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ADRA Australia staff called to more senior roles

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Several key personnel from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia have been called to more senior positions in the global ADRA network.

Most significantly, chief executive officer Jonathan Duffy has been named the new president of ADRA International, while Public and Supporter Relations director Matthew Siliga is the new CEO of ADRA New Zealand.

"I am extremely honoured to be selected for this role," Mr Duffy said.

"But really, this appointment speaks more about the dedicated team at ADRA Australia and our supporters around the country, than it does about me. The team at ADRA Australia are extremely talented. They have built a strong reputation for visioning and a strong work ethic both within the ADRA network and the larger NGO (non-government organisation) sector here in Australia.

"It is also a compliment to all those who have chosen to engage with us—our volunteers, donors and those who have raised funds or advocated on our behalf. It speaks volumes of Australian Adventists' generosity of time, energy and money."

Mr Siliga has led significant growth in ADRA Australia's fundraising, marketing and church engagement programs during his leadership of the Public and Supporter Relations department. This experience, along with his strong strategic and management skills, led the NZ Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee to select him for the leadership position.

"I wasn't expecting this call," Mr Siliga said. "But I'm excited by the opportunity it brings.

"To continue to be part of ADRA's amazing ministry and part of the growth of ADRA New Zealand's work is a real blessing.

"I am confident ADRA Australia will continue to grow. Never before have so many Adventists in Australia been supportive of and engaged with ADRA's work."

A recent restructure and changes to the agency's emergency management program is also set to bolster ADRA's impact both nationally and overseas.

Kevin Munro, who has been serving as ADRA's NSW State Emergency Management coordinator in a part-time role, recently started full-time as ADRA Australia's manager of National

Emergency Management.

ADRA Australia is currently advertising for a manager of International Emergency Management to replace Ashleigh Plimmer who is moving to East Timor.

Another program manager, Denison Grellman, who worked for ADRA in four countries before coming to ADRA Australia, has taken up a senior management position at ADRA International.

"While it is always sad to say goodbye, these changes are a reflection of the strength, talent and success of our agency," Mr Duffy said.

"I am positive that the agency will continue to go from strength to strength, and with the continual blessing of God more lives will be changed by its work."—*Braden Blyde*



Jonathan Duffy has been CEO since 2008.

Course set to strengthen families

Lae, Papua New Guinea

A new course in Family Ministries leadership—designed to help churches strengthen families and relationships—has been held in Lae, Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Participants representing the various missions of PNG responded to an invitation from Pastor Simeon Nara, Family Ministries director of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM),

to attend the course at the PNGUM office. It ran for two weeks under the leadership of Pastor Trafford Fischer, Family Ministries director of the South Pacific Division (SPD), and Dr Alex Currie, Family Ministries director of the Greater Sydney Conference.

The course, available to pastors, social workers, church leaders and others involved in people-helping professions, was greatly appreciated by the students.

"This course has provided me with a much broader concept of family ministry in the local church and has helped equip me to strengthen and enrich families in my five local churches," said one pastor.

"We are excited about the potential of this two-week course and are convinced it will be a very valuable training program for leaders throughout the SPD," Pastor Fischer said.—*Family Ministry Department, SPD*



The two-week course provided important skills.



Daughters of Zion

James Standish

It doesn't happen every morning. But it does happen every morning when things go to plan. In order to balance the competing demands of a two-career family, Leisa leaves early for the university and I get our girls ready for school. That process culminates in us sitting on our broad leather couch reading from my oldest daughter's beautiful pink and purple Bible.

My girls voted for us to begin reading the Bible at the story of David. I suppose if there's one story that is not suitable for children in the Bible, it's David's saga of sex and violence. But, off we chugged and, with a bit of censoring here and explaining there, we made it through. We left David sleeping with his forefathers months ago now. And yet, for reasons I'm not completely sure of, my girls have been happy to keep on reading through the Old Testament a chapter at a time.

That is how I found myself reading 2 Kings 22¹ a while back with my two girls cuddling me on each side. The story was a very familiar one—Josiah rediscovering the law. I can even envision the pictures illustrating the story in Uncle Arthur's Bible Stories. But there was a detail I'd never noticed. King Josiah didn't know what to do when he realised Judah's systematic disobedience of the law. So he did what anyone would do; he turned to the high priest, Hilkiah. But Hilkiah didn't know what to do either. So he turned to the prophetess, Huldah. King to high priest, high priest to prophetess—the line of spiritual authority in the story appears clear.

Of course, this isn't the only Old Testament story where a woman played an authoritative role. Maybe the best known is Deborah, who was a prophetess, a general and a judge. As such, she wielded comprehensive authority over God's people. While examples of women in authority are the exception in ancient societies, these exceptions show that God does call women to top leadership roles.

And all this thinking about Huldah and Deborah took me back to 2005. It was the first General Conference Session I attended as a delegate. My responsibilities—taking care of official guests—precluded me from attending most of the business sessions. I came in at the end of what would

prove to be an historic moment: the vote to make ordination a prerequisite for serving as a conference or mission president. The vote was seen by many as a way to block a backdoor attempt to accomplish the ordination of women. But it was, in itself, a departure from our Church's early history of women in senior roles.

I engaged a delegate who enthusiastically supported the change: "Of course all conference presidents must be ordained ministers!" Of course? That element of inevitability did not seem obvious then, nor does it now. After all, when I worked at Loma Linda University the president was Dr Lyn Behrens. Not only was she the longest-serving president in the history of that General Conference institution, but in that capacity she exercised authority over a full-blown school of religion, with its small army of pastors and theologians. If a layperson is able to oversee a huge multidisciplinary endeavour so core to our history and mission, surely she or he can oversee a mission or conference—some of which are tiny entities in comparison.

Whatever position we take on ordination, at the very least we should be able to agree that God called Deborah to lead God's people in a time of crisis, and He may well be calling another woman today. Who are we to preclude that possibility? The good thing about policy changes is that they can be changed back. The 2015 GC Session gives us the opportunity to go back to the future.

When the time comes and my girls ask about what to do with their lives, I see a world of opportunities. Engineer, academic, doctor, vet, artist, business owner, writer, pharmacist, president of the United States or prime minister of Australia, teacher, pilot, gardener—anything God calls them to pursue. Anything, other than leading a conference in their own Church. For the time being, that door is firmly shut. And I think our church community is much poorer for it. Don't you?

1. The story is repeated in 2 Chronicles 34.

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Ready for revival?

Kent Kingston

Do you know what your spiritual gift is? Perhaps you have more than one. How did you discover it? Was your experience like Timothy's whose gift was given ". . . through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you" (1 Timothy 4:14)? Or was it less formal; a growing realisation strengthened by a series of events?

Or perhaps you're like me and are not too sure what your spiritual gift is, or even if you have one at all! Maybe you've completed questionnaires designed to flush out your gift and been left wondering if the answers reflect anything useful beyond your (admittedly God-given) natural talents.

I journey through waves of doubt and assurance on this issue, alternately blaming the Church, God and myself for the apparent lack of spiritual power in my life. But there are three things that keep me hopeful.

1. The quiet times

"We are given no miraculous signs; no prophets are left, and none of us knows how long this will be," mourns Asaph in Psalm 74:9. Sound familiar? The biblical record reveals gaps when God wasn't rampaging through Israel's enemies or knocking prophets prostrate. How about 400 years of Egyptian slavery or the 400 years of troubled history between the testaments? Both times were apparently prophet-less, visionless and miracle-less.

It seems the divine rhythm involves periods of calm—even spiritual decline—interrupted by upsurges of revival. And how we use our time while in God's waiting room is crucial.

2. Early Adventism

We are privileged inheritors of a Spirit-led movement that began with visions, prophecy, healings, passionate worship, earnest prayer and inspired Bible teaching. The demonstration of genuine spiritual gifts amongst our early pioneers brings clarity and confidence to our mission today.

3. Gifted people

If I look more carefully at my church, I can see my brothers and sisters quietly channelling the power of the Holy Spirit into the lives of others. They are often reluctant to name and claim a particular gift, but I can see it at work. God is using people through powerful intercessory prayer. He blesses some with uncanny insight into the hurts and healing of others. Complex scriptures become clear and worship music touches hearts. It's real.

Are you ready?

We can't manufacture a revival but we can prepare for one. It involves treasuring and encouraging the flickers of divine presence we sense within and among us. It includes quietness and listening for that still, small Voice. It means remembering Jesus' words to His doubting disciple: ". . . blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

Kent Kingston is an assistant editor for RECORD

October 20 – November 3

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE TOGETHER
ONE CHAPTER A DAY

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Parable of a donkey

One evening a donkey was boasting to his fellow donkeys about the events of the day.

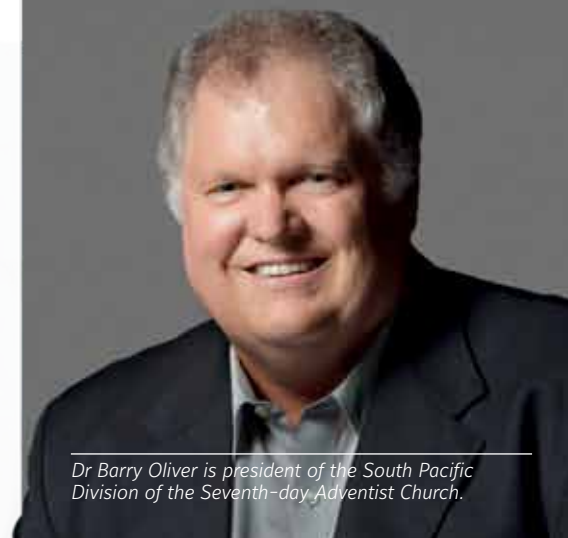
"Do you know what happened to me today?" he asked. "I was welcomed into Jerusalem like you wouldn't believe. There were crowds and crowds of people: children, men and women, young and old. They were all jostling along the road trying to see me. They were shouting 'Hosanna' and waving branches they had cut from the date palms along the way. They were even laying their cloaks and some of the palm branches on the road where I was walking. It was amazing."

"Why were you on the road in the first place?" asked one of the other donkeys.

"I was carrying the King," answered the first donkey.

"I see," replied his friend. "Did you consider the possibility that they were not actually seeing you at all but directing their praise and honour to the King?"

"The true worker for God will do their best, because in so doing they can glorify their Master. They will do right in order to regard the requirements of God. They will endeavour to improve all their faculties. They will perform every duty as unto God. Their one desire will be that Christ may receive homage and perfect service."
Ellen G White, Ministry of Healing, 502.



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

Worship the focus of conference

Christchurch, New Zealand

Seventy people from congregations in South New Zealand gathered for a "Worship In Focus" weekend conference at Papanui church.

Some travelled for hours to take advantage of the personal coaching, mentoring and presentations by the team from the South Pacific Division's Institute of Worship. There was representation from 50 per cent of the churches in South New Zealand—described by conference leaders as a tremendous achievement.

Institute director, Dr Lyell Heise, met with the full pastoral team of the conference, and a wide range of diverse activities and workshops followed over the weekend.

Worship leaders young and old were given instruction in preaching, worship planning and leading, multi-generational worship, music and art, theology and contemporary culture, and audio visual technology.

Highlights included presentations by a choir formed over the weekend and led by Aleta King from Avondale College; music played by the band and orchestra; and the hospitality of the local catering team.

Participants were challenged to begin implementing insights and ideas from the conference within 72 hours of leaving. Research indicates that immediate action after youth and adult learning does a great deal to consolidate the long-term benefits of training and coaching.

Conference participants are already reflecting on the benefits of the weekend as they take their insights back to their congregations. —Raymond Moaga



Dr Lyell Heise presents with the team.



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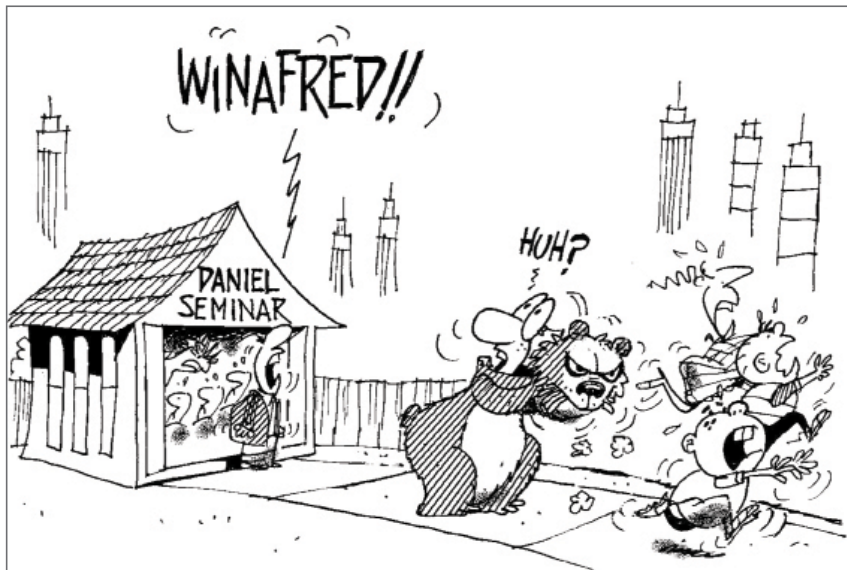
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School splits into two campuses

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Wahroonga Adventist School has split into two campuses in order to accommodate the building of new housing for those working and studying at the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Prep to year 2 children remain on the old campus, while Years 3 to 6 students have moved to a new temporary mini-campus next to the Wahroonga Adventist Church.

Along with the split, the school's old asphalt playground has been covered in colourful astroturf. There is now a wire fence cutting the old school oval in half to accommodate hospital parking for the time being, and construction shortly.

The new campus has a basketball ring, handball squares and a grassy play area roughly one-sixth the size of the old oval. There are discussions focusing on extending the new campus play area early next year.

The plan is to eventually reunite the campuses at the

new site, build extensive new recreation facilities including full-size basketball courts and a full-sized oval, and expand the school to include Years 7 to 12. However, funding remains a critical sticking point.

The school has consistently run at an operational surplus up until the move and is deeply appreciated by members of the Church and community members who entrust their children to Adventist education. —James Standish



Principal Michelle Streatfeild with student at the new mini-campus.

Church plants third congregation

Footscray, Victoria

Nine years after its initial congregation was established, Gateway Adventist Centre launched its third congregation, Gateway West, on August 4.

Seventy-three people attended the first worship service at Victoria University, Footscray—the culmination of three years of groundwork, through annual public evangelism campaigns and weekly CARE groups. So far, 11 people have been baptised and four more baptisms are planned after an iDiscover seminar.

Church elder Johnny Wong was quick to thank Adventist church leaders for their prayers and administrative support. "As a global mission project, we praise God for the kind donors and church support for this outreach," he said.

The mother church, planted in Melbourne city in 2003, was designed to fill a need for an Adventist church in the city that reached university students, on whose campuses they were meeting. Gateway East was launched in 2008 at Hawthorn. —Gateway Adventist Centre



Being campus based, Gateway often faces location challenges.

125,000 Bibles will change the world

Wahroonga, New South Wales

The first order has been placed for the printing of 125,000 NKJV Bibles in readiness for the World Changers Youth Congress in January.

Youth from across the South Pacific will gather in Brisbane for five days to be inspired to become World Changers for Christ. The Bibles, along with a set of Adventist baptismal studies, will be presented to delegates for training. A commissioning will occur on the final evening of the congress with the challenge to bring a friend to Christ and His Church during the next 12 months.

Strategic launches will be hosted throughout the Trans Pacific Union Mission (March), Papua New Guinea Union Mission (April), New Zealand Pacific Union Conference and Australian Union Conference in 2013.

"This initiative will change the world one person at a time," said Dr Nick Kross, director of Youth Ministries for the South Pacific Division. Since September 17 last year the corporate Church across Australia, New Zealand and the Island fields has donated more than \$657,000 to the project.

"It's a testimony to the heart and soul of our membership who want to see people saved for eternity," Dr Kross said.

A second print order will be placed later this year. Dr Kross gave thanks to those who have supported the project so far and embraced the World Changers vision. —Nick Kross/RECORD staff





Class action

Students at the Baraton Adventist University, Kenya, have set fire to buildings and clashed with police over a chapel attendance policy. Several students were injured and eight arrested. The vice-chancellor has withdrawn the policy, saying further discussion is needed on how to maintain the university's Christian values. –*The Star (Nairobi)*



Bucking the trend

After 10 years at the helm of the Sydney Anglican Church, Archbishop Peter Jensen will step down next year when he turns 70. During the past decade, the Sydney diocese has planted more than 200 new congregations and grown by 5000 members—around 80,000 are now in regular attendance. –*Sydney Anglican Media*



Seeds of hope

Over the past few years, an Adventist pastor in Kenya has given 10,000 pumpkin seeds to members of his church, saying it's wrong to preach to a hungry congregation. Pastor Ezekiel Mouko gives out these seeds because they grow quickly and produce food for the family as well as local markets. –*NTV*



Health vs eternity

These billboards have been appearing outside a number of churches in Sydney. The campaign is an attempt by Christian organisation Outreach Media to pique interest in matters of faith. But anti-smoking groups say the billboard is irresponsible; confusing people on an important issue and trivialising a major health threat. –*Sydney Morning Herald*



Increasing pressure

A law being considered in Russia will impose a three-year prison sentence for insulting religious feelings. Protestants are concerned the law will be applied unevenly by a government that only recognises the Orthodox Church, Judaism, Islam and Buddhism as the nation's traditional faiths. One politician described Pentecostal groups as "extremist cults". –*Mission Network News*



Purple haze

Confectionery company Cadbury has demanded that a small Christian fair-trade chocolate producer in the UK stop packaging its edible Christmas decorations range in purple. Despite protests that "you can't own the colour", the Meaningful Chocolate Company has backed down, repackaging its chocolate tree decorations in red. –*Independent Catholic News*

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POUR IT OUT



Hope in hell

by Jarrod Stackelroth

In this place, hope seems a distant memory. The mounds of heaped rubbish form an alien landscape, inhospitable and asymmetrical. Acrid smoke fills the air, infusing clothes, hair and skin with the smell of burning garbage. The fires always burn here, often unseen but their presence always felt. The heat is oppressive. The breeze doesn't cool—it only spreads the stench.

And in this place where humanity discards the waste it no longer needs, it's hard to believe up to 450 families live—if you can call it that—selling scraps and eating what they can find. The Baruni rubbish dump, on the outskirts of Port Moresby, capital of Papua New Guinea (PNG), is a dangerous place, forgotten by the world. That is until Operation Food For Life (OFFL) brought hope.

Established in 1996 by Australian Adventists Dennis Perry and David Woolley, OFFL has been tirelessly working to identify and assist the most marginalised and disadvantaged people in PNG.

"It has taken some time to earn the trust of this community and minister to them in a compassionate and practical manner," Mr Perry said. "We bring not only food and clothing but dignity and hope beyond their current tragic circumstances."

Now, OFFL has enlisted the help of high profile patrons in PNG and Australia to spread the word of its work. Mr Perry was recently invited to PNG's Government House in Port Moresby, for a private meeting with PNG Governor-General Sir Michael Ogio, PNG patron for OFFL.

During the meeting, Mr Perry presented Sir Michael with a photo album containing a pictorial record of OFFL's work. Mr Perry reports that pictures of volunteers feeding and praying with victims of HIV in Port Moresby had a profound emotional effect on Sir Michael, who said he was proud to be associated with a Christian organisation dedicated to serving "the least of these".

"On behalf of myself and the people of PNG, I wish to thank all those involved in OFFL for the inspiring, practical ministry you do," Sir Michael said. "You are all reaching out to so many, restoring their dignity, giving hope beyond

individual and family tragic circumstances. I look forward to continuing to help you make a positive contribution and difference in their lives."

Meanwhile, in Australia, shadow cabinet secretary and Federal MP for Berowra, Philip Ruddock, called for wheelchairs and walkers to be brought to his office to be donated by OFFL. The response was overwhelming and the mobility aids, along with other resources, filled a shipping container.

Mr Ruddock also detailed the work of OFFL in an address to the Australian federal parliament and recently said in a

letter to Mr Perry, "I am delighted to serve as your patron and look forward to helping to raise your profile, advocate for your programs and support you in any way possible."

The work is far from finished however, as OFFL continually discovers additional projects that need its time and resources.

Port Moresby area manager Reuben Alu visits prisoners and conducts

services in Bomana Jail every week, holding an annual OFFL breakfast attended by every prisoner and enjoyed by all.

OFFL has helped resource a number of schools and literacy programs, believing that education is a way to break the poverty cycle. Often children learn under high-set homes. The food OFFL provides is crucial to their survival.

The children's eyes are constantly watering, their sores fester and refuse to heal—a legacy of the smoke and infection of the dump. Their smiles are guarded. Before OFFL their future was uncertain. Now there is hope.

Relying on volunteers and donations, OFFL goes into some of the most dangerous settlements in Port Moresby, including Baruni, a known haven for criminals. Their goal is to bring the light of Christ to these dark places.

"It is our ultimate goal to provide education for children who live on the dump," Mr Perry said. "And break the curse of past generations who have lived in these tragic circumstances."

For more information on OFFL, visit <www.offl.org.au>.

Jarrod Stackelroth is associate editor of the RECORD.



OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

Aspects of God's judgement

Many people tend to place God's judgement in the future at the end of this world's history, but the Bible reveals that there are different phases of divine judgement.

What does the Bible teach about the phases of God's judgement?

- Judgement took place at the cross. **Read** John 12:31-33. Jesus bore our sin and shame and suffered in our place; He paid the penalty of sin on our behalf (Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 3:18). The cross reveals how God can be just and forgive anybody, and all will be judged by their response to Jesus.
- Judgement will occur at the return of Jesus. **Read** Revelation 22:12 and 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8. All mankind will be divided into four groups at the Second Coming of Jesus: the resurrected righteous, the living righteous, the living unrighteous and the unrighteous dead. These different destinies have been decided by a judgement preceding the return of Jesus (Daniel 7:9-14; Revelation 22:11). This judgement shows how God can be just and forgive those who accept Jesus.
- Judgement will occur during the 1000 years in heaven. **Read** Revelation 20:4-6. The redeemed of all the ages will be involved in this particular work (1 Corinthians 6:2-3). This aspect of judgement will show how God can be just and not save those who have rejected His salvation.
- The final phase of judgement will occur at the end of the 1000 years, just before the establishment of a new heaven and earth. **Read** Revelation 20:11-15. This executive phase of the judgement will make a complete end of the rebellion of sin. Everyone will be present and all will recognise the fairness of God's dealings (Romans 14:10-12 and Philippians 2:9-11). God's judgement will be completely fair, transparent and beyond question at every stage. The chorus of the seven angels in Revelation 15 will be acknowledged by every person on that final day of reckoning: "Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the Ages" (Revelation 15:3).

David McKibben is senior pastor of Parramatta church, NSW.



OPINION

Carly Fletcher

Salty salt

Salt without flavour; what a concept! Because in its very essence, salt is meant to bring flavour to other food. Jesus says in Luke 14:34 that "salt is good". Now if He had just stopped right there, that would have made our lives as Christians a whole lot easier. As Christ followers, we wouldn't have to put in the full effort; we could just do good stuff for God now and then while still clinging to our old life—going back and forth between the two sides (sounds familiar doesn't it!), pretending to be something that we are not. But God doesn't want salt that is not salty.

He continues on in Luke 14:34 to say that salt that has lost its flavour is no good, or of no use; it's not even fit for the rubbish dump. Salt without saltiness just doesn't make sense!

If I went down to my local supermarket and bought a packet of salt, then put some of it on my food and it didn't add any flavour, I would be just as upset as God is with unsalty salt! Being a Christian requires full commitment; full-flavour action. None of this half-hearted pretending to be serving God, but really lacking all flavour. So are you going to be salty salt today? Or are you going to keep on pretending that you are salt, even when you are a flavourless excuse for a Christ follower?

As for me, I know I'm lacking a whole lot of flavour right now, but I ask that God will give me that saltiness back so that I can flavour this sin-sick world with God's love through His "saltiness". God is the ultimate Salt-shaker and He is willing to give if we will only ask Him.

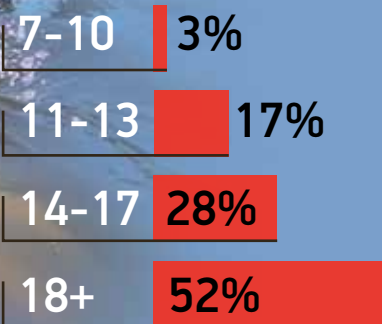
"So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Luke 14:33-35). Let's be salty, full-flavoured Christ-followers today and flavour our world.

Carly Fletcher is a departmental assistant for North New South Wales Conference.

OPINION POLL



What is the ideal age of baptism for those who have grown up in the Church?



Julie Weslake's piece, *When to baptise?* (Feature, October 20) suggests the ideal age is to be prepared for baptism is 9-13. Check it out at <record.net.au>.



Big issue for our little people

A new study by the University of Sydney has found that one in five children will be overweight or obese on their first day at school. And while it's never too late to implement healthy habits, having children struggling with weight and obesity issues at such a young age can cause serious damage to health and make healthy eating habits harder to implement in the future.

While the researchers pointed out there were many possible contributing factors to an unhealthy weight in children, they found that overweight or obese five-year-old girls in the study were twice as likely to have a television in their room.

While television itself does not cause obesity, TV viewing is a sedentary activity and the behaviours that often accompany this, such as snacking and unmindful eating, can contribute to poor food choices and overeating.

At such an amazing time in a child's life we should use the opportunities we have to help instil healthy habits while building strong relationships with those who mean the most to us.

In years past, meal time was valued as an important social event, giving people a chance to connect with those they care for.

As an alternative to TV viewing, why not encourage the children to help at dinner time? Getting children involved in age appropriate meal preparation is a great way of keeping them occupied while instilling healthy habits and helping to maintain strong relationships with those you love.



TIP:
Three bean mix can also be used in this recipe for a different flavour.



NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:

2232 kJ (534 Cal); Protein 26g; Total Fat 15g; Saturated Fat 4g; Carbohydrate 63g; Total Sugars 11g; Sodium 405mg; Potassium 345mg Calcium 225mg; Iron 0.33mg; Fibre 4g.

Bean nachos

Preparation time: 10 minutes Cooking time: 10 minutes Serves: 6

- 1 x 250g packet baked corn chips
- 1 large avocado, halved and stone removed
- 2 tsp lemon juice

- 2 x 425g cans salt-reduced mild chilli beans
- 1 cup grated low-fat cheese
- ½ cup plain low-fat yoghurt

1. Pre-heat oven to 200°C. Grease six small individual ovenproof dishes and arrange on a baking tray.
2. In a small bowl, mash avocado with lemon juice and season to taste. Place chilli beans in a bowl.
3. Divide corn chips among dishes. Spoon chilli beans equally over chips. Top with an even amount of avocado and sprinkle with cheese.
4. Bake for 5-10 minutes until cheese melts and beans are heated through. Serve with a dollop of yoghurt.
 - › Baked corn chips can be found in the health food aisle of the supermarket.
 - › Chilli beans can be found near baked beans and tinned spaghetti in the supermarket.

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HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Q: What is the medicinal value of lemongrass?

A: The rush-like lemongrass is often used for people with skin disorders. It contains lots of vitamin A and its aromatic oil is often used in skincare products. It can also be used as a herbal tea. Chop up a couple of fresh leaves, pour boiling water over them and let stand for several minutes. Add a little honey and some lemon juice. It's claimed to be an ideal nightcap.

Q: Why do little infections develop where my shirt rubs my neck?

A: Often the hair breaks off and germs track down to the follicle or root. An infection is established and can quickly flare up. Sometimes a mini boil develops. Collars that are not too tight or stiff are best. Cotton is the best fabric. Dabbing the area with metho, Betadine or tea tree oil may help to get rid of mild infections. Occasionally antibiotics are needed. By keeping healthy and fit you will reduce the risk of infection by strengthening your inbuilt immunity.

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MY MINISTRY IDEA

More than 65 people registered for a nine-week Boot Camp Health Challenge organised by Pine Rivers church in South Queensland.

Health Ministries leader Sarah Day came up with the idea of a health improvement program that was more than just exercise classes.

For the first four evenings presenters covered aspects of mind, body and spiritual wellbeing. The last five sessions included rigorous exercise routines featuring boxing, circuit, relaxation and resistance.

Forty-five people graduated from the program, with awards presented to all who completed at least eight sessions. There were also two major awards for the "biggest loser" (most weight lost as a percentage of weight) and "most improved fitness" (based on fitness testing in the first and final weeks). The participants came from Pine Rivers church and the Northpine Christian College (NCC) community.

The program proved so popular that 20 people have signed up to continue the weekly sessions.

Organisers thanked the NCC principal and college council for their support and the use of the college's sports auditorium. —Glen Mickan



LETTERS

NOT OVERLOOKED

Daron Pratt, NSW

Thank you for the excellent article, "When to baptise?" (Features, October 20). Having grown up in the Church, I have noticed over the years the many children who stand up and make decisions at camps, church baptisms and other outreach events. These same children who are standing for Jesus are often overlooked, ignored or told they are too young. I am so glad I was not overlooked when I was 12 years of age and stood for Jesus. We need to always remember that children are more likely to make a decision before they reach their teenage years.

These are your children and mine and whilst we always need to rejoice over the one "out there" who repents, let's not forget the children in our churches of whom Jesus says, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Mark 10:13-14). I don't want to be one of the ones who "hinders" children from getting to the kingdom by saying they are too young or that their decision is not the same as an adult's decision. Jesus in fact outlines catastrophic consequences for those who do get in the way of our children's faith journey. (Matthew 18). I will do all in my power to encourage, mentor and lead our children to the foot of the cross.

BACK TO BASICS

Inge Anderson, via website

I really like the subject line, "Back to Basics" (Features, October 20). In this case, it implies going back to apostolic practices. And that means abandoning the hierarchical model of church structure altogether.

We would make a step in the right direction by eliminating pastoral "ordination" and just sticking with "commissioning". That would solve a lot of problems by eliminating a divisive issue.

Garth, via website

Whatever we make of a theology of ordination, there is an underlying ecclesiology (theology of church). Perhaps we should start with what Jesus intended His church to look like: ". . . all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27-28). Church should model how the world would behave towards each other if everyone accepted Jesus. Sadly, the Church often merely reflects the cultural and societal prejudices and divisions of the world.

CHALLENGE AND INFORM

Richard Anderson, via email

Dear "accidental editor" (Editorial, September 29), thank you for the effort you put into RECORD as acting editor and for your continued effort now that you have morphed!

My late wife and I enjoyed RECORD starting in 1961 when we were in India. Pastor L C Naden made sure that a copy was mailed to all Australian expatriate missionaries and we were the envy of those from other divisions. Although there have been many changes—what "living" thing doesn't change—I still find RECORD challenges and informs.

I particularly enjoyed

Neale Schofield's "Adventist Atheist" and appreciated Nathan Brown's "A Farewell to Arms?" (Features, September 29). It's time we followed the King of love and His admonition to be "harmless".

SENSE OF FAMILY

Bruce Manners, Vic

Congratulations on being appointed editor of RECORD. It's good to see that RECORD has an editor again after experimenting with another approach. In a sense, it brings editorial authority back to RECORD, which is a good thing for it and our Church.

I applaud your aims in your editorial of September 29—particularly to facilitate conversations and help expand our horizons.

I've appreciated your editorials (I even quoted you in a recent sermon) and especially the insights you give about yourself. That not only helps us understand where you're coming from, it also helps build a sense of family.

TO SMACK OR NOT?

Julia Tallis-Young, via email

I strongly think the "Yes, rarely within limits" option is the way to go ("Should children be smacked?" RECORD poll, October 20). There are times when it is all that some children will take notice of, especially little children who won't listen to reason. Bigger children rarely—but enough to hurt.

I have even heard many say that the cane at school did them good and made them think before they did things, and that it certainly didn't hurt them. This is what I did with my children and they are good, well-balanced adults.

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Plant and it will grow

(if you avoid my mistakes...)

by Kayle de Waal

THE DODO BIRD (*RAPHUS CUCULLATUS*) WAS A comical, large, flightless bird that weighed up to 30 pounds. It lived on the island of Mauritius where it had no predators as it lived in isolation. It was perfectly suited to its environment. These birds were discovered by Dutch sailors in 1508. The dodo simply walked up to the sailors since it had no fear. Sadly, the sailors shot them and later introduced other animals to the environment. As a result, dodos became extinct by 1681.¹

Extinction occurs when a species faces a crisis or a change in its environment and is unable to adapt. In contemporary society extinction may happen because humans have destroyed the species' habitat, hunted it or wiped out its main food source. The birth rate and infant mortality rate are of primary importance in denoting the health of a species. The species needs to be producing babies to secure a viable future.²

New churches—or extinction

Birthing new churches is a lot like the survival of a spe-

cies. Just as there must be more births than deaths for a species to survive, so too, there must be more churches planted than dying if the Church is to survive. If we fail to birth new churches throughout the South Pacific Division we will face extinction! Some of our churches are old, unhealthy and so cannot reproduce, or are near death. Our leadership and membership demographic indicates that we will be in serious trouble in the years ahead.

The two factors that seem to impact a local church's decline are vision and relationships, with vision being the single most important issue. A church without a vision is a dying church. A vision is a compelling picture of God's preferred future for your local church—what God wants your church to look like and be like as you fulfil His mission in your unique context.³

Current research demonstrates that many young people are disillusioned with the institutional church and are leaving.⁴ Reasons include poor leadership, lack of involvement, outdated worship styles and lack of creativity within the parameters of the Gospel. But there is also a growing disil-

lusionment across all age demographics. David Olson, in his book *The American Church in Crisis*, states that nearly all denominations in the United States are experiencing a decline in membership and attendance [note: the Adventist Church is actually growing in the US, likely primarily due to immigration, which masks the losses to our community]. He attributes this partly to the monumental changes we are experiencing in our culture and society, and the lack of church planting.⁵

Pastors and members need to begin thinking and praying about planting a new church. Change and growth always begin at the bottom not the top. Ellen White states that “upon all who believe God has placed the burden of raising up churches”.⁶ Church growth specialist Peter Wagner says church planting is the single most effective method of evangelism under heaven.⁷ If a pastor or group of members (with the right motives and a kingdom agenda) prayerfully decide to plant a church, after consultation with local and conference leadership, here are a few things to consider:

Lessons from a failed church planter

You may prefer to read a piece by a successful church planter but sometimes the lessons from a failure can be at least as powerful and useful. You see, I failed in a church planting endeavour early in my ministry in the 1990s. My wife and I were full of enthusiasm and did not anticipate failure so quickly. We intended planting a church just outside of Durban, South Africa. Even though I failed it was thrilling to be on the cutting edge of God’s work attempting to bring new people into the kingdom. I’d like to briefly recount our experience.

Mistake #1: The church plant was too far from our home church.

My wife and I travelled more than an hour to get to our destination. After the meeting we would arrive home between 10 and 11pm. The meetings lasted for about a month and I continued with visitations over the ensuing months so it was tiring and challenging to keep going.

Mistake #2: I received no training from conference leadership.

While I had held a number of successful evangelistic meetings and worked as a church pastor, I had never attempted to plant a church. The conference leadership were supportive, providing the financial and moral support needed, but no-one was “on the ground” with me. No-one pointed me to resources or ideas. I was basically all alone.

Mistake #3: I had no support team.

Church members assured us of their prayers and were fully supportive. However, since it was a long way from their homes, many were unable to physically come and support the meetings.

Mistake #4: Our meetings had no group dynamics.

The meetings were traditional in their format. We didn’t

provide food or drinks before or after the meetings to help in socialising. Small groups and other discipleship structures are absolutely critical for the successful launch of a church plant.

Lesson

Focusing on mistakes might appear counterintuitive in a piece encouraging church plants, but I believe that if these beginner mistakes are avoided you will have a much better chance of not merely being a church planter, but a successful church planter!

Reptilian or mammalian church planting

Church plants are either reptilian or mammalian. Reptiles reproduce by laying a large quantity of eggs (churches) out of which only a few survive. Reptilian church planting is practised often by Charismatics and Pentecostals and does not have a high success rate. Mammalian church planting has a much higher survival rate by giving birth to fewer offspring (churches) who receive greater amounts of nurture (i.e. systems of assessment, training, coaching and funding). Your local church and conference should be there to support and encourage the new church plant on its journey to maturity.

Becoming a church planter

Just as ordinary members, empowered by the Spirit in Acts 8, took the Gospel from Jerusalem to the Roman Empire, so it will be ordinary, God-filled members in the 21st century who will begin a church

planting movement again. Here are some of the qualities needed:

- ▶ A passion for Christ and His Word
- ▶ A vision for the lost
- ▶ Leadership skills that empower
- ▶ A supportive family
- ▶ Good teaching skills
- ▶ Training and education

God is not going to finish His work through an organisation! God is going to finish His work through His people who have surrendered all to Jesus, are full of His Spirit and are sold out on seeing His kingdom come. We are living in momentous times and God has raised us up for such a time as this. If we fail to begin planting new churches, the message of God’s saving grace will not reach our societies. ❧

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The Titanic two

by Gary Kent

EVERYONE ON THE TITANIC KNEW J BRUCE Ismay. How could they not? He was the chairman of the White Star Line—the shipping company that owned not only the *Titanic* but also its two sister ships. He was a striking looking man, with a full moustache curled up at both ends and hair combed straight back. He wore the most elegant clothes and moved with ease among the wealthiest and most powerful people in the world. He was, after all, one of them.

Bruce never knew deprivation. His grandfather was a wealthy businessman, his father had grown the business, and by the time Bruce came of age, his status among the world's elite was assured. He was educated at the most exclusive private boys' school in Britain: Harrow. After that, he was sent to France to be privately tutored. Every aspect of Bruce's upbringing spoke of privilege on the grandest scale the "Gilded Age" could provide.

Also travelling on the ship was John Harper, a man of humble origins. At age 17 he began preaching on street corners to anyone who would listen. For over five years he worked in a mill for a living and preached on corners as a calling. This is back in the days when working in a British mill was a very bleak life. John had every reason to devote any spare time he had to bettering his social position—gaining a skill or a trade—anything to get him out of those "dark satanic mills", as English poet William Blake put it. But, instead, he chose to share the Gospel.

John married but tragically his wife died, leaving him a

widower with a precious daughter he called "Nana". He must have sometimes wondered why on earth the Lord had given him such a tough life. But his zeal did not go unnoticed, and he was called to the Baptist ministry. He was given a little church of 25 souls to pastor—a very humble parish for a very humble preacher. But there was something about the power and conviction in John's sermons that drew people to Christ, and that tiny church grew to over 500 members.

Meanwhile, Bruce was living large. After his father's death, he took over the family company and quickly displayed that he had superb business instincts. Almost everything he was involved in thrived. Through a series of complex financial transactions he merged his company with legendary financier J P Morgan's operations, but Bruce retained an iron grip as chairman of the White Star Line.

When the rival Cunard Line brought out the revolutionary *Lusitania* and *Mauretania*, Bruce moved to beat Cunard in every way. And thus began the *Titanic* project. The *Titanic* would not only be fast, it would not only be the largest man-made moving object in the world, but it would be the most luxurious ship in all of history. But there was a problem. It turns out that even when you are working on a monumental scale, there are still space constraints and hence you have to make difficult trade-offs. In the case of the *Titanic*, one trade-off was between the space needed for lifeboats and the space needed for luxurious amenities. Bruce hit heads with the boat's designer, Thomas Andrew.

But Bruce knew exactly how to wield his power, as he made clear to Thomas:

"Your uncle here tells me you proposed 64 lifeboats and he had to pull your arm to get you down to 32. Now, I will remind you just as I reminded him these are my ships. And, according to our contract, I have final say on the design. I'll not have so many little boats, as you call them, cluttering up my decks and putting fear into my passengers."

Bruce ordered that the number of lifeboats be reduced to only 16. It appeared the rational thing to do. After all, everything is a risk, and every risk must be weighed against the potential return. And Bruce, against Thomas Andrew's advice, was boastfully telling anyone who was listening that the *Titanic* would be "unsinkable". Why would an "unsinkable" ship need lifeboats?

Meanwhile, John's rather remarkable work in Britain caught the attention of the Dwight L Moody church. So much so, that they invited him to pastor the Moody Church in Chicago. John took his little girl with him on what must have been the most wonderful trip of a lifetime. The evening before the fateful collision, John sat with his daughter on the deck watching the sunset, and said with awe "I can't wait to see the sunrise."

When the *Titanic* collided with the iceberg that night, both John and Bruce rushed up to the deck. But it's what they did next that would forever define them in history.

John took his six-year-old daughter "Nana" to a lifeboat. He hugged his precious little girl, then looked deeply into her eyes and promised: "one day, you'll see me again". He then placed her into the lifeboat, while he stayed bravely on the ship. He made no attempt to secure a place for himself. As people rushed up and down the tilting decks, John began to witness for Christ, just as he'd done on those street corners all those years before. And then, as the boat began to sink, John jumped into the frigid waters. It's hard to imagine the scene of terror and suffering all around him that night, but some of the survivor's quotes give us an insight.

Eva Hart put it this way: "The sounds of people drowning are something that I cannot describe to you, and neither can anyone else. It's the most dreadful sound and there is a terrible silence that follows it." Another survivor, Charles Lightoller, described the shock that met those who jumped: "Striking the water was like a thousand knives being driven into one's body. The temperature was 28 degrees (Fahrenheit), four degrees below freezing." Archibald Gracie remembered the chilling scene: "The agonising cries of death from over a thousand throats, the wails and groans of the suffering, the shrieks of the terror-stricken and the awful gaspings for breath of those in the last throes of drowning, none of us will ever forget to our dying day."

As people rushed up and down the tilting decks, John began to witness for Christ, just as he'd done on those street corners all those years before.

But John didn't just jump in among that suffering. As his body began to die, he began to preach the Gospel to others in that water. There is an account of him swimming over to one young man and asking him if he believed in Jesus. The young man said he didn't and wasn't interested. John is reported to, at this point, have taken off his life jacket and given it to the young man saying, "then you need this more than I do".


Meanwhile, something quite different was going on in Bruce's life. Bruce's life of privilege, power, wealth and success had not prepared him for the decision he was forced to make. He, more than anyone on board, knew there weren't enough lifeboats for all the passengers. Would he take a precious spot on a lifeboat or give it to a child? In the heat of the moment, he made his fateful decision: he lunged into a lifeboat.

John's life was slowly slipping from him. With the last breath God gave him, he called out with all his might: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved!" Then his head went under the water for the very last time.

The second half of Bruce's life turned out to be far different from the first. You see, society noticed

that the chairman of the White Star Line survived the tragedy, in which many women and children perished. They noticed that a man who was as responsible for the tragedy as anyone, had elected to save himself at the expense of others. And from that point forward, Bruce was shunned by London society. He became a recluse, dying in his 74th year from a stroke.

John and Bruce have now both been dead for many years. Their time on earth—its pleasure and its suffering—have all come and gone. And their decisions and actions are over, their characters complete, their relationships with the Lord in suspended animation—all awaiting the great day of the Lord's judgement. We can't speculate on Bruce's spiritual state when he passed away, but it seems safe to say that John's promise to his precious little Nana that she would once again see her beloved daddy will at that time be complete. I can't even begin to imagine the overwhelming joy when that heroic father is able to hold his precious girl in his arms again.

Sadly, the Hollywood blockbuster *Titanic* included J Bruce Ismay but erased John Harper from its story. We're bringing him back! In a two-part series on the *Titanic* that will air in the coming months, *It is Written Oceania* will remind the world that Christian courage and character are timeless, and the results of trusting in God, eternal. 

Gary Kent is speaker and director of It is Written Oceania. He expresses appreciation to James Standish for the assistance he received in writing this article.

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RECORD REWIND

Arthur Patrick

Missionary martyr

It's not hard to imagine the excitement that Brian and Valmae Dunn felt as they left Australia for mission service. Valmae Benham was a San graduate of 1959; she and Brian married on December 29, 1964, soon after he completed his nursing course. Within a year the Dunns were ready for an overseas appointment: to help Dr Lyn McMahon establish a 60-bed hospital at Atoifi on the island of Malaita.

Sydney rapidly faded into a memory on November 23, 1965; at last they were en route for the tropical Solomon Islands. Quickly they were adjusting to a very different culture and meeting the needs of the sick and the suffering. One of Brian's patients was staying with Kaliauae, a bricklayer on the hospital project. About 10:30 on the night of December 16 there was an urgent knock on the Dunns' door; the bricklayer was asking for medication for the patient. Brian gladly handed it to him and then turned to go through the screen door that was so essential to keep out malarial mosquitos. Suddenly there was a dull thud and an anguished scream from Kaliauae as he saw Brian speared in the back by a man with a sharpened piece of steel reinforcing.

The rod that protruded from the missionary's chest was tenderly sawn off with a hacksaw. He was transported by canoe, mission ship, plane and ambulance to Honiara for surgery by 6:30 the following night. The crude spear had grazed the pericardium wall and there was bleeding around his heart and lungs.

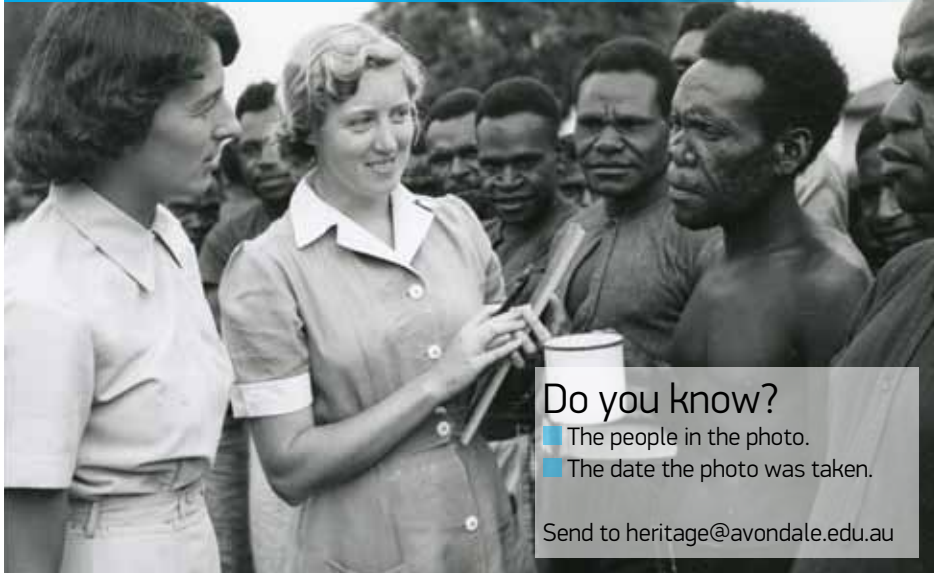
Brian Dunn died on Sunday afternoon, December 19, 1965, a martyr to a payback system that had nothing to do with anything he had done or failed to do on Malaita. His mission service was well short of a month, but it is indelibly inscribed in the memories of his family, his church, and the growing Adventist community of the Pacific Islands. Valmae Dunn courageously pieced her life together and engaged in further mission service elsewhere.

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Brian Dunn.

MYSTERY HISTORY



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When she found it she was so happy she called her neighbours to celebrate with her.

Find the missing coin in the leaves



MEMORY verse
 the missing coin has a vowel on it that will help you fill in the blanks

"[God] said, I lov_

you with a lov_ that will last for_v_r

J_r_miah 31:3

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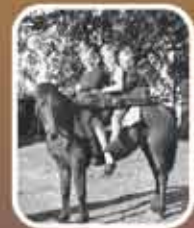
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100 years, 100 precious souls

The centennial celebration of the Vanuatu Seventh-day Adventist Mission in June reached a climax when 100 people were baptised in Port Vila. The candidates were from the 12 churches in Efate. There were baptisms on other islands in Vanuatu during the six-day celebration. The Church in Vanuatu continues to grow with more than 18,000 members.—*Jean Pierre Niptile*

Happy health

Forty-four people attended a health workshop at Tumbulgum Adventist church (NSW) in August. The theme of the event was "Healthy Mind, Happy Body", and it featured presentations by health psychologist Jenifer Skues on topics such as the brain, stress, food and depression. Organisers are planning to hold similar workshops in the near future.—*Fran Campbell*

Sky's the limit!

About 40 children, mostly from the community, took part in a Vacation Bible School program at Clarkson Adventist church (WA) in July. The theme was: "Sky—Everything is possible with God (Mark 10:27)". It was the first time the program was run in WA, and it included interactive Bible stories, action-filled singing, craft and games, and storytime with Cheddar the chipmunk.—*Werner Tubbe*



Gave his life to God as a teenager

Pastor Lyle Southwell, director of the Adventist Discovery Centre, was ordained at Wahroonga Adventist church (NSW) in June. While undertaking a cabinetmaking apprenticeship as a teenager in Kingston, Tasmania, and living in an abandoned apple pickers' hut, Lyle gave his heart to God. Since then, Lyle has graduated from Hartland University (US), married Michele, raised two sons (Harley and Emery) and served in a number of ministries and churches across southeast Australia. "All that God has done for me can be attributed to the decision I made as a teenager to give my life to Him," Lyle said.

Jessica's landmark achievement

Earlier this year, Jessica Trevithick became the first Australian woman to graduate with a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Michigan, United States. Her dissertation was titled: *A theological foundation for the use of artistic mediums and technology in preaching and evangelism*. "Jesus used the literary and visual techniques of His day," Jessica said. "Preachers of God's word should follow His example in using the best literary, visual and technological means that are currently available to communicate His message to a dying world."



Campers away!

More than 50 campers attended South New Zealand Conference's Junior/Teen camp earlier this year. The theme was: "The Journey To . . . Believe the Impossible. Discover the Incredible". Camp highlights included talks by Maurice Fider, a staff-versus-campers flour bomb battle, and 19 youth making a decision to prepare for baptism.—*Southern Connexions*

Beyond ordinary

Adventist high school administrators in Papua New Guinea were encouraged to become agents for change at an education conference at Kabiufa Secondary School in July. The conference, called "Beyond Ordinary", was organised by Adventist Education associate director Ken Weslake and education officials in PNG. Participants took part in workshops on topics like thinking differently, addressing issues and decision making.—*Yoba Dame*

Dreamcoat drama

More than 1000 people filled the River Gum Arts Centre in Victoria to see Carrum Downs Samoan Adventist church's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. The church performed the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical for the second consecutive year, and many community members were touched by the messages in the story.—*Anthony Sofo*

WEDDING



Ward-Down. James Ward and Michelle Down were married

19.8.12 in Toronto church, NSW. They plan to live in Toronto. We wish them happiness and God's blessings for the future.

OBITUARIES



Askin, Fay Amelia, born 6.9.1936 in Timaru, NZ; died

30.3.12 in Homestead rest home, Ilam, Christchurch after a long illness. On 31.4.1958, she married Murray Askin. She was predeceased by her son, Giles. She is survived by her husband; and her children and their families, Adele and Tuakeu, Stephanie, Margie and Will, and Fiona and Thwahir. Fay was a very talented lady—a gifted musician, artistic and extremely good at craft and handiwork. She was widely read and an excellent conversationalist with her quick wit and humorous comments. Fay and Murray spent time in mission service in the Cook Islands. On returning to NZ, they lived in Timaru, Invercargill, Dunedin, Moeraki and Christchurch. She will be missed.

Mel Trevena

Clifton, Basil William, born 25.4.1932 in Richmond, NSW; died 26.5.12 in John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle. On 31.5.1958, he married Gwen. He is survived by his wife (Forster); and his daughters and their families, Lyn Clifton-Price (Sydney) and Narelle Amato (Tuncurry). Basil was a faithful, loving husband and father. He faithfully served the Forster/Tuncurry church for many years as head elder, treasurer and all other positions. He was much loved and appreciated by his family, church and their community. He will be dearly missed.

David Kosmeier

Dorrington, Florence May (nee Hook), born 16.5.1916 in Perth, WA; died 13.8.12 in Sherwin Lodge, Perth. On 22.12.1941, she married Mostyn Dorrington, who predeceased her in 2003. She is survived by Ian Dorrington (Bakers Hill) and Carolyn and Peter Webb (Perth). Florence loved her family unconditionally and accepted them no matter

what. She enjoyed cooking for family occasions and took great pleasure in caring for her birds. Florence was a committed follower of Jesus and now waits for the resurrection.

Steven Goods

Fatnowna, Hazel (nee Vice), born 9.10.1920 in Mackay, Qld; died 14.8.12 in Mackay. On 19.6.1939, she married Norman Fatnowna, who predeceased her in 1988. Hazel is survived by her son, Devon Fatnowna; and grandchildren, Amberly, Paul, Trai and Kyra. Hazel will be sadly missed by hundreds of family and friends, who said their last goodbyes at her funeral on 20.8.12 in Mackay Central church. Hazel is waiting to meet her Lord in the first resurrection.

Wolfgang Jenke

Frazer, James (Jim) Noel, born 25.12.1936 in Palmerston North, NZ; died 8.5.12 in Mossbrae Home/Hospital, Otago. On 15.2.1961, he married Margret Eade in Invercargill. He is survived by his wife (Mosgiel); their children and spouses, Steven and Lindy (Gold Coast, Qld), Robin (Central Otago, NZ), Paul and Lorna (Palmerston), and Carmen and Kelvin (Dunedin); and his four grandchildren. After a time of sickness Jim found his Lord. He had a keen sense of humour that he kept to the end. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Malcolm Eastwick

Fatnowna, Minnie (nee Choppy), born 26.7.1929; died 4.6.12 in

Mackay, Qld. She was predeceased by her husband, Noel Fatnowna. Minnie is survived by her children and their spouses, Lyndsy and Sue Fatnowna, Olivene Youse, Charlie and Veronica Fatnowna, Loma Fatnowna, Shirley Fatnowna and Runhoa Fatnowna; her twin sister, Norma Choppy; and Lynton, Sonja and Jimmy Choppy. Minnie will be sadly missed by hundreds of family and friends who said their last goodbyes at the funeral on 12.6.12 in Mackay Central church. Minnie is waiting to receive her reward at the first resurrection.

Wolfgang Jenke



Proud, Neville Jack, born 28.10.1930 in Wellington, NZ; died

2.4.12 in Auckland. In 1954 he married Marlene, who he met at Longburn Missionary College in 1950. He is survived by his wife; their daughters, Robyn, Brenda Robertson and Elizabeth; his three grandchildren, Phillip, Amanda and Joshua; and great-grandchild, Kayden. Nev was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather and

brother-in-law to Ivan and Ruth Hillson (Palmerston North), Ramona (deceased) and Kaye Rice (Australia). Nev loved his Lord and enjoyed his church life, especially his Pathfinder days with the young people. He awaits his Master's return.

Ben Timothy, P Hopson

Jakupec, Ruza, died 27.7.12 in Stanthorpe Hospital, Qld, aged 87. She is survived by her husband, Stevo Jakupec; one daughter and two boys (all of Melbourne, Vic). Ruza will be remembered as a good wife, mother and good member of the Summit church. Ruza was buried at Stanthorpe Cemetery on 6.8.12. The service was conducted by Pastor Petrovic.

Humberto Rivera

Harris, Lyla Isobel (nee Robb), born 9.4.1917 in Gol Gol, NSW; died 9.8.12 in Cooranbong, aged 95. In 1951, she married Albert (Shad) Harris in Lakemba church, Sydney, who predeceased her in 1992. Lyla studied teaching at Avondale College in 1938/39 and taught in various state and



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Barry Satchell

Williams, Hazel Olive, born 23.2.1920 in Auburn, NSW; died 15.8.12 in Bowral. In 1945, she married Stanley, who predeceased her in 2004. She is survived by her son, Frank

(Sydney). Hazel worked for Advent Radio in the early days at the Adventist Media Centre. She retired at Port Macquarie and was a faithful member.

Joseph Maticic

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