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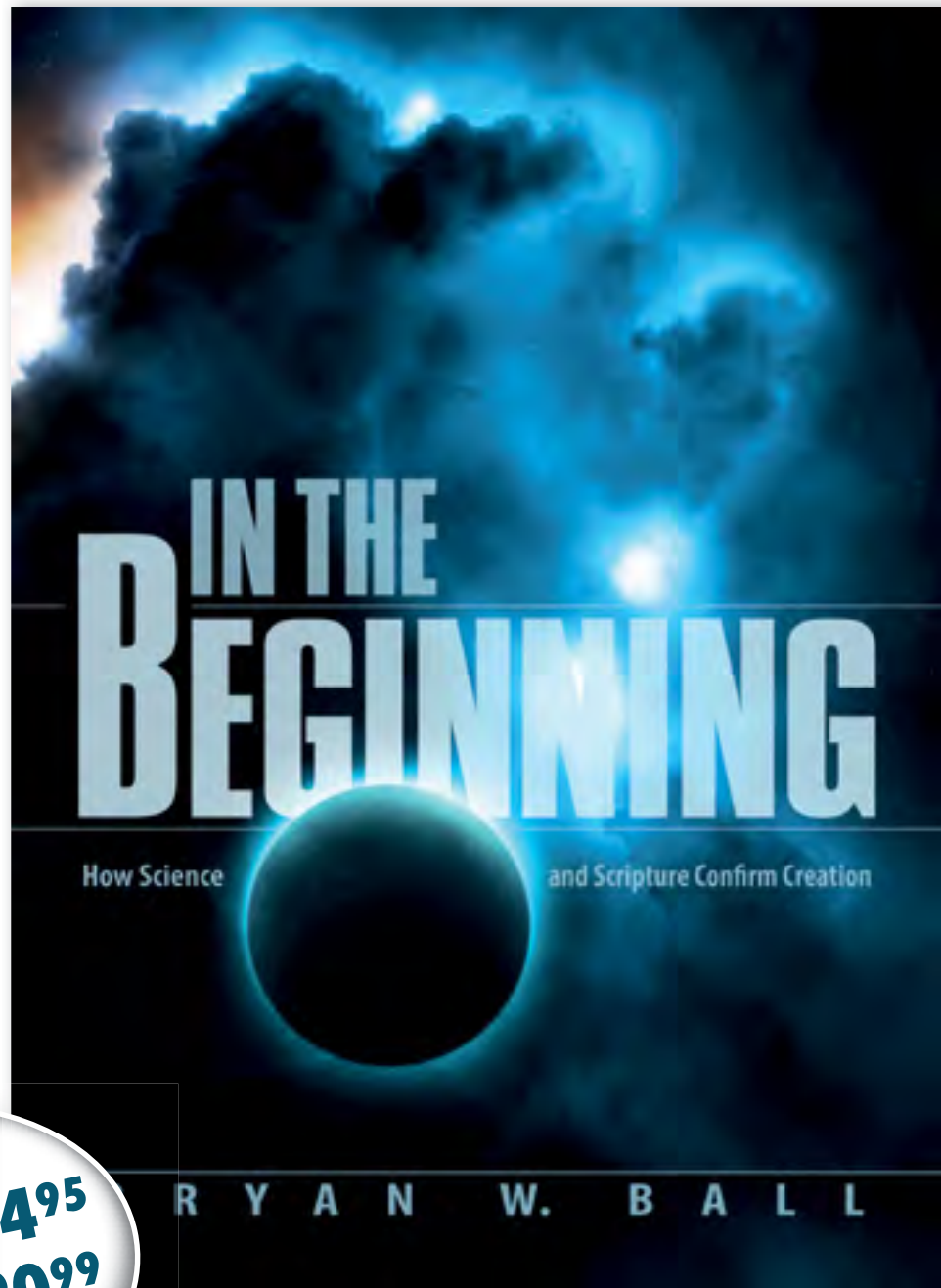


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## Thousands baptised in epic evangelism

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Thousands of people have been baptised in Papua New Guinea at the culmination of an evangelistic series by Australian-born evangelist, Pastor John Carter.

Crowds at Port Moresby's Sir John Guise Stadium remained large over the two-week series. Organisers were unable to keep track of precise attendance but the Carter Report claims more than 100,000 attended.

Pastor Carter kicked off his series with a presentation on Bible and archaeology. The "full message" series covered all the basics of Adventist doctrine—the crowd responded enthusiastically. "The days were long and

difficult," said Pastor Carter, who is in his 70s. "Some days when I would go out to preach, I felt washed out. I experienced huge fatigue. I felt my spirits were low.

"I prayed earnestly that the Holy Spirit would fall on me. And as I walked on the stage, I was hit by a surge of power . . . my mind became very clear. Thoughts just rushed into my mind and poured out of my mouth . . . I can testify that when God sees the need, God supplies the power. I have no doubt that we saw in those meetings the incredible outpouring of the Spirit."

Logistics were an issue throughout the campaign, with more workers desperately needed and pressed into service at every stage. When the call for baptisms went out, the 500 ushers found it impossible to get around to everyone to collect the commitment cards.

The baptismal service at Ela Beach saw tens of thousands of spectators on the shoreline, while those who had pledged their lives to Christ were baptised by 50 pastors.

Central Papua Conference presi-



Pastor James Venegas, who now works with The Carter Report was one of half a dozen Australians assisting.

dent, Pastor Tony Kemo, said, "This program is bigger than any previous programs and satellite downlinks that happened in Port Moresby in recent history." Pastor Kemo believes there is a huge work ahead after the campaign. "We have follow-up resources distributed throughout the churches and we are geared up but we will still have a huge challenge to work on with this huge crowd." Going forward, the primary challenge for the local church is to nurture these new converts into lifelong disciples. —Kent Kingston/ The Carter Report /Andrew Opis



Pastor John Carter meets with PNG prime minister, Peter O'Neill.

## Project Hope exceeds expectations

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Church members across the South Pacific Division have ordered more than 500,000 books to be used for evangelism and sharing, as part of Project Hope.

*Great Hope*, a condensed and modernised version of *Great Controversy*, was the most popular book offered by Project Hope, with more than 340,000 ordered by the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) and more than 100,000 for Papua New Guinea.

"Our goal was 500,000 copies of *Great Controversy* and the church members have exceeded our expectations, which is wonderful," said Dr Danijela Schubert, Project Hope coordinator and assistant to the SPD president. "The total number of books ordered through Project Hope is 569,610 and orders are still coming in."

*Desire of Ages*, *Steps to Christ*, called *Step Beyond*, and *Great Hope*—the full-length *Great Controversy*—were also offered and make up the total order.

"We hope that distribution of these books by church

members to people they personally recommend them to, will be a great way of building contacts. It may also help preparation for the comprehensive urban evangelism planned for Sydney next year," Dr Schubert said.

Due to the size of the order, the Church was able to keep reduced prices for the Pacific Islands, where books are very expensive.

"We [the SPD] are also covering the shipping, however, it would be great if people could help with their donations on the website [[www.projecthope.net.au](http://www.projecthope.net.au)] or sent to Project Hope, Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga, NSW 2076." —Jarrod Stackelroth



The Great Hope.





## Filling the father gap<sup>1</sup>

James Standish

"A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle," or so quipped Australian activist Irina Dunn. The quip became an international rallying cry, popularised by the iconic Gloria Steinem. It works because it cleverly distills a central message: Men are superfluous.

What I suspect Ms Dunn and Ms Steinem never expected was that so many men would enthusiastically agree. Indeed, for many guys, being told they're unnecessary is the most liberating news they could ever hope for. After all, being a dad is hard work, and for many males, being tied to one partner isn't really where they'd prefer to be. Playing the field and leaving the difficult, messy business of raising kids to whichever "partner" decides to go through with a pregnancy—what could be better?

Ah, life for what would have been termed "rakes" or "scoundrels" in Jane Austin's time, has never been so good!

Unfortunately, our experiment in uncoupling fathers from parenting has been a catastrophe for virtually everyone and everything. Multiple studies covering the impact of fatherlessness have found that children who grow up without their dad around are much more likely to:<sup>2</sup>

1. Engage in criminal activity
2. Abuse drugs and alcohol
3. Experience severe emotional problems
4. Engage in sex at a young age
5. Perform below their potential at school
6. Exhibit anti-social behaviour at school
7. Become victims of sexual and/or physical abuse
8. Live in poverty

All of this may be intuitive, but it's hardly non-controversial.

In August of this year, the New York Times ran a piece by Greg Hampikian entitled "Men, Who Needs Them?" In the piece, he concludes that men are increasingly irrelevant to reproduction and parenting.

Reproduction? Yes, he asserts, because there is now enough frozen sperm to ensure the propagation of the species. Parenting? Yes, he argues, because it's poverty that harms children of single parents, not the absence of fathers. It's a curious argument as one of the greatest contributors to poverty in western nations is the break-

down of the family. Hence, if one admits that poverty is a factor in detrimental outcomes, and that fatherlessness is a primary contributor to poverty, then it is hard to escape the conclusion that fathers are of great value in all but the rare instance of great wealth. But there is a second, even more profound problem. Mr Hampikian relies on a single study to assert fathers bring nothing of unique value to raising children. In the process, he ignores the mountains of data indicating precisely the opposite.<sup>2</sup>

But we don't need to rely on battling statistics and polarising ideologues for our understanding of what it means to have an absent father—the products of the western social experiment in family breakdown are now adults and have voices of their own. Take, for example, L Marie Jackson, who wrote movingly in 2010:

"In my adolescence and even into my adulthood, I suffered many struggles as a result of not having a father. I love my mother very much and, while I am extremely grateful to her for all of her hard work and dedication in raising me by herself, her unconditional love could not fill the void left by not having a father in my life. I was three years old when I first ask my mother, 'Mommy, where's my daddy?' . . . I had several fathers. Men that I 'adopted' as a 'daddy' and who in turn gave me unconditional love and protection. However, this love did not fill the emptiness of not having a relationship with my biological father."<sup>3</sup>

That is not to say that people cannot survive and thrive without one or more of their parents. Barack Obama is a good example of a very successful person who had an absentee dad. But, fortunately for him, he had a grandfather who stepped into the gap. Even with that, however, he himself willed that he would never do to his children, what his father did to him. I had the privilege of attending a Father's Day event at the White House three years ago where President Obama spoke with passion and insight on the critical difference fathers make in the lives of their children and, by extension, society.

No doubt, despite the evidence, some in society will continue to dismiss the importance of fathers. But we in

the Church have a dual opportunity to support fatherhood.

First, we can and we should honour every man who has opened his heart, made the commitment and experienced all the sacrifices necessary to be a loving, present, involved father. Second, if there is a family we know who lacks a dad at home, we may have the privilege of being a father figure to a child who needs one.<sup>4</sup>

We are promised that the Elijah message "will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers . . ." Malachi 4:6 (NIV). For the good of all of us, we can only hope this happens sooner rather than later.

1. This piece was originally published on [www.record.net.au](http://www.record.net.au) on Father's Day weekend.

2. A good summary of some of the data can be found at the US Department of Health & Human Services, <http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/fatherhood/chaptertwo.cfm>; and the National Fatherhood Initiative, <http://www.fatherhood.org/media/consequences-of-father-absence-statistics>

3. LaToya Marie Jackson, "Where's My Daddy? Effects of Fatherlessness on Women's Relational Communication," San Jose State University, 2010.

4. Clearly this is a very sensitive and complex area, and must be approached with utmost care, and with the approval of a child's family.

James Standish is communication director for the South Pacific Division. Follow James on Facebook: James Standish, Wahroonga.

## New owners for alpine village

Wahroonga, New South Wales

South New South Wales Conference (SNSWC) has purchased the Adventist Alpine Village (AAV) in Jindabyne, NSW, from the South Pacific Division (SPD).

The property has long been a popular destination for church groups and families. Schools from as far away as Western Australia and Queensland have annually visited the village for camps and excursions.

"After much prayer and consideration, the South NSW Conference Executive Committee agreed to make an offer to purchase the property from the South Pacific Division," said SNSWC chief financial officer Gavin Howie. "We believe strongly that God has opened this door to enhance the mission of the Church in South NSW and beyond."

The AAV was opened in 1989 after the late Pastor Lance Butler had a dream to establish an alcohol-free alpine retreat. Pastor Butler approached Loren Tinworth and together, with the support of many volunteers, the village was established. Mr Tinworth says he is "very pleased" to see the SNSWC "hit the ground running" in taking on the operation.

The Conference has commenced work on a camping area that will allow church members with caravans and tents to stay on site during the summer months. Prior to the exchange of ownership, the SPD provided for the connection of town water to the site and the upgrading of windows to current standards.

"The future of the Adventist Alpine Village is very bright," Mr Howie said. For more information about the AAV, or to make a booking, visit [alpinevillage.com.au](http://alpinevillage.com.au). —Linden Chuang/SNSW Conference



AAV is half an hour from Mt Kosciuszko.

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## Discipleship

The Christian life is about discipleship. A disciple is a follower. A Christian disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus called 12 unlikely men who later became known as His 12 disciples, He did so using the immortal words: "Follow me." And the gospel writers tell us that those who were thus summoned left what they were doing and immediately followed Him.

Recounting the story of Levi Matthew, Luke reveals that "Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him" (Luke 5:27, 28).

Matthew got up. He did not remain comfortably seated. He moved. Disciples are not asleep in the pew or on the job.

Matthew left everything. That's what it takes to be a disciple. Discipleship claims do not amount to anything if there is no willingness to give it all up for the sake of the kingdom.

Matthew followed Him. He did not go his own way. His allegiance was with Jesus and it showed.

It was Matthew who recorded the last words of Jesus: "Go and make disciples of all peoples, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit . . . And I will be with you to the very end" (Matthew 28:19, 20).



Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.





**Smoked out**  
Health organisations have welcomed the Australian government's court victory over tobacco companies, which tried to block new cigarette plain packaging laws. Plain cigarette packets, with standardised colours, health warnings and text—and no company logos—will be mandatory from December 1. —*ABC News*



**No love for laws**  
Church groups have criticised plans to introduce religious vilification laws in the Australian Capital Territory. The bill is a response to a controversial anti-Islam campaign aimed at preventing a mosque being built in Canberra's north. Several church denominations, however, say such laws would shut down robust discussion of religious issues. —*Canberra Times*



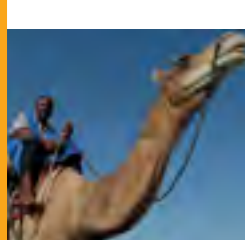
**Shepherdess**  
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa has appointed the first female Anglican bishop on the continent. Reverend Ellinah Ntombi Wamukoya, who was previously serving as a university and school chaplain, is now the bishop of Swaziland. The Anglican Church in Southern Africa has ordained women clergy since 1992. —*Anglican Communion News Service*



**Trekking tragedy**  
Emergency services have called off the search for a missing bushwalker. Sean Russell was hiking with the Mackay Adventist Church Pathfinder club in the Eungella National Park on August 4, when he left the group to hike alone. No sign of Mr Russell had been found (at the time of print), despite extensive searches by emergency services and friends. —*Daily Mercury* (Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.)



**Media milestone**  
The Adventist Church has been granted Ukraine's first ever licence to broadcast religious programming. The licence authorises Hope Channel Ukraine to broadcast nationwide on 600 cable networks. Network officials say a 24/7 satellite channel is expected to launch in November. —*Hope Channel*



**Precious cargo**  
"I need 200 Bibles in Arabic, 100 Bibles in French, MP3 players, teaching materials and a camel," said Musaf. The camel was for smuggling the Bibles through the Sahara Desert to people in Muslim-dominated Mauritania who are thirsty for the gospel. After several successful trips, Musaf has now upgraded to two camels. —*Assist News Service*

## The Stackelroth daily

*Wahroonga, New South Wales*

There is no better way to start a day, than with words of spiritual insight and encouragement. That is precisely what you'll find in Jarrod Stackelroth's new daily devotionals carried on the RECORD website and Apps.

"A few months ago, I committed myself to doing my devotion intentionally every morning," said Mr Stackelroth. "I was writing it out in a practical way. I was texting my devotions out to some friends and thought, why not share this more widely. I have been so blessed by my daily connection with God, maybe other people can be blessed by it."

The devotionals have only been running for a month, but already they are proving to be one of the most popular items on the new extended RECORD website. One commenter put it this way: "[I] Love, love, love [this devotion]. Thank you!" —*James Standish*



Jarrod producing the devotional.

## 100 sign for prophecy seminars over dinner

*Mt Gravatt, Queensland*

*Beyond* presenter, Pastor Geoff Youlden, hosted a formal dinner recently designed to encourage the guests to attend local prophecy seminars.

The dinner, held at the Mt Gravatt campus of Brisbane Adventist College Auditorium, was attended by more than 250 church members and guests. Of those, more than 100 signed up for Daniel seminars at three Brisbane suburban churches—Mt Gravatt, Salisbury and Garden City.

One visitor, a Baptist, said she was excited at how God had led her to the dinner. She walked into Mt Gravatt church on Sabbath morning and was invited to the dinner that evening. She was under no doubt that

God was leading her.

Pastor Youlden presented an outline of the three angels' messages in documentary style. The presentation was described as engaging for both members and guests.

Master of Ceremonies, Pastor Zeny Vidacheck, said he was excited with the outcome of the dinner, which encouraged guests to attend prophecy seminars that commenced the following week.

Pastor Youlden said he had found this method of reaching potential seminar attendees very successful in the past and hoped more churches would take advantage of his offer to host similar events in future. —*SQld Conference*



Pastor Geoff Youlden presents.

## Calls for unity as Unions vote on ordination

*Silver Spring, Maryland, US*

Despite pleas from Adventist world leaders, two church regions on opposite sides of the United States have voted to extend pastoral ordination to women.

World Church president, Dr Ted Wilson, attended special constituency meetings of both the Columbia Union Conference and Pacific Union Conference, appealing for delegates to postpone a move towards women's ordination until the next General Conference Session in 2015. However, on both occasions, delegates proceeded with the vote, which was overwhelmingly in support of ordaining pastors, regardless of gender.

The General Conference (GC) has responded with public statements calling for unity in the Church and expressing disappointment at the actions of the union conferences, warning that these kinds of unilateral actions "rupture the essential bond which brings people from everywhere into the remnant church".

New Zealand Pacific Union Conference president, Pastor Jerry Matthews, said he believes the world Church's current biblical study of ordination is a "robust process" and the NZPUC "will not be taking any other action, but await the official outcome". Australian Union Conference president, Pastor Chester Stanley, has expressed a similar commitment.

Although it's clear the Church's 13 division offices may not independently make decisions about ordination, there are differing views on whether church policy empowers union conferences to make changes. A formal response on this issue is expected from the GC after its Annual Council in October. —*Kent Kingston/ANN*



A strong call for unity appeared on the Adventist Review website.

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## Adventist school celebrates 50 yrs

*Papeete, French Polynesia*

The first Adventist school in French Polynesia celebrated its 50th anniversary during a week of festivities.

The anniversary was attended by French Polynesia President, Oscar Temaru, the Education Minister and the Mayor of Papeete, as well as church representatives and past students, teachers and principals.

During his speech, Mr Temaru emphasised the "importance of values in education". He said teaching biblical values was the primary feature of school life.

The school has made tremendous contributions to French Polynesian society, with the government employing a number of former students.

During the celebrations, children participated in an official "fun" day, with games and activities in the street, traditional art and crafts, and cultural activities.

The high school officially opened a new recording studio, where students can learn about broadcast, people can record and the Church can broadcast its own radio programs. The studio was opened by Rosalie McFarlane, education director of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.

South Pacific Division Education director Malcolm Coulson opened a special garden, developed by teachers and students, in the centre of town.

School children helped cut the 50th birthday cake.

The primary school opened on May 2, 1962, and Tiarama Adventist College was later developed on the site. —Jarrod Stackelroth



New plaque with former principal, Murvyn Haumani, current principal, Camelia Flohr and President Temaru.



Kids cut the cake with President Temaru and Mr Haumani looking on.

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## Conference teaches women to share their faith

by Tracey Bridcutt

Hundreds of Adventist women leaders from across the South Pacific have been empowered to spread the Gospel through a world-first conference held in Brisbane on August 16-18.

Every nation in the South Pacific Division (SPD) was represented at the Adventist Women's Conference—themed "Touch a heart, tell the world". The 630 attendees included 230 women from Papua New Guinea—the largest group.

Hosted by the SPD Women's Ministries Department, the conference was the first of its kind, according to department director Erna Johnson. "It's a first for Women's Ministries the world over," she said. "They have done retreats before but never a conference to show women how to do outreach.

"The whole reason for the conference was to teach the women first of all to have a relationship [with God] and study the Bible for themselves, and then be able to share that with others."

Guest speakers included General Conference Women's Ministries director Heather-Dawn Small, La Sierra University (California) Associate Professor of New Testament Studies, Dr Kendra Haloviak Valentine, and SPD president, Dr Barry Oliver. A series of workshops was held throughout the weekend on topics like discipling children, friendship evangelism, spiritual gifts and leadership.

The Sabbath offering collected more than \$A9000, which will support ministries for teenage girls and young women including *GIGI* magazine. The Saturday night closing program included a challenge for the women to go out and share the Gospel in their communities.

Ms Johnson said the sad fact was that many women across the South Pacific think they have nothing to contribute to church life.

"They are capable women, they have gifts and talents which would enhance the ministry of the Church," she said.

"One thing that has always been my goal is to help women realise their potential. I will be encouraging them to do outreach and I will be supporting them as much as I can."

Tracey Bridcutt is copyeditor for RECORD.



"I've found it very inspiring. The messages have been touching. I feel we have been elevated to another level." Lalen Simeon (right) Pacific Adventist University, PNG, pictured with Glennes Anis.



"Just coming here with all the ladies of the Pacific gives us a little foretaste of heaven." Orette Collen Sydney, NSW.



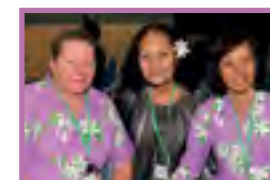
"It's been really awesome. I'm enjoying meeting all these women from all different cultures. It's just amazing and the messages are powerful." Malvinas Penland, Cooranbong, NSW, pictured with her six-month-old daughter Misper.



"We just had a wonderful session on prayer. It's given us something to take home and work with." Maggie Ballew (right) Devonport, Tasmania.



"Some of the topics have been so amazing. It has personally made me more fully realise the responsibility the Lord has entrusted to me in Women's Ministries." Glenda Locop (right), Women's Ministries Director, South New Zealand Conference, pictured with Sarah Aratai, Women's Ministries Director, Cook Islands.



"It's been very, very interesting. I'm happy to learn all these things about our Lord." Mathilde Basset (right) Tahiti, pictured with Sylvie Falchetto (left) and Elisabeth Thery.





## OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

### The Invincibles

No, we're not talking about Don Bradman's famous Australian unbeatable cricket team of 1948. We're talking about the most precious thing to God—His Church. The Church is God's people called out of darkness by Him and dear to Him. It is therefore called:

- 1. The household or family of God** because we belong to and are cared for by Him. **Read** Ephesians 2:19; Galatians 6:10.
- 2. The temple of the living God** because we are indwelt by His Spirit for the grand and glorious purpose of saving His children eternally. The very presence of Christ is ours to give meaning to our lives. **Read** 1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-12.
- 3. The pillar and ground of the truth** because the Church is the custodian of God's truth which is vital in setting people free from bondage to Satan and his evil schemes. **Read** 1 Timothy 3:15; John 4:23,24; 8:32.
- 4. The body and bride of Christ** because it is loved by Him and one with His Son through His death. Thus it is the object of His supreme regard. As a member of His body you are loved and valued by Him. **Read** 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18,24.

But never forget that the Church, weak and defective as it is, is nonetheless invincible and unassailable, because it is built on Christ the Solid Rock. It is going to triumph. So decide now to support it with your whole being. If you are not a part of it, tell God right now that you will make plans to join it as soon as possible. **Read** Matthew 16:18; 1 Peter 2:4-8.

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



## OPINION

Josh Dye

### A revolutionary idea: disposing of consumerism

What comes to mind when you think of North Korea? Nuclear weapons, military processions or not much at all?

Despite being located in one of the most prosperous regions on Earth—among economic powerhouses such as China, Japan and South Korea—North Korea chooses anonymity and isolation. The world's most secluded state remains shrouded in mystery.

Travelling there is a surreal experience; the country remains firmly entrenched somewhere in the last century. It's easy to criticise North Koreans for their fanatical support of an oppressive, corrupt and despotic regime. How could they possibly tolerate such dreadful living conditions? Why don't they revolt? Here's some perspective, though.

North Koreans are subjected every day to relentless propaganda. Billboards promote the state rather than a brand; state-owned television is censored and heavily biased; the Kim dynasty is worshipped, venerated, adored. Without the internet, travel opportunities or free press, most people just don't know what the rest of the world is like. And it's been that way for generations. Unbelievable, right?

How different are we? Consider this:

A family eats dinner in the comfort of plush leather couches and watches its favourite cooking show. For some of the time, anyway—there are a lot of advertisements. The members of the family are subjected to an excitable voice telling them all kinds of things: that they must try this new, irresistible burger; then 30 seconds later that they need to lose weight; that their couches need upgrading or that they should use a new brand of shampoo.

It's no less propaganda than the state television in Pyongyang.

In the North Korean world, it's easy to spot the flaws. Not so in our world, where consumerism is rampant and everything is disposable.

*Josh Dye is a Bachelor of Arts student, majoring in communication and international poverty and development studies, at Avondale College of Higher Education. He recently travelled to North Korea.*

## OPINION POLL

### Paraphrased Bibles :

- Violate Biblical ban on adding to the Bible (Rev 22:18)
- Make the Bible clear
- Water down the Bible
- Useful for devotions but not study

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



## R HEALTH FEATURE

with Cathy McDonald

### Takeaway vs home made

"Fast food" is the term given to food that can be prepared and served very quickly and generally applies to takeaways or ready-to-eat meals. But there is no reason why fast food cannot be home made.

#### Reasons we buy takeaway:

**TIME:** If we arrive home totally exhausted at the end of the day and everyone is hungry, a takeaway meal can be an option to help get us through the rest of the evening. Having takeaways also helps reduce dishes and time spent cleaning up after a meal.

**FOOD SUPPLIES:** We may have forgotten to thaw out some frozen food or it may be getting close to shopping day and we are getting short on fresh supplies.

**TASTE:** Takeaways are usually liked by everyone, so there's no food wastage or battles with the kids to eat dinner.

#### Reasons to make our own:

**TIME:** By the time we decide what we want for takeaway, place the order, drive to the

food outlet, wait in the queue to pay, wait for the food to arrive and then drive home, we can easily spend 20-30 minutes. With a little forward planning we can easily prepare a nutritious meal at home, with minimal clean-up, in the same amount of time as it would take to get takeaway.

**FOOD SUPPLIES:** By stocking up on canned ingredients such as chilli beans and packaged ingredients such as burritos or throwing some burger buns in the freezer, we can have the basics of a meal that will keep for a relatively long time.

**TASTE:** Home made can taste just as good, if not better, than bought alternatives. By making your own meals you can add flavours to suit your personal preferences.

**TIP:** For stir fry ingredients, tinned baby corn, mushrooms are quick, no preparation ingredients that can be kept on hand for use at a moment's notice.



### Sweet potato ricotta toasted sandwich

Preparation time: 10 minutes Cooking time: 10 minutes Serves: 4

- 1 small sweet potato (kumara), washed and sliced
- 200g low-fat ricotta cheese
- 1 small red onion, finely diced
- 8 slices rye bread
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves
- 2 large tomatoes, sliced

1. Steam sliced sweet potato in the microwave on high for 5 minutes or until tender.
2. In a small bowl, combine ricotta cheese and onion. Spread the ricotta mixture over four slices of bread.
3. Top with baby spinach leaves, warm sweet potato and tomato. Place another slice of bread on top.
4. Toast sandwich in a sandwich press for 5 minutes or until golden and warmed through.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:** Kilojoules 1175 kJ; Protein 12g; Total fat 7g; Carbohydrate 43g; Sodium 515mg; Potassium 598mg; Calcium 172mg; Iron 1.6mg; Fibre 5.4g.

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### HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

#### Blood pressure

Although we've all known about blood pressure (BP) for more than 100 years, it's only in the past 25 that it's been taken seriously. Once considered "a nuisance", we now know if left untreated, elevated figures, called "hypertension", will inevitably worsen and may lead to life-destroying events like an enlarged weak heart, irreversible heart failure, heart attack and stroke. Very low BP may also occur producing dizziness, flashing lights or temporary faints if suddenly standing. So getting it right is important.

What's normal? Once it was said to be 100 plus your age (eg. 120 if 20, 180 if 80), but today, irrespective of age, BP in excess of 135/85 is now considered to be "high". If consistently elevated, reduction is essential.

Who measures it? Usually it's picked up during other tests by the doctor. However, we know the stress of being examined can often push up the figure dramatically. This is called "white coat hypertension" (Doctors once wore a white coat!) Many measurements taken over many weeks will confirm that true hypertension exists.

So in recent times, the "do-it-yourself" system is becoming more widely used. Patients purchase their own device, take BP daily and record. In Australia, very few do this as the gear is considered expensive, at around \$A150.

Regular readings greatly assist the doctor in deciding effectiveness of medication, whether it should be increased, reduced or changed. As medication is expensive, the devices can greatly assist doctors to "get it right".

Unwell? Go to <docwright.com.au>. Enter symptoms for immediate advice. If symptoms continue, see your doctor.

### MY STORY

Jessica Tagahi

I'm 21 years old and was baptised when I was 16. I grew up in the Anglican Church, but my mum was raised an Adventist so I always knew a little about the Adventist Church. When an evangelistic series was held on my island of Santo (Vanuatu), I went along to check it out for myself.

It really struck me that God blessed Sabbath at the very beginning. It made sense to me that as Christians we should follow what the Bible says.

Tragically, my father died when I was only 11 years old. It was very traumatic for my family and me. After my father died, I relied even more on my heavenly Father. I know He loves and cares for me.

Today, I'm studying economics at the University of the South Pacific and working at Vanuatu Agricultural Supplies. I love attending my local Adventist church where I get to know God better. I believe God is giving me a double blessing as I'm managing to work and attend school at the same time.



## God's Origami

by Caleb Rankin

ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE SO MUCH ABOUT origami is that there's nothing special about the paper itself. Any ordinary piece of paper can become something beautiful and amazing like a horse at full gallop, a swan or even an elephant! All it takes is a little imagination, a little skill and a lot of patience.

In origami, the paper itself doesn't change from start to finish. It's still a simple piece of paper. But in some ways it's different. Every little crease and fold that you have put into the paper has contributed to what it has become—a small work of art.

To me, God is the absolute Master Folder, constantly folding us into something that is amazing and far, far beyond our wildest dreams. But there is a very big difference between a piece of paper and humans. The paper has no say in what it becomes—it is totally subject to your hands. But God has given us the option to let Him fold us into something new and beautiful, or not.

Even though it may hurt for the creases and folds to be put into place, we can have faith that God's design for us is far better than any design we could come up with ourselves.

But we can shy away from the hand of the Master Folder and try to fold ourselves into what we think we should be.

At first this feels freeing and liberating; it gives us an intoxicating sense of independence from God. But as the results come in, that euphoria quickly turns to despondency. Our own creases and folds contradict each other, they feel

wrong and out of place, and instead of turning into a beautiful creature we end up a crumpled mess. Satan delights in our self-destruction. And when we are at our lowest points, he is there to tempt us to believe that God will never work with us again.

But God is truly amazing. If we confess that we are wrong and surrender ourselves to His will once more, He can raise us back up. He will take out all the ugly folds we made ourselves.

And when we are ready to let Him, He lovingly and gently starts

folding again, recreating us into what we were meant to be in the first place.

And although we have to live with the consequences of our decisions—the people we've hurt, the opportunities we've missed, the damage we've done to our bodies—God has the patience and ability to recreate us into something truly amazing, a priceless work of art.

**To me, God is the absolute Master Folder, constantly folding us into something that is amazing and far, far beyond our wildest dreams.**

Caleb Rankin is a first year environmental science student at Avondale College of Higher Education.



# Beautiful words

by Younis Masih

WONDER IF IT'S HAPPENED TO YOU TOO? I RECENTLY heard a terrific sermon. To help illustrate his points, the preacher used PowerPoint. The presentation had great eye-catching pictures and a slick design. But there was a problem. And, in my mind, it wasn't trivial. You see, many of the biblical texts on the slides were not quoted entirely, and in some cases, the references didn't even match the quotes.

It's an easy mistake to make, I suppose, and one I've made myself. So it may seem like I'm being a little pedantic to focus on it.

But I think it represents something more serious and troubling: carelessness with the Word of God. Let's compare our modern nonchalance with the Word of God with

the meticulousness of those who preserved the Bible over the millennia.

## Commitment and hard work of scribes

The Bible, which we often take for granted, came as a result of utmost commitment of Jewish scribes who devoted their time and energy to the accurate transmission of the biblical text. They exercised great care in dealing with the minute details of the text. For example, while duplicating the text, if the "scribe found an extra letter in a word, he would leave the word there but put a dot above the letter or word that he questioned. The dots show scribal uncertainty about a word or letter, but the scribes did not alter the text because the text was regarded as unalterable".<sup>1</sup>

There is no doubt God watched over the accurate transmission of the Word of God, but such accuracy He achieved through His human agents—scribes. It was the key aspect of the scribal job description to make sure that the text had matched the criteria outlined by Massorah (or Masorah), the Hebrew word for authoritative tradition, before it passed on for intended usage. Today, the scribes who passed on the text on the basis of Massorah are known as Massoretes.

Historically, the Old Testament Hebrew text is tinted with the hard labour of Massoretes. "In the second half of the first millennium AD, a group of dedicated scribes called Massoretes became concerned with preserving the oral tradition or spoken form of Hebrew."<sup>2</sup> They had scribal schools in Babylon and Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee and flourished from 500 to 1000 AD.

Consequently, one cannot fail to mention the great contributions of the Massoretes of Tiberias in relation to the Hebrew Old Testament text available today. Under the dim light of lamps, Massoretes expressed their deep love and passion for God through constant interaction with the text. They were the great lovers who were lost in their love for the possible perfect transmission of the text. Their greatest contribution perhaps is the invention of vowels and accents which they designed for the Hebrew consonantal text. Today, their contribution helps us to read and hear the Hebrew text as closely as they read or heard it. Based on Massorah they inserted vowel pointings below, above or inside the Hebrew consonants to preserve the proper spoken pronunciation which possibly could have died if we received only the consonantal text.

## Strict rules for scribes


Massoretes were not only interested in preserving the spoken system of vowels in the written text, but they were also required to follow the strict rules that could avoid scribal additions and omissions while hand-duplicating the text. Commenting on scribal meticulous work, Ernst Wurthwein aptly states, "this was the purpose of the scribes' meticulous work. They counted the verses, words and letters of the Law and other parts of the Scriptures as a procedural aid in preparing manuscripts and in checking their accuracy."<sup>3</sup> Some of the rules which scribes employed for attaining the accuracy while copying the biblical text included: (1) when copying the text each column must have no less than forty-eight nor more than sixty lines; (2) the ink must be black in colour and must be prepared according to the standard recipe; (3) while copying the text memory temptation was avoided and no letter was to be written from memory but the scribe must closely focus on

the text before him and loudly pronounce each word before writing it; (4) reverently, scribes were obliged to wipe their pen before writing the word for God and wash their whole body before writing the name of Jehovah; (5) scribes were strictly required to follow rules concerning forms of the letters, spaces between letters, words, and sections, etc; (6) perfect accuracy was the goal which they were to achieve. One mistake on a sheet required rewriting the entire sheet; but if there were three mistakes that required the whole manuscript to be re-written; (7) they numbered the verses, words and letters of each book and if a letter was missing or an extra letter was inserted, or if one letter touched another then the whole manuscript was destroyed and the process of copying was repeated; and (8) they noted verses that contained all the letters of the alphabet, or a certain number of them; also calculated the middle letter, the middle word and the middle verse of the Pentateuch.<sup>4</sup>

**Scribes were obliged to wipe their pen before writing the word of God and wash their whole body before writing the name of Jehovah.**

After reviewing these scribal techniques it is clear for us that the task of interacting with the biblical text was to be taken seriously. When the scribe finished duplicating the text he would then cross examine the accuracy of duplication before transmitting it for usage.

## Essential lesson

I admit that despite their utmost attempts scribes could not avoid some minor errors which we have in the present Hebrew Old Testament text available today.<sup>5</sup> Perhaps one can view these errors as a mere reflection of human inadequacy. However, an essential lesson that cannot be ignored is the scribal approach to the Word of God. Their respectful and sincere care is an example to us. Today, that Text is entrusted to our generation. Will we show the same level of care and respect as our spiritual ancestors did? The Bible contains all the light, all the hope, all the inspiration and all the instruction we need. It is worthy of great care and caution. 

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**Leonard Bolst**  
"Dad. Son. Brother. Lover. Physiotherapist. Pathfinder leader. Chauffeur. Mentor. Hard-working. Committed. Wise. Godly. Thanks for being an amazing, supportive, understanding inspiration, Dad. We appreciate all you do and love you lots!" —Josh Bolst

**Iese Moaga**  
"Manuia le aso Tama! Thanks for being the rock in our family. You are my hero! Alo-faaga!" —RayRay and Chani Moaga

**Richter Kokinai**  
"You are the greatest earthly gift God has ever given us because of all men on earth, He (our Heavenly Father) chose you to be our father. 'Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father' (Lydia Maria Child). Happy Father's Day and God continue to bless you and our home." —Trevor, Jomitasha and LeeRoy Kokinai



**Keith Frauenfelder**  
"We love our father. His Adventist teaching career led our family to new experiences and new friends at Strathfield, NSW; Longburn, NZ; Avondale, NSW; and Carmel, WA. We value his love for God and family, and his smiles, stories, prayers, joyful life focus, and longing for the return of Jesus. Best wishes." —Geofrey, Graeme, and Gary

**Garry Lewis**  
"My dad showed me plenty of great uses for firewood while growing up—a cheap Lego, chasing possums, selling bags for pocket money and in times of punishment, a reason to run. That's probably why I love running so much these days. Love you Dad." —Daniel Lewis

**John Pye**  
"Happy Father's Day Dad! Thanks for pointing us toward Jesus and encouraging us to be adventurous. Thank you for loving Mum the way you do and for accepting the boys unconditionally." —Bec Reid and Vanessa Pereira (and your sons-in-law Richie and Marcus)



**Jovakin Bratulic**  
"I loved my dad. He let me play with him, put curlers in his hair and asked me to shave the back hair on his neck. He would let me wear his special cap that workers at the railways were wearing." —Danijela Schubert, whose father passed away 16 years ago.

**Tavita Faateete**  
"He's funny—well he thinks he is. He's such a hard worker for our family. He's just an amazing father. Even when he's sick he still soldiers on and tries not to show us how he's feeling. He has the biggest heart and has so much love for us. We don't often tell him how much we love him but, Dad, you're the best dad and we love you so much with all our hearts." —Juliet, David, Lenaiya and Juvina

**Tarano Emmanuel Semeo**  
"There are several reasons why I am glad you are my father. You made my childhood years and youth a delight. You taught me more by example than words the principle of honesty. You also taught me to appreciate the dignity of honest toil. But, most importantly, you made me conscious of the reality of God, to believe there was a God." —George Semeo Emmanuel

LETTERS

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**SPECIAL EDITION**

**Matt Atcheson, Qld**  
It is with much pleasure I write this email. The past special edition of RECORD (August 18) was of exceptional quality.

A huge amount of praise goes to the graphic designer (Shelley Poole), who has excelled. All aspects—from the layout, the design, the colour, the text spacing, the imagery and even the content—were of the highest standard of which I have ever seen produced by the Church. As one who works in media, when everything comes together like it has for this edition, it's not just easy to read and very pleasant to view, it takes the reader to another place. God's blessings to all involved for your hard work.

**WHY WAR?**

**Elvira Seeman, NSW**  
In 1943 I was a nurse in Germany, East Prussia, Konigsberg (that part is Russian now). Working in an army hospital, daily the wounded men were brought in.

Their physical pain could be healed with medication but their emotions did not give them any rest. Some were angry, some crying, others felt guilt, many were depressed, some felt fear for the future.

In the RECORD, May 5, were two articles: "Making Peace" and "Religious Wars". I read them twice. Why send men into war? It hardens their heart and scars their countries. Men have emotions too and they should be allowed to express them. When little boys cry, often parents say, "You must not cry, boys don't cry". That is wrong. Boys and girls must be able to express their feelings and find understanding. Why send men through the brutal

experience of war? Thank God for the Ten Commandments, including: You shall not kill.

**PROGRESSIVE REVELATION**

**Errol Webster, NSW**  
I've just re-read "Money Might and Munitions" (Feature, July 7). What an insightful article that everyone should read. In a nutshell, Standish deals with the difficult Bible problem of God's apparent condoning of human rights abuses, such as slavery and in the treatment of women, in civil laws given to Moses.

Changing a society is a long process not achieved by totalitarian repression. The concept of God instituting "a series of half steps", which were "not the ultimate end of God's revelation", to gradually transform the culture, is a helpful one.

This highlights the fact that God meets us where we are and that biblical revelation is progressive, "culminating in the perfect life of Christ".

**RIGHT AND WRONG**

**Heinrich Rusterholz, Qld**  
I'm writing concerning the opinion piece about Sam Childers, the "Machine Gun Preacher" ("Magnificence and morality", July 7).

I have read the book, seen the movie, heard him speak a number of times and I have met Sam personally. The picture I have seen and what the writer portrays are very different. Sam said when he was at our church, "I don't know if what I do is right or wrong" referring to his use of weapons to defend children in Africa, "however, I do know what is wrong." That is why he is involved in defending the weakest of the weak against

physical and sexual exploitation; to give them a chance.

**THE DEVIL IS REAL**

**Stephen Ferguson, WA**  
I enjoyed "Vanquish Satan" (Feature, August 4). I particularly appreciate that we should never underestimate the devil's existence or abilities. However, we should also avoid the other extreme, cowering in fear seeing demons around every corner.

There is danger in getting caught up with Pentecostal deliverance ministries, promoted by C Peter Wagner and Neil Anderson. They teach notions of: ancestral sin, territorial demons, [possession] of Christians, perfectionism, overly attributing illness and accidents to demons, prosperity gospel, and the necessity for highly elaborate exorcism rituals with sensationalised public confessions.

Proponents avoid hotel rooms or inviting non-Christians into their homes, fearing outsiders will bring their demons with them. This is no way for a Christian to live.

Deliverance ministries seem increasing popular within Adventism. Many scholars, Adventist and others, conservative and liberal, have concerns. The General Conference produced a 19,000-word report in 1983, concluding that the committee "felt unable to endorse 'spiritual warfare and deliverance ministry' as it is presently being practised in various circles (including some among Adventists)". Because the devil is indeed very real, a lesson can be taken from the sons of Sceva (Acts 19:13-17). Demons are not playthings—don't look for trouble relying on magic formulas.





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## RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

### Evangelist and administrator

A farmhand and not yet 18, Stephen Haskell inherited a property as a consequence of his promise to look after the dying farmer's invalid daughter who was about 40—and a teacher. He honoured that commitment by marrying Mary Howe in 1859 and marriage must have been good for her for within two years she regained her health and they had many happy years together.<sup>1</sup>

Haskell began preaching for the non-Sabbatarian Adventists at the age of 19 but began to keep the Sabbath later the same year. After more time in self-supporting work in New England, Haskell was ordained in 1870 and was president of the conference there from 1870 to 1887.

In 1885, he led a team sent to Australia and New Zealand to open the work there. In 1887, with three Bible instructors, he began the work in London, UK, and organised a church in that city. During 1889–1890 he made a world tour in order to gain insight into the future mission outreach of the Church, baptising one person in China and another in Japan—the first Adventists in those countries. Back in America he was president of several conferences, sometimes simultaneously and as far apart as Maine (1884–1886) and California (1879–1887). That not only kept him very busy but he was also out of the country for part of those years as well! During this time Mary died.

Some believe Ellen White was “exiled” to Australia after the divisive 1888 meetings at Minneapolis where she had supported Waggoner and Jones. While it was Haskell who initiated her call to work in Australia and New Zealand, there could have been another factor. Both Mrs White and Haskell had been widowed by this time and there is a story within the later White family that Haskell proposed marriage to Mrs White, though the documentation to support this is limited.<sup>2</sup> Part of the story is that when Mrs White gently declined Haskell's proposal she, ever practical, suggested he consider marrying Hettie Hurd instead. Middle-aged and never married, she and Haskell had previously worked together in South Africa. In time, Hettie arrived in Australia and, after waiting on board a ship in Sydney Harbour for three weeks due to a quarantine problem, she and Haskell married the day she came ashore in February 1897.

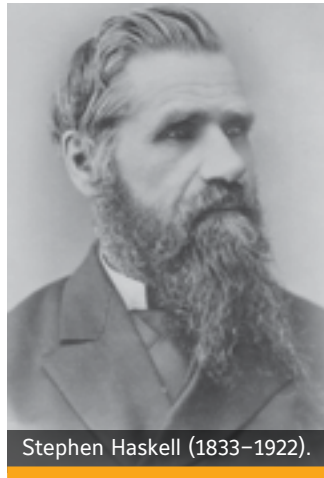
So, from 1896–1899 Haskell was back in Australia doing evangelistic work and teaching Bible at Avondale. During 1902 he established the first African-American church (New York City). From 1908 to 1911 he was once again president of the California Conference.

In Letter 126, 1897,<sup>3</sup> Mrs White, in Australia, wrote of Haskell: “His experience and knowledge of the truth, commencing in so early a stage of our history as Seventh-day Adventists, was needed in this country. From his youth upward, he has been a self-denying, self-sacrificing man. Now his age and grey hairs give him the respect of all who know him.”

Haskell was a mighty pioneer who lived long enough to preach Mrs White's funeral sermon at Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1915.

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Stephen Haskell (1833–1922).

**Kids' SPACE** Hi kids!

Elisha went to visit some very hungry students at the Gilgal School of Prophets. There was a big drought in the land & they were all starving. Elisha's servant made some stew for them to eat but it had poison in it!

God told Elisha that if he put some in the stew it would not be poisonous anymore. The students were so happy!

Find out what this is by using the sheet below.

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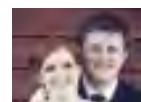




## WEDDINGS



**Boucher–Ivey.** Timothy Boucher, son of Greg and Lorraine Boucher (Bateau Bay, NSW), and Katrina (Kate) Ivey, daughter of Peter and Jennifer Ivey (Wingham), were married 2.4.12 in the beautiful setting of Harrington Waters Community Church, Harrington.  
*David McKibben*



**Boyd–Thompson.** Anthony Michael Boyd, son of Michael and Raelene Boyd (Sydney, NSW), and Keely Sheree Thompson, daughter of Bruce and Julie Thompson (Blackalls Park), were married 19.6.11 at Toronto church. They have set up their home in Melbourne, Vic.  
*Bruce Manners*

**Gray–Schorah.** Stephen Douglas Gray, son of Wayne and Joy Gray

(Horsham, Vic), and Emily Susanah Schorah, daughter of Marie Walker (Berwick, Vic), were married 7.7.12 in Inglewood Estate Chapel, Kangaroo Ground, Vic.  
*Morrie Krieg*



**Stenner–Fitzclarence.** Kenneth Frederick James Stenner and Eunie Hope Fitzclarence were married 20.5.12 at Forster/Tuncurry church, NSW.  
*David Kosmeier*



**Wadd–Green.** Tristan Wadd, son of Graham and Kaylene Wadd, and Naidine Green, daughter of Ken and Glenice Green, were married 27.5.12 at Mackay church. The reception was held at the Carlisle Adventist College hall, which Tristan and Naidine transformed into an amazing venue.  
*Dana Howard*



**Williams–Patel.** Dion Williams, son of Pastor Frank and Karen Williams (Darwin, NT), and Patrice Patel, daughter of Faye Patel (Palmerston North, NZ) and Pastor Anil Patel (deceased), were married 27.2.12 in Palmerston North. It was an amazing day of fun and laughter, and the couple were joined by many friends and family from Australia and NZ. They will be working as teachers in Egypt for the next two years.  
*Frank Williams, Nick Kross, Anton Van Wyk*

## OBITUARIES

**Box,** Phillip G, born November 1929; died 29.6.12 in Princess Alexander Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. He is survived by his wife, Lagrimus; and his children, Ligaya and Mark, and Alex. Phillip was a talented and creative man, who travelled widely. He is missed by

his family.  
*Ted White, Mark Pearce*

**Evans,** Charles Albert, born 5.12.1940 in Melbourne, Vic; died 10.6.12 in Lismore, NSW. In 1973, he married Carol Webster. He worked as a builder before starting a business with his brother on the NSW North Coast where he was a founding member of Bray Park church. Charlie will be remembered for his commitment to church, and his interest and involvement in open discussion on a wide range of Christian issues. He is survived by his wife (Lismore); and children, Lexie (Lismore) and Daniel (Newcastle). At his funeral, they were supported by his extended family, and the many friends Charlie had made from all walks of life over the years. He is sadly missed and his loved ones reflect on the promised peace that is now his.  
*Russell Schulz*

**Findlay,** Nancy Adele, born

4.2.1915 in Christchurch, NZ; died 25.3.12 in Christchurch Hospital, aged 97 years. She was predeceased by her first husband, Tom Nixon, her second husband, Jack Findlay, and stepson, Maurice. She is survived by her children and their families, Roger, Kelvin and Sue; stepchildren, Ailsa, Meryl, Barbara and Ian and their families; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Nan served in many church roles and was also involved with the Country Women's Association. She was well-loved and respected by many people and will be remembered as a sociable, loving, compassionate and caring Christian woman.  
*Roger Nixon*

**Jarvis,** Gordon Eric, born 3.5.1930 in London, England; died 3.7.12 in Violet Town, Vic. He is survived by his wife, Merle; and Brenda, Howard, Neil and Lindsay (all of Violet Town). Gordon was laid to rest in the Strathbogie Cemetery, Victoria, on Tuesday, July 10. An earlier memorial service, held in Violet Town, heard how Gordon, a bricklayer by trade, had left many memorials to his life and work. He built many church and community buildings, including Fly'n'Build projects in Papua New Guinea. Gordon's tall, English-gent stature will be greatly missed by all who knew him.  
*Russell Bryan*

**Lipski,** Lilla (nee Kruger), born 5.12.1910; died 2.6.12 in Adelaide, SA. On 30.11.1936, she married

Pastor Jerzy Lipski in Kowel, Poland, who organised the Polish church in Adelaide. Lilla was a very dedicated woman who loved her church. She will be kept in the hearts and minds of family and friends.  
*Jan Pollok*

**Reinikka,** Jeanette Elsie Muriel (nee Jensen), born 25.6.1943 in North Deep Creek, Qld; died 25.6.12 in Brisbane. On 11.12.1995, she married Kalevi Reinikka (Albert). She was predeceased by her son, Shayne Bonnick, in 1995. She is survived by her husband (Glenwood); and her siblings, Lionel (NSW), Clive and Dell (both from Qld). Jeanette was a dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother who now sleeps in the confidence of the blessed hope.  
*Lorenzo Berry*

**Sawyer,** Edith Nancy (nee Oldham), born 10.6.1920 in Hamilton, NZ; died 20.6.12 in Port Macquarie, NSW. On 2.2.1943, she was married to Colin Sawyer at Balmoral church, Auckland, NZ, by Pastor H G Moulds. She was predeceased by her husband in 2001 and her son, Dr Peter Sawyer, in 1998. She is survived by Elaine and Bob Donaldson (Port Macquarie, NSW), Fae Sawyer (Ourimbah), Colleen and Richard Birch (Sydney), Dr Neroli Sawyer (Ballarat, Vic), Kelvin and Sue Sawyer (Malawi, East Africa); 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Nancy supported her husband, who was secretary-treasurer at the local mission level (Fiji), local

conference and at both union conferences, while also devoting countless hours of voluntary work to the Church, Red Cross and Meals on Wheels.  
*Joseph Maticic, Bob Donaldson*



**Sheldrick,** Pastor Calvin, born 1.10.1970; died 15.6.12 after a three year battle with cancer. On 7.10.07, he married Debra Topperwien. He is survived by his wife; their children, Faith and Malachi (Caversham, WA); his mum, Ethel (Brisbane); and siblings, Roz (Byron Bay, NSW), Leigh and Ray (Brisbane, Qld). Calvin lived his life according to his call to full-time Gospel ministry. His passion was to "preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named" as the apostle Paul said in Romans 15:20. He always looked for opportunities to share Jesus with ordinary Aussies and connected with people in the community through visitation, eating together and being involved in people's lives.  
*Glenn Townend, Steven Goods, Shannon Rose, Terry Lambert*

**Shipard,** Frances Elleen Alice, born 26.2.1908 in Penong, SA; died 22.6.12 in Millicent, aged 104. She was predeceased by her husband, Vince Shipard. She is survived by her children and their families, Margaret (Bundaberg, Qld), Jeanette and Terry (Millicent, SA), Phillip and Beverly (Shepparton, Vic), Heather and Desmond (Adelaide, SA); 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and four great-

great-grandchildren. In 1946, after studies with Pastor Vic Novelly, Frances and Vince joined the Millicent church. She was an active leader in the church and supported the Adventist school and charities. Frances had an abiding and deep faith in her Lord and lived her life for others.  
*George Hirst, Mathew Tompson*

**Smart,** Leonard (Len) Raymond, born 17.11.1929 in Cambridge, NZ; died 5.6.12 and was buried in Ourimbah, NSW. On 26.6.1953, he married Joan Newton, who predeceased him in March 2009. He is survived by his children, Catherine and Ian Lonsdale, David and Laurana Smart, Wendy, Ian, and Anne and Paul Martin; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Len will be remembered as a man who was determined to achieve no matter what the odds. That began as a child when he was struck down with polio and needed a series of corrective operations. He is greatly missed.  
*Rod Mills*

**Thompson,** Jean Winifred (nee Powell), born 23.8.1920 in Kaponga, NZ; died 29.3.12 in Emmaus nursing home, Port Macquarie, NSW. On 2.12.1943, she married Clive Richard Thompson, a teacher, who predeceased her in 1993. She served for two years in the New Zealand Air Force and in 1946 she and Richard became Adventists. Richard transferred to the Adventist education system and together they served in Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Australia and Nepal.

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Jean is survived by their children, Carole, Bruce, Lloyd and John; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Between 1986 and 2006 they lived in Wauchope where Jean became the first lady elder and was greatly loved by all who knew her.

*Barry Satchell, Joseph Maticic*

**Watts, George Fredrick**, born 21.8.1924 in Junee, NSW; died 24.6.12 in Cameron Park. He is survived by his only son, Terry, and his wife, Christine, (Eleebana, NSW); and granddaughters. On 25.10.1947, George married Norma Radcliffe, who predeceased him on 6.8.11 after 64 years of happy marriage. He took a great deal of pride in his beautiful rose and orchid garden and was very devoted to his family. George now rests in God's care.

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