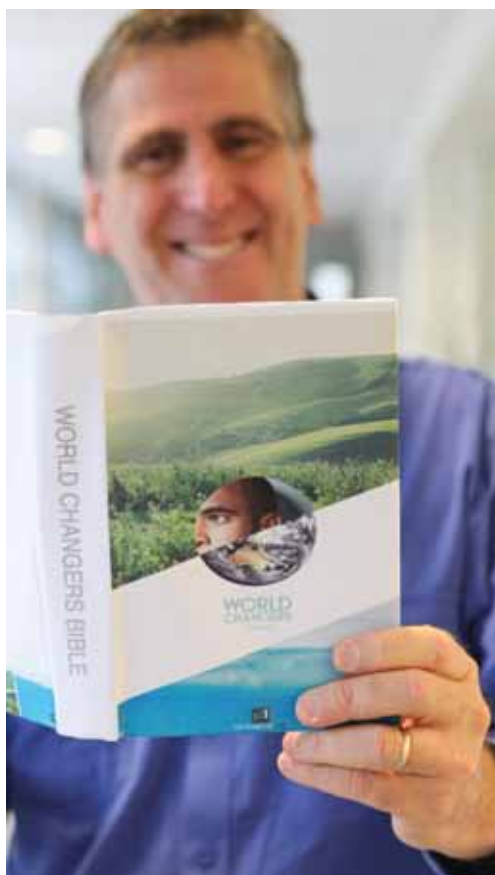
### Harvest

Adventists in the south of Colombia have seen more than 1500 people come to Christ. Public meetings were held in the growing region's five largest cities, including the capital, Bogotá. During 2011, church members connected with their communities through blood donor drives, health expos, a half-marathon and prayer initiatives. —*ANN*



### Idiot box

Channel 7's plans to air the US comedy/drama *Good Christian Bitches* in 2012 have drawn the ire of Christian groups. Family Voice Australia says the term "bitch" is abusive to women and the program treats Christians with contempt. After similar protests in America, the series was renamed *Good Christian Belles*. —*Family Voice Australia*



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## Timetable to review ordination theology

Wahroonga, New South Wales

An ongoing discussion on the issue of women in church leadership has prompted the Seventh-day Adventist world church to order a thorough review of the theology of ordination.

Biblical scholars and church administrators in the South Pacific Division (SPD) will do their part by submitting a series of draft discussion papers to the SPD biblical research committee by March 31.

The commitment to study the issue was made at the 2010 General Conference (GC) session with a timetable and outline of the review process released at the Church's annual council in October last year. Dr Artur Stele, world church vice president and director of the Biblical Research Institute, said the process would examine the foundation of ordination as well as its implications for church practices.

The GC's Biblical Research Institute will coordinate the process of studying ordination with corresponding biblical research committees in each of the church's 13 world divisions. "This will be a very careful process," GC president, Dr Ted Wilson, said.

Each division is asked to request its biblical research committee to study the theology of ordination and its implications for church practices in that region.

SPD field secretary, Dr David Tasker, will coordinate the process here. He has already contacted a wide group of biblical scholars and church administrators, asking each to comment on one of 12 aspects of ordination.

It's an unprecedented task. "We've taken a lot of things for granted," Dr Tasker said, reflecting on Seventh-day Adventist church practice. "We do a lot of things based upon what John Wesley did, which is not wrong but it's a tradition rather than a theology. So we've never looked at a theology of ordination before. I mean, why do we ordain deacons and then elders and then ministers? What is the biblical justification for having those different levels of ordination? And that's [just] one of the issues that we'll be looking at."

The SPD, along with the other divisions, will review the study made by its biblical research committee at the 2013 year-end meetings. It will make recommendations to the Biblical Research Institute director for consideration by a theology of ordination study committee with appropriate division representation. This committee will analyse the materials received from the divisions and prepare a combined report by June 2014 to be reviewed by various General Conference committees, with a view to processing recommendations as part of the 2015 General Conference session agenda. —Ansel Oliver/ANN/Kent Kingston



Dr David Tasker explains how the SPD will be involved in the review of ordination.

## Adventist apprentice best in Victoria

Warburton, Victoria

An employee of Signs Publishing Company has been recognised as the RMIT Apprentice of the Year for the print industry in Victoria. Daniel Menkens is completing the final year of his print finishing apprenticeship with the Adventist church's printing company, an entity of the Adventist Media Network. He received three awards at The Collie Print Trust Awards held at RMIT University's International Centre for Graphic Technology on December 6.

"It's nice to have some acknowledgement because I have tried hard but I have also had good support throughout my training at Signs," says Mr Menkens, who admits he was pleasantly surprised to receive the awards.

The apprentice of the year award includes a \$A15,000 prize for further training and education-related travel. He says he is hoping to visit DRUPA, the international printing industry trade show, in Germany in May.

"This award is something Dan can be proud of but that all of us at Signs are proud of as well," says Ray Portbury, production manager at Signs. "It demonstrates that what we do here is at least as good as the rest of the industry."

He says this award recognises Mr Menkens's hard work during the past four years. "He is a problem solver, who

has found ways to save money and time on a number of our projects," says Mr Portbury.

Mr Menkens is quick to give credit to Signs for the recognition he has received.

"When one of my teachers came out to do assessment of my work, he was surprised and impressed with what he saw at Signs," he says.

But there is more to this job, according to Mr Menkens. "For many people at trade school, it's just a job but the mission and the people are an important part of working at Signs," he says. "Are you just folding paper or are you working on something bigger?"

Mr Menkens began casual work in the office at Signs in 2007. During that time, he also began occasional work in the bindery before beginning an apprenticeship in mid-2008. —Nathan Brown



Dan Menkens with his awards on the press floor.



## Ambassadors visit Cambodia

*Berkeley Vale, New South Wales*

Eleven Sanitarium employees from Australia and New Zealand visited Cambodia to take part in an exciting community project working with International Children's Care Australia (ICC) to paint, prepare and open a new school at ICC's Light of Hope Children's Village.

The project is part of Sanitarium's annual Ambassador Awards, a peer-nominated program that recognises employees who are committed to upholding the company's philosophies and values. The Sanitarium Ambassador group from 2010 was invited to take part in the trip, joined by Sanitarium CEO Kevin Jackson, as well as two representatives from Sanitarium's marketing department. The school was built using a \$A30,000 donation from the Sanitarium Ambassador Awards Program and a \$A5000 contribution from the company's marketing department.

During their week in Cambodia, the team helped with general education and hygiene programs, and held a sport and obstacle course day for the children in the village.

"The Ambassador project in Cambodia was life-changing—to be involved was a privilege and to see the joy that Sanitarium's involvement in the building of a school brought to those children was inspirational," said Simon Harrold, digital programs manager at the company's head office and Sanitarium Australia's 2010 National Ambassador. "I was personally challenged by what I saw and then blown away by the sheer happiness and the genuine affection and trust of the Cambodian people. I can't wait to go back."

The team took with them sporting goods donated by the Berkeley Vale Soccer Club. The donation means that 300 children will no longer have to share just eight pairs of boots when they play soccer.

"We were blessed with the opportunity to laugh, play and talk with

the children we met," said Vio Euta, who works in the Auckland office's finance department and was the 2010 National Ambassador for Sanitarium New Zealand. "Thank you to Sanitarium and ICC for this wonderful experience—these memories will be embedded in our hearts always." —*Sharyn Brady*



Ambassador team with some of the students.

## RECORD releases Android app

*Wahroonga, New South Wales*

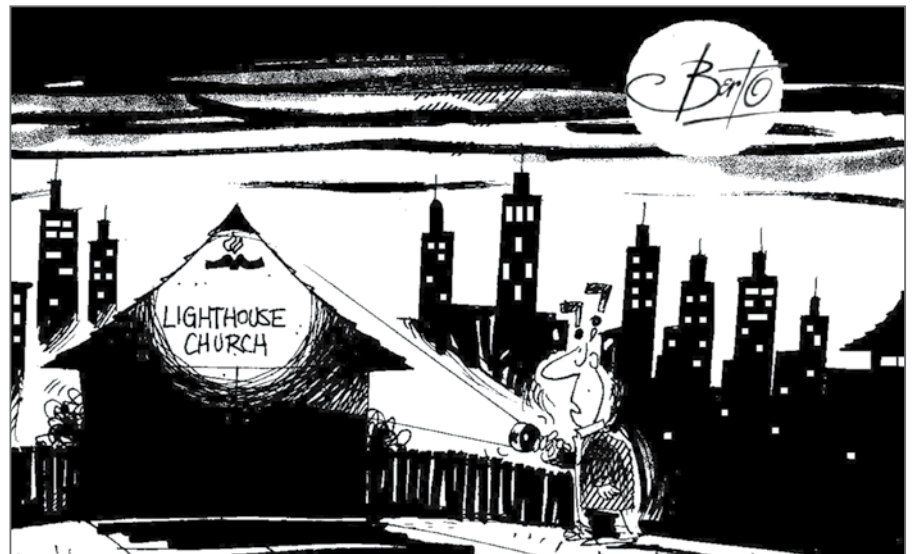
No sooner had RECORD released its iApp in November 2010 than the queries began to roll in: "When will we have a RECORD app for Android?" Some people are never satisfied.

Well, the technically-enabled have spoken and RECORD has answered; the RECORD app for Android-enabled devices is set for release by February 2012. You'll be able to pick it up FREE! at the Android Market—go hither and search "Adventist Record".

"Now that Android devices have a substantial and growing share of the Australian mobile device market, it was critical that we kept up," said James Standish, director of communication for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific.

Features? Same deal as with the iApp—news articles updated almost daily, a pdf version of RECORD appearing fortnightly, Record InFocus videos every Friday. It's your RECORD on the go.

"We're trying to expand our reach," said head of news and editorial, Pastor Pablo Lillo. "We want to connect with not just iPhone users but all the smart phone users out there. We want to continue to share the Gospel through new, fresh, exciting ways." —*Kent Kingston*



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# Conferences elect new presidents

This year four of the eight conferences in Australia have elected new leaders. RECORD takes a look.



## South Queensland

Pastor Jorge Muñoz was elected 34th president of South Queensland Conference in November 2011, replacing Dr Neil Watts, who served the conference for eight years. Pastor Muñoz has served as the ministerial secretary of the South Queensland Conference since 2008.

"I love pastoring and I am passionate about seeing people grow in the Word of God," he said.

Born in Chile in 1964, Pastor Muñoz studied electrical engineering before his call to ministry. He is married to Liliana and they have two children: Maritza (19) and Roberto (17). After graduating from Theology at Avondale College in 1992, he pastored a variety of congregations—large and small, young and old, new and established, English-speaking and non-English speaking for some 19 years.



## South New South Wales

Pastor Mike Faber replaces Pastor Bob Manners as president of the South New South Wales Conference. Pastor Faber immigrated to Australia in 2006 with his wife, Doris, and two boys, Daniel and Marcel.

He was born in 1958 and started his pastoral work in 1981 in Germany, the country of his birth. There he worked for a short time as associate editor and broadcaster for the Voice of Prophecy. In 1987, he moved to South Africa and completed his studies in Psychotherapy to complement his MA in Religion. During 14 years in South Africa, he served in three different conferences in a number of departmental roles. He also worked in the Bermuda Conference and the German part of Switzerland before moving to Australia.

"I see my call as president into the SNSW Conference as an incredible expression of confidence by its members," Pastor Faber said. "I pray every day God will give me wisdom and a mighty portion of the Holy Spirit to lead this Conference." His dream is that every member develops a stronger relationship with God and a passion to reach others.

## North New South Wales Conference

North New South Wales Conference (NNSWC) saw its

president, Pastor John Lang, general secretary Bob Dale and a number of other departmental directors retire in 2011.

Pastor Justin Lawman, who has served as the NNSWC Evangelism coordinator for the past four years, was elected president. Pastor Lawman said the team for the new quadrennium was a "young team" who had great aspirations to see the Gospel go forward.

"My vision is to elevate the local church and make it central," he said. "I want our Conference to grow local leaders—it'll be the local churches that finish God's work, not the conference office."

Pastor Lawman was born in Armidale in 1969. He has been married to Wendy for 19 years, and they have two children—Monica (18) and Caleb (16). After graduating from Avondale, he was called to work in the NNSWC in 1997. He was ordained in 2000 and pastored a number of churches in NNSW. Pastor Lawman accepted a call to the Southern California Conference in December 2004, where he pastored the Community Adventist Fellowship for three years. He ran and assisted large evangelistic programs, and hosted a weekly program on Los Angeles radio.

## Greater Sydney Conference

Pastor Michael Worker is the new president of the Greater Sydney Conference (GSC). Along with his wife, Maree, and their two children, Brianna and Madi, he has worked at GSC as general secretary since 2006.

Pastor Worker became a Christian in 1987 when he was baptised by Pastor Henry Miller.

In 1990, after feeling a strong call to pastoral ministry, he attended Avondale and began his theological training. While there he met and married Maree. The couple began their pastoral experience in rural Western Australia. They subsequently moved to Perth, where he spent six years serving as a pastor, chaplain and church planter. He also had the privilege of being involved in the process of locating suitable land and building new church premises. In 2002, Pastor Worker and his family moved to Caboolture, Queensland, where he was senior pastor for four years.

"My desire is to see people who are enthusiastic about their relationship with Jesus with the result that they are focused on sharing their faith as they serve in their church and the wider community," he said.





## OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

### The experience of prayer

At the heart of the Christian faith is the amazing truth that each person can experience a personal friendship with God. God is the Almighty and Eternal Creator and we are limited and mortal creatures, yet God desires to have a relationship with each one of us. A powerful way in which this personal friendship with God can be nurtured and developed is through prayer. On many levels prayer is easy and natural; from other perspectives, however, it is a practice that requires instruction and training. The disciples of Jesus once asked Him to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1).

### What does the Bible teach about God's attitude towards our prayers?

- ▶ He hears our prayers.  
Read Psalm 5:1-3, 6:8,9 and 65:2.
- ▶ His heart is open to those who realise their weakness and great need.  
Read Psalm 34:4-6 and Isaiah 57:15.
- ▶ He knows our needs already but cares deeply about meeting and supplying them.  
Read Isaiah 65:24 and Matthew 6:28-33.
- ▶ He wishes to bless us abundantly.  
Read Matthew 7:7-11, Romans 10:12, 13 and James 1:5.  
God is not reluctant to bless us, nor is He grudging in His response to our requests.

In summary, God is delighted when we come to Him in prayer; indeed, He invites us to come with confidence before the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16). He wants our experience of prayer to resemble that of talking to a close friend.

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



## HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

### Happy, healthy new year

A new year has just crept over the horizon. Here are a few simple health tips. First, eat sensibly: three simple meals daily, ideally with minimal fat, sugars (starches) and salt are best. Avoid fried and fast foods. Heaps of other good food is available.

Drink at least 6-8 glasses of tap water a day. Avoid fizzy drinks laden with sugar, chemicals and useless calories.

A GP check annually is advised. A blood test provides enormous information indicating treatment if abnormal. A colonoscopy can prevent bowel cancer (best from the age of 45). Aim for regular exercise.

Think positive thoughts about everything, and determine to keep happy.

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## MY MINISTRY IDEA

Using chocolate biscuits for evangelism was initiated by Pastor Greg Pratt while working in Melbourne. He now pastors Reedy Creek church in South Queensland.

When John Bews shared the idea with his head elder, Ian Grant, and the members of the Corrimal church in the Illawarra (NSW south coast), they thought this was an excellent idea too.

The plan is a simple one. People who live in the homes in the vicinity of the church are called on and given a packet of Arnott's Tim Tam chocolate biscuits. On each packet of biscuits is a sticker with the following words: "If your life is missing something, God can give you satisfaction and sweetness like Tim Tams to the tongue." Attached to each packet of Tim Tams are:

- ▶ a card introducing the "Try Jesus" reading guides;
- ▶ a leaflet from the Signs Publishing Company entitled "Why"—Why did God allow the earthquake and tsunami to strike Japan; and
- ▶ a phone number should anyone wish to make contact.

In addition, each person who goes to the door carries back issues of *Signs of the Times* to give away to people who show interest.

The best thing about this project is that it is very easy. Head elder Ian Grant said, "Ninety-five per cent of the people come out from behind their screen doors to accept a packet of Tim Tams. We then tell them we are from the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the corner and wait to see where the conversation progresses from there.

"It is exciting to witness for God in this very easy way and we know that God will lead us to find people ready to hear the good news about Jesus."





# A world of Connections

by Braden Blyde

**W**E'VE GOT PLANS FOR MORE FUNDRAISING and more trips. We are committed to their futures. We will be back."

For a man still recovering from 48-hour, travel-induced jet-lag, Aaron Bellette's voice is amazingly passionate.

But considering where he's been, what he's seen and what he's done, it's not at all surprising.

Mr Bellette, a lecturer in visual communications at Avondale College, and member of Regen Church, NSW, has recently returned from an ADRA Connections trip to Malawi. He, along with professional photographer Dominique Cherry and Pastor Mark Craig, used their combined skills to document the impact of ADRA's projects, including the Krystle Klear Water Project, in a number of poverty-affected villages.

"We returned with more than 200 gigabytes of photos and video," Mr Bellette said. "We are producing a photo-book and a range of videos and other materials that will mean the projects' impact can continue and grow."

The team, along with the wider church community, has invested a lot of time and money in the Krystle Klear Water Project—raising more than \$40,000 for the drilling of boreholes during the past 18 months.

"We had a personal attachment to the project and the people it was benefiting because of all our fundraising," Mr Bellette said. "It created a vested interest in what we were doing. We were engaged and connected with the change that was occurring. I would encourage everybody to do the same."

During their 16-day trip, Mr Bellette and the team witnessed how ADRA's work is empowering communities and changing lives for the future.

"The work isn't just handouts; it's sustainable. ADRA's

work is empowering the community," he said. "The villagers showed us around their homes and their gardens. They sang and danced as they took us around—they were so proud of the changes they've been able to make.

"It was amazing to see firsthand what is happening, particularly as a result of the projects we have been fundraising for."

ADRA Connections is a new, short-term volunteer program run by ADRA Australia. With support from the ADRA office in Sydney, church groups, schools, families and other interest groups have the opportunity to get their hands dirty bringing an ADRA project to life, learn about ADRA's ministry around the world and experience the amazing cultures and sights the world has to offer.

"It was really easy," Mr Bellette said, reflecting on the process leading up to and during their trip. "Everything was prepared; projects were ready to go so we could just walk in and get straight into it. The two-day safari we took in while we were there was just amazing too."

Mr Bellette's team is just one of the seven groups involved in an ADRA Connections trip during the next 12 months. But with more than 30 trips on offer throughout Africa, Asia and the South Pacific, there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved.

From building shelters for albino school students in Tanzania to setting up water systems in Vanuatu to helping to empower young leaders in rural Vietnam, ADRA Connections allows you to use your skills, time and effort to make a life-changing difference.

For more information about ADRA Connections and to take the next step in getting involved, visit <[www.adra.org.au](http://www.adra.org.au)> or call 1800 24 ADRA.



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OPINION\*

Bethany Turner

## The inadequacy of inadequacy

Do you ever feel who you are just isn't enough? Inadequacy and I are good friends, particularly when I'm looking for a reason to say no: "I could never do that. After all, who am I?" But I've discovered this line isn't original. One of the greatest leaders of all time used it and God conclusively answered the question.

Moses is just a shepherd. His job isn't a high-profile, high-energy or high-paying one. Worse, he's been stuck in it for 40 years.

Then one day an unusual desert fire catches his attention and his life is changed forever. God has this message: "There's a job vacancy and I've volunteered you for it." That might have been flattering if the job wasn't so impossible. God tells the man who'd done nothing but herd sheep for 40 years, "Go back to Egypt, where you're on the wanted list, and lead a nation out of there."

Well, Moses isn't so sure he wants to volunteer! Imagine being asked to headline a concert at the Sydney Opera House when you haven't played for 40 years, or being asked to lead an evangelistic series when you haven't led anyone to Jesus. Moses says to God, "Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11, NLT) In other words, "What makes you think I could do the job?" Now if you ask someone that question, they'll likely begin listing your abilities (with a few extras thrown in for good measure), but what's God's answer? "I will be with you" (Exodus 3:12, NLT).

I will be with you. It's not about who we are or what we do; it's about who He is.

The challenge: be willing to go beyond your abilities because God is with you. Remember, "If you set a goal you already know how to accomplish, it probably isn't big enough!" (Christian minister and author, Rick Warren)

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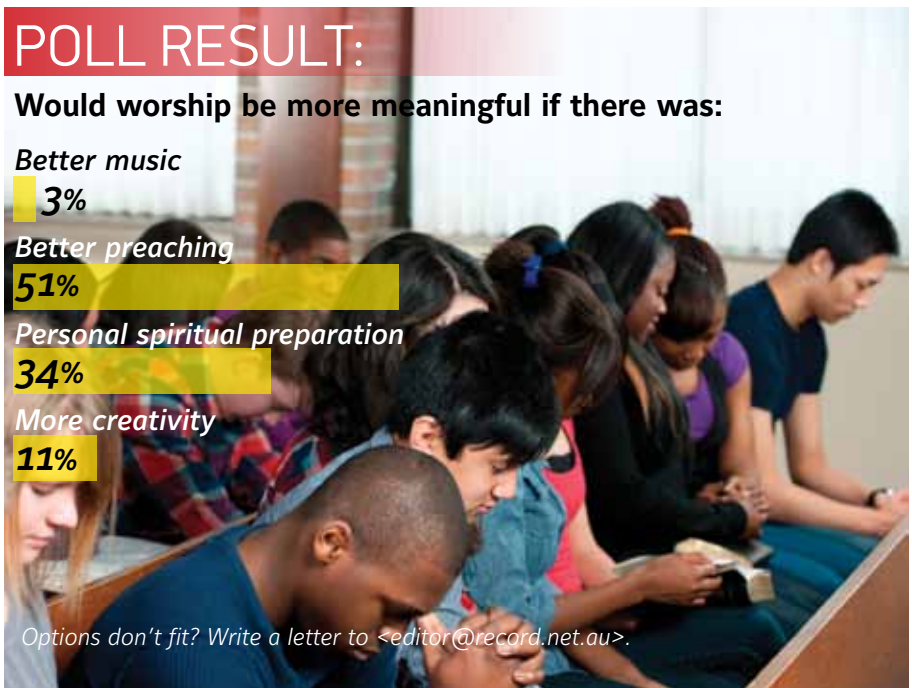
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## Just add water

Do you often feel irritable or have regular headaches? We often blame the demands of a busy life; however it may be that we simply need to drink more water.

Water is essential for life—without it we would survive only a few days. Water is responsible for transporting nutrients in our bodies, temperature regulation and the removal of waste from our bladder. Our body is made up of 60–70 per cent water; in children this can be as high as 80 per cent.

Daily we lose water through urine, stools, sweat, tears and as water vapour as we breathe. We replenish this from the fluids we drink and foods we eat. A small amount of water is also produced as a by-product of metabolism.

Dehydration occurs when the amount of water leaving the body is greater than the amount being consumed. To maintain hydration we need to drink eight glasses a day. However this can vary according to individual requirements. The initial signs of dehydration begin when we have lost about 2 per cent of total body fluid. These include, but are not limited to, thirst, fatigue, irritability and headaches.

Serious illness can develop if fluid loss continues up to 5 per cent of total body fluid and if the body reaches 10 per cent total body fluid loss, emergency medical help is needed. Fluid loss 10 per cent and above can be fatal!

Don't rely on feeling thirsty to remind you to drink, as by this time we are usually already dehydrated. Ensure you drink sufficient quantities to maintain pale coloured urine throughout the day.

### Who is at most risk of dehydration?

◆ Kids—due to their small body weight and high water content they are more susceptible to dehydration. They often cannot vocalise that they are thirsty and are more susceptible to illnesses which can result in dehydration. Try ice blocks and jelly to increase fluid intakes in unwell children. Often a drink bottle on their desk in class will help remind them to drink. Carry water bottles in the car, particularly over summer.

◆ The elderly—their sensitivity to thirst becomes less acute, they are slower to respond to changes in environmental temperature and tend to eat and drink less. They may also be on medication, have hormone changes or an illness that may cause dehydration. Make drinking convenient—have a sipper bottle on hand or add a slice of lemon or lime to flavour water.

◆ Those with an illness such as fever, vomiting and diarrhoea—water and electrolytes such as sodium and potassium are essential to maintain fluid levels. If you or your family are suffering from gastric illness it is advisable to discuss fluid and electrolyte replenishment with your doctor.

◆ Athletes and those working in a hot humid environment—increased sweating requires increased fluid intake. Consider using a sports drink when training for intervals longer than one hour, to replenish both fluid and electrolyte levels.

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## RECIPE

### Vanilla, berry and ginger smoothie



- 2 cups Sanitarium So Good Vanilla soy milk
- 4 pear halves
- 1 cup frozen raspberries
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1cm ginger, peeled and sliced
- 150g pottle berry yoghurt

1. Place all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Serve.  
Serves 2.

Preparation time: 5 minutes.

PER SERVE: 1400kJ (335 calories); Protein 12g; Fat 11g;  
Carbohydrates 48g; Sodium 133mg; Potassium 775mg; Calcium  
424mg; Iron 2.5mg; Fibre 5g.



# Monument or mission station?

By Danny Bell

**A**s I drove past a Seventh-day Adventist church one evening, I anticipated the lights to be on and there to be someone there doing something. Alas, the church was darkened but for a few low lights around the perimeter. Driving on I realized that most churches I know are like that—dark, dimly lit and quiet during the week. It reminds me of some local monuments in my town which are dark, dimly lit and quiet.

This begs all sorts of questions when contemplating what a church building is for and how members see the function of their building. Have our churches become monuments instead of mission stations? We are often heard saying “the church is a hospital for sinners” but how many hospitals do you know that are shut down during the week?

Have we in our enthusiasm to get home to heaven forgotten the fundamental reason for the church’s existence in the community? Are we not supposed to be a

shining light and a beacon to guide the lost home? How will the lost ever find us if all we do is open our doors once a week? Have our churches become monuments to ourselves and those who have died instead of hustling, bustling mission stations always looking out for the living and lost?

How can we tell if our church is operating more like a monument than a mission station? Below are a set of characteristics of monuments and mission stations that you can apply to your particular church and see how you stack up.

We know from experience that monuments are:  
▶ **Immovable.** In monument cultures you only have to go back into their histories to show that moving, selling or getting a new one is fraught with conflict and difficulty. That’s because monument thinkers can’t conceive of doing what they do anywhere else but on the site the monument was erected.



▶ **Visited infrequently.** Monuments don't usually get a lot of activity but are only visited on special occasions. Those who engage in this infrequency usually feel that once the visit is over, they have done their duty. The doors are locked and the gates are barred until next time.

▶ **Sacredness of the object emphasised.** Those who are in a monument culture are often heard emphasising that it has been dedicated and how sacred it is. They forget to realise that the sacredness is not in the bricks and mortar but in the people who go there.

▶ **Looking back focus.** Monument thinkers mostly look back to how things used to be or how things were done back when. It is more to do with preservation than innovation. Forward thinking is very hard to come by in a monument culture and is usually not tolerated.

▶ **Surrounded by ceremony and tradition.** A monument culture is heavily guarded on all sides by a way of doing things that must be preserved at all costs. Deep and long held traditions are seen almost as sacred as the monument itself and like it are immovable.

▶ **Honours the dead.** Monuments are usually about honouring the fallen and dead. In monument cultures there may be plaques in the gardens, on the walls or on benches dedicated to members who have passed on or to honour those who were once "with us".

▶ **Unchangeable.** Changing or removing something from a monument is akin to a criminal offence. The reason for this unchangeable culture is that the monument itself has become a personal object of worship and serves best those who are attached to it in some familial or historical way.

▶ **Narrow in focus.** Monuments are erected for a specific cause or reason. Stray outside that cause and you will land yourself in hot water. Other kinds of ceremonies or even other traditions are not tolerated in a monument culture. 'Get with the program' or else 'get out' is the clear message. The needs of the proverbial few outweigh the needs of the many in a monument culture.

▶ **Doesn't perform any other function.** A monument is just that—a monument. There is no other function other than a place to come, remember, do one's duty and walk away. It serves no other purpose other than the one it was designed to serve—to remain an icon of what was and will always be. Mission stations on the other hand are known for these characteristics:

▶ **Can be moved.** A mission station is not bound to any place or time. It can even be mobile and sees the horizon as its only obstacle. In fact, movability and taking it to where the people are is a key feature of a mission station culture.

▶ **Visited very frequently.** Because of its nature, a mission station will be frequently used because it is not seen as a part of one's lifestyle but as a lifestyle. The frequency of use is based on real needs and those needs being met which is what makes it so popular.

▶ **Has no sacred objects.** There are no sacred cows in a mission station. Everything is sacrificed—money, time,

objects, space—all are dispensable to its guiding principle which is the sacredness of life. Mission station thinkers will move heaven and earth to accomplish meeting this ideal.

▶ **Looking forward with anticipation.** If you are a part of a mission station culture you will quickly realise that they don't do a lot of dwelling on the past—as important as that may be in some instances. You will soon learn that it's all about now and the future and plans are always around this focus.

▶ **Surrounded by common sense and what works.** Nothing is off the table in a mission station culture. Adaptability and change is what they are about. There are special rites of passage for relatives or the popular—if you have gifts, they will be used no matter what your status.

▶ **Honours the living.** Mission stations are all about the living. They recognise there is nothing that can be done for the dead and move on to the living. The fact that people are dying at a rapid rate inspires mission station thinkers to move with haste and urgency to their task.


▶ **Embraces change.** A mission station will change, adapt and offend if necessary for what it believes in if that means positive long-term outcomes. It is versatile and has the needs of the many, which outweigh the needs of the few, as its basis.

▶ **Broad in its focus.** Mission stations are based on the needs of others and so this necessitates that it be broad in focus. It cannot afford to be a stingy, penny-pinching or a conservative culture when it comes to meeting needs. Where there is a need, it must be met—end of story.

▶ **Can perform many different functions.** Adaptability and a willingness to re-look or re-think the way things are done is a hallmark of the mission station. Mission stations are not bound by time, resources or space. They will be seen in all types of circumstances in all kinds of cultures seeking to breach the gap between those who have and those who have not what they are offering.

So here we are at the end of the world. What better time to re-assess our churches and see if they are up to the task of transforming into mission stations from a monument culture. Ellen White penned the following words:

"The church must be a working church if it would be a living church. It should not be content merely to hold its own ground against the opposing forces of sin and error, not be content to advance with dilatory step, but it should bear the yoke of Christ, and keep step with the Leader, gaining new recruits along the way" (EG White, Review and Herald, Aug 4, 1891).

I'm a big believer in holding ground but that is only part of the Gospel direction given to us by Jesus. Are the majority of our churches monuments or mission stations? Maybe take a drive past your church at night this week and ask yourself, "Do I belong to a monument or mission station church?" It could be the beginning of something fantastic! 

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## R RECORD REWIND

The tiny "First Fleet" of Adventist missionaries "took passage on the steamer *Australia*" in San Francisco on May 10, 1885. Sydney was their port of destination, but their immediate goal was Melbourne. Weren't there more Americans there, left over from the gold rushes?

We often remember that the group included a trusted leader who quickly went on to South Africa (Stephen Haskell), two evangelists (John Corliss and Mendel Israel), a printer (Henry Scott) and a colporteur (William Arnold). Less often we recall that Julia Corliss and Lizzie Israel accompanied their husbands and their four children.

On July 4, the first Sabbath School met "Down Under" in Melbourne. A minute-book, neatly printed with preface and headings by the Review and Herald Publishing House, tells us the new school had 10 members (Americans) and one visitor (an Australian); the attendance was "100 per cent" of the membership.

The book also records: "By suggestion of Elder Israel, Brother H Scott was elected superintendent and Jessie Israel [teenage daughter of Mendel and Lizzie] chosen sec."

A year later, secretary Jessie Israel kept records for a much larger Sabbath School; her legible handwriting recorded a membership of 92. On July 3, 1886, there was an attendance of 83, with two visitors.

When travel or illness kept a member away from Sabbath School, they were expected to furnish written excuses. A small sheaf of these are still with us. Typical of them is this one, written in a copybook hand from Wrights Terrace:

"Dear Brother Scott, On account of illness, I am unable to attend Sabbath School this morning, will you excuse and Oblige. Yours in the Truth, Annie Rowe."

With other writers, I more fully tell the story of "The Founding Mothers" (and fathers!) in *Seventh-day Adventists in the South Pacific 1885-1985*. The there and then narratives help us shape our mission in the here and now.

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Still in use today, North Fitzroy church was one of the first in Melbourne.

## MYSTERY HISTORY



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# Kids' Space

**Aloha Kids!**  
This week's story is about creation

God created so many wonderful things for us to enjoy.

I wonder if you can remember them all? When God finished creating, He did something really wonderful on the **Seventh Day** of Creation. He made a special day called the Sabbath. God made this day for two very important reasons; God knew that after a busy week we would need a rest and most importantly, He knew we needed to spend time with Him... after all, God knows us inside and out. I can't think of a better person to have as our friend!

**SPOT THE CREATION!**  
Don't be tricked!



**Q1** What was created on the first day of creation?

**Q3** Circle the things you can see that were **made** on the 6th day that have 4 legs?

**Q2** What was created on the 3rd day of creation?

Grace Message: The Sabbath is God's special gift to us.

**Q4** On the 5th day of creation God made the birds in the air and the fish in the sea. Count them.  birds &  fish.

**Q5** On the 4th day of creation God made some shiny things, what were they?  &  &  . How many can you see?

**Q6** God made Adam & Eve on the 6th day. We are **blessed** with creativity. Can you spot 3 things that people invented?

**Q7** Look for the **pink** words in the Kid's Space and fill in the blanks. " \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it holy." Genesis 2:3

\* Hello in Hawaii

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The Other side of  
**Vegas**

by Danielle Synot



**L**AS VEGAS. LIGHTS, EXTRAVAGANT architecture and huge billboards enticing visitors to the glitz and glamour of live shows by world famous celebrities. The surroundings were a stark contrast to the man walking towards me.

I sat on a retaining wall, in front of the famous Caesar's Palace casino, taking a break after filming a scene for the upcoming *Beyond* DVD series. The man sat down beside me. His clothes were worn and marked, his face unshaven, and his hands rough and grubby, telling a thousand tales.

"Whatcha doin' here?" he questioned. Surprised by his initiation of friendly conversation, I answered that we were filming a DVD series. I kept on the conversation, impressed that this man had a need for company and a story to tell.

"So what are you doing here?" I asked.

"Oh, I'm just a bum," he answered. "I live here." He sounded sombre and monotone, kind of like Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh.

"Well nice to meet you, I'm Danielle, what's your name?"

"I'm Andy," he replied.

I asked Andy how long he had been living on the streets.

"Oh about 14 years. I was originally from California." His family, a wife and now adult children, lived there but he hadn't seen them in all that time. He mentioned he had done some really bad stuff and had to get away. He was resolved to the fact that his life on the streets was purely the consequence of negative actions.

I thought about that for a moment and my heart broke for him. Fourteen years living on the streets and never seeing his family, or knowing whether or not they are OK. No-one caring for or looking out for him.

I asked the obvious, "Wow that's a long time . . . are you lonely Andy?"

He seemed a little startled at my question, and amazed that someone would even think to ask him that. He had to stop and think about how he felt—for the past 14 years his thoughts were simply about how he could survive each day.

"Yeah," he said sadly, "I'm lonely."

I turned to Andy and just held him for a minute, sharing with him how much Jesus loves him and that God can forgive him for his past. He turned to me and his face softened as he dared to smile. He said, "You know, I'll tell you one good thing I did in my life."

Over the next hour Andy shared his story with me. He had been sent to Vietnam and while there, his superior officer one day ordered him to go into a particular house in a certain village and kill the children. Andy entered the house and found a child there alone. He could not, and would not, deliberately kill an innocent child. He grabbed her, cupping his hand over her mouth and telling her in very strong language to shut up and not make any noise. He then fired two shots through the floor and left the house. After telling me this, Andy pointed to a bridge nearby and told me what happened.

A few years ago he was standing on the bridge when an Asian woman came to him and matter-of-factly stated, "I know you!" Andy had no idea who she was and retorted, "I don't think so, I'm just a bum."

"Yes I do," the woman insisted, "It was years ago, but I know that hand." She pointed to the tattoo of a star on the back of his hand and continued, "Why didn't you kill me?"

It was the little girl from Vietnam that he had secretly saved from being shot. She had later moved to the US and now had children of her own, whom she gladly introduced to Andy.

Andy smiled and teared up a little. We talked a little longer as he asked all sorts of questions; we sang songs and laughed together, until it was time for me to go. I hugged him again and prayed with him.

"I'll never forget you Andy," I said as I walked away. "That's good," he said as he smiled back. "That way I'll never die."

I believe Andy met the love of Jesus that day, and so did I. I think about Andy often, his life and his struggles, his homelessness in front of a "Palace".

It reminds me that we can be just like Andy, even in the "palace" of the church. There are people (and I have been one of them) feeling hopeless, lonely, shameful and rejected.

It reminded me about what is important to God—loving relationships. It is Jesus, and the everlasting Golden Rule, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart all your mind and all your strength, and love your neighbour as yourself, by doing this you have fulfilled the law" (Luke 10:25-37).

We are called to reach out as ambassadors for Jesus, so open your eyes and ask: "Who has Jesus put in front of me today?"

And just love them.

And just love them.

And just love them.

*Danielle Synot is a news reader for the Record InFocus television program seen on the Australian Christian Channel and Hope Channel.*




Bonjour!

*J'envoie mes salutations spéciales à tous mes frères et sœurs dans nos pays francophones. Et je prie notre Dieu de continuer à être avec vous et de vous donner sa paix et sa sagesse.*

Most of you will have no idea what this paragraph said. Just as the French-speaking members in our Division do not understand our English publications. They find it very difficult to use the vast majority of the resources that are published and produced in our Division. I am referring to our members in French Polynesia (Tahiti), New Caledonia, and Wallis and Futuna.

In the South Pacific Division we have 5030 church members in addition to children and unbaptised youth who speak French on a day-to-day basis. They worship in 64 churches and companies, and return total tithe of NZ\$4,169,462. They are a part of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.

I am in New Zealand as I write this Snapshot. I am attending the NZPUC Annual Executive Committee meeting. Ten of the 33 persons in the room are French-speaking. Fortunately, all of them also speak English and are well able to fully participate in the discussion.

I thank God for all who are part of our church family in the South Pacific. We are a diverse family: many cultures, many nations, many languages. But we have one Lord, one faith, one family. May our respect and love for one another grow every day as we serve God and look toward His coming.

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



### COASTLIFE

Nerang, QUEENSLAND

“WorshipFest 2011: Flood of Justice” was a special program held at Coastlife Adventist church aimed at equipping and inspiring Christians in their daily mission in the world.

Attendees were blessed by powerful messages presented by Jo Darby, who challenged everyone to step up and do something to make a change.

The flood of justice began during the Sabbath morning service, where attendees were invited to pledge funds towards ADRA’s East Africa Drought Appeal. Over

\$A4000 was given to the cause, which, when matched dollar-for-dollar by the Australian government, translates into 400 adults being fed for a month.

At the end of the Sabbath program, attendees were encouraged to stay for lunch and then explore a “Flood Interactive” expo hall. This gave many people an opportunity to find out more and explore how they could help stop the injustice facing millions of people today.

Present at the conference were representatives from ADRA, Asian Aid and Manna Haven, who all held stalls in the expo hall.

To conclude WorshipFest, a Psalter concert was held on the Saturday evening, featuring Ali and Leighton Heise, Anna Weatherup, Vintage Season, and Eric and Monique Johnson. -Matt Moore



Jo Darby was a keynote speaker for WorshipFest.



### Samuel Majak Mapet Aliir

Samuel Majak Mapet Aliir was baptised in Lismore church on November 19, 2011.

Samuel was born in the Sudan and, before he left there, his family took him to several witch doctors in a vain attempt to cure a stomach problem. He was very attached to his uncle who was his mentor but, sadly, the uncle died following a car accident.



Samuel came to Australia when he was 15 and completed his schooling.

He began studying Law at Southern Cross University. There he became mixed up with drugs and alcohol. On reading a book by Ben Carson, he was inspired to change his life and he began to read his Bible. He attended a “Surviving the Next Financial Crisis” Seminar run in

Lismore by Pastor Paul Geelan. He then continued with the Prophetic Code series and has enjoyed Bible studies. Following his baptism, he plans to continue his Law studies. He gave a very moving testimony. -Valerie Dunstan



## ANNIVERSARY



**Gosev, Risto** and Slobodanka celebrated 65 years of marriage

on 9.8.11. Some 10 years ago they were blessed to have the opportunity to immigrate from Macedonia to Australia so that they could be with their five children who all live in and around Melbourne. They have 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They became members of the church while living in Macedonia. Although faced with challenges, they were very active in sharing their new-found faith with family, friends and the village community they were part of. They are much loved by their growing family. They love the Lord and are happy members of the St Albans church.

## WEDDINGS

**Babet–Nge.** Babet Babet, son of Patrick and Suzy Babet (Hamlyn Terrace, NSW) and Htwe Nu Nge, daughter of San Hlaing and Blossom (Melbourne, Vic), were married 27.11.11 at Erina church, with a reception at Crown Plaza, Terrigal.

*Russel Stanley*

**Brady–Ireland.** Michael Brady, son of Rodney and Kathryn Brady, and Samantha Ireland, daughter of Timothy and Juelyn Burns, were married 6.11.11 at Gosford church, Narara, NSW. Michael and Samantha exchanged vows before family and friends on a lovely sunny day at Michael's family church in Gosford.

*Brad Kemp, Clancy Rogers*



**Ellison–Branster.** Joshua Edon Ellison, son of Robert and

Annette Ellison (Townsville, Qld), and Angela Suzanne Branster, daughter of Terry Branster (Gold Coast) and Bev Benard (Sunshine Coast), were married in Angsana Chapel, Palm Cove. They met while studying nursing at Sydney Adventist Hospital and now work on the Sunshine Coast.

*Mark J Pearce*

**Lees–Lee.** Frederick Lees and Sandra Lee were married 12.11.11

at Benarkin, Qld. Fred and Sandra met at Gympie church, and have been involved in door-to-door health evangelism together. They will honeymoon in NZ and look forward to living happily ever after in God's service.

*Phillip Downing*



**Rostran–Kwok.** Rafael Rostran, son of Gonzalo and Yolanda

Rostran (both deceased) (Nicaragua), and "Linda" Wei Tee Kwok, daughter of Keng Kwok and Kim Lieu (Singapore), were married 20.11.11 at Springwood church, Qld. They were surrounded by family and friends from Australia and Singapore.

*André van Rensburg*



**Rumble–Thornton.** Lance Jeffrey Rumble, son of Keith and

Beryl Rumble, and Julia Sandra Thornton, daughter of Peter and Mary Thornton, were married 16.10.11 at Wauchope church, NSW.

*Danny Milenkov*

## OBITUARIES

**Eames, Thelma Doreen,** born 5.12.1938 in Yallourn, Vic; died 3.11.11 in Port Macquarie Base Hospital. Thelma was predeceased by her husband, Henry and daughter, Deborah. She has three surviving children, Wayne, Lyndon and Laurie. Thelma was a very kind and gentle person. She loved her family and especially her grandchildren. Although she lost contact with the Adventist Church for some time, in the past couple of years she reconnected with the Church and, more importantly, her Lord. She died with the blessed hope in her heart.

*Danny Milenkov*

**Hart, Ethel Irene,** born 20.3.1918 in Madras, India; died peacefully on 7.4.11 in Esther Somerville Nursing Home, Wahroonga, NSW. Ethel is survived by her son, Philip and his wife, Rhonda (Lisarow) and daughter, Patricia and her husband, Bruce Prince (Bathurst); grandchildren, Joanne, Tristan, Renee, David and Christopher; and nine great-grandchildren. On 15.7.1941, Ethel married Percy Hart at Salisbury Park, Poona, India. Their firstborn baby, Gwendolyn, died at birth.

Ethel and Percy both worked for the Church for many years in various capacities. She taught secretarial studies at Vincent Hill School, Mussoorie, India, and worked as secretary to Pastors NC Wilson (snr), RH Pierson and Bullock, who all eventually served as General Conference presidents. Percy and Ethel immigrated to Australia where they raised their family. Ethel lived a full and interesting life, hand-in-hand with her Saviour, whom she deeply loved and depended on every step of the way.

*Bruce Prince*

**Heath, Amanda Walker-Heath** (nee Foley), born 29.10.1914 in Woollahra, NSW; died 2.3.11 in the Elizabeth Gates Nursing Home, Singleton. On 25.1.1940, she was married to John Heath at the Concord church by Pastor Reuben Hare. John predeceased her on 18.6.1970. She married Tom Walker on 12.1.1981 at Terrigal, NSW. Tom died in 1996. Amanda is survived by her daughter, Diane Hawken and her husband, Kelvin, son, Terry and his wife, Helen (all of Maitland); sister, Mullie; six grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Amanda lived a long and happy life, surrounded by her loving family. She was a faithful, enthusiastic, cheerful and gracious member of the church she cherished. She loved her Lord and her family.

*Owen D'Costa, Esava Koro*

**Holmes, Deirdre Florence** (nee Ganter), born 1929 in Yeppoon, Qld; died 14.11.11 in Adventist Aged Care, Cooranbong, NSW. In 1950, she married Percy. She is survived by her husband; her sons, Dale (USA), Graham and Rob (Sydney, NSW), Kendal and Kathryn; and grandchildren, Levi and Shannon (Newcastle). Deirdre and Percy served the church in eight different churches. They also served in PNG at Manus and Rabaul for five years, and at Kukudu in the Solomon Islands for five years. After retiring, they spend a year volunteering on Lord Howe Island. Deirdre was a very special lady who used her teaching skills everywhere she went. Her life has blessed many people.

*David Judd, Cecil Ogg*

**Howard, Colin Mervyn,** born 9.9.1927 in Sydney, NSW; died

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12.11.11 in Young District Hospital. He married Valerie May Howard. He was predeceased by his children, Donald and Carol J. He is survived by his wife; and Bruce, Carol I and Glen. Colin was a great man who loved his family and his Lord.

*Iorangi Eiao*

**James**, June Evelyn (nee Pauley), born 24.3.1931 in Concord, NSW; died 7.11.11 peacefully, surrounded by family in Forster. On 15.4.1953, she married Raymond Percy James. She was predeceased by her daughter, Gloria Watson. She is survived by her husband (Elizabeth Beach), and children, Kerrie Kench (Mt Kuring-gai) and Robyn Felsch (Canada); six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. June was known for opening her home and heart to family and friends. She enjoyed beautiful music, cooking for her family, sewing and reading. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

*David Kosmeier*

**Langeneckert**, Walter, born 8.4.1937 in Germany; died 24.11.11 in Robina Hospital, Gold

Coast, Qld, from cancer. He is survived by his wife, Anthea; children, David, Garnet and Martin; and grandchildren, Lauren and Phillip. Walter worked tirelessly both overseas and Australia to reach people with the love and saving grace of our Lord.

*Brian Je*

**Metcalf**, Edward Alexander William George Malpas (Ted), born 1928; died 13.11.11. He is the brother and brother-in-law of Yvonne and Lyndsay (dec) Parker, George (dec) and Helen, Margaret and Brian Quin, and Jimmy and Nina; loving uncle of Steven, Sue, Carolyn, Dean, Jenni, Kathy, Andrew, Dianne, Wendy, John, Lissa, Tania and their families. Never forgotten, forever loved. His funeral was conducted at Brighton church on 25.11.11, and the committal service was held at Brighton Cemetery.

*Lee Bowditch-Walsh*

**Mitchell**, Sidney, born 1.4.1923 in Murray Bridge, SA; died 31.10.11 in Adelaide. On 8.12.1947, he married Doreen. He is survived by his children, Barry, Grant and

Margaret, and their spouses; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Sid was an extremely talented man who loved his family, his church and his God. He willingly gave his time and talents to make all manner of things for the Brightful church where he worshipped for over 50 years. Undaunted by the challenges of 'new' technology, he took responsibility for recording satellite programs often requiring him to be at the church as early as 4am. Sid was a devoted husband and a faithful friend who will be sadly missed. He is lovingly remembered by his children and grandchildren.

*Ross Simon*

**Pascoe**, Lindsay Oliver, born 5.8.1920 in Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW; died 2.2.11 peacefully. On 1.3.1943, he married Joyce Musgrave and they had three children, Len, Geoff and Leonie. Lindsay worked as a literature evangelist in the Casino and Kyogle areas before spending the next seven years in ministry in Inverell, Tamworth and Narrabri. His later years were in the field of education, mostly in PNG. He is survived by his wife; his children and their spouses; 11 grandchildren and their spouses; and 16 great-grandchildren. He had deep faith and love for his Saviour, and was devoted to his wife and family. He will be missed—but, hopefully, not for too long! Maranatha!

*Owen D'Costa, Wilf Pascoe*

**Reaston**, Eileen Elizabeth (nee McCulloch), born 7.12.1917 in Mackay, Qld; died 4.8.11 in Mackay. On 5.12.1942, she married Hugh Joseph Reaston, who predeceased her in 1970. She is survived by Earleen Stachen (Mackay) and Lyndell Head (Gargett).

*Andrew Jasper*

**Rixon**, Leslie Herbert, born 14.8.1919 in Wee Waa, NSW; died 17.6.11 in St Joseph's Home, Sandgate. He married Kathleen Edith Elizabeth (Peg) Mason on 28.12.1940 in St Mark's Church, Islington. He is survived by his wife; his children and their spouses, John and Hazel (Conder, ACT), Warren and Ella, Lynda and Stefan Weber (all of Alburton, Qld) and Cynthia (Shortland, NSW); nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Les

had a distinguished career as a RAAF pilot flying with RAF squadrons in the British Bomber Command, within the European Theatre. In the mid-1970s Les, Peg and all their children and spouses were baptised into the Maitland church. Les will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

*Owen D'Costa*

**Russell**, Helen Elizabeth (nee Gadsden), born 20.12.1923 in Burwood, NSW; died 17.2.11 in Gilgandra. She married Rufus Loxley, who predeceased her in 1986, then married Norm Russell in 1991, who predeceased her in 2010. She is survived by her stepsons, Robert (Warrimoo) and Ron (Emerald, Qld); her cousin, Johann Gadsden (Dubbo, NSW); and nephew, Bill Gadsden (Silverdale), and families. Betty was one of the founding members of the Penrith church where she was a member for many years. She held the position of treasurer and was involved with Pathfinders. She later moved to Gilgandra with Norm and was an active member there.

*Mark Turner*

**Watts**, Evelyn Marguerite (nee Nash), born 9.10.1930; died 5.10.11 in the Bethesda Rest Home, Auckland NZ. She married Frank Watts in 1949. She was predeceased by her daughter, Kerrie Ann. She is survived by her children, Jeffrey, Robyn Howie, Glenysie and Roger; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her brother, Pastor Maurice Nash (Brisbane, Qld). Evelyn's life was devoted to her husband, raising their family, playing and teaching music, flower gardening, and making time to visit and help others in her church and the community. As a member of the Kaitaia, Longburn College and Tau-ranga churches, and Bethesda Village Fellowship, she served as deaconess, organist, pianist, treasurer and welfare officer.

*Clive Newson*

**Watts**, Frank William, born 5.7.1921; died 13.10.11 in the Bethesda Rest Home, Auckland NZ. He was predeceased by his daughter, Kerrie Ann and wife, Evelyn. He is survived by his children, Jeffrey, Robyn Howie, Glenysie and Roger; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchild-

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dren; and siblings, Tom (Kaitaia), Louis (Auckland) and Una Judd (Cooanbong, NSW). After graduating from the ministerial course at Avondale College, he married Evelyn Nash in Auckland, NZ, on 2.2.1949. He assisted with rewiring the college buildings and later began colporteur work in Kalgoorlie and then in Manjimup, WA. After moving in 1953 to Kaitaia, NZ, Frank became an accomplished joiner while devoting his life to his wife and their children to whom he passed a love of the outdoors and especially the beach. He served his church faithfully as an amateur violinist, deacon, elder and lay preacher. During his retirement, Frank made wooden toys, tricycles, pedal cars and other items, rode motorbikes and visited his children. His reading aloud and storytelling, and supportive love for the lives and work of every family member, are sadly missed.

*Clive Newson*



**Wilton, Alan**, born 22.7.1931 in Wahroonga, NSW; died 10.11.11 in John Hunter

Hospital, Newcastle. Alan is survived by his wife, Margaret; twin boys, Scott and Glenn and their spouses; and his grandchildren Adam, Charlotte, Emily and Chloe. Above all other interests, Alan loved the Lord and his church. He was continually seeking ways in which he could witness for his Lord and share the good news of salvation. His greatest desire was for his family to be in God's kingdom together with him. Alan requested that a powerful daily devotional passage be read at his funeral, and in this way he made one final appeal for all those present to join him on the sea of glass.

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