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## Mission team distributes 3000 Bibles

Nuzvid, India

A team of volunteers from Australia and New Zealand has completed a successful mission outreach at the Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, India.

Thirty-one volunteers from churches in Wairoa and Port Macquarie in NSW, Melbourne in Victoria, and Hamilton in New Zealand, participated in an eight-day week of prayer program. They distributed more than 3000 Bibles, culminating in 79 baptisms. Additional revival programs were presented for 1600 school students, 250 nursing students and hospital patients each day.

An excursion to Garmar Adventist Academy, Rajanagar, was a trip highlight. Students treated team members to a VIP welcome with a campus tour, including a look at the

new bunk beds and cupboards in the girls' hostel. This has been the focus of some intense fundraising over the past year. During a previous visit it was noted that the girls were sleeping on the floor as they had no beds.

The team also included medical and allied health personnel who participated in patient care in the hospital and health clinics in local villages. On the last Friday they assisted the hospital in running a free health camp attended by more than 2000 patients. —Colin Raymond



Students have new bunk beds.

## Cross is more than a symbol: Signs

Wairoa, New South Wales

*Signs of the Times* has produced a flyer in time for churches and church members to share with friends and the community this Easter.

"While we well know Easter isn't at the actual time of Christ's death, it is a time when people's minds are open to spiritual things and we can capitalise on that," said *Signs of the Times* editor Lee Dunstan.

The flyer, called "More than a Symbol", gives the meaning of the cross in the context of the great controversy. It features an article from the April 2012

issue of *Signs of the Times*, and explains the importance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, emphasising the need for people to have a personal relationship with Him.

"The flyer is perfect for those who are either just starting out in their Christian walk, or for those interested in finding out more about Christianity," Mr Dunstan said. "A few months ago, some church members connected with a man through one of *Signs Ministry's* flyers and he is now having Bible studies."

Due to the popularity of previous flyers, *Signs Ministry* has reprinted two, which are also available for purchase online. "Thoughts on Easter" summarises the most important aspect of salvation—Jesus' resurrection; and "Money Meltdown" gives Revelation 18's biblical perspective on what is happening in the world of finance and what to expect in the future. —Melody Tan



## Adventist lifestyle under the microscope

Newcastle, New South Wales

Adventist Health and Avondale College of Higher Education researchers, led by Dr Terry Butler, will conduct a major health and lifestyle survey during March.

This will involve randomly selected church members in Australia and New Zealand, and most Adventist high school students along with Avondale College students.

It has been 10 years since a similar survey was conducted and this will be the third major study of the Adventist lifestyle during the past 20 years. Adventist Health director (South Pacific), Pastor Kevin Price, indicated that this new study will provide a snapshot of health among Adventists and track changes since the 1989 and 2001 surveys.

Randomly selected participants will be asked to complete a paper or online anonymous questionnaire that includes questions on lifestyle matters, eating, exercise, recreation, sleep, health status, substance use and alterna-

tive therapies. "We really appreciate your help in this important research," Pastor Price said. "If you are randomly selected to complete the anonymous and confidential survey, can you return it completed to Adventist Health as soon as possible?"

Preliminary results of the survey are expected to be available by June, with a full report presented later in the year. Further details are available from Conference Adventist health directors or Pastor Kevin Price at the South Pacific Division. —Terry Butler



Dr Chester Kuma and team members prepare to send surveys out.



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## Fear and self-loathing

James Standish

Do you remember Bobby Fischer? He was arguably the best chess player in history. But it wasn't just that he was an extraordinary talent—winning the "game

of the century" at the tender age of 13 and outstripping his opponents by legendary margins—it was that he was the West's answer to Soviet chess dominance at the height of the Cold War.

The concept of a chess celebrity today may seem like an oxymoron. But in 1972, when Bobby Fischer of the USA squared off against Boris Spassky of the USSR for the global chess championship in Iceland, the world was transfixed. And when Bobby Fischer walked away with the title, it was cause for unbridled gloating in America. He was welcomed home to New York City with a celebration generally reserved for football champions or returning astronauts.

But Bobby Fischer's personal life was even more complex than his brilliant chess strategies. Although his mother was Jewish, Bobby became an outspoken anti-Semite in his later years, blaming Jews for a broad array of world ills, tragedies and atrocities. Most extraordinarily, he claimed Jews were responsible for the Holocaust itself.

The case of Bobby Fischer's anti-Semitism is, sadly, not unique. Indeed, Dr Kenneth Levin, a psychiatrist at Harvard, has made a study of the phenomenon of Jewish anti-Semitism. In discussing its underlying causes, Dr Levin explains that Judaism is not alone in producing some community members who are consumed with self-loathing:

"On a communal level, the same dynamic is seen again and again in populations under siege. The phenomenon of segments of the community embracing the indictments of the besiegers and seeking relief through self-criticism . . . [1]"

Increasingly our community—the Adventist community—may be exhibiting elements of this behaviour. I am surprised by the sweeping negative generalisations about our community that periodically appear in pieces submitted to the RECORD; generalisations that perfectly echo the constant barrage of negative stereotypes Christians face in the media. But are they justified?

Certainly we as a community are far from perfect. As an open community in a fallen world, we face all the problems that are present in the general community. But as I've read the frequent, unsupported statements about various negative attributes or attitudes "most" Adventists exhibit, I wonder if healthy self-analysis is degenerating into negative self-loathing. Is it possible that we are in danger of becoming anti-Adventist Adventists?

It's hard to draw a line between healthy self-analysis and destructive self-loathing, but maybe a good place to begin is objectively questioning the negative stereotypes we hear about Christians in general, and Adventist Christians in particular.

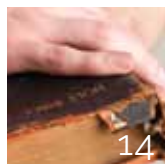
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### Weet-Bix to Afghanistan

When an Australian soldier stationed in Afghanistan contacted Sanitarium's Customer Relations department to ask if he could have some Weet-Bix, they sent five boxes, as well as some Weet-Bix thongs and shirts. The soldier was very grateful, writing back, "We really cannot thank you enough . . . it feels like Christmas right now!" —*Sanco News*



### Smoking linked to mental decline

New research shows smoking damages mental function. Accelerated cognitive decline was detected in men only and could be accelerated by a full decade. Dr Chester Kuma, associate director of SPD health, is not surprised. "[Smoking] has a significant negative impact on the brain and in particular the frontal lobes, which are the seat of our conscience, reasoning, thinking and decision-making," he said. —*James Standish*



### Kalbarri expedition for Pathfinders

Thirty-six teenagers, staff and support crew headed to Kalbarri National Park (WA) for a six-day backpacking expedition. The theme was 'The Last days', where Pastor Tony Knight spoke on how the choices we make today affect our destiny, particularly in light of end time events. —*NewsWest*



### Eric celebrates a century

On 11.1.11, Eric Edser celebrated his 100th birthday with his six children, 20 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren and their spouses, extended family and friends at Shalom Nursing Home. Eric was a self-taught mechanic and engineer who helped build Toowoomba Central Church (Qld). In 1960 he was baptised by Pastor Herb Christian. —*Louise Cook*



### Pioneering filmmaker honoured

The Adventist Church will again honour a pioneering filmmaker at the close of the Manifest Creative Arts Festival (March 28-31). The Gabe Reynaud Awards honour the Avondale alumnus and former Adventist Media Centre senior producer, who became the church's first professionally trained director. Manifest will name the winner of the eponymous award—its most prestigious—on March 14. —*www.artsmanifest.info*



### Top of the class

Three students from Adventist churches in the Auckland (NZ) region received prestigious ICAS medals in 2011 for achieving top marks in the country in their year. They were Nikki Miles (East Auckland) for English, Carlin Mancer (North Harbour/Gracegate) for science and Matthew Inglis (Papatoetoe) for computer skills. —*Christine Miles*



### Adventist bikers for Bibles

Adventist riders were well represented at the Bike for Bibles ride from Mt Henry Bridge in Perth to the regional city of Mandurah (WA). Pastors Glenn Townend, Sven Ostring and Calvin Sheldrick joined David Pryce and Wayne Sharp from the Carmel College church in the event. —*NewsWest*



### America's healthiest city fights McDonald's

McDonald's is set to rise over Loma Linda, California—a city known for its above-average longevity rates, vegetarian supermarket and tobacco-free laws. Home to 12,000 Adventists (more than half the city's population), the local city council has decided to go ahead with plans for the franchise after a 3-2 majority vote. Many are opposed, however, including doctors from the Loma Linda University Medical Centre. —*Telegraph/Los Angeles Times/Josh Bolst*



### Attention Marmite lovers!

Sanitarium advised that due to current stock shortages its Marmite spread will be temporarily unavailable in Australia, and can only be purchased in stores while existing stocks last. For more information contact Customer Relations on 1800 673 392. —*sanitarium.com.au*



### Far-reaching

*It Is Written Oceania* is creating waves across the South Pacific. It airs on free-to-air Fiji TV with nation-wide coverage on Sundays at 7:30am. The program is also carried on Fiji TV's Sky Pacific satellite network at the same time to 12 other countries in the South Pacific. —*Joe Talemaitoga*



### New life

Four young people have taken their stand for Christ at a celebration in Warwick (Qld). Jake Gentil, Dean Gentil, Samantha Howard and Amy Harris were baptised by Pastor Stephen Kane. Warwick church has a large and very active youth group who meet on Friday nights for study and fellowship. —*Chris Going*



### The power of health

After treating his sick aunty using nutritional principles from the book *Foods and their Healing Power*, Ni-Vanuatu literature evangelist Chris Melip was pleased to see significant improvements within a month—his aunty's awareness increased and her swelling and sores reduced. She is now happily recommending the book to her friends. —*InTouch*



### Reborn at 99

After attending church for two years 99-year-old Kay Shepherd was baptised in December last year at Coffs Harbour (NSW). Church member Nell Hayden cared for Kay in her home until she moved to aged care in early 2011, but she still drove Kay to church every week. —*NorthPoint*



### New beginnings

Last year there was no Adventist church in Forrestfield (Perth, WA). But a group of dedicated church planters was letterboxing, praying over the residents, doing door-to-door surveys and getting to know the people. Wednesday prayer meetings commenced and, as of January, a small group began Sabbath meetings in a public hall. —*John Horvath*



### Txt msg

Adventist Media Network's Discovery Centre is preparing to respond to people requesting free viewings of the almost-completed *Beyond: The Search* DVD series. As well as web and phone, the team is testing a SMS response facility. Once it's set up, other ministries will also be able to make use of the technology. —*RECORD staff*

# Light our world

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Karl Haffner is the senior pastor of the Kettering Adventist Church and is the teaching host for Kingdom Living on Loma Linda Broadcasting Network. He has authored several books, including *Caught between two Worlds*, *Soul Matters*, *The Cure for Soul Fatigue*, and *Diaper University*. Karl is a riveting speaker who really knows how to capture and hold the attention of his audience. You will be so glad you attended Inspire 2012 and together we will be challenged to Light our World.

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## Adventists in PNG mourn ferry deaths

Lae, Papua New Guinea

At least seven Adventists are believed to have died in Papua New Guinea's ferry disaster on February 2.

The sinking of the *MV Rabaul Queen* appears to have claimed more than 300 lives, although numbers are still hazy. Vessels that participated in the rescue effort were able to save 236 passengers and crew.

The body of Morobe Mission accountant Belinda Kembu is one of only five that have been found so far. A funeral service was held for her at the Morobe Mission office in Lae.

Pastor John Kembu Snr told those in attendance that his daughter was a gift from God to his family, the church and her friends. He said, "God gives and He takes away, blessed be the Lord." Pastor Kembu thanked South Pacific Division president, Dr Barry Oliver, for sending messages of condolences to him and his family. He also thanked leaders of the Church in PNG.

Morobe Mission president, Pastor Geoffrey Pomaleu, spoke at the funeral service. Ms Kembu's body will be flown by the family back to Kimbe in West New Britain Province for burial. At the time of the disaster, Ms Kembu was traveling with her brother, John Kembu Jr, who was rescued.

Three pastors from Bougainville Mission were aboard the ferry, along with family members, headed for the Omaura School of Ministry. Sovinta Samuel, along with his wife and baby, is still missing. Peter Murray, his wife and one child were rescued. Their other child has not been found. And the third pastor, John Mekevi, was saved.

Two Adventist women, teachers on their way to the University of Goroka, were also on the ferry. Jonita Tamara and her son are missing; her two daughters were saved. The other teacher, Magdaline Thomas, was also saved.

It's believed 28 Adventists in total were passengers on

the ferry, many of them heading to schools or other educational facilities for the start of the academic year. PNG Union Mission president, Pastor Leigh Rice, said it's been difficult getting information but they were still trying.

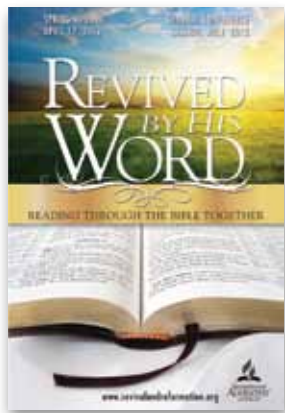
"This is a tragedy for the Church in PNG," he said. "In addition to the church employees who have been lost, a number of church members are missing. The exact number is hard to ascertain, as the list of passengers has not yet been released. It is challenging to rejoice with those who have been rescued, sometimes in miraculous circumstances, and at the same time weep with those who have lost family members in the tragedy—sometimes this is in the same family. The prayers and sympathy of the national church office are extended to all who have suffered loss in this tragedy."

When the rescued passengers began to arrive in Lae in the hours after the disaster, the Adventist community rallied to provide assistance with food, clothing, towels, blankets and necessities at the rescue centre. They also ministered to the families who had lost loved ones.

According to *The National* newspaper, claims have been made that the ferry was unseaworthy and overloaded beyond its passenger limit when it sank in heavy seas.—*Kent Kingston/Andrew Opis*



Pastor Rice comforts Belinda's father, Pastor Kembu, at her funeral.



## Church called to revival by God's Word

Silver Spring, Maryland, US

This month, the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church announced an initiative designed to encourage Adventists to read the entire Bible before the next General Conference session in 2015.

The initiative, titled "Revived by His Word", begins on April 17 during the world church's spring meetings.

During the 1171 days from April 17, 2012, through to the beginning of the General Conference session

on July 2, 2015, participants will cover the 1189 chapters of the Bible, by reading one chapter each day and two chapters during the General Conference session. An online component, featured on the Revival and Reformation

website, allows participants to share devotional thoughts as they read.

"I would like to invite every church member to join the worldwide family of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in reading one chapter of the Bible a day, beginning April 17, 2012, and concluding during the General Conference session in the summer of 2015," said General Conference president, Dr Ted Wilson. "I am confident that this journey through the Bible together will draw us all closer to Jesus. As we prayerfully read and meditate upon God's Word, we each will be led to a renewed experience with the Saviour as we look forward to His soon second coming."—*General Conference Communications/RECORD staff*

For more details on the initiative, including supporting materials and ways to share your experience, please visit: <[www.revivalandreformation.org](http://www.revivalandreformation.org)>.

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NEWS

## Bible challenge adventure for students

Newcastle, New South Wales

An exciting program that motivates young people to read Bible stories has been launched at Macquarie College.

The "409 Bible Adventure Challenge" encourages students to partner with their mum and dad to read through the entire 409 Bible stories contained in Arthur Maxwell's *The Bible Story* series.

Students work toward getting stamps in their 409 Adventure Passports and the occasional prize as they read through the stories at home.

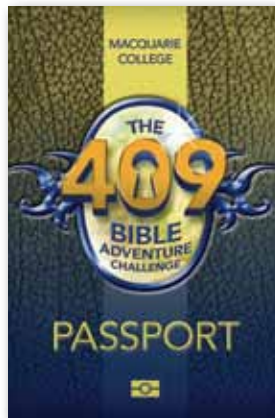
College chaplain Brad Rea said the program "ticks a lot of boxes" that the Church's education system strives to achieve: it assists children in learning to read; it encourages parents to spend time with their children; it helps form the habit of family devotional time; and it teaches Bible stories to both children and parents.

There has been an almost 100 per cent take-up of the books, and there is currently a waiting list for them as the school has more children than *Bible Story* copies. The children taking part in the program are excited about having their "passports" stamped and receive a trophy at the completion of the challenge.

Mr Rea notes that the Adventist "population" at the school is around 15 per cent of the college's enrolment. "This means around 85 per cent of students reading this series aren't Adventists and are getting stuck into reading the Bible," he said. —Brad Rea/Adele Nash



Some of the students taking part in the challenge.



Opinion? Comment? Send a letter to <editor@record.net.au>.



# ADRA responds to flood crises

by Braden Blyde

## Fiji flood crisis

Following severe flooding, and the continued threat of cyclone activity in the Western district of Fiji, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is distributing emergency food supplies to the most severely affected families.

ADRA is the only agency distributing food rations to the flood victims. Fiji Red Cross and Rotary, along with Caritas and Save the Children and a small number of other aid organisations, are also assisting those affected through the distribution of water and non-food items.

The floods have severely restricted access to food, while also destroying food producing crops. In response, ADRA is distributing emergency food packs, water and hygiene kits. In total, more than 12,000 people will be assisted.

"ADRA, through the assistance of the New Zealand Aid program, has pre-positioned 600 water containers, food packs and hygiene kits in flood-affected areas," ADRA Fiji director Save Cavalevu said.

"The food pack contains food items intended to complement food supplies for a family of five for at least one week. The water survival bags are designed to filter untreated water for drinking and it's particularly handy during emergencies when drinking water is limited."

ADRA Australia's director of Emergency Management, Chris Olafson, said, "The flooding is worse than that of 2009, yet the disaster has received little international attention."

## Australian flood crisis

At the same time, ADRA Australia has been dealing with a crisis much closer to home. With major roads blocked and large areas of New South Wales' north cut off by rising flood waters, ADRA volunteers have been flown into Moree on a specially chartered flight to assist those affected.

"Three volunteers from Tamworth and Gunnedah flew into Moree," Mr Olafson said. "Getting to the area by road is impossible, so a small Adventist Aviation plane was

scrambled to get them to the hard hit area. They are now working to ensure any affected families have a dry and warm place to stay."

ADRA Australia holds formal agreements to provide emergency accommodation during times of disaster in NSW, in addition to the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and Western Australia, with more than 2000 volunteers ready to help when disasters strike.

"Our volunteers are trained to work efficiently in times of stress and, along with the other responding agencies, ensure families who are either isolated or whose homes have been flooded receive the support they need," Mr Olafson said.

ADRA volunteers assisted NSW Ministry for Police and Emergency Services find accommodation for more than 300 workers over the weekend. The volunteers worked around the clock in the Moree PCYC, which was established as an evacuation centre. Finding accommodation was a difficult task, not only because of the flood, but the influx of emergency service staff who came to the area to assist.

However, ADRA's connections with the local council and accommodation providers ensured all in need received shelter.

"I was truly blessed to be part of ADRA's response to the recent floods in Moree," said ADRA volunteer David Fletcher. "To be able to minister to those who were truly in desperate need was indeed a privilege and a blessing.

"We received overwhelming support from the Moree Seventh-day Adventist Church—some of whom had suffered flooding of their own homes and properties. In the midst of this great personal toll, they banded together to support our work for ADRA."

In addition to responses in Moree, ADRA volunteers have assisted flood victims in Kingscliff, Grafton and Kempsey in NSW, and the Moreton Bay area in Queensland.

*Braden Blyde is communication officer for ADRA Australia.*

*You can help support ADRA's work in Fiji, and other disaster affected areas around the world, through donations to ADRA Australia's Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund. To give your support, call 1800 24 ADRA or donate online at <www.adra.org.au>.*



## OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

### Evolution and a six-day creation: Does it really matter? Part 3

The most serious impact of theistic evolution on Christian faith concerns the gospel and its proclamation, which we will take up in these last two Bible Studies of this series.

#### The fall of man and death

According to the Bible, man descended from the perfection of God's six-day creation into decay and death. Thus death is called an enemy, caused by, and following after sin. Theistic evolution however talks of the ascent of man, with death a benefactor because it is part of the process leading to human origins. Therefore evolution opposes the Biblical account of the origins and results of sin and thus man's need of salvation. **Read** Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:26

#### The everlasting Gospel

Since God is creator, we are all His "offspring." Because the Devil took Christ's creation captive, it now groans in pain. Contrary to evolution, things are not getting better through time and chance, but sliding rapidly toward destruction. Out of love, our creator, God Almighty, the First and the Last, Jesus Christ himself, became a creature—one of us—to die that we all might be redeemed and reconciled to God and become "new creations" in Jesus. Clearly creation and redemption are inseparably linked together. Thus, Jesus our creator finished his work of creation on the sixth day, then rested on the seventh, and at the cross he died on the sixth day to redeem, reconcile, and make us new creatures then rested in the tomb on the Sabbath. In undermining Christ's work as creator of this world in six days, all forms of evolution thereby inevitably undermine Christ's work of redemption. **Read** Acts 17:29; Romans 8:22; John 1:1-3, 14; 3:16; Isaiah 43:1; 44:24; 48:12, 13, 17; Colossians 1:14-22; Revelation 1:8, 17; 22:12, 13; Isaiah 44:6, 24; Genesis 2:1-3; Luke 23:54-56; 24:1, 2

This study reveals a key reason Satan has introduced the various theories of evolution – to undermine the significance of who died at Calvary and thus the value of each person. God loves you infinitely as His child.

*Pastor Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism for the South Pacific Division.*



## HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

**Q:** My teenage son plays lots of sport, and now has a very painful lower leg.

**A:** This is probably shin splints. The constant forceful pulling of the muscle inserted into bone overstretches, causing pain. Occasionally, it may lead to a hairline fracture. Reduced activity for a while, physiotherapy and massage may assist. Paracetamol is best for pain relief. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are also often used but may cause stomach irritation and are best avoided. Fortunately, the majority of cases heal with no adverse outcome.



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## MY MINISTRY

Jodie Barnes is a songwriter inspired by salvation. "It's a story the world needs to hear," says the Avondale College of Higher Education Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching student.

Together with friend Benjamin Milis, also an Avondale student, Jodie received the Psalter Music Award at the Manifest Creative Arts Festival in 2011. The award recognises excellence in song composing. Jodie and Ben's winning song, "God Is Here", in an inspirational style using three-part harmony, reminds the listener of God's presence at the death of Jesus on the cross and of God's presence today. "I love God," says Jodie. "If I don't use my talents for Him, I'm hiding the light He's given me."

Those talents are being developed and refined. Jodie, a former member of Avondale vocal ensemble The Promise, describes her calling as a "journey". "I use my talents to bring people into a place of worship," she says. "I always pray that this will be my motivation to sing and compose—not self-centred but God-centred."

Jodie says music and the other arts help us see the unseen by "painting a bigger picture of God and who He created us to be. We can learn a lot through the arts about the beauty of the gift of grace and of salvation."

While winning an award at Manifest is a highlight, Jodie says, "there is nothing that compares to the excitement and joy of using your talents for God."

Manifest Creative Arts Festival will be held on March 28-31. For more details, go to <www.artsmanifest.info>. —Kimberley Hodgkin/Brenton Stacey





# Giving up my best friend

by Jo Laing

**W**HEN I WAS 13 YEARS OLD MY LIFE WAS completely turned upside down. My parents split up, we stopped attending church and I left the Adventist school in Victoria Park to attend a state school in Thornlie.

Over the years, Mum and Dad's relationship had deteriorated to the point where it was obviously going to end. During the last year of their marriage, Mum and I had become very close. She would confide in me as though I were her sister (only 16 years separate us).

Shortly after the split, Mum found herself in a new relationship and all her attention, or so it seemed, was focused on her new man.

I felt as though I had been dropped like a hot potato. I took an immediate dislike to him, which quickly turned into hate. I was consumed with anger, jealousy and pain. My behaviour reflected this and soon home became a battleground. I couldn't stand to be there and Mum and my two younger sisters couldn't stand to have me there.

My friendship support base was gone as a result of leaving church and my old school. I felt completely alone. So, desperately wanting to fit in somewhere, I started smoking in the toilets during recess with all the "cool" girls. I got a job at Hungry Jack's and put my name down for every weekend shift I could, just so I didn't have to be at home.

One night, some older work friends asked me out. We drove to the nearest bottle shop and then went down to South Perth foreshore and drank. It was my first drink, and I was 14. Over the course of a few hours I drank and drank and drank. Later that night, I was taken back to a friend's house, showered, because I had vomited all over myself, and driven back home the next morning. I could barely walk and remained in bed too weak to move for the next three days. I told Mum I had food poisoning and she didn't question me further.

That was the start of my drinking. Throughout my teenage years and into my 20s I would go on countless drinking binges, weekend after weekend, all with the single aim of getting as drunk as I could. I thought I was having fun and I thought it was normal. After all, everyone else I knew was doing the same thing.

At 25, I got a job in Singapore. The expat lifestyle was full-on and the heavy drinking sessions now occurred almost nightly. About six months after arriving in Singapore two events took place that sent me into a spiral of depression and even more drinking—I split up with my boyfriend and my nanna died.

I remember sitting on my bedroom floor one day just crying and crying. Earlier, a friend had given me a book called *The Kingdom Within*. It was a Christian book and, at the time, I had just tossed it aside, not interested in the slightest. I somehow managed to find the book and began to read. For the rest of the afternoon I read and read until I finished it. For the first time in 13 years I spoke to God, and with a sigh of resignation said: "OK God, I guess I have to give my life to you". It wasn't euphoria, it wasn't a huge relief. It was a simple acknowledgement of the fact that I had messed up my life so badly, and that my only hope was to give it to God.

The Holy Spirit led me from that point on and I stopped drinking. God worked miraculously in my life. You would think that would be the end. A happy ending. Well it wasn't.

Eight months later I was baptised and shortly after that left Singapore for good on a six-week European holiday with my sister. Our vacation started and so did my drinking. I completely turned my back on God and easily (scary how easy it was) slipped back into my old ways. After the holiday, I got a job in London and for the next two years lived life as I had always done prior to my conversion in Singapore. I didn't give God a second thought, or if I did,

I made sure the thought didn't hang around for too long.

But a familiar pattern began. I started becoming more and more sad, crying a lot, and drinking more and more to dull the pain. I felt the gentle pull of the Holy Spirit again in my heart and this time I didn't resist. I found a church and made some great friends. I even managed to get my drinking down to one glass of wine a day. The problem was I constantly thought about that one glass. I was obsessed. What time of the day would I have my drink? Which wine glass would I have it out of? Which wine would I choose? It was then the thought struck me—I was an alcoholic! I was hopelessly addicted. I had managed to get myself down to one glass a day due to sheer willpower.

I realised I had to stop altogether and that was when the battle began. The firmer I was in my decision not to drink the more I drank. As Mrs White puts it, "my convictions were like ropes of sand". I was gripped with fear as the realisation dawned on me that I couldn't stop. Night after

night I would go out and say to myself "I'm not going to drink", and as soon as the wine bottle was opened, I was the first one filling my empty glass. The self-loathing and shame that came with being out of control was just awful. One night, after nine months of trying to shake my "best friend", as I had called it affectionately throughout the years, I remember lying in bed sobbing. I cried out to God in utter desperation—"HELP! I can't do this. I can't stop".

The next morning, when I woke up, I knew without a doubt that God had taken my addiction away. And He had. From that day to now, I have not had another drink. I know I'm an alcoholic. But I also know that God has me in the palm of His hand and as long as I remain in Him, I'm safe. ↻

*Editor's Note: The process necessary to overcome an addiction varies. If you or someone you love suffers from an addiction, talk with your doctor about treatment options.*

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I've had the opportunity over the years to experience a fairly broad range of life in both the secular and Adventist world. I've worked for entities as broadly distinct as Shell Oil and the US Government, gone to Adventist colleges and secular universities, negotiated with diplomats at the UN in New York and with members of the US Congress in Washington. During these years I've interacted closely with a broad range of civil and religious groups.

My perspective after all of this?

Adventists are the kindest, most generous, genuine, positive and most accepting people on the planet.

When combined together, there is no community I am aware of which does more to help others with less resources than the Adventist Church. As one non-Adventist journalist in the US put it to me, Adventists "punch above their weight". He's right. And we do so in a wide range of fields.

Think about it for a minute. While working at the GC, our health leaders reported that Adventist hospitals and clinics treat in the range of 800,000 HIV/AIDS patients per year in sub-Saharan Africa. For a small church with likely less than one million active members in developed nations, this achievement alone is staggering. That is almost one HIV/AIDS patient treated for every active Adventist living in a developed country. Imagine what a different world we'd live in if every other religious and civic group pitched in, the way Adventists do.

But the impact of our health work isn't just felt in Africa; it's felt everywhere from Thailand to Taiwan, from Sydney to the Solomon Islands, from California to Karachi.

And it's more than healthcare. Adventists provide quality education to over 1.5 million students worldwide—many of them coming from the poorest, least advantaged backgrounds. We operate orphanages and aged care facilities. Our Church runs children's and youth programs that

are second to none. Our development and disaster relief operations consistently receive wonderful responses from non-Adventists.

All of this, and much, much more. Adventists are touching one life at a time, through the generosity, kindness and caring of individuals working together to glorify God by serving others.

I recently spoke to a friend who no longer attends church. He has no interest in returning, but said that since leaving there is something he misses about Adventism: "I kind of miss hanging out with people obsessed with helping others . . ." He went on to say that almost every Adventist he has ever known is committed in one way or another to making life better for someone else.

I'd never thought about it that way before. But you know what? I think he's right. It's because of our individual and collective Adventist obsession with service that our little Church does such immense good in so many areas for so many people all around the world. Is it enough? Of course not. But it is pretty amazing when you think about it.

Whenever I hear another negative stereotype about Adventist Christians carelessly thrown around, I try to keep it in perspective. Sure, the Adventist Church isn't perfect; that's because it's made up of imperfect people like me. But even warts and all, there is something very special, very wonderful, very admirable about this Adventist Church family we're a part of. A little healthy self-analysis now and again is a good thing, but as for self-loathing? Like the game of chess, I'm going to leave it with Bobby Fischer. How about you?

[1] Dr Kenneth Levin, Post Holocaust and Anti-Semitism, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, 2 July 2006: <http://www.jcpa.org/phas/phas-046-levin.htm>

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## Get kids cooking

with Cathy McDonald



Getting the kids cooking can be a great way to get them interested in healthy food, establish good eating habits for later in life, as well as giving you a chance to educate your kids about different foods.

Good eating habits are picked up from home and can shape the way our children view food. If they see us cooking it will become the norm and they will want to join in. As our children become older they are more likely to be influenced by other factors, such as foods available at school, friends' houses and sporting events. By providing them with a role model of healthy living in younger life, you can set them up for healthy outcomes as an adult. You don't have to be a whiz in the kitchen to have an impact—just teach them what you know. Generally, once the kids have a success in the kitchen with plenty of praise from you, they will want to repeat the effort. Start them cooking by encouraging them to make a few dishes they love. This may entice them to give it a go as they know they will enjoy eating it.

**Toddlers**

Even children as young as two can help out in the kitchen. Get them:

- Scrubbing and rinsing vegetables
- Measuring out ingredients
- Cutting biscuits out with a cookie cutter
- Mixing by hand

**Young school-aged kids**

- Start by getting them to make their school lunches—it's a great way to discuss the need for food to help brain power.
- Let them get their own snacks—keep all the healthy snack food at their eye level, and occasional food out of their reach.

- Work with the kids to decide the menu for the week and talk to them about what you are going to cook each night. Explain to them reasons why some dinners are better some nights than others, i.e. quick, easy dinners on nights they play sport.
- Let them choose the vegetables you will serve with dinner.
- Get their help to wash and peel the vegetables, open up cans and bottles, and chop the vegetables or fruit (supervise if needed).
- They can also help to read out the recipe and measure out the ingredients when baking.
- Make sure your kids help to cook some main dishes too. Ensure you are in a relaxed mood when you try to help them cook or it may not end up being a positive experience for either of you.

**Older kids**

- Make a roster of a night each week where they have to cook. For those who are less experienced you may need to start with one night a week where they can help you prepare the food.
- Make it a family challenge with a *MasterChef*-style competition. You could do a father-daughter, mother-son competition to see who can make the yummiest dinner.

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## RECIPE



## Energy bars

- 125g margarine
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ cup chopped dried apricots
- ½ cup pepitas (pumpkin seeds)
- ½ cup honey
- 4 cups Sanitarium Rices
- ½ cup sunflower kernels
- ⅓ cup sesame seeds

1. Place margarine, honey and sugar in a saucepan and bring to the boil, then simmer for 5 minutes, or microwave on HIGH 100% for 5 minutes.
2. Place remaining ingredients in a bowl. Add honey mixture and mix well.
3. Press firmly into a 11cm x 21cm slice tin with damp hands. Refrigerate until firm, then cut into slices. Serves 18.

**Preparation time:** 10 minutes **Cooking time:** 5 minutes

PER SERVE: 760 kJ (180 Cal); Protein 4 g; Total Fat 9.5 g; Carbohydrate 20 g; Sodium 140 mg; Potassium 165 mg; Calcium 15 mg; Iron 2.3 mg; Fibre 1.2 g.



# Laying down the Law

by Anthony MacPherson

**P**AUL ASKED, "IS THE LAW CONTRARY TO THE promises of God?" (Gal 3:21). People are still asking this question today. Does the law interfere with God fulfilling His promise of salvation? Does the law prevent God from achieving His goals? Is it an obstacle to our justification? Many Christians say "Yes! The law is a problem that must be removed", and they quote Paul to prove it: "We are not under the law" (Galatians 3:25; Romans 6:14). The irony, of course, is that Paul answers his own question with a resounding "No!" No, the law is not contrary to the promise of salvation.

Christians disagree about the law because Paul seems to both affirm the law (1 Corinthians 7:19; 9:21) and speak of its end (Romans 6:14; 10:4). Thank you Paul! Yet we must resist the irony because within those clashing claims lies the truth. You need two oars to row a boat and you need both sides of Paul to understand the law properly. Otherwise, you are going to go around in circles—one direction a legalist, the other direction an antinomian (one who rejects the law).

#### How Paul Thinks and Writes

Paul's life situation may have had something to do with the energetic but challenging way he expresses his theology. Paul wrote in the middle of mission trips and church crises. He had no time to write those tidy but sleep-inducing textbooks where every term is defined and every possible misunderstanding is eliminated. There is no table of contents, subheadings or glossary in Paul's letters. He did not write jargon-laden abstract theology for fellow theologians.

Instead, Paul writes in the language of scriptural history and Christian experience, not theory or philosophy. When Paul mentions 'faith' he talks of Abraham (Romans 4:11,12), not some dull definition. When he thinks of 'sin', father Adam (Romans 5:12-19), grumbling Israelites

(1 Corinthians 10:6-13) or immoral idolaters come to his mind (Romans 1:18-32). Say 'redemption' and he recalls the Exodus, thinks of sacrifices or sees a slave being released (Romans 3:24,25). Paul characteristically thinks in terms of biblical history, Christian experience and everyday imagery.

So what does he think of when he thinks of 'the law'? The picture appears complex, varied and diverse. Paul thinks of Mt Sinai with the transgressing children of Israel (Romans 4:13-15; 5:14,20). He thinks of himself praising

the law even as it lays his soul bare (Romans 7:7-13), or conversely himself, the proud Pharisee, zealous and self-sufficient misusing the law for righteousness (Philippians 3:9). He thinks of the law as a 'paidagogos' (Galatians 3:24)—a slave entrusted with the care of disciplining and preparing wealthy young boys for adulthood. The law is not abstract, timeless principles. It is an historical actor with a specific purpose. Paul is not thinking primarily about the number of commands or if the law has been done away with or not. He thinks about what God was doing with the law in the Old Testament (history) and how people responded to it (experience).

#### Why the Law?

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about God's purpose for the law. Firstly, God did not give the law to bring spiritual life, and secondly, the law was not given to bring righteousness or to justify (Galatians 3:21). Reflecting on the OT, Paul is adamant that the law was never given to rescue Israel from their sins. The law wasn't to bring salvation. It was not the fulfilment of the Gospel promise. So why give the law? Paul answers by pointing out a number of helpful but negative God-given functions of the law.

We don't like negative things. But many 'negative' things

are very helpful—ask your dentist or personal trainer! Paul tells us the law was to imprison us, hold us captive, guard and discipline us in preparation for faith in Christ (Galatians 3:22-24). Notice how Paul has blended history and experience together by referring to 'us'—not just to the Israelites of the past. This happened historically to Israel and it still happens experientially to us.

#### What is the Law Like?

It will help if we look closer at the law's function as a paidagogos. As we noted earlier, the paidagogos was a trusted slave who looked after the sons of the wealthy. The boy could not leave the house without this slave. The paidagogos would ensure the boy behaved well in public, went to school and did his homework. This disciplinarian slave had a crucial but limited role in the life of the child. Once the boy arrived at school the boy came under the supervision of the teacher. And when the boy was old enough to receive his inheritance as an adult, he was no longer under the role of the paidagogos.

For Paul, the law in its historical and experiential full-

ness—including sacred Scripture, moral commandments and ceremonial types—all was to prepare us for Christ. In Christ we have both arrived at school and come of age (Galatians 4:1-7). All that the law said is now present as fulfilment in Christ. Christ is so all encompassing and glorious that in Him we have not only the righteousness of the law but forgiveness, eternal life, adoption as sons and daughters, and the gift of the Spirit.

We, who trust in Christ, no longer live under the constraining, disciplining, condemning (Galatians 3:10) guardianship of the law historically or experientially. For when we come to Christ and the Spirit, the law is quiet and satisfied. The law says, 'You've got everything in Him. I have nothing to say against you (Galatians 5:18, 23). You don't have my powerless demand (Romans 8:3), instead you've got His powerful work' (Romans 8:4). As a result, we are then no longer under the disciplinarian law (Galatians 3:25).

#### **Our Mistake**

Here is where everyone stumbles. Moralists feel uncomfortable and want the law as paidagogos back. Antinomians think the law has been abolished. Wrong on both accounts!

Remember Paul thinks in terms of history and experience. The law historically appears within Israel but it is experientially operative throughout time. You today, and King David in the past, are sinners placed under the law to be led to Christ. Salvation is historically achieved in Jesus Christ but, experientially, God has offered it to believers before Christ. Both you and King David are by faith freed from being under the law and are justified in Christ (Psalm 32; Romans 4:6-8).

To be 'under law' in Galatians is to be in a pre-fulfilment state, in a preparatory condition. This was historically appropriate for Israel but is experientially inappropriate for us. Under law is where we are readied but not arrived, convicted of sin but not confirmed as sons, disciplined by regulations but not freed to obey, cursed but not comforted, restricted like slaves but not adopted, on the way to school and adulthood but not arrived or of age. It is to possess the promise but not its fulfilment, to see a shadow but not the full reality. It is better than being a godless idolater but it is not yet the child of grace. To be in Christ is to be in the age of fulfilment. It is to have the adoption of sons, the joyful cry 'Abba Father' on our lips, a justified position, the power of the Spirit, and importantly for our discussion, the law fulfilled in our lives. Old Testament believers had none of this historically but by faith it was theirs experientially.

#### **Different Experience—Different Law**

What both moralists and antinomians need to realise is that a fulfilled law (Romans 8) is a different experience to a disciplinarian law (Romans 7). These two experiences of the law don't happen simultaneously. A law that harasses your conscience with stern threats and condemns your sin is functioning but it is not fulfilled. A law agonisingly pursued with grit and determination by guilty sinners is still unfulfilled. A law pressing home its demands as well as your culpability and guilt is not yet fulfilled. Only when we let the law lead us to the cross, does the law find a place within our life, not as a paidagogos (outside of us warning and threatening) but as a loving fulfilment due to the justifying grace of the Saviour and His enabling Spirit. Not as stone tables that bear over us and kill us but as living words etched on the reconciled heart by the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:2-11). Only in Christ is the law a fulfilled law.

Outside of Christ, and in the face of sin's power, the law can only imprison you under holy demands your flesh cannot fulfil, pass a sentence of condemnation on your moral failure, and hold you under a regime of types and shadows which speak of promise but cannot bring it. But in Christ

is gracious acceptance and a life completely in harmony with the law. Grace doesn't eliminate a moral standard or the commandments, instead it presupposes them. The morality defining role of the law is never relinquished in Scripture. It is the immutable, permanent moral compass, more enduring than engraved stone. This function of defining right and wrong is the basis for the law's role as both a disciplinarian law and a fulfilled law.

#### **Our Danger**

The danger for some Adventists is thinking that they can use the law as a disciplinarian who will produce obedience. They reprimand themselves and see a deep feeling of guilt as a means to make up for sin. Rather than receiving an unearned justification which frees us in Christ, they hope to grind their souls into holiness. What they don't understand is the law that functions as preparation for salvation in God's hands becomes prevention of salvation in our own hands. Don't live under the law, live in Christ! Move from preparation to fulfilment. "Is the law contrary to the promises of God?" In Paul's mind no. In the hands of some, yes it is. What is it to you? ✚

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# Could this be your church?

by Steve Cinzio

**T**HE FAMILY WAS IN CHAOS AND NOW THE TWO children were experiencing another loss. Their father, James, had divorced their mother and after some time, Janine, his new partner, had moved in with him and the two children.

Several years of this new arrangement had taken its toll on Janine and she had decided to move out.

I saw the children for several sessions and worked with them in an effort to help them through the turmoil and anxiety of these losses. They were open and frank about their feelings and experiences and I sensed an air of relief at being able to unload their story on someone ready to listen.

They had regrets. If only they had behaved better, they told me. If only they had done their chores without complaining then perhaps the two mothers they loved would not have abandoned them.

A French proverb accurately describes the experiences of children caught up in these painful episodes: "In a broken nest there are no whole eggs." And, sadly, broken they were, both of them wondering what the future held.

Some years ago while working in government high schools, I constructed an instrument in an effort to draw from the student with whom I worked, feelings and impressions about the experiences that they were passing through, to give them an opportunity of sharing their inner experiences—something that many children find difficult in their attempts to navigate the tumults of life.

The instrument consisted of sentence stems which I made up and they were asked to complete. For instance: I know that my father loves me because . . .

The above example provided an opportunity for them to express their feelings about their father. I had several headings in the instrument that dealt with relationships with parents, siblings and friends.

One section dealt with the self: "When I look in the mirror I see . . .

Another section had to do with their schooling. The last part had to do with their feelings about God. It was meant to probe and tease out the relationship they had with God and was designed to help them examine and express their spiritual experiences.

I remember clearly the afternoon when both children—

one a teenager and the other about 10 years of age—completed these assignments. After they left, I sat on the couch at the ADRA Counselling Centre and began to read their responses. What I found was quite revealing and the responses allowed me a look inside.

My heart ached as I traced the pain through their completed sentences. I wondered whether the children would give me permission to share their inmost thoughts with their father.

I flicked over the pages of the youngest child to read her responses to the section that dwelt with 'My Religion'. Here is what she wrote.

The first part is the sentence stem I provided and the part in bold lettering were her thoughts.

God thinks that I am: **quite a nice girl.**

I think that God is: **the best person ever.**

Going to church is: **fun and excellent.**

If I couldn't go to church I would feel: **sad and upset.**

God is important to me because: **He looks after me all the time.**

I feel that God is near to me when: **I am having troubles.**

I will go to heaven because: **I talk to God all the time.**

The best part of going to church is: **talking to God and Jesus.**

Sometimes I don't like going to church because: **no-one is happy when we go.**

There is so much more that I could mention about this ongoing experience with the children but, as I think about the revelations of one child's spiritual experience, there are some pertinent questions that I want to ask our Adventist church families: did this child formulate her vibrant spiritual experiences in your church? Are you aware of the impact that your church is having on the lives of individual children attending each Sabbath? What strategies does your church have in place to evaluate the effect of the children's programs you provide?

The church this child attended should be lauded for providing an environment where this 10-year-old girl found a warm and loving relationship with her personal God who was supporting her in her troubled journey. R

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## OPINION\*

Huston Ford

### We are wasting time

Everyone! I encourage you all to read 2 Timothy 3:1-5. If you think you've read this passage before, I encourage you to read it again!

These few verses describe people in the church during the last days as boasters, proud, saying evil things against each other, they will love themselves and money, disobedient to parents, they will refuse to forgive, unable to control themselves, they will do foolish things without thinking, they will love pleasure, they will act as if they serve God, but they will not really serve Him.

People, look around! We are in the last days! We don't have time to waste; everything that we do we need to examine. Think of the things that we do that waste our time. I'm talking about wasting the time we could be spending with Jesus. For example, what do movies do for us? It doesn't matter that it's a "good" movie, with no violence and sex and swearing. It could even be G-rated. But at the end of the day, the point isn't that it's a "good" or "bad" movie, the point is that it wastes time we could be spending with Jesus.

Satan knows what he's doing. Of course he's not going to put an R-rated movie in front of a good Christian. He tricks us into simply wasting our time.

Now some people might say "that's a bit fanatical, it's okay to watch a movie now and then", but where in the Bible does it say we are allowed to have a bit of this world? If you look at the meaning of fanatic, it is a person with an obsessive interest in, and enthusiasm for, something. The opposite of fanatic, is passionless.

Don't we want to have an obsessive interest and enthusiasm, and a passion for Christ? Watching movies is something I used to do a lot, but praise God, for me, it's no longer an issue. I want all of us to think about things in our life that aren't going to get us closer to Christ, and throw them out. Let's pray about it. It may be hard to give up things that absorb time we should spend with Christ, but if we're earnest, God will surely help us.

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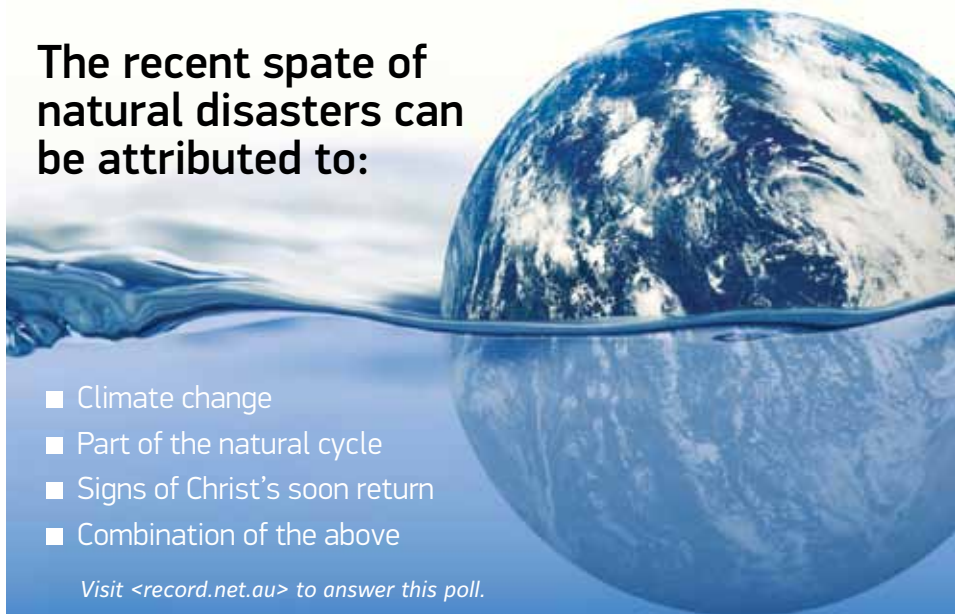
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- Climate change
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- Signs of Christ's soon return
- Combination of the above

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# Kids' Space



## Hi Kids

God promised to protect and provide for the Israelites while they were in the desert. God sent manna for them to eat. He led them during the day by a large cloud and at night He was in a cloud of fire above them.

### FIND THE 12 DIFFERENCES

One day the Israelites stopped to rest at a place called Rephidim. The Israelites were thirsty but there wasn't any water, so they started to complain. Moses prayed and God told Moses to hit a rock. Immediately water started to gush out of the rock and everyone had something to drink.



Memory Verse: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink". John 7:37

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**Women in leadership**

Margaret Duffy is general manager for Diagnostics and Pharmacy, and Corporate Services executive officer for the Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH) group\*. Her responsibility covers a diverse group of hospital businesses including radiology, pathology, pharmacy, allied health and accommodation services. Margaret originally trained as a physiotherapist and, more recently, in business administration.

Margaret loves the diversity and interest associated with the different people and businesses that are part of the SAH group. Margaret has no hesitation when she states that, "I believe that the SAH group contributes to the mission of the Church in many ways. We have a tradition of providing Christian service, quality patient care and education. Spiritual care is integrated, with many people still saying, 'there is something different here'."

Margaret recognises that while health and healing are the primary focus, the hospitals contribute so much more, including: nursing, medical, diagnostic, allied health, chaplaincy training, research and community education, and healthcare outreach. All of this forms networks with people and organisations that connect the hospitals, the Church and the community. "Whenever I attend a meeting," she says, "there is someone who has had positive involvement with SAH."

Margaret regards it as a privilege to work in an organisation where so many people want to share our mission. "My passion is to contribute to the success of the SAH group, ultimately doing the best for our patients and those we work with each day."

Thank you Margaret for your faithfulness and your professional leadership.

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**FOREST LAKE SPANISH, Queensland**

Edith Carrasco-Ascencio

I attend a new group that has company status—the Forest Lake Spanish church. In essence, it means that we're in the first stages of organising a congregation into a church.

Our pastor is Walter Flamenco and our group leader is Sebastian Arevalo, who serves as a lay leader.

We've been meeting for three years with a weekly attendance of up to 40. We have a good mix of children, teenagers and young marrieds.

Our priority is to grow our congregation with non-Adventists from the local community. Our dream is to double our size and then double it again. So we're constantly praying, thinking and planning for better ways to connect with our local community. It's not something we take lightly.

Every Sabbath after church we make contact with people in the Inala, Forest Lake, Durack and Ipswich areas. We distribute DVDs and health material. Many have warmed to the Doug Batchelor DVD series, *What we believe*, health information and Ellen White books.

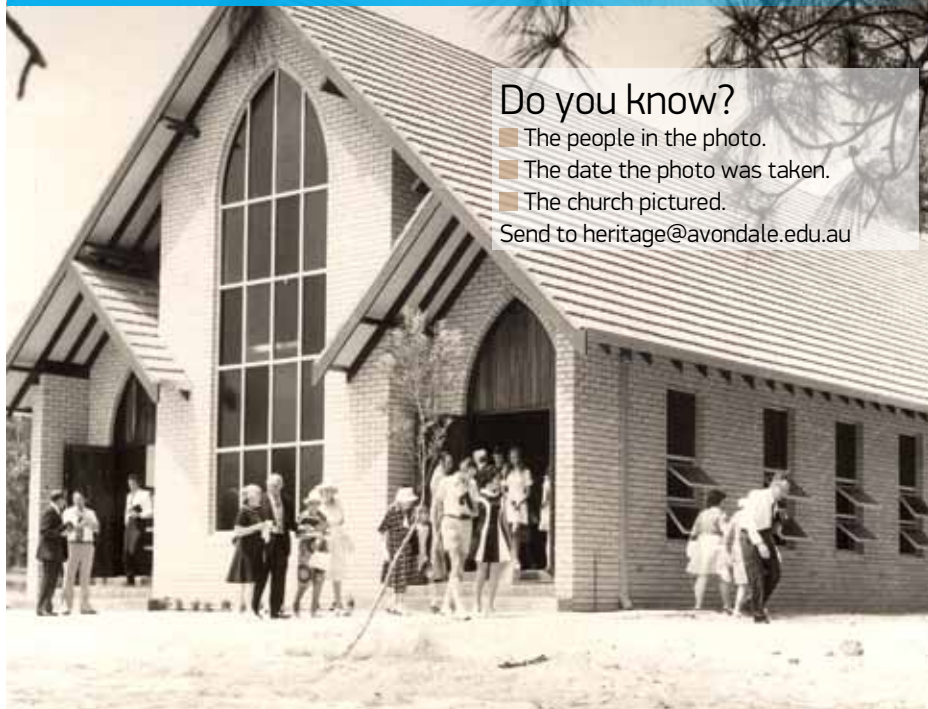
We also deliver food packages to the needy. Our small group bands together to purchase bread, eggs, pasta, cereals, juice and milk.

On Sundays, my husband goes to the Chandler Markets in Brisbane to set up a stall to give away Christian material. He usually starts at 6:00am and doesn't return home until 5:00pm. So far he has distributed 2500 DVDs.

We want people to come to know Jesus as a loving and caring Saviour. We've realised there are so many dysfunctional families, sick and broken-hearted people in the local community who need to be reached with the love of Jesus.



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## APPRECIATION

**Cernik.** Ann, Beverley, Julie and their families would like to thank everyone who sent flowers and messages of condolence following the loss of our mother, Lois Cernik. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to us and we want to thank you all for your kind words at this time.

## ANNIVERSARIES



**Adams,** Pastor Cyrus and Nola (nee Timmins) celebrated their

65th wedding anniversary on 2.1.12. They were married by Pastor A G Judge in the Longburn College Chapel, NZ. They have three children, Robert and wife Rosemary, Rosalind and George Maxfield, Janice (Chris dec) Chapman; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They served for 21 years as missionaries—16 in Fiji and five in Samoa. Cyrus was ordained in 1950. He was a conference president for 19 years—five in Fiji, seven in WA, two in Tasmania and five in Samoa. He retired in 1985 and they are now living at the Adventist Retirement Village in Rossmoyne, WA. They praise God for 65 years of married happiness.



**Thomson,** Pastor Alec and Shirley (nee Price) were married 15.8.1946

by Pastor E E Roennfeldt, in the old, original Adventist church in East Fremantle, WA. In 1948, they began their mission service which took them to Vanuatu, Kirabati and PNG, after which they worked with Indigenous Australians. After retirement, they relocated to the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Qld. Alec is a talented artist who is still teaching painting for his local church outreach in Capalaba. The couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family who came from as far as Victoria to be with them.

*Bruce Price*

## WEDDINGS



**Bennell–Penny.** Floyd Bennell, son of Merle (Brookton, WA)

and the late Eric Bennell, and Anna-Marie Penny (aka Michal

Walker), daughter of Russell (Sydney, NSW) and Sandy Walker (Perth, WA), were married 16.10.11 in Carmel church.

*Andrew Skeggs*



**Beumer–Bertram.** Michael John Beumer, son of John and June Beumer (Taree, NSW), and Lillian Jane Bertram, daughter of James and Jennifer Bertram (Fremantle, WA), were married 27.11.11 at Araluen Botanic Park, Roystonstone.

*Sven Ostring*

**Chuang–Thai.** Andrew Chuang, son of Alvin and Rosalind Chuang (Wantirna South, Vic), and Sonia Thai, daughter of Hai and Bao Chau Thai (Greensborough), were married 18.12.11 in the Romanian church at The Basin.

*John Chan*



**Hardy–Moore.** Adrian Hardy, son of Bill and Rosalie Hardy (Eaton, WA), and Deb Moore, daughter of Ben and Mary Richards (Warnbro), were married 30.10.11 at Brolga Park, Willetton.

*Andrew Skeggs*



**Hort–Mattner.** Ryan Hort, son of Don and Teresa Hort (Perth, WA), and Kyla Mattner, daughter of Craig and Kaarin Mattner (Adelaide, SA), were married 27.11.11 in Wesley Uniting Church, Perth, WA.

*Andrew Skeggs*



**Landers–Uprichard.** Kenneth Richard Landers, son of Pastor Lawrence and Priscilla Landers (Albury, NSW), and Leticia Jaye Uprichard, daughter of Gavin Uprichard (Ipswich, Qld) and Lois Justins (Brisbane), were married 5.9.11 in Eureka Uniting Church, Byron Bay.

*Lawrence Landers*



**Nokes–Mackey.** Adrian Nokes, son of Neil (Dunsborough,

WA) and Gillian Nokes (Perth), and Leanne Mackey, daughter of Charlie and Margaret Mackey (Perth), were married 23.9.11 at Point Walter Reserve, Bicton.

*Andrew Skeggs*



**Radford–Evans.** Anthony Radford, son of Kevin and the late Lois

Radford (Mangrove Mountain, NSW), and Lorrelle Evans, daughter of Laurie and Robyn Evans (Glass House Mountains, Qld), were married 4.12.11 in Macksville church, NSW. The reception was held in the dining room of the Stuarts Point Convention Centre. They will make their home in Narangba.

*Laurie Evans*



**Richards–Cranley.** David Richards, son of Norm and Jean

Richards (Perth, WA), and Marie Cranley, daughter of Chris and Anne Cranley (Perth), were

married 20.11.11 in Carmel church.

*Andrew Skeggs*

**Sechtig–Milhench.** Adrian Sechtig, son of John and Carol Sechtig, and Rachael Milhench, daughter of Steve and Annie Milhench, were married 18.12.11 at South Nobby Beach, Miami, Qld. Adrian works as a real estate agent and Rachel is a long-haul flight attendant. They will make their home at Miami.

*Steve Cinzio, Daniel Cinzio*



**Watts–Higgins.**

Michael Watts, son of Mary Bevan (Casino, NSW), and Christie Higgins, daughter of Brett and Sharon Higgins (Nowendoc), were married 27.11.11 in Wollomombi

## POSITIONS VACANT

■ **ATSIM Greater Sydney (Redfern, NSW)** seeks the services of a part-time highly motivated professional who will be an innovative literacy, numeracy project teacher for children at The Way, Redfern. This exciting ADRA initiative will add value to current activities at The Way. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a commitment to the ethos and beliefs of ADRA Australia and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and have the capacity to motivate children to reach their potential, academically and socially. For a detailed position description and/or application, please direct inquiries to Adrian Raethel at <adrianraethel@adventist.org.au> or phone (02) 9868 6522. Applications close **March 19, 2012.**

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■ **School counsellor (maternity leave position)–Kempsey Adventist School (KAS),** a 425 pupil pre-kindy to Year 12 campus located on the Mid-North Coast of NSW, is seeking applications from suitably qualified people for the position of school counsellor (30 hours per week—negotiable) for a period of 12 months, commencing mid-May 2012. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated commitment to the mission and ethos of Adventist education; be degree qualified and capable of providing counselling services to all students, staff and community members at KAS as required; have the capacity to work alongside teachers and chaplains in the delivery of positive and practical resilience type programs in classrooms; and actively participate in the development of appropriate professional relationships with students, staff and the broader school community to assist in growing the ministry focus of the school. Australian applicants only. Please forward resumes and inquiries in regards to this position to Mr Rohan Deanshaw, Principal, Kempsey Adventist School, email <principal@kas.nsw.edu.au>, or send to 108 Crescent Head Road, Kempsey; NSW; 2440. Applications close **April 2, 2012.**

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Presbyterian Church, near Armidale.

*Paul Geelan*

## OBITUARIES



**Hemsley, Bill**, born 29.8.1935 in Sidcup, Kent, UK; died 20.10.11 in a motorbike accident on his way home to Green Head, WA. In 1965, he married Ann. He is survived by his wife (Green Head); and his children, Lloyd Beckhouse (Darwin, NT), Wendy Beckhouse (Darwin), Phillip Hemsley (North NSW) and Mick Hemsley (Perth, WA). Bill had an adventurous life as a fisherman, farmer and horseman. He was a noted stirrer and debater, and yet he will be warmly remembered for his passionate faith and prayers by his friends in Geraldton, Carmel and Dongara churches. Jesus will enjoy surprising Bill on the resurrection morning.

*Andrew Skeggs, Mark Ellmoos*



**Josephs, Pastor Harold George**, born 19.5.1918 at Gnarpurt

Station, Vic; died 24.11.11 in Box Hill Hospital. On 18.12.1945, he married Olive in Adelaide City church. He is survived by his wife (Forest Hill); their children and their spouses, Shirley and Michael Tarburton (Blackburn), Beverly and Peter Moss (Sunshine, NSW) and Darrell (Sunbury, Vic); his grandchildren, Krystelle, Dirk, Kerrin, Lisette, Briony, Brittany, Michelle and Nick; and great-grandchildren, Summer, Mikael, Ella and Camerid. Harold was baptised in 1932 at Port Augusta, SA. In 1944, he graduated from the Avondale College ministerial course and ministered in South NSW and Greater Sydney conferences, northern Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia and five years in southern Asia. On 22.9.1951, he was ordained and pastored the Manly church, which was built under his leadership. He was an active member of Nunawading church. He loved people and was always looking for ways to be of service. He fixed people's cars, lawnmowers and toasters while telling them about Christ.

*Tony Campbell, Brian Lawty, Trevor Rowe, Rod Anderson*

**Kuplowski, Phillip**, born 26.11.1922 in Louve, Ukraine; died 22.12.11 in Uniting Care Hawkesbury Village, Richmond, NSW. His wife, Sophie, predeceased him on 28.5.1994. He is survived by his daughter, Anne Leslie, her husband, Murray; and grandson, Phillip (all of Sydney). Phillip grew up in the Ukraine and survived the slave labour camps in Germany during World War II. On 11.11.1947, he and Sophie migrated to Australia to begin a new life in Sydney. After being introduced to the Adventist message in 1959, he joined the Parramatta church. For the next 52 years he was a faithful member of the Cabramatta church where his quiet, consistent Christian life became a blessing to all. Phillip was a gentle, caring person who was loved and respected by all who knew him and he will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

*Barry Wright, Daniel Vasconcelos*

Brabinski, who predeceased her in 1985. They migrated to Sydney, Australia, in 1970 and then moved to Cooranbong, where she worked in the nursing home. In 1996, she married Ian Morrison. She is survived by her husband; children, Halina Cieslar, Jurek and Tadeusz; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

*L P Tolhurst, P Ustupski*

**Page-Dhu, Allan Sebastian**, born 3.11.1922 in Broadwater, NSW; died 7.12.11 in Alstonville. On 14.6.1950, he married Mona. He was predeceased by his son, Glen, in 1972 and his granddaughter, Larissa, in 2006. He is survived by his wife (Alstonville), his son, David, foster son, Peter; and his sisters, Marie, Allison and Beverley. Allan was a stockman at heart, loving the wide open country and farm life. In fact, it was his expertise on a horse that initially attracted his wife to him. The Page-Dhus were missionaries for a number of years in PNG.

*Beth McMurtry, Tim Kingston*

**Plane, Myrna**, born 15.7.1939 in Port Pirie, SA; died 21.11.11 in Cooranbong, NSW. On 23.12.1962, she married Kenneth Searl. Their children are Tracey Griffiths (Bowraville), Shelley Vaughan and Katrina Winch (both of Cooranbong). She married Barry Plane on 4.12.1979 and helped raise Barry's children, Sonya Di Cesare (Sydney), Chad (Cooranbong) and Nina Kumar (Morisset). They were also foster parents to Fiona (dec 1995), Matthew and Katrina Murphy (both of Port Douglas, Qld). Myrna had a positive influence on her family, including her 19 grandchildren. Her mission was children and her tools were music and craft, sharing this passion in Pathfinders, Sabbath Schools, blind camps and kids' clubs. She worked tirelessly for her Lord and peacefully awaits His return.

*Alan Saunders*

**Marr, Daphne (nee Smith)**, born 22.4.1923 in Gisborne, NZ; died 10.10.11 in Middlemore Hospital, Otahuhu. On 18.7.1950, she married Fred Marr at Wahroonga church. He predeceased her on 11.9.04. She is survived by her children, Susanne Smith (Manukau), Margaret Parlane (Feilding) and Rosalie Bern (Pukekohe); 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. On leaving Longburn College, Daphne worked at the SHF café in Auckland, then completed her nurse training at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. After she married she returned to New Zealand. Daphne was a loving, caring person who shared her baking skills, vegetables and clothing with others. She moved to Bethesda Rest Home in 2010. She will be greatly missed.

*Clive Newson*

**Morrison, Irene**, born 9.6.1923 in Poland; died 17.12.11 in Box Hill Hospital after a stroke. She experienced many hardships during World War II. Irene first became acquainted with the Adventist Church in 1941 through a colporteur and was baptised in 1956. In 1965, she married her second husband, Mieczyslaw

**Poleki, Tuilava'i Tofilau Katelesi**, born 18.6.1935 in Samoa; died 4.11.11 in Auckland, NZ. He is survived by Margaret, Albert, Sandra, Sonya and Maxine; grandchildren, Sven, Stacey, Cherie-Anne, Shea, Aidan, Conor, Eldon, Micah, Shem, Mitchell, Sanford, Tiernan and



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Sands (Auckland). Tofi and his family have been members of Otahuhu church since 1959. Tofi served in the various departments of the church and had been the leading elder for 12 years. He was the first Polynesian sales representative for Sanitarium and worked there 39 years. Tofi served in the volunteer police patrol in Mangere Bridge for many years. He was a kind and caring person who touched the lives of many in the church and community.

*Edward Tupa'i, Etonia Temo, Paul Slope, Grant Burton Temo,*

**Waite, Theda** (nee Quine), born 10.3.1916 in Auckland, NZ; died 8.4.11 in Yeppoon Hospital, Qld. She is survived by her husband, Alan (Emerald); children, Christopher (Erina, NSW) and Paula (Gladstone, Qld); and grandchildren, Brenton, Katelyn, Patrick, Connor, Ryley and Kendall. Theda loved her Lord and is now at rest until the resurrection.

**Woodhouse, Lily Ruth** (nee Burzacott), born 16.4.1933 in Port Augusta, SA; died 9.11.11 in Nathalia, Vic. On 18.1.1957, she married Noel in Port Augusta, SA. She is survived by her husband (Barmah, Vic); Heather (Nunawading); Glenda and husband, David (Cherrybrook, NSW); and grandchildren, Michael, Christopher and Erin; sister, Ethel Sheldrick (Victoria Point, Qld); brother, Ronald (Cooranbong, NSW) and families. Lily was baptised in 1949. She was raised in the Church and was a faithful member of the Whyalla and Echuca churches. After a courageous battle with illness she is now at rest awaiting the return of her Saviour.

*Russell Bryan*

**Zemanski, Carolina del Carmen** (nee Orellana), born 17.7.1971 in Potonico, El Salvador; died 19.12.11 in Princess Alexander Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. On 30.1.00, she married John Mark Zemanski. She is survived by

her husband (Logan Central); her mother, Dina Orellana (Melbourne, Vic); and six siblings living in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Carolina was a happy, vibrant Christian whose quiet, reserved, calm, kind and loving attitude brought her friends everywhere. This was reflected after her sudden death by an outpouring of emotions and sympathy from friends, far and near, church family, and former patients and workmates from 2D maternity ward at the Logan Hospital. A life cut so short for which we have no answer. But we trust God and are confident that her Saviour will raise her to life when Jesus comes.

*Bob Possingham, David Lawson  
Andre van Rensburg*

## ADVERTISEMENTS

**Celebration of 75 years.** Prospect International church, SA, invites you to celebrate 75 years of blessings on Sabbath, March 31, 11am and 2:30pm. Speaker: Dr William (Bill) Johnson, former editor of the *Adventist Review*. We invite photographs and historical information about the church. Contact <wgrobler@iinet.net.au>.

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