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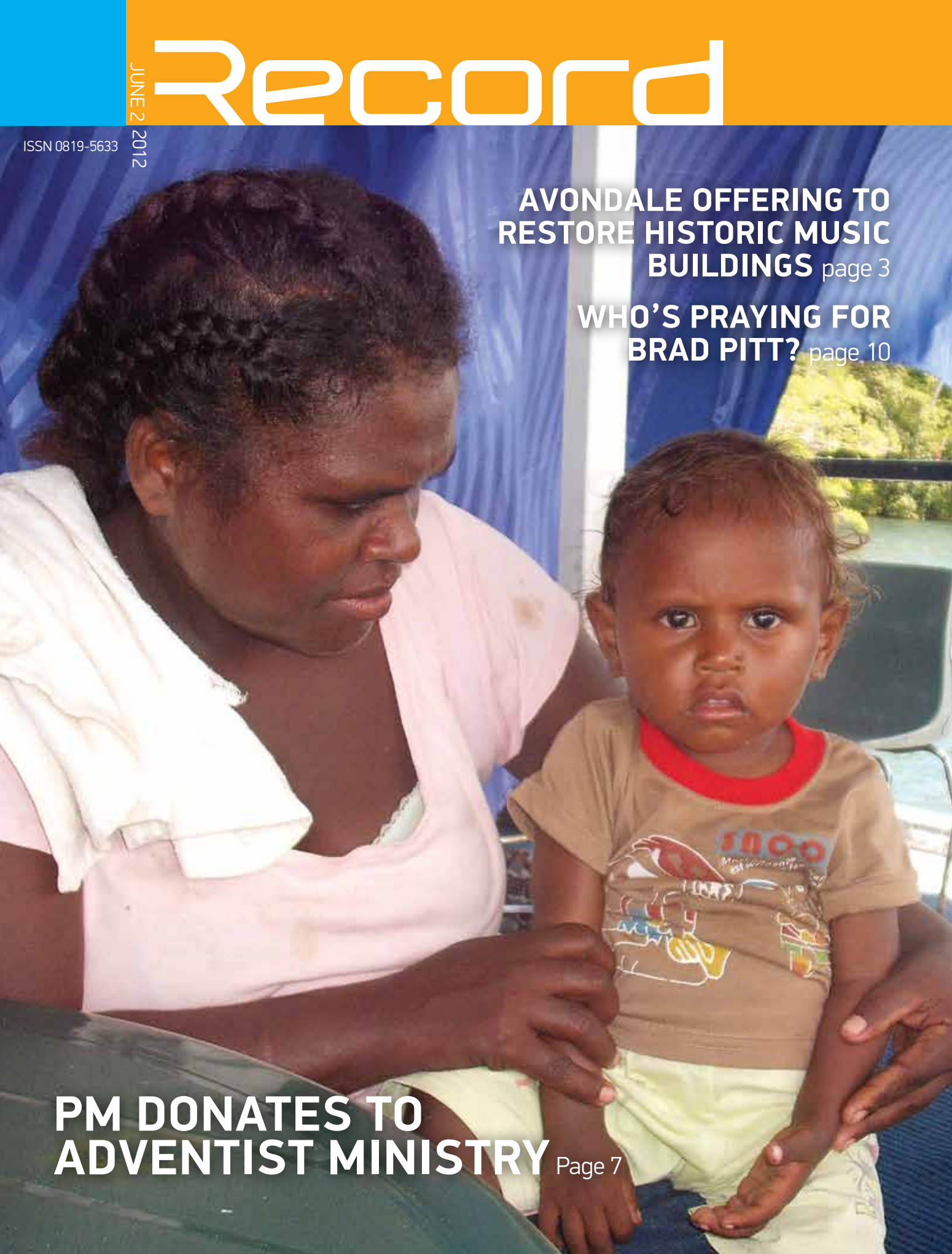
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## Volunteers outfit Fijian school

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Thanks to generous Sydney volunteers, a 12m shipping container of school supplies is headed for the Vatuvonu Adventist Secondary School on the Fijian island of Vanua.

Fijian-born John Turner coordinated the donation, with members of the Fijian community in Sydney pitching in to pack the container with school supplies, including 80 laptops, 60 desktop computers, filing cabinets, tables, two photocopiers and other essential stationery supplies.

The equipment was donated by a prestigious private school in Sydney, Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing, and various Fijian communities in New South Wales and Queensland. Logistics support was provided by local Sydney Adventist Stewart Jackson, who has previously coordinated similar donations to schools in the Philippines.

Before its closure, the Vatuvonu Adventist School operated as a vocational and secondary school and played a

significant part in educating many prominent Fijians and other Pacific Islander leaders.

The school was re-opened to help ease the burden of travel for local students.

After reading an article in *The Fiji Times Online* about the reopening of Vatuvonu, Mr Turner felt the urge to assist the school in some way. The secondary part of the school had been closed for 29 years and, during its closure, was left in a dormant state. According to government sources, the school is expected to expand in the near future. —*Gilmore Tanabose/Kent Kingston*



Generous gifts: John Turner and Stewart Jackson in front of the full container.



Final Movement ministry team.

## Keepers of the Flame remix planned

Stuarts Point, New South Wales

Planning is underway for what is hoped to be an eight-part series, filmed in the US, that aims to rediscover the identity and history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jared Vincent, from The Final Movement ministry, and Blair Lemke, series presenter, gave a presentation about the new project during the Grey Nomads convention at Stuarts Point, NSW. The series, based on *Keepers of the Flame* (1989), is aimed toward younger people.

"It's been 23 years since Dr Allan Lindsay presented the highly-successful *Keepers of the Flame* series," Mr Vincent said. "Dr Lindsay is working in conjunction with The Final Movement and is excited about this project and its mission."

Dr Lindsay said the series had the potential to "revolutionise" the way young people think about the Church and its mission. "Young people need to know where the Church came from, why it is here and where it is going," he said. For more information, contact Jared or Kyle Vincent via <info@thefinalmovement.com>. —*Justin Lawman*

## Indigenous outreach comes to Adelaide

Adelaide, South Australia

More than 100 people attended the first reported evangelistic program in Adelaide primarily aimed at Indigenous Australians.

Organised by retired Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Ministries (ATSIM) director, Pastor Eric Davey, and Pastor John Beck, the current South Australian Conference ATSIM director, the series of 14 meetings, held in April, attracted well over 100 people for each session.

Presented by veteran evangelist, Pastor Don Fehlberg, the series was clear, and Bible and Christ centred.

He was assisted by Indigenous church members from as far away as Coober Pedy and Marree, near Lake Eyre. Pastor Beck introduced the series by playing his didgeridoo and also led the singing each night with his guitar. Mamarapha students were also involved.

The series was held in the Grove church with many of the members, especially the youth, involved in music and caring

for the children, ably supervised by Liz Hill.

The entire series was filmed by Living Ministry Media for a future resource and live streamed on the internet.

The final meeting saw 19 people make a decision to follow Jesus and be baptised. After a few days of rest, Pastor Fehlberg moved on to Coober Pedy to conduct a similar series.

Pastor Beck said the Indigenous ministry in South Australia was very much alive and growing. —*Robyn Dose/GrapeVine*



Pastor Fehlberg preached in front of an Australian background.



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"A mother and her child come to receive treatment on the Medisonship."

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## Everybody hurts

James Standish

When I arrived in Detroit for my last year of high school, I had a sinking feeling. It had seemed a brilliant idea to leave my missionary kid boarding school in Singapore for a breath of fresh air in a place I'd never been. But on arrival I realised I was so far from anyone or anything I knew and there was no way back. Everything from the sports to the weather, from the accents to the attitudes, was entirely foreign. I felt very much alone.

But two guys saved me.

The first was a red-headed rocker named Rick<sup>1</sup> from the rough auto town of Saginaw. Rick quickly seized on the fact that I love music. He pumped me for everything I knew about English and Australian bands. And he introduced me to American bands like the Replacements and REM. We became roommates, and this magazine lacks the pages and the tolerance for all the stories I could tell of that wonderful time bonding over raucous chords and raging lyrics.

And then there was John. John was to Rick what the North Pole is to the South. While Rick had received virtually every disciplinary measure available to a stringent Adventist boarding school of the day, John was the head monitor in charge of enforcement. While Rick was untidy and untamed, John was always on time, always reliable, always doing the right thing at the right place. But it didn't take long for John and me to realise we shared a passion for all things political.

So my dorm life was bifurcated between watching the news every evening in the dorm TV room with John and discussing current events and the merits of Reagan (he for, me against), and late night sessions discussing classic Cream and the merits of the latest Police album with Rick (both for).

These two friends were a lifeboat, as were the twin passions of politics and music we shared. One of my favourite songs to this day is a deeply moving REM ballad, "Everybody Hurts".<sup>2</sup>

*When you're sure you've had enough of this life, well hang on  
Don't let yourself go  
Everybody cries  
And everybody hurts sometimes  
So hold on, hold on*

The song was written by REM's drummer for high school students. Kids like me—confused, lonely, wondering where my place was in this world. When I look back at my high school years, I shiver at how alienated and alone I often felt.

But in many ways I had nothing to complain about. For all my adolescent angst, it turns out I had nothing on my friend John.

John and I roomed together in college and we travelled together in Asia, Australia, the UK and the Middle East. And yet, for the first two decades of our friendship, I really had no idea who John was—or at least one incredibly important aspect of who John was.

We were in Manhattan, visiting friends about 10 years ago, and we met John at a Greenwich Village restaurant. It was late in the evening and, as usual, we were talking politics. But John seemed strangely nervous. My wife stepped away for a few minutes and then John said in a deadly serious voice, "I've got to tell you something". Something what? What could John tell me that's new? What could be so dreadfully sombre? After all these years, all these places, all these circumstances and conversations, what on earth could he be so nervous and so serious about?

"I'm gay . . ." he said.

I was gobsmacked but, for once in my life, I said the right thing at the right time—"OK, well, I still love you." When Leisa returned, the three of us talked and then we walked out of the restaurant into the bustling Manhattan night.

Since then I've often thought about all those years I was one of John's best friends. I've wondered what I said or did that communicated to him that I wouldn't accept his sexuality. I wonder if I laughed at stupid gay jokes or disparaging comments between all the babble about foreign affairs and macroeconomics. And I wonder what kind of living hell he went through coming to terms with his sexual orientation in those painful adolescent years.

Tragically, it's reported that many young people who struggle with their sexual identity don't ever get to the point where they reconcile themselves and their society to who they are. The harsh ostracism, the fear of parental rejection, the peer mocking, all combine with intense internal dissonance to make them believe their life is not worth continuing.

We must work to ensure that doesn't happen in the Adventist community.

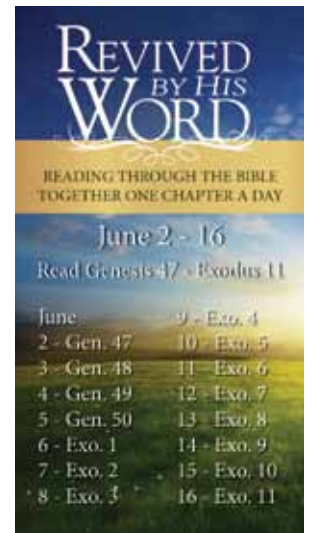
If there is one thing we cannot overdo as Adventists, it's love and acceptance. Yes, we have standards of sexual behaviour and those should not change. But it can be a tough tightrope to walk between principle and compassion. Compassion unhitched from principle can result in

condoning behaviour at odds with the Bible. Principle divorced from compassion, on the other hand, is not only unredemptive but can crush a vulnerable soul. And when it comes to issues as complex, personal and pervasively defining as our sexual nature, this is even more so.

If there is one community on earth that should be a safe, supportive, unconditionally loving place for all adolescents it is our churches, our schools and our homes. As a Christian, I want to be the kind of guy, the kind of dad, the kind of friend, that no matter what, I'm giving the love, support and kindness that encourages everyone I know to "hold on, hold on . . ." In this painful and often confusingly sinful world, there is love, there is comfort and there is always, always hope.

1. In order to keep my friends, I've changed their names for the purposes of this story.
2. "Everybody hurts" was released the year after I finished high school.

*James Standish is communication director for the South Pacific Division.*



## INSIGHT

### Questions on sexual standards

Recently, a number of people have asked me about the position of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on homosexuality and same-sex marriage. These are good questions, and ones to which our Church has dedicated substantial prayer and thought. This has resulted in four interrelated principles that guide us:

First and foremost, as Christians, we live by the law of love. Hence, everything we do, say, think or feel about these complex issues must occur within the context of love and respect.

Second, God intended that we as human beings should live together and express our sexuality in a lifelong, loving, monogamous union of one man and one woman. That was the way He set marriage up in Eden and that is the model we should follow today. Marriage is something sacred and unique; God-ordained, God-planned, God-blessed.

Third, we do not therefore condone efforts to redefine marriage to include same-sex relationships.

Fourth, we love and respect people irrespective of their sexual orientation but we uphold, and endeavour under the Holy Spirit to follow, the clear biblical teachings that limit sexual behaviour to married heterosexual couples.

We recognise how difficult this teaching can be for members who struggle with a wide range of sexual impulses that fall outside of marriage. We do not condemn them or ostracise them. Rather, we love and cherish them. We are all sinners and it is not our role to throw stones at others. But our love and respect should never be misconstrued as compromise on God's standards for sexual behaviour.

The policies that guide our Church as we handle these complex issues are outlined in our Church Manual. I recommend you pick up a copy as we work together as a church family to do what is loving and what is right.



## Famous Aussies inspire teachers

Cooranbong, New South Wales

"If you can, then you must," was the challenge presented by former Australian cricketer Max Walker at this year's NSW CAPE & CASE (Curriculum for Adventist Primary/Secondary Education) meetings.

"Service" was the theme for the two-day conference that more than 500 staff from Adventist schools around NSW attended. NSW CAPE & CASE is the annual professional development conference for staff working in Adventist schools across NSW and the ACT.

Each year, the conference offers professional development sessions that assist in improving quality in teaching in each key learning area. This year, training included the new Bible syllabus, brain learning and effective teaching, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the classroom, and instruction in Vocational Education Training (VET). Keynote presenters shared insights, gave encouragement and challenged participants to pursue excellence,

value service and continue to look for effective ways of engaging students in the learning process.

Mr Walker provided an interesting and entertaining presenta-

tion where he talked about his involvement in service and sport.

On the second morning, award-winning journalist Ray Martin spoke with passion about his work with Indigenous communities. In 2010, he was appointed a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia in recognition of his service to the community through various voluntary roles with Indigenous, health and sporting organisations. Mr Martin has been working tirelessly to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"Education is the 'silver bullet'," he said. "If the quality of change does not happen in schools, it won't happen elsewhere."

During question time, when challenged by a staff member, Mr Martin committed to visiting Macarthur Christian College, Sydney.

Other notable presenters included Dr Lee Sturgeon, clinical and developmental psychologist from the Newcastle region, who talked with staff about recognising and working with autistic children, and Avondale senior lecturer, Dr Phil Fitzsimmons, who conducted a valuable workshop with the marketing staff on the analysis of qualitative data.

Increasingly, student orientated community service programs are being incorporated into the broad curriculum of Australian high schools. It is understood that such programs have tangible benefits for students, communities and the schools themselves. Because Adventist schools operate from a Christian paradigm, they have an additional incentive for assisting students to give personal expression to spiritual commitment through service to others. —Linda Stuart

Photo: Ann Stafford



L-R: Ralph Luchow (Castle Hill Principal), George Spero (Currawah Principal), Ray Martin, Rohan Deanshaw (Kempsey Principal).

## World Church treasurer visits PNG

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

The chief financial officer of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church recently visited Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Robert Lemon, accompanied by his associate, toured Port Moresby, Goroka and Lae. During his time in Port Moresby, Mr Lemon visited Pacific Adventist University. The main university church was packed on Sabbath, May 12, with regular members and visitors from surrounding churches, eager to listen to Mr Lemon's presentation.

He then flew to Goroka where Adventist Aviation Services gave him an aerial tour of the Eastern Highlands. The following day he visited Morobe Mission in Lae and attended a public gathering at the Sir Ignatius Kilage Sports Stadium in the evening.

PNG Union Mission communications director Andrew Opis said Mr Lemon came to PNG after receiving news about the growth of the Adventist Church there.

"The growth is taking place both in the rural and town areas," he said. "The people realise that as our economy is changing and many activities are happening, most people

are looking for solid security and meaning in life. Papua New Guineans are now educated and people have now realised what is temporal and what is eternal. They now want real meaning in life and are getting involved in spiritual activities."

Mr Opis attributed the growth and positive reputation of the Church in PNG to "the quality of message, service delivery points, and [the Church's'] association with the community". He is excited by the recent visits of church officials. "We had the visit of our world president in January 2011. Not many countries in the world have the CFO and the world president visiting [within] two years," he said. —Post Courier/Elisapesi Manson/Dipson Yehisembi



Robert Lemon preached in PAU church.

# PM donates to Adventist ministry

by Clinton Jackson/Hayden Jaques/ Trevor Oliver

Solomon Islands Prime Minister Gordon Darcy Lilo has made a large donation to the *It Is Written Medisonship*, a medical mission boat owned and operated by Sonship.

Mr Lilo's donation of SBD25,000 will ensure that *Medisonship* is able to continue providing health services in the Western Province of the Solomon Islands.

The donation came as a result of a meeting with Helen Oliver, co-founder and secretary of Sonship. Sonship is a registered supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Mrs Oliver recently travelled to the Solomon Islands to assist the local crew prepare *Medisonship* for the start of 2012. While in the Solomon Islands a meeting was arranged with Mr Lilo to discuss the ongoing operation of *Medisonship*, which services his constituency. "I was very nervous meeting such an important person but God understood my fear and paved the way for the meeting," Mrs Oliver said.

Mr Lilo's grandparents leased some land at Kukudu to the Adventist Church. Mrs Oliver's parents, Pastor and Mrs Wally Ferguson, were involved in establishing the former Western Solomon Islands Mission Headquarters, also located at Kukudu. "We talked about family for 25 minutes," Mrs Oliver said. "When I started talking about *Medisonship* the Prime Minister became very interested and offered financial assistance."

A cheque was presented to Sonship's representative in the Solomons, Sau Panda, three weeks later. Mr Lilo has indicated that his government will contribute more funds in the future. "We are very grateful to the Prime Minister and thank him for his support," Mrs Oliver said.

*Medisonship* is a floating medical clinic that services Kolombangara Island and the Vonavona Lagoon in the Solomon Islands. Being mobile enables *Medisonship* to provide ongoing medical services free of charge to villages that would otherwise not be able to access medical help—for example, it would take two months' wages for villagers to purchase the fuel to reach the nearest hospital.

The Adventist presence aboard *Medisonship* has also opened the opportunity for entry into previously hostile villages. In particular, the Vonavona Lagoon, which does not have an Adventist presence, now welcomes *Medisonship* visits. Hayden Jaques, who volunteered with his family last year as the Sonship Solomon Islands manager, said, "The team of *Medisonship* are very eager to continue the evan-

gelistic work within the lagoon throughout 2012. They are really excited at the prospects the next 12 months hold." He urged people to pray that "come this time in 2013 reports will be detailing how entire villages are giving their life to Christ".

The *Medisonship* team played a part in 33 baptisms and commitments in the past year. Pastor Gary Kent, speaker/director of *It Is Written Oceania*, said, "We are delighted to see how *Medisonship* is opening new territory to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bringing hope and healing to these remote villages."

In the middle of 2011 a group of school students from Darling Downs Christian School, Queensland, experienced first-hand the impact *Medisonship* is having on unchurched areas of the Solomon Islands. The group had been working at a village called Kena. On their final night a crowd gathered to farewell the team from the wharf. In the midst of the commotion a young man made unwanted advances on a local girl who had been staying on *Medisonship* to assist with cooking. The girl, Flora, felt a numbing sensation as the young man grabbed her hand unusually for a second time.

"Flora came to me upset," recalled Mrs Oliver. "In this culture it is common for a curse to be placed on a person who doesn't return romantic attention. This curse has led to death." Once the team discovered what had happened they retreated to the boat and prayed for Flora. Trevor Oliver, co-founder and president of Sonship, reminded Flora and the other team members that *Medisonship* was God's boat, and that He was in charge and looking after the boat and all its occupants. After much prayer and a sleepless night, Flora experienced a full recovery.

Mr Lilo's financial support will indirectly help *Medisonship* provide spiritual aid to over 30 villages, and close to 2000 people throughout the Western Province of the Solomon Islands. Approximately 20,000 patients have been treated during the past four years, with the most common complaints being malaria, tropical ulcers and muscle aches.

Mr Jaques said the Prime Minister's donation was an answer to prayer. "Since Sonship relies solely on the goodwill offerings and donations of individuals and businesses, a large financial donation such as that from Prime Minister Lilo has come at a much-needed time," he said. ➤



# MISSION IN BRIEF



### Decisions for Jesus

Landsdale Gardens Adventist School's (Perth, WA) Spiritual Emphasis Week was a huge success! On the last Friday night chaplain Brad Thomas told how God helped him to let go of the hurt of childhood bullying. Two Year 7 students decided to join the majority of their classmates who plan to be baptised this year. —*NewsWest*



### Caring and sharing

During a doorknocking survey, the 15 teens and youth of Dora Creek church (NSW) discovered many needs in their community. In response the group has organised stress management and budgeting seminars as well as Bible studies. The youth group has dubbed themselves GROWTH—Go Reach Our World Through Him. —*NorthPoint*



### Years of service

Corinne Butler, 82, who attends Dubbo Aboriginal Adventist Church, recently retired from teaching Scripture at the local public school after more than 42 years of service. The school held a special assembly in her honour, during which the principal spoke warmly of her involvement with children over so many years. —*Mark Turner*



### Heavenly messages

Adventist World Radio (AWR) has commenced its first broadcasts in Armenia. Programs feature spiritual, health, family and children's topics. "Our programs help in overcoming secularism and offer more complete family principles, and more," said Vigen Khachatryan, Media Centre director of the Trans-Caucasus Union Mission. —*awr.org*



### Visions of hope

The Operation Food For Life ministry in PNG has seen success with evangelistic DVDs produced by Wahroonga church in Sydney. The volunteers show the DVDs at villages and prisons. In a month, 125 DVDs were given away at Erima village, with 50 unchurched people attending screenings each Friday night. —*OFFL*



### Massive effort

Wallsend church (NSW) has been selected as one of eight locations in Newcastle that will host friendship evangelism training in the lead-up to a CityFest event featuring international speaker Luis Palau. The two-day event will also feature music, extreme sport demonstrations and children's activities. —*NorthPoint*

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# Avondale offering to restore historic music buildings

by Josh Dye

Music has been an intrinsic part of the heritage of Avondale College of Higher Education since its founding in 1897. From the orchestral groups of the 1910s to the major choral works such as *Elijah* and the *Messiah* to the interstate and overseas tours, music is ingrained in Avondale's culture.

It formed part of the curriculum from the beginning. Herbert Lacey served as the inaugural music teacher, offering private tuition in piano, organ and voice for £1.1s per quarter. The cost, around an eighth of the total boarding cost, is comparable to today's rates.

As the popularity of music increased, so did the need for a designated building. That building, Music Hall, opened in 1925, the first on what is now the Lake Macquarie campus to be constructed of brick—the materials helped deaden the sound of the instruments and voices.

The new building helped the music program continue to grow. George Greer, head of music from 1947 to 1952, transformed the image of music at Avondale. He quickly organised a 70-member a cappella choir, which toured extensively throughout the country. Greer also rapidly expanded the music program, lobbying for students to use music electives to satisfy degree requirements in other programs. By 1949, the music program enrolled 200 students. By the time Greer left in 1952, the choir had gained national recognition for excellence.

Alan Thrift, head of the Music Department for 41 years—from 1957—said this recognition had been a major form of public relations. "From the 1970s, the concert tours, radio broadcasts and TV appearances of the Avondale Symphonic Choir and later the Avondale Singers were what the college was best known for," he said. These performances

not only formed an image of Avondale, but they also solidified the role of music as part of the Avondale experience.

"Music has been central to our ethos," said Aleta King, the new lecturer in music at Avondale. "So many people—Greer, Clapham, Thrift, Clark—have been through those Music Hall doors."

Today's Avondale College of Higher Education offering acknowledges this heritage. The money you give will help restore Music Hall and Greer Hall, the old science building now also used for the music program. The historic buildings need a facelift.

Mr Thrift urged those with a heart for music to donate. "The academic opportunities are of a high standard but

the facilities are located in old and inadequate buildings in urgent need of upgrading," he said. Ms King is looking forward to seeing the "dilapidated" halls being "restored to their former glory".

Some of the restoration work planned for later this year includes: re-coating roofs; repainting exteriors and interiors; replacing broken windows, guttering and rotten timber beams; repointing mortar

between bricks; and re-plastering ceilings. "It will enhance the learning and teaching spaces for students and staff members," said director of advancement Colin Crabtree.

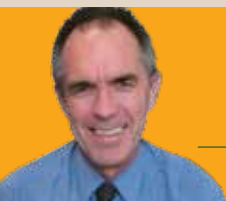
"Music is able to transcend the normality of life—to take us to a place closer to God," Ms King concluded. "You may not remember the classes you sat in, but you remember the amazing concerts you were a part of. They're the experiences that captivated you."

Thank you for helping improve the Avondale experience for today's music students. R



Photo: Brittany Lynn

*Josh Dye is a public relations intern at Avondale College of Higher Education, Cooranbong, NSW.*



## OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

### The Overcomers (part 2)

Here are seven secrets for living a victorious life in Christ.

1. Be born of the Spirit by accepting Christ's death. When we are, we do not "continue in sin, or sin habitually". Like the adulterous woman, we leave our life of sin. **Read** 1 John 3:9; 5:4; John 3:3,5,14-16; John 8:11

2. Believe biblical promises that you can overcome habitual sin. Trusting Christ makes all things possible.

**Read** 1 John 5:4; Ephesians 6:16; Mark 9:23

3. Live in Christ for righteousness and to experience life change. Three things separate us from Christ: living in known sin; feeding on the faults of others (criticism); and looking continually at our own faults. Overcomers feed on Christ. **Read** Isaiah 59:2,3; Philemon 1:8; 3:13; 4:13; Hebrews 4:14-16; 12:1-3; Colossians 3:1-4; 2 Corinthians 3:18

4. Feed regularly on and follow God's Word, which produces overcoming faith. **Read** Psalm 119:9; Matthew 4:4,7,10; Ephesians 6:17; Romans 10:17; 1 John 5:4

5. Pray regularly and earnestly. Little wonder Jesus overcame temptation. **Read** Matthew 26:41; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 5:7

6. Sharing Christ with others draws us closer to Him, thus making us victorious. **Read** Revelation 12:11; 22:17; Ephesians 6:15; Luke 8:38,39

7. Never claim to be sinless before Christ's return. When you fall into sin, confess your sin to Christ, get up and move on to your calling in life—to grow up into the full measure of Christ's likeness. **Read** 1 John 1:8,10; Romans 7:14,17-24; 8:10,11,21-23; Proverbs 24:16; Philemon 3:13; Ephesians 4:13,15

*Pastor Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism.*



## OPINION

Linden Chuang

### Who's praying for Brad Pitt?

I think I have a pretty reasonable prayer life. I pray for my own sake and for my family. I talk with God about my buddy who has turned away from his faith. I even bow my head after seeing a tragedy on the news now and again, or when an ambulance swooshes by while I'm waiting at a red light in my car. There's no downplaying the importance of praying for such things. But a problem arises when we limit our prayers to the people and events that are closest to us—I will only pray for somebody or something that is within the realm of *me*.

Brad Pitt, Hollywood actor—having only seen his guest appearance in the TV series *Friends*, I can't really comment on his work. To me, he's just a random person of whom I know close to nothing about.

So, who's praying for Brad Pitt? His father and mother? Maybe. Perhaps a close friend of his is asking the Holy Spirit to enter into his life. Remember, though, that prayers are usually confined to people within one's own close circle. How many Hollywood luminaries do you think are praying for Brad Pitt's salvation?

I know it's dangerous to assume. I can't confirm that nobody is praying for Brad Pitt or that he isn't earnestly seeking the Lord himself. Yet is it not more dangerous to assume that somebody is praying for him?

Maybe you don't like to use Brad Pitt as an example, so replace his name with another. Who's praying for Norwegian extremist Anders Behring Breivik, or Hala Hussein (Saddam's daughter)? Who's praying for Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard? Who's praying for the guy who serves you at the supermarket or the woman who brings your food at the cafe?

Getting somebody like Brad Pitt to come to Christ may seem like an impossible ambition. But we serve a God who makes the impossible possible (Mark 10:27). His Word describes prayer as exceedingly powerful (Mark 9:26-29; James 5:14-16). We are also called to pray for all people (1 Timothy 2:1) unceasingly (Luke 18:1).

As we go about our week, let's consider praying for somebody outside of our usual circle. Somebody random; a person we have little or no personal attachment to. We just might be the only person on earth praying for them.

*Linden Chuang is editorial assistant for RECORD.*

## OPINION POLL:

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## Social jetlag

Research surrounding sleep is a fascinating area that's evolving every day. While most of us are all too aware of the short term affects of a bad night's sleep—irritability, poor concentration, fatigue—the long term effects can be even more damaging.

Chronic sleep deprivation has been associated with a range of poor health outcomes including higher risks of depression, obesity, heart disease and decreased immune function. And the sad thing is that more and more of us are becoming chronically deprived of sleep.

The good news is that German researchers at the University of Munich may be able to shed some light on the reasons for this. A team led by Dr Till Roenneberg has spent the past 10 years compiling a database of human sleeping and waking behaviours.

The team has identified a phenomenon they've called 'social jetlag', which is an increasing discrepancy between our biological clocks and our social or work clocks. The researchers say that as we ignore our natural sleep rhythms while trying to cram everything into our busy days, we're increasingly risking damage to our health.

With increasing pressure to fit everything into our modern lives, some of us may feel that sleep is a necessary inconvenience, but nothing could be further from the truth. The trick to fitting everything in is to properly prioritise our lives and focus on the quality of the time we allocate, not necessarily the quantity. Next time you're thinking of pushing bed time back an hour, think of Dr Roenneberg's words: "Good sleep and enough sleep is not a waste of time but a guarantee for better work performance and more fun with friends and family during off-work times." Are you getting enough?

**TIP:**  
Try blending only three quarters of the quantity and leave the rest chunky so that some of the mushrooms are still intact.



## Hearty mushroom soup

**Preparation time:** 15 minutes **Cooking time:** 20 minutes **Serves:** 6

**2 leeks, finely sliced**  
**2 celery stalks, chopped**  
**1kg button mushrooms, roughly chopped**  
**½ kg assorted mushrooms (oyster and enoki) roughly chopped**  
**2 tbsp olive oil**  
**2 cloves garlic, finely chopped**  
**2 litres salt-reduced vegetable stock**  
**½ lemon, juiced**

1. With your leeks, make an incision with your knife half way through them from top to bottom, slightly open and wash thoroughly, and then thinly slice.
2. Place your leeks and celery into a heavy based pot with oil and fry over a low heat until they are soft.
3. Add garlic and mushrooms into the pot with leeks and celery.
4. Add the vegetable stock, stir your ingredients. Bring everything to the boil with a lid on. Once your soup has reached this point, add the juice of half a lemon. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Puree soup with a blender and serve.

### NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:

600 kilojoules (140 cal); Protein 10g; Fat 7g; Saturated Fat 1g; Carbohydrate 6g; Total Sugars 2g; Sodium 830mg; Potassium 925mg; Calcium 30mg; Iron 0.9mg; Fibre 9g.

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## HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

**Q:** I am amazed at how little people wash their hands. Is it that important?

**A:** Fortunately, the skin is coated with a very mild, natural disinfectant, which tends to kill most unwanted germs. Nevertheless, always wash your hands after visiting the bathroom or before preparing food. Transferring germs can cause gastric and throat upsets. If you sneeze into your hand, wash it before shaking hands with the next potential victim.

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## MY CHURCH

**GERALDTON ADVENTIST FAMILY FELLOWSHIP, Western Australia**  
Val Royce/Josh Bolst

"I love going to my church because we are all happy. My church caters for all ages and we have lunch every Sabbath. We have a roster and so we share the jobs each Sabbath. We care for each other and it makes me want to come back each week," said teenager, Lluwannee.

Be it in the bush, park, beach or community centre, our multi-cultural church focuses on ministering to Indigenous Australians (nearly 80 per cent of our members are Indigenous) around Geraldton. We are very family oriented and it is rare not to have someone bring family or friends along. "In a world where you could feel alone, on Sabbath mornings at church I can feel the Lord's presence and love and warmth of the church family," said single parent, Derek.

In the past 10 years, we have grown from a very small group to over 70 attendees, with around half under 20 years of age. We have a very informal style of worship that meets the needs of our many youth and children who attend, with combined time together for singing, prayer, sharing, a short devotional and then various Sabbath School classes.

"Singing, lessons, learning about Jesus, talking, meeting other people and eating together. That's what I like about church," said junior, Amelia.

We hold mid-week prayer meetings for adults and youth, and for nursing home residents. Our pastor only joins us one Sabbath a month, but this year we have also employed an Indigenous Bible worker training at Mamarapha College who is busy with pastoral visits and Bible studies. "I like coming here for the warm fellowship and the feeling of belonging. Seeing people's lives changed, from alcohol abuse and other issues to become loving Christians, and to see Jesus leading His church to reach people," said church elder, Kevin

One of our members, Kevin Merritt, has a weekly Sabbath morning devotional time on the local Aboriginal radio station which is listened to by many people from all cultures.



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# PASS IT ON!



# Adventist tag team!

by Blake Penland

**O**N THE LONG TRAIN JOURNEY HOME ONE DAY, I prayed that God would help me meet someone to share the gospel with. Almost an hour passed and I was just about home when an older gentleman offered me the seat right beside him on the train. We didn't say much at first but I felt like this was my opportunity. As he started eating a piece of carrot cake I mentioned that carrot cake is one of my favourite desserts as well. He laughed and our conversation began.

After he noticed my American accent, he told me about his son who had just got married in San Diego, California. He then explained how his son had gone to America years earlier to a Baptist college and that his family were all Baptists. I expressed to him how wonderful it was to have a family who followed Jesus Christ together and I began to share with him how I had given my life to Jesus as well.

As we talked, a woman who had just boarded the train at the last stop was looking for a seat. I offered her the seat next to us, but she sat down across the aisle instead, saying it was fine. I did not pay much attention to her after that, turning my attention back to the conversation. I explained how I had decided I would follow the Bible to the best of my abilities, and that was how I became a Seventh-day Adventist. He was very interested in my story and we exchanged our contact details to keep in touch just as the train reached my stop. I wanted to share an Adventist DVD with him but I did not have any on me at the time.

As I stood up to get off the train, we shook hands and I told him I looked forward to speaking with him again. Just

then, the woman who had been sitting across the aisle, slid right in front of me and handed the man a brand new DVD and study guide developed by Amazing Facts, called *The Final Events of Bible Prophecy*. It turned out she had been listening to our conversation the whole time.

"I think you will enjoy these," she told the man and without saying another word we both got off the train together. I couldn't help but start laughing as we stepped onto the loading platform of the train station. Before I even introduced myself, I lifted my hand up for a high five and said "Adventist Tag Team!"

We both laughed and to my surprise she gave me a big high five. After introducing ourselves, I found out that she was a part-time lecturer at Avondale College. Both she and her husband specialised in teaching Hebrew in the Theology department there. We also exchanged contact details and, as she left, I recognised how God had worked everything together.

It was incredible how God had heard my prayers and answered them, giving me the best opportunity I could have had to share the gospel with someone. Not only did He create the perfect situation to speak about Jesus, but He coordinated a fellow believer to sit right beside me to help share the three angels' messages. Wow, how amazing is the God we serve, and how incredibly does He answer our prayers? Praise God!

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*Blake Penland writes from the Watagans, NSW, where he lives with his wife, Malvina, and their two young children.*



# Abide with me

by Wayne Blakely

**I**N ADDRESSING THE UNITED NATIONS PRAYER breakfast, Ravi Zacharias, the Christian apologist, asked the question: “How do you reach a generation that listens with its eyes and thinks with its feelings?” It’s a profound question that should not simply be addressed to leaders outside the Church, but to each of us in the Church. As earth’s history is rapidly approaching its conclusion, many of us have come to accept “feelings” as our guide to “truth”. And in no area is this more true than in the field of human sexuality.

Since the sexual revolution broke out in the West, society has been pressured over and over again to abandon sexual standards based on Christian ideals. First we were told that sex outside of marriage was not only morally acceptable, but a healthy part of human development. Then we were told that the idea of a lifetime commitment in marriage was an oppressive anachronism. It was a short line from there to adopt the posture that human life so inconveniently created outside of stable relationships was expendable. And then came the gay rights movement with the message that homosexual sex is not only natural, but morally good.

I, like many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people, believed the new message of sexual liberation. After almost 40 years living an active gay lifestyle, however,

I have come to a very different conclusion. I’ve seen friends die, I’ve heard the heart cries of people caught in complete hopelessness that comes with a cold permissiveness, and I’ve heard over and over again the love of my Father calling me back to a life of obedience. Today I know that the opposite of “homosexuality” is not heterosexuality as many are inclined to believe—rather it is holiness. It is the holy and wholly encompassing love of God that can fill the gaping chasm in our lives and give us the healing we all so desperately need from the sin that plagues all of us.

The narrative formed by gay rights activists, however, is finding an echo among those in the Church who believe by ignoring or excusing sinful behaviour, they are extending love. They are not. It is true that God loves us just the way we are, regardless of our sin, and every person—homosexual, heterosexual or asexual—can be deeply thankful for that. But it is not true that God leaves us desperately mired in behaviour that destroys us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Jesus desires something more from all who have been born with a sinful nature. He wants us to develop an intimate relationship with Him and invite the Holy Spirit to bring about change in our lives. But the change He promises us is not about making a gay person straight, any more than it is about making heterosexuals who struggle with lust into asexual beings who have no desire at all. No, it is

more complex than that, but no less remarkable.

When I immersed myself in getting to know Christ and submitted my will to Him, many amazing changes began to take place. He took over and revealed His perfect plan—a plan completely consistent with His revealed word, not a plan based on subjective feelings and emotive appeals that is at jarring odds with His revelation. He promises that as we trust and abide in Him, we become more like Him. The more we love Him, the more we are drawn to His holiness.

For decades many same-sex attracted people have experienced silence on the topic of homosexuality by the Church. In that silence, many have left the Church without knowing what God desires of them. Some have come to question whether or not God even loves them, accepts them, whether they are so broken they cannot be saved. Some have been treated like lepers—shunned, scorned and neglected as if their sexual temptations are somehow more sinful than everyone else's. Others believe that God loves them, but begin to wrap God around self and live according to subjective truths rather than responding to God's love with a desire to obey Him.

But praise God, there are those who have been reached through divine intervention and are claiming His victory and healing today. I am such an individual, "as were some of you". Today, God has a ministry through me. He preserved me, and precious others, for such a time as this.

Often, it is not until we are cornered in the dark, that we are able to hear that still small voice. Humility, while frequently painful, can reveal light that seems to have been hidden by deception. When I was finally humbled before God, I recognised the voice of the Holy Spirit. My heart broke before God and I fell to my knees weeping and seeking His forgiveness. Where much is forgiven, there is much love, and today I love my Lord with my entire heart, soul and strength.

The clarity of what God revealed became awe-inspiring. Not just regarding homosexual behaviour, but with regard to all sin and His request of us to lay it at His feet, seek and live in His righteousness. It's a lot more difficult than it sounds. But it is rewarding beyond any earthly pleasure. Temptation remains my reminder of how much I need Jesus and how I immediately must call upon Him to be in charge of my mind and my decision-making. But temptation is not sin—sin occurs when we give in to temptation rather than trusting in our all-powerful Saviour.

We are living in a world in which evil often appears to triumph and in which accepting God's standards often makes us a laughing stock, or worse, actively hated. I know that by writing this piece, I will be mocked, my character will be attacked, and I will receive yet another wave of hate mail. It is the least I can do for a Saviour who suffered much more on my account.

Today, gay rights supporters often label anyone standing for a life of obedience to God a "bigot" or "homophobe". They are the kinds of pejorative labels designed to marginalise and silence God's call for obedience. I don't believe

that homophobia is the support of biblical sexual principles, but rather it is the refusal to reach out and share the love and gospel with the LGBT community. What kind of cold indifference would result in people who know God's truth, who know His last day call to a loving, holy relationship, remaining silent as millions of people reject God and continue in sin? That isn't love; that is a fear of homosexuality that is so strong, you prefer to see men and women lose their souls for eternity rather than have the strength of character to give an honest witness of grace, love, repentance and salvation.

More than ever before, leaders, pastors and teachers need to be educated by those who have experienced and chosen to live a redeemed life in Jesus. As He directs our hearts under His influence, we can all become the "new creation" as described in 2 Corinthians 5:17. By recognising His glory and authority we can choose to be called out of darkness and live in His marvellous light (1 Peter 2:9).

The Church cannot afford to be afraid of LGBT people—we are, after all, just people. You can't afford to be indifferent—we need the love and healing of the gospel as much as anyone. You can't afford to be so prudish you fail to discuss openly the issue of sexual behaviour. Everyone, everywhere is talking about it, and when the Church is silent, when you are silent, it isn't neutrality or prudence, it's cowardice and indifference.

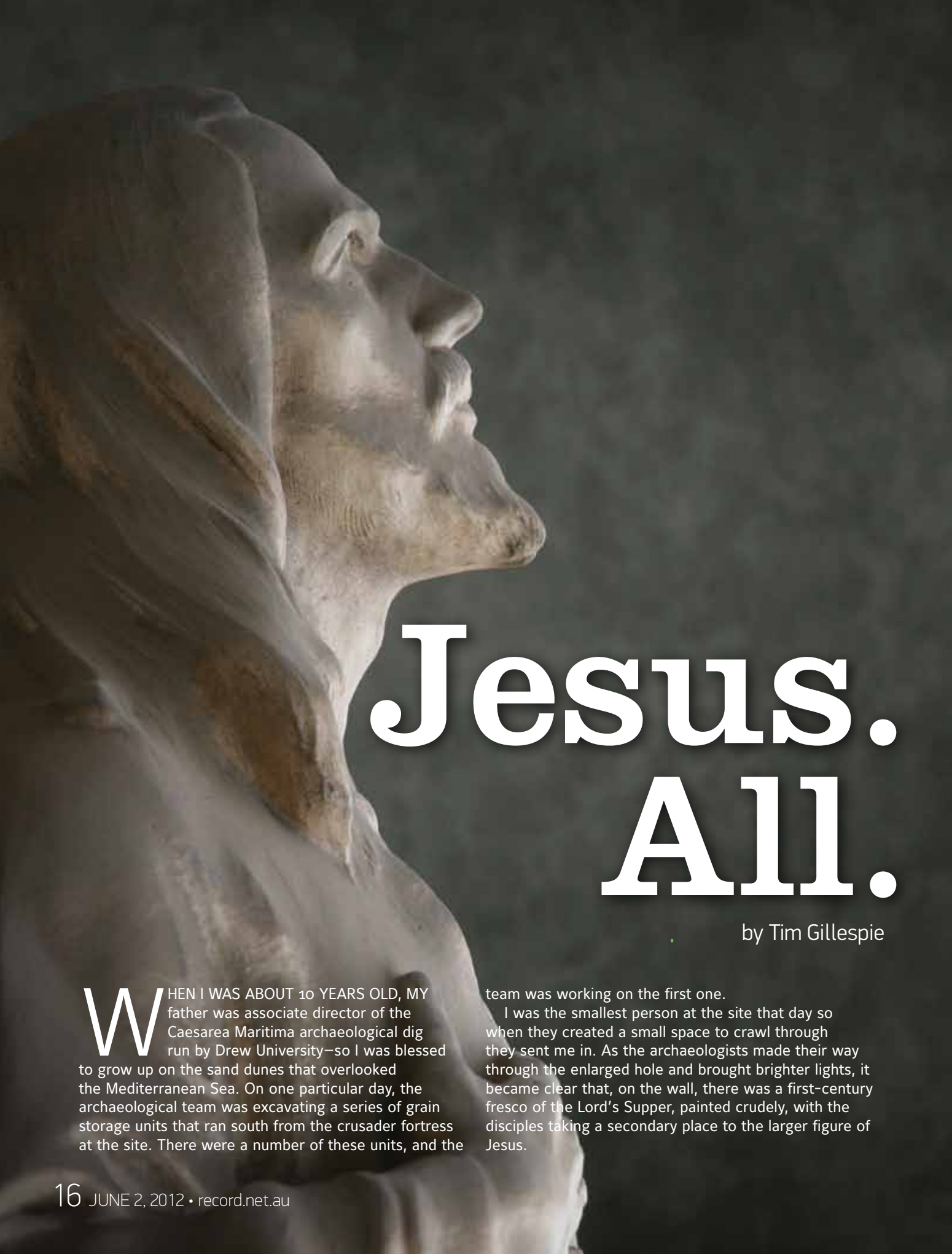
That said, this issue does require thought and care. Calling LGBT people horrible names or expecting people to somehow magically transpose their sexual orientation is not the right approach. Shunning or shaming is also very damaging. Accepting, loving, caring, while always honestly representing God's call to an obedient life for all of us—that is the way Christ treated all sinners, and it is the path we must follow.

God is on the move. He is holding back the four winds. He is revealing His truth. He is calling His beloved sinners to come home. I frequently teach in my presentations that we cannot share what we do not have. By engaging in an intimate relationship with Jesus, amazing changes occur. When we are living in a continual walk with Him, those we encounter will see Jesus in us and have a desire for the life He offers all.

Let those who you come in contact with see Jesus in your eyes and through your demonstration of His love. Live the love that draws the sin-sick soul into a relationship with Jesus. Christianity is not about "listening with our eyes, and thinking with our feelings". But it is also not simply a prayer in the morning, evening and studying the Sabbath School lesson either. Victory and healing of all sin is in the continual, constant abiding in Him that results in a lifetime promise of true freedom, true acceptance and true love. ✂

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# Jesus. All.

by Tim Gillespie

**W**HEN I WAS ABOUT 10 YEARS OLD, MY father was associate director of the Caesarea Maritima archaeological dig run by Drew University—so I was blessed to grow up on the sand dunes that overlooked the Mediterranean Sea. On one particular day, the archaeological team was excavating a series of grain storage units that ran south from the crusader fortress at the site. There were a number of these units, and the

team was working on the first one.

I was the smallest person at the site that day so when they created a small space to crawl through they sent me in. As the archaeologists made their way through the enlarged hole and brought brighter lights, it became clear that, on the wall, there was a first-century fresco of the Lord's Supper, painted crudely, with the disciples taking a secondary place to the larger figure of Jesus.



While I don't know the archaeological significance of the discovery, one thing was clear: Jesus was the centre of the fresco, and, for the first-century Christians, He was the centre of their faith. In other words: "Jesus. All".

Jesus. All.

It's that's simple. But it's not just simple. It is perfect.

That is, the Saviour is perfect, the saying is just OK.

It's elegant in its simplicity—like the children's song "Jesus Loves Me". Simple and to the point.

I know, you can't build a theology, a denomination, a faith, around a children's song. But what if you could? What if the totality of what Jesus means to us was summed up by a child's understanding of the fact that Jesus is the mark and measure of our faith? What if, like the old hymn, we surrendered all to Jesus?

Would our fellowships look the same, would our lives look the same? Would our worship look the same? Would we continue to be easily offended by people? Or would we become those who could not get offended because we were too busy being about the Jesus business we have been called to? Would we cease to be defenders of the faith, and become disciples of Christ in a more palpable and palatable way?

What if we actually took seriously the idea that Jesus is coming again? Rather than being focused on the events leading up to the Second Coming, we might be safe in the knowledge of the Second Coming, and maintain a focus on Who is actually coming.

What if we actually took seriously the idea that Scripture is God-breathed and that every word reveals who Jesus is, not simply how we are supposed to speak of Him? What if we believed that the greatest gift to the world might be summed up in the name of Jesus, which supersedes any label or loyalty that we might have? What if the special message that we have for the world is Jesus? What if our peculiarity was formed from the exalted place that Jesus had in our theology, worship and fellowships? What if our lives reflected the highest Christology?

"Jesus. All." came out of a deep frustration from the seemingly "Jesus. And . . ." theology that many of us have fallen into. Too often I hear that we have to mature past a faith that can be summed up in one word, in one name, in one person. This is the sentiment I hear too often: "Get to the meat". But Jesus is the milk and meat of our faith. He is also the flesh and bones.

Paul knew the importance of the supremacy of preaching Christ: "And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:1, 2).

What if we took Jesus at His word in John 12:32: "I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to my-

self" (NKJV)? Are we lifting up "Jesus all" or "Jesus and . . ." or "Jesus maybe"?

Jesus said two words that changed Peter and Andrew's lives: "Follow me" (see Matthew 4:19). In those two words, their lives changed, their priorities fixed on Him, a certain shift from what they were working on previously, and their trajectories were vastly skewed.

The good news is not simply about Jesus. The good news is Jesus. And Jesus is all. I desperately want a church that seeks the heart of Jesus. We want a church that can unite on at least one thing—and only Jesus can be that thing. We long to hear that those who represent our Church cease creating boundaries and begin to speak of Jesus in a way that lifts Him up and draws us in.

I long to be part of a people whose greatest identifying marker is nothing short of Jesus Christ and Him crucified! Every time we have tried to define ourselves as something other, more or beyond Jesus, we have failed miserably.

Jesus. He is the Author—or "Pioneer" (TNIV)—and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). I love the use of the word "pioneer" because it speaks in a powerful way to the Adventist family. We had early pioneers of our faith but they were only following a path that Jesus had laid out for them. For our faith is meaningless without Jesus: "There is one great central truth to be kept ever before the mind in the searching of the Scriptures—Christ and Him crucified. Every other truth is invested with influence and power corresponding to its relation to this theme" (Ellen White, Manuscript 31, 1890).

This is what the Adventist Church's "The One Project" is—a return to the elemental impulse of Adventism. It is a clean wall with nothing but the priority of Jesus. It is an understanding that the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith is nothing less than Jesus Christ Himself, and nothing could be more than this! It is an assent to present truth. The Holy Spirit always leads His people back to Jesus: that is His job. And we have been brought back to a gracious Saviour, a King with a kingdom, and a deep and abiding Friend.

In 2000 years, the wall of Christianity has been covered with graffiti. The wall has been tagged by people seeking to make a name for themselves among the halls of faith. It has been defaced by those who would rather us focus on something other than the figure of Jesus. It has had pictures painted and repainted, many of which were meant to enhance the figures that were so carefully drawn 2000 years earlier. But it is time for us to strip back the wall and go back to that original simple picture of Jesus and the community of believers.

It is time once again for: Jesus. All.



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## RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

### Avondale's proactive principal

William Gordon Campbell Murdoch  
Avondale College Principal  
1947–1952

The Scotsman scholar, Dr Murdoch, was an impressive man and Avondale was fortunate to have him as principal. Those who knew him maintained his life was proof one could study in a secular university and graduate with a mature faith intact. He was known at Avondale as a kindly Christian gentleman who was "a mighty force in the pulpit".

A man of tact and diplomacy, he was also a man of vision—the ideal principal. Pro-active, he did much to upgrade the academic qualifications of faculty such as Clapham, Rosenhain and Turner, who joined the upgraded Nelson Burns and Alfred F J Kranz who were already on study leave in the United States when Murdoch took up his Avondale appointment. This scholarly upgrading of faculty was a major feature of the Murdoch era—and, compared with the past, something which happened at maximum pace.

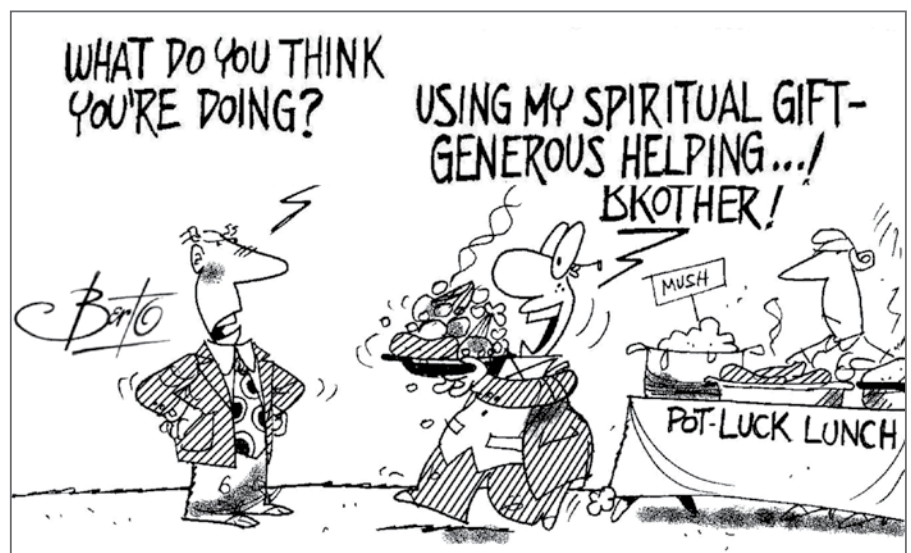
Murdoch is also remembered for his sterling efforts in getting external recognition for Avondale's courses. As part of that process he established the Pacific Union College affiliation agreement where PUC degrees in Theology and Secondary Education would be taught at Avondale—a program his successor was to implement. He also established the external studies BSc program with London University.

Andre Hall was built during Murdoch's tenure and College Hall extended. He also called William Greer from America to Avondale to establish the Symphonic Choir. All in all, an illustrious period in Avondale's history.



Adapted from *Avondale: Experiment on the Dora*, by Dr Milton Hook.

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The Israelites had been wandering in the desert for 40 years. Their clothes didn't wear out, they always had water and manna, and their feet didn't swell. But no matter what God did for them they grumbled.

One day a whole lot of snakes bit the Israelites and many of them died. They begged Moses to ask God to take away the snakes. God loved the Israelites and told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. All the people who looked at the bronze snake became well again.

# SNAKES AND LADDERS

36 Israelites bow down to golden calf	37	38	39	40 Israelites complain again	Finish
35 Israelites have the 10 Commandments	34	33	32	31	30
24	25 Moses strikes the rock for water	26	27	28 The Israelites say sorry to God and look at bronze snake	29
23	22	21	20	19	18
12	13 God feeds the Israelites quail	14	15	16 God is in a cloud and a pillar of fire	17 God sends manna from the sky
11	10	9 Israelites start complaining	8	7	6
Start	1	2 Israelites cross the Red Sea	3	4	5



Cut out the games pieces, get yourself a die and roll. Go up the ladders and down the snakes.

**Memory Verse**  
"Have faith in God."  
(Mark 11:22)

**Worship Message**  
We worship God when we have faith in Him

\* Hello in German.

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### Cairns Women's Ministries turns 10

Cairns Women's Ministries (Qld) celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Palm Royale Hotel from April 6-8. Two hundred guests from across Australia and New Zealand (NZ) attended the event, which featured guest speaker Emma Misa Keshu from Dunedin, NZ, and workshops in health and flower arrangements. The theme was "With Head, With Heart, With Hands". – *Eseta Taua*

### Stormco makes an impact

A StormCo team visited Tenterfield, NSW, in April, bringing God's truth and fun to the town. On April 14, the group took the divine service at Tenterfield Adventist church. They also assisted with the children's Sabbath School. StormCo has been serving in Tenterfield for the past six years. Residents, young and old, and even the business sector, now look forward to their yearly visit. – *Cherryl Stidolph*

### Lest we forget

Avondale College president, Dr Ray Roenfeldt, honoured those who have served and died in military operations by laying a wreath at the war memorial during the Anzac service in Morisset. Avondale Singers' performance of "In Flanders Fields" opened the service. Earlier, Avondale Brass Band followed the veterans in the march to the memorial. – *Brenton Stacey/Karen Zeuschner*



### Signs joins marriage debate

Signs Ministry has produced a new flyer in its Goodwill series, entitled *The Marriage Act*, in response to a growing debate. US President Barack Obama's recent endorsement of same-sex marriage has propelled the issue into headlines worldwide. "Since then it seems that the biblical view hasn't been well presented," said *Signs of the Times* editor Lee Dunstan. "So we produced the flyer—extracted from the July *Signs*—for sharing and letterboxing." *The Marriage Act* outlines the origin and definition of marriage and gives a positive Christian view of the institution. More at <[www.signsofthetimes.org.au/marriageact](http://www.signsofthetimes.org.au/marriageact)>.

### Ordination

Pastor Glynn Slade was ordained during the Sabbath afternoon program at the South Australian Camp meeting, held at the Barossa Valley Convention Centre. After being a very active member of Esperance church, WA, Pastor Slade retired in 2004 and was surprised to be called to SA on a three-month contract to help pastor three churches on the Yorke Peninsula. He has ministered in SA since. His family was present at the ordination, including his son, Pastor Darren Slade, president of the Tasmanian Conference, who encouraged his father and affirmed his call. – *Jarrod Stackelroth*



### Another Dr Phil

Phil Brown, former pastor and church planting director in WA, has completed his Doctor of Ministry. He began his studies in 2005 through the Melbourne School of Theology. His thesis – *Evangelism and Discipleship Making in Emerging Missional Groups and Churches: Key factors that impinge on missional effectiveness*—explores how churches in Western society can disciple new people for Jesus. – *Newswest*

### Health checks

In March, the Victorian Health Ministries team held a stall during Sunday Funday at Nunawading Christian College (NCC), providing free health checks and vegetarian health information. Approximately 60 per cent of students at NCC are from non-Adventist families, and the stall provided an opportunity to promote the Adventist lifestyle and health principles. – *IntraVIC*

### Environmental activism

A group of Darling Downs Christian School (Qld) students has joined forces with Condamine Alliance to protect the environment. The school's newly formed environment club will plant native trees on an area known as Conservation Hill. Condamine Alliance's Alex Kennedy was impressed with the students' enthusiasm and made an initial \$A500 contribution towards the project. – *Adrian Fitzpatrick*

## WEDDINGS



**Just–Raine.**  
Michael Just, son of Gary and Gloria Just (Toowoomba, Qld), and Nerolie Raine, daughter of Stewart and the late Heather Raine (Southpine), were married 27.11.11 at Broadway chapel, Woolloongabba.

*Sean Berkeley*



**Luppino–Dong.**  
Cosmo Luppino, son of Antonio and Grazia

Luppino, and Sophia Dong, daughter of Suian and Jwifeng Dong, were married 31.3.12 at Trinity Gardens church, SA. Cosmo is a mechanical engineer and Sophia is a registered nurse. Following the ceremony, they celebrated at Sarafino's function centre at McLaren Vale.

*Glynn Slade*



**Neill–Zanfir.**  
Jared Anthony Neill, son of Tony and Sandra Neill, and Cristina Zanfir, daughter of Estera Zanfir (all of Brisbane, Qld), were married 1.4.12 at Broadway Chapel, Woolloongabba. It was a very lovely wedding with special music, featuring string instruments and the Sherwood Romanian Adventist church choir.

*André van Rensburg*



**Rigg–Deaves.**  
Andrew Rigg, son of Guy and Glenys Rigg (Cooranbong, NSW), and Tracey Ann Deaves, daughter of Kevin

and Jan Deaves (Wyee), were married 25.3.12 in the beautiful outdoor setting of Linton Gardens, Somersby.



**Zahra–Campos-Concha.** Joseph Anthony Zahra, son of Joseph and Carol Zahra, and Paloma Campos-Concha, daughter of Magaly Concha (all of Sydney, NSW), were married 7.8.11 at Wetherill Park Spanish church.

*Frank Ropati, Pedro Fuentes*

## OBITUARIES

**Brown,** Dorothy Jewel (nee Irwin), born 4.10.1920 in Wollongong, NSW; died 31.3.12 in John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle. On 20.12.1944, she married Fredrick James Brown in Wollongong church. Jewel trained as a nurse, but gave it up to be a wife and homemaker for her teacher-husband and their two children. Their teaching ministry took them to Qld, NZ and NSW. Her son, David, predeceased her in 1998. She is survived by her husband; her daughter, Sue and her husband, Ray Boyce (Charles-town); and grandchildren, Philip Ross Osmond (Kowerau, NZ), James and Melinda Boyce (both of Armidale, NSW). Melinda says about her grandmother, "She was a remarkable woman with a heart of gold!" Also mourning her loss are Fred's brother, Ernie, and wife, Jeanie, and nieces, Loloma Dixon and Esther and Graham Corbett. A quiet lady, Jewel was a very keen gardener. She loved music, travel, her family, her God and His church.

*Owen D'Costa*



**Bucholz,** Elliot (Keith), born 24.8.1923 in Lismore, Vic; died 5.4.12 in Allamanda

Private Hospital, Gold Coast, Qld. He married Dorothy Jean White, who predeceased him in 1951. He is survived by his daughter, Judith Claire; grandchildren, Justin, Ricky, Emma and Kai; and great-granddaughter, Aylah. Keith was blind and deaf, but still enjoyed being taken to church services, until his health deteriorated. He also enjoyed having a communion service at home just a few weeks before he died. He had a good sense of humour, and many happy recollections of his life were shared at his memorial service. A representative of Southport RSL conducted a poppy service at Elliot's graveside, recognising his war service.

*Raymond Trim, Sean Berkeley*

**Burak,** Aleksandra (nee Kosciuk), born 15.9.1923; died 28.1.12 in Indooroopilly, Qld. On 1.4.1981, she married Adam Burak, who predeceased her on 3.10.08. Aleksandra is survived by her sons, George (East Ipswich) and Ziggy Cosciuk (Vic).

*Neil Tyler*



**Davey,** Pastor Kenneth Arthur, born 9.9.1927 in Beeston, Nottingham, England;

died 16.3.12 in the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Qld. In 1953, he married Shirley Laws. He was predeceased by both his wife and his sister, Audrey Drasser, in 2009.

He is survived by his siblings, Ron Davey and Pat Elias (both of England); his son and his wife, Mark and Julie Davey; and granddaughters, Kimberley and Stephanie (all of Beenleigh, Qld). Ken was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, who was kind, generous, a committed Christian, and described by many who knew him as a real gentleman. He will be sadly missed.

*Alvin Coltheart, Neil Tyler*



**Elliott,** Eileen (nee Roulstone), born 24.3.1929 in Alstonville, NSW; died

25.2.12 in Sydney Adventist Hospital after a short illness. On 12.4.1955, she married Merton Elliott at Ballina. He predeceased her in 1991. She worked for many years at the Sydney Adventist Hospital as a nurse's aid in the Central Sterilising Supply Department and linen room. Eileen was a wonderful cook and cake decorator who spent many years as a volunteer helping out at the Wahroonga school canteen and at the Wahroonga church fellowship luncheons. She is survived by her daughter, Cathy, and son, Phillip, son-in-law, Les Hardy, daughter-in-law, Jo, and granddaughter, Alessandra, all from Victoria. Eileen will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

*Frank Tassone, Ken Barrett*


**Gough,** Kathleen, born 10.6.1916; died 31.3.12 in Toronto Private Hospital, NSW. She is survived by her daughters,

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Leone Grosser, Carole Toepfer and Dianne Boyle, and their families. Kathleen was one of 10 children. She was a faithful member of the Adventist Church for over 80 years—much of it as a member of Avondale Memorial church. Blessed with good health for 95 years, Kath's end came suddenly and painlessly in full knowledge that soon she would be united with her beloved husband, Bill, who predeceased her in 1998. Her great love was her home, her family and particularly her seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

*Ross Goldstone, Vadim Butov*

**Lock,** Pastor Lester Norman, born 24.4.1916 in Perth, WA; died 17.12.11 in Wyong Hospital, NSW. He was predeceased by his first wife, Edna, in 1981. On 12.4.1992, he married June. He is survived by June; his three children; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Lester lived his life in service to the Church, particularly in PNG. He and his young family were posted to the Solomon Islands after the war and then served for many years in PNG. Lester served as school administrator, departmental director and mission president with a short break to care for his wife, Edna, in the mid '60s when he ministered in the Victorian Conference. In retirement he continued contributing by translating Sabbath School lessons into Motu and Pidgin English, along with other translating projects.

*Alan Saunders, Titus Rore*

**Metcalfe,** Helen Marguerite, born 25.1.1934 in Sydney, NSW; died 30.11.11 in Bankstown Hospital. On 5.1.1956, she married Pastor George A (Bert) Metcalfe, who predeceased her in 2008. She is survived by her beloved children, Dean, Jenni, Kathy (and Hosam) and Andrew (and Bernadette); and grandchildren, Samantha and Joao; and great-grandchild, Mia. Helen was an outstanding support to Bert in his pastoral work in Australia over 40 years. Bert was struck down by a stroke in 1996 and Helen cared for him faithfully until his death. Despite a series of debilitating illnesses over the past two years, Helen never lost her positive, joyful attitude, her love for her family and all people, her clarity of thought, and above all her deep faith

in God. Helen was a thoughtful, caring lady, who is deeply missed.

*David McKibben, Peter Watts*

**Moon,** Neil George, born 7.5.1961; killed 10.10.11 tragically in a farm accident in Bemboka, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Rita; children, Anthony, Charmaine, Cornelius, Evangeline, Gwendolyn, Sylvia and Nelson; his parents, Neville and Margaret; and siblings, Ian, Sheryl and Marlene. The Moon family had lived in Bemboka for many years. Neil's loss to the community was evident by the large gathering at his funeral. His pastor, John Tompson, and lifelong friend, Pastor Jeff Parker, conducted his burial service. Neil loved life, his family, his God and Ford cars.

*John Tompson, Jeff Parker*



**Moser,** Rex Timothy, born 3.8.1930 in Colombo, Sri Lanka; died 20.3.12 in

Toronto, Canada. He is survived by his son Kai, and his wife, Josephine; his grandchildren, Myles, Taylor and Cole; and his siblings, Eric, Nita, Vera and Opal. As a young boy he left for Vincent Hill, an Adventist school in India, then attended Avondale College, NSW, followed by a career in accounting in England during his 20s. Rex immigrated to Toronto in 1970 and then served 25 years at the University of Toronto in the medical computing department.

*David Baker, Ralph Juriansz*

**O'Hern,** Dorothy June (nee Hodges), born 30.8.1929 in Uralla, NSW; died 1.10.11 in Armidale. In 1956, she married George O'Hern at Armidale. After completing primary school she worked on the family farm in Kentucky until the age of 22. Along with her family she moved to Armidale and started a career in nursing, a career she followed into her late 60s. She is survived by her sons and their families, Allan and Djuna and Robert and Naomi; her grandchildren, Stephen, Channae and Aliyah; and her nieces and nephews. She loved her animals and her gardens. Dottie will be remembered as a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother with a generous heart and will be admired for her strong and uncompromising faith.

*Justin Lawman*

**Rahim,** Vasiti Senikavika, born 1.5.1950 in Nausori, Fiji; died 15.1.12 in Griffith, NSW. She was married to Mosese Nayasi, who predeceased her in 1982. She was a faithful member of the Griffith church, and her loss was sudden. She is survived by her siblings, Peniasi, Eremasi, Meredani, Epeli Naqase, Waisaki and Sailosi; her sons, Anare, Tuwai, Jone and Eremasi, and her daughter, Ateca, and Ateca's children who lived with their mother and grandmother in Griffith, Epeli, Reapi, Mosese, Sulu, Jesse, Joshua, Yoshabel and Voniani. Vasiti's death was especially hard on the family as it happened only weeks after the loss of her nephew, Ben. She is deeply missed.

*Colin Richardson*

**Robinson-Whalen,** Heather Jean (nee Willis), born 14.8.1935 in Maitland, NSW; died 29.3.12 in Green Hills Nursing Home, East Maitland. At age 15, she saw an advertisement in a magazine for Bible studies. The lessons, delivered by Pastor Thrift, led to her baptism into Maitland church. On 23.10.1955, she married Neville Robinson, who predeceased her in 1992. In 1998, she married Daniel John Whalen, who predeceased her in 2010. She is survived by her children, Julie and Kelvin Everett (Boambee East), Sharon and Mark Vodell (Hillside, Vic) and David Robinson; and grandchildren, Rebecca, Matthew, Luke and Joel. Heather was a well qualified pianist and accomplished teacher of music.

Heather loved her family, her God and her church.

*Owen D'Costa*

**Spero,** Afrodity (nee Mavrecou), born 16.10.1906 in Paliokepos, Mitelene, Greece, almost 105 years ago; died 26.8.11 in Ayr, Qld. At the age of 20, she boarded a ship bound for Australia to care for an uncle's children in Home Hill. She was predeceased by her husband, Christos Spero, who died suddenly at the age of 55. She is survived by her children, Chris, Chrystalou, Androniki, Andriana, Peter, Kereakos, Helen, Nicholas and Michael; her 37 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Afrodity met the Lord Jesus through her Greek Holy Scriptures. God's Word brought peace and comfort to her and Jesus became her Friend and Saviour. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life"—John 11:25.

*Christos Spero*

**Toepfer,** Chloris Pearl (nee Totenhofer), born 1.1.1922 in Cooranbong, NSW; died 17.3.12 in Wyong Public Hospital. She is survived by her sons, Kerry and Greg Toepfer. Pearl graduated from Avondale College and found work at Sanitarium. In April 1943, she married Bill Toepfer and joined him in his motor business. They became known and loved for their generosity to the Church and to individuals experiencing need. They developed a great love for Vanuatu and its people,

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and assisted in the work there. A keen traveller, Pearl visited many countries. She loved her family and they her. She was laid to rest alongside her life partner in the cemetery that her father lovingly cared for after his retirement.

*Ross Goldstone, Horrie Watts*

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