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# RECORD OFFERING

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## World changers Bible launched at congress

Brisbane, Queensland

The launch of the World Changers Bible was a highlight of the South Pacific Division (SPD) Youth Congress in Brisbane. This launch was the culmination of 18 months of fundraising and development, and the presentation of the Bibles was greeted with excitement by congress participants.

Dr Nick Kross, director of Youth ministries for the SPD, introduced the initiative at the Move With the Power Youth leadership training in August 2011, beginning a fundraising campaign built around campmeeting mission offerings in Australia and New Zealand. However, he said the project has caught the imagination of churches, church members and young people around the South Pacific.

"It has been a project we can all get behind and support," said Dr Kross. "At the core of Adventist DNA is the primacy of the Word and the primacy of truth, and in this package we have combined a Bible with studies of the main themes of scripture and added a discipleship training kit. This powerful combination can take the gospel across our part of the world by putting these tools in the hands of young people."

More than \$A670,000 has been received from offerings and donations. While the fund-raising focus has ended, donations continue to be received. "It seems God is not finished with this project yet," Dr Kross said. He's humbled and gratified by the response from so many young people who have sacrificed to contribute to the project. "We've had college students who have made donations like \$1000 and have seen Youth groups get together to raise funds for Bibles for their fellow young people."

The first order of 125,000 Bibles was placed in June and received two weeks before the congress. The Bibles include 13 pages of discipleship training material and come with a set of 29 Bible study book marks that provide outlines for sharing the Adventist Church's fundamental beliefs, customised for the World Changers Bible.

The launch of the Bible is a key part of the strategy of the SPD Youth congress. "We are not just giving out Bibles," Dr Kross explained. "It is given with a commitment to change the world. It is part of a strategy. As great



Participants excited to receive their World Changers Bible.

as this project has been, young people actively sharing their faith with their friends is more important to me than the Bibles."

"These Bibles will give young people the opportunity to do what we always talk about," added Litiana Turner, associate SPD Youth director. "This is about the Church giving ownership to these young people of the tools to share their faith."

Dr Kross and Mrs Turner will be travelling through the South Pacific for further launches of the World Changers Bible in coming months. They are also planning for another order of Bibles to use the remaining funds and further donations. —Nathan Brown

## ADRA Australia appoints new CEO

Wahroonga, New South Wales

An Australian, with a wealth of community development and international leadership experience, has been named Chief Executive Officer of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia.

The agency began the new year by appointing Mark Webster to the position recently vacated by Jonathan Duffy, who has taken over leadership of the global ADRA network in Maryland, USA.

"Jonathan has grown and strengthened ADRA Australia in a number of ways during his tenure," said Mr Webster. "My vision is for more life-

changing work to occur in Australia and around the world and for the Adventist Church to continue to grow its voice for and engagement with the issues faced by people struggling with poverty and injustice."

Since 2011 Mr Webster has served as the director of Program Effectiveness and Planning at ADRA Australia, previous to which he held several positions including vice president for Programs at ADRA International. Mr Webster has also worked in the field for 10 years with ADRA's offices in Laos and Nepal.

"I truly believe that as Christians living in the developed world we have a responsibility to extend Christ's ministry of compassion to the poor," said Mr Webster. "It's an exciting challenge to be taking leadership of an organisation that embodies this vision."

ADRA Australia is part of the international ADRA network which has a presence in 126 countries. —Braden Blyde



ADRA Australia CEO, Mark Webster.



## RECORD increases longevity (maybe)

James Standish

I've been poring over the RECORD research report and the data is impressive. If a young person starts reading RECORD before they turn 15 years old, they are 2.73 times more likely to remain in the Church when they are in their 20's. Surprised? I certainly am. But maybe even more remarkable, if RECORDs are distributed to homes in the vicinity of an evangelistic campaign, attendance at that campaign—controlling for all other variables—increases by 16.8 per cent! If that were not enough, regular reading of the RECORD increases average brain activity more than solving 1.54 Rubik cubes (slightly less if you are colour blind).

OK, so I'm making that all up. But am I that more of an exaggerator, embellisher or tall tale teller than your average fundraiser? If I combined all the astonishing stories I've heard over the years by people raising money, the world would have been evangelised 100 times over by now, all the sick would be healed and the broken-hearted made whole.

To be honest, I'm a bit of an amateur when it comes to telling the gigantic, amazing, miraculous, "show me your money" stories. If you want to solve everything and be superlatively blessed in the process, call in the leader of a ministry. At their end of their spiels, you'll be wondering why on earth you ever gave a cent to anyone else!

My favourite is the fundraising appeal that starts with: "I never ask for money..." followed by all the things the fundraiser wants money for. I suppose it must work, as I've heard it's been used to great effect for years.

I'm always interested to see how fundraisers operate during the divine service. Obviously the speaker can't commandeer the offering. And it wouldn't seem right to stand at the door shaking hands with one hand and holding a collection bag in the other. And, of course, you can't sell products on Sabbath (if you could, what would the Saturday night meeting/concert be for?). But there are ways around this apparent impediment to Sabbath morning fundraising.

How?

One speaker I heard recently went to great lengths to advertise a book about himself. He stated at the start of

his sermon what "retail price" he wanted for the book, and then said the books would be available for *free* after the service. But, he continued, if people saw it in their hearts, they might donate something when they take their *free* book. And then he repeated his "retail price". Some might say a rose by any other name. But technically, he wasn't advertising a product for sale on Sabbath, and technically all those who lined up to buy the book were really just giving a donation of the retail price in return for a *free* book. So clever, even a Sadducee would blush.

Well, I'm not going to tell you any far out stories or make any over-the-moon promises. I don't have any clever theological work-arounds and I won't pretend we aren't asking for your support. This week's offering is for the RECORD ministry. Your gift keeps this fine magazine coming your way; it supports InFocus news on TV and the web; it makes Adventist News, that plays in many churches on Sabbath, possible; and it supports the innovative work we are doing to share the Adventist faith on the web. That and quite a few other things (see p 7). If you –

- find a sense of community in the faces of the young Adventists featured in the magazine you're holding (p 12);
- read through Noticeboard and feel joy for those recently married and a sense of communal grieving for those we have lost (p 21);
- are inspired by Teariki's story (p 8);
- are spiritually and intellectually stimulated by Arthur Patrick's article on William Miller's intriguing hermeneutic (p 14);
- Even if you simply love to hate the occasional piece that rubs you the wrong way—and in critiquing the piece, you clarify and sharpen your perspective (Letters p 18) – then this is a chance to pitch in to keep this very special ministry going. I don't want to overstate the benefits of the RECORD, but a recent study did find an impressive correlation between the community that reads RECORD and longevity. I'm not saying RECORD was primarily responsible for longevity, but you'd have to imagine it might be!

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## Kick in the pants

Linden Chuang

I've been to a lot of weddings lately. As a friend, it's great. I get a kick out of seeing the joy and elation on the faces of people I love. But as a single man, it's not so great, as I'm usually on the receiving end of a few kicks in the pants:

*"So, when's it going to be your turn? When are you getting married?"*

I don't mind the questions. Counting the number of "kicks" I receive on a wedding day is fun (the record is currently eight) and trying to think up some witty responses on the fly can also be entertaining. The issue is in the notion behind the questions—the idea that if you're past your mid-20s and single, you're doing something wrong.

*"What's wrong with him, why doesn't he have a girlfriend? What about her, she's not getting any younger?"*

Really? Is the concept of being a single adult so unacceptable? It's ridiculous that people are being reprovved—often behind their backs—because they are single. The fact such criticisms come from family, friends and church members is even more disconcerting.

This is not a rant against those who are married (or those who are in a relationship). God's original plan included marriage, with Adam given Eve because it wasn't good for him to be alone (Genesis 2:18). How far would

God's chosen people have gotten if Isaac had decided to live out his days alone?

But the idea that marriage is the "be-all and end-all" needs to change. While there is a biblical basis for getting married, there is also one for staying single.

Jesus acknowledged those who choose to remain single for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:12). Paul, a single man himself (1 Corinthians 7:7-8), also recognised the benefits of going through life solo: "I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife" (1 Corinthians 7:32-33; also read verses 29-31 and 34-40).

To hasten the coming of Christ, we need single men and women dedicated to the work of the Lord. That's not to say every single person should give up the idea of getting married. Hope much, but force little. "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'" (Jeremiah 29:11).

That, to me, sounds like an encouraging pat on the shoulder. Not a kick in the pants.

*Linden Chuang is editorial assistant of RECORD.*

## R INSIGHT

### The challenge of changing the world

Those who had the privilege of attending the World Changers Youth Congress in Brisbane have enjoyed one of the most revitalising, vision-casting events that we have ever conducted in the South Pacific Division. There was energy, enthusiasm, commitment, determination, fun, and adventure. Young people from right across the Division prayed, worshipped, ate and played together. The speakers were excellent. The prayer times and group sessions were invigorating. With Bibles and study guides in hand, people have returned to their home churches ready to live and act to make disciples for Jesus and further establish the kingdom of God.

But now the challenge! Surprise! It is not for the young people. They are ready to go. The challenge is for the rest of us: the church boards, church officers, pastors, conference and mission administrators . . . everyone. We must do everything we can to make it possible for those who have been motivated to share their faith and actually get involved in disciple-making. Invest in them. Encourage and equip them. Support them. Get involved with them. Catch their enthusiasm and commitment and see what great things God can do with us as we work together. After all there is much more to changing the world than a few days of inspiration at a great congress!!

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





### Cash only

Italy's central bank has failed to renew a contract for the Vatican's electronic payment services, apparently over concerns that the Vatican's financial controls lack transparency and are inadequate to prevent money laundering. The Vatican says it's in negotiations and anticipates normal service will be resumed soon. —Reuters



### Controversial

After last year's policy changes in some North American regions, the first female Adventist pastor has been fully ordained in Simi Valley, California. Participating in the ordination of Pastor Jan White were church leaders from union conferences that have moved independently on women's ordination. The world church may not recognise the ordination. —Simi Valley Adventist Church



### Under pressure

North Korea is listed in the World Watch List as the country where it's most difficult to be a Christian. Open Doors says conditions have marginally improved for believers in China, Vietnam and Laos. But persecution has increased in Africa and Arab Spring countries, where Islamic extremism is on the rise. —Open Doors



### Historic Inquiry

The Catholic Church is among community groups welcoming the Australian Government's announcements of how the Royal Commission into child sex abuse will be conducted. The panel of six will have broad powers to investigate incidents of child abuse and how they were dealt with by churches or other organisations. —ABC



### Good start

Seventh-day Adventists around the world have kicked off 2013 with a united push for spiritual renewal through Ten Days of Prayer. Following the apostles' example of earnest prayer before the day of Pentecost, the Ten Days of Prayer, 9-19 January, were focused on pleading for the promise of the Holy Spirit. —tendaysofprayer.org



### Misquoted

Pastor Blasius Ruguri, president of the Adventist Church in Eastern and Central Africa, says a Ugandan newspaper that quoted him as supporting heavy-handed anti-homosexual laws, was incorrect. Ruguri said his comments were only a general expression of disapproval of homosexuality. The Adventist Church does not support the law. —Adventist News Network

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**201,586** — RECORD website page views <record.net.au>

**98,390** — visitors to the RECORD website in 2012—can we break 100,000 this year?

**38,800** — plays of InFocus videos online this year—this is in addition to viewers who watch globally on HopeChannel and its associated stations, and across Australia on the Australian Christian Channel (FoxTel)

**10,335** — increase in the number of people accessing the RECORD website in 2012 over 2011

**1632** — people receiving weekly RECORD E-news that was re-launched in 2012

**1080** — approximate number of items in RECORD Noticeboard ranging from marriages to obituaries, job postings to classified ads, sent to us from all over the SPD

**1046** — approximate annualised number of news, views and video items we post on <record.net.au> at our current rate

**490** — news stories carried on Record InFocus in 2012

**364** — individual segments filmed for InFocus during the year

**153** — authors who wrote for RECORD in 2012

**57** — countries reported on in RECORD in 2012

**52** — half hour InFocus TV shows, described as the “most entertaining show on Hope Channel”, packed to the gills with inspiration, information, and a good dose of levity to help the medicine go down

**26** — RECORD magazines, with everything from frontline mission reports to regular news on every one of our major institutions and endeavours; from spiritually rich musings to thought provoking analysis. Plus, if that isn't enough, history, cartoons, opinions, kids stuff, recipes, medical info, advertisements and notices, and, now for your reading pleasure, a full fledged editorial spread with three editorialesque pieces per issue—at no extra cost

**13** — conferences/missions in the SPD visited by members of the communication team in 2012

**13** — Record InDepth half hour interview shows featuring SPD leaders

**5** — on location shoots for Record InFocus (Washington DC, New York City, Vanuatu, Central Australia and, wait for it, Cooranbong!)

**4** — young Adventists who had the opportunity to intern or do work experience with the Communication team in 2012

**3** — languages we are aware InFocus is currently broadcast in (English, French & Arabic)

**3** — video special reports; SPD Video Report—filmed on location at Sunnyside, Fiji, Tonga and inner-city Sydney; SPD mission offering video report—filmed on location in Fiji, Tonga and Waitara, and assistance with the GC Mission video report filmed in PNG and Vanuatu

**2** — website redesigns—the RECORD website substantially redesigned with roughly six times the content, and new features that make articles and video easy to share on social media, and a complete redesign of the SPD website that is set for beta testing in January 2013

**1** — app launched—the RECORD Android app 2.0

**1** — new team member arrival

**1** — Tongan ta'ovala worn by communications team member

**0** — communication team member departures—and that's what we're hoping for in 2013 as well!



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## R WORLD CHANGERS

### Teariki Engu

My family is from the Cook Islands, but I was born and grew up in NZ. My mum was a strong Adventist, but my dad was into drinking and carousing. It was a confusing environment. I assumed that all families were like mine, until I went to church friends' homes and realised there was a totally different way of living.

I'm the youngest of five siblings. When I was nine my Dad left us. I was devastated. He left our family in a real mess. We were economically deprived and my sister was suffering from cancer. My mum had to handle all of that, while my dad was off chasing after his own version of happiness. Soon all my siblings followed and I was the only one at home. But that gave a sort of clarity to my worldview. I saw two different options and I decided that I didn't want to live anything like my dad.

But that isn't to say I was living a perfect life by any means. During my youth I hurt a few people, and it really weighed on me. There was this one girl I had hurt. I was already married myself and in some ways had moved on. But what I'd done really weighed on me. I didn't know what to do—these things can be really difficult to deal with many years on. So I asked God that if it was His will that I make it right with her, that she would contact me. I felt pretty safe.

That evening when I came home from work, guess who was sitting in my living room? That girl. I was so surprised. Never ask God to do something unless you are ready for Him to do it! We sat down and I told her what I'd done was really weighing on me. I told her just how sorry I was. She was so gracious. She said, "I forgave you years ago." It was a very powerful moment. After that I felt much closer to God and my spiritual life has become much deeper.

Two years ago, something exceptional happened. My dad gave his life to God and was baptised. You'd think I'd be happy, but I wasn't. I felt a lot of deep pain from my childhood and resentment over what he'd done. He was exactly who I never wanted to be. And now, what? He'd get baptised and everything would be OK? Well, it wasn't OK with me.

It took me some time to realise the power of forgiveness. I had been forgiven so much myself. Who was I not to give forgiveness? What God has given me, I now have to give others—even the person who was in a unique position to hurt me more than anyone else.

Today I'm a teacher at our Adventist high school in Auckland. I love the opportunity to touch the life of kids with the power of the God.



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ONE CHAPTER A DAY**

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5 - 1 Kgs. 4	9 - 1 Kgs. 8	13 - 1 Kgs. 12	





## Heaven's kitchen

Photos: Tony Knight

*If you want a successful camp, you'd better have good food. The man at the top of the food chain at the World Changers Youth Congress at Watson Park, Queensland, was Josh Radford. Josh is second-in-charge at the Avondale College cafeteria. RECORD caught up with Josh in the Watson Park kitchens.*

I work at Avondale where we serve 380 people per meal. I love a challenge, and I knew I could do a bigger event. Organiser Nick Cross said this congress was going to be huge, so I said "count me in!"

I started planning the menu in August. It took about 13 hours to plan each day's meals. Much of the work involved staying within the budget. Our budget was \$A5 per meal, including hiring equipment and wages. If you want a challenge, try feeding hungry young people on \$A5!

We had to cost out everything from bags, plastic cutlery, just everything. It took months. On Boxing Day five semi-trailers arrived with the food—this is cooking on an industrial scale! What made it particularly complex was the numbers of attendees were estimates. So as we got closer, we had to adjust to the confirmed numbers. As you know, every change in volume changes prices, so it was full on. My training is in culinary arts—but this was all about the math!

We've served approximately 27,750 meals during the congress. We had three chefs and a number of helpers. The volunteers were terrific. My team has been working 14–16 hours a day for ten days. Some of us have been doing 18–20 hours a day. At this stage what we crave the

most is sleep!

I tried to vary it up for the different tastes. So we did a few curries. We had both hot and cold breakfast. We used a lot of vegies—and that is something that cuts across the cultures pretty well.

We had a freezer and two cool rooms conk out on us this week. So we've had to be as flexible as we can. At one point, I prayed "Lord, we're in trouble, we need some more help!" Next thing, Alan Bates dropped by and asked if we needed a bit of assistance. "Yeah, we're drowning," I said. Next thing, he showed up with 35 volunteers. It was a real godsend. That's the power of teamwork under the grace of God.

Every morning our kitchen crew has met and prayed. It's amazing to see how God has worked out things when we most needed it. I am so thankful to Timmy, Steph and my gang for pulling together—and I want to thank our spouses for being patient as we've worked these incredible hours over a period when most Aussies are holidaying. I feel physically and emotionally drained. But, strangely enough, I feel spiritually renewed. ↻



Volunteers helped put together meals.

## South Pacific Youth congress

## challenge

world  
changers

**Y**oung people from across the South Pacific were commissioned to share their faith and change their world on the final night of the six-day youth congress. More than 1100 young people responded to an appeal to commit, recommit and re-focus their lives on Jesus and His mission on the Friday evening, followed by a day of worship, commissioning and celebration.

"The commissioning was a highlight, engaging all our leaders and young people in the world-changing mission of the church," says Dr Nick Kross, director of Youth ministry for the South Pacific Division. "So many young people have expressed their gratitude and delight with what they experienced and connected with here—and that has been gratifying for us as leaders."

The octennial Youth congress attracted young people and leaders from 14 nations to Watson Park Convention Centre, north of Brisbane, Qld, from January 1 to 6. The congress saw delegates spend time in worship programs, workshops, service activities, social outings and worship.

The main congress speaker Pastor Sam Leonor, chaplain of La Sierra University, California, challenged congress participants to be not only disciples of Jesus but also apostles. "I hope these young people will see their local context as a place God has put them to do something big," he says. "But I also hope they will see that when we worship together and act together, we can change the world."

"This event has been a great 'slice' of the church," he adds. "We've had so many different kinds of people and cultures represented and I think there's something holy about that. It's good for these young people to look around and see what the church really is. Living together for a week as the church has got to be empowering."

The 1500 congress participants worked together again on the last afternoon of congress—writing out the entire Bible by hand in approximately two hours, with the pages to be bound as a memorial to the congress. "People really got into it and it was a great achievement of this congress," reports Dr Kross. "We have had a focus on the Word of

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God and this was a way to highlight this and get our people engaged."

Together with the commissioning, he says the march against hunger was another of his congress highlights. Following a sermon based on Amos 5:24 from Joanna Darby, this event saw a flood of blue-shirted congress participants in Brisbane's inner city, marching from King George Square to the City Botanic Gardens on January 3 to call for more action to combat hunger in our world.

"It's significant that we can get this number of young people to speak up on something more than themselves," says Dr Kross. "This is about thinking like a contributor and a servant of others, rather than a mere consumer."

Delegates also had a "poverty lunch" to identify with the hungry and raised \$A10,000 for the work of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to fight hunger by foregoing their usual meal. They presented this cheque to Jonathan Duffy, president of ADRA International, together with a photo petition affirming the work of ADRA.

A statement issued by congress participants recognised the reality of hunger in our world, even in a city such as Brisbane. They thanked agencies that work to care for those in need and called for others to join in the continuing and urgent work to end world hunger.

"Adventism has lost its voice publicly and we need to be prepared to re-enter the public arena to speak up about things we believe in," says Dr Kross. "Micah 6:8 sums up what God wants us to do and this was one way to put this verse into action."

"It's exciting to see young people really want to make a difference in the world and I was encouraged by the genuineness of their desire," adds Mr Duffy. "We have not understood the power of the voice we can have in the world.

Actually advocating for change is a powerful thing. But this was also a significant demonstration of what can be done. By making a small change such as sacrificing one meal, a significant difference is made when we work together."

Groups of young people from the congress also worked in the northern suburbs of Brisbane to collect more than 3500 cans of food for use in ADRA services across the city. "This is a critical time of year for these agencies who are working to help individuals and families doing it tough," says Matthew Siliga, who coordinated the food collection. "So as visitors to this city, we hope to help feed thousands of Brisbane residents by collecting generous donations from the local community and delivering to these local agencies."

With a police escort, the march by congress participants stopped city traffic and sparked many conversations with passers-by about who this group was and what they were doing. "At one stage, I stopped and looked back at our marchers and seeing the line that stretched almost a kilometre back with banners and all those young people, I felt a sense of pride in our young people and what they were doing," says Dr Kross.

Despite a successful event and much positive response, he says that many of the important achievements of the congress are yet to be seen. "It is hard to measure or explain inspiration, so the real outcome of this congress is not necessarily what we see here but will be seen in the small and great things that will happen in places across the South Pacific," he says. "We have empowered these young people and we will continue to support them in their involvement in the mission of the church in our world." ➤

*Nathan Brown is book editor for the Adventist Media Network and reported from the World Changers Youth Congress.*





**Allan Siarvita**  
*New Britain, PNG*

I've really enjoyed this experience, particularly our worship together. The sermons were inspiring. I've learned how to change the world—that is very powerful.



**Delker Samuel**  
*West New Britain, PNG*

The march against hunger was very impressive. I hadn't worked on the issue of world hunger before, but seeing how the people responded was wonderful. I really like the idea of being an agent for change in our world. I want to implement the things I've learned at the congress when I get home.



**Rahel Gunia**  
*Gippsland, VIC*

The worship has been really good. I've enjoyed the atmosphere in total. Being able to be part of a march raising such an important issue was great.



**Matt Nicholas**  
*Gosford, NSW*

The night cafes were great because we got to mix and match in a way we don't usually. I met a lot of youth from all over our region. I learned we have different worship methods in different areas of the Pacific, but we all have the same focus.



**Ruby Tiavolo**  
*Christchurch, NZ*

I see being a World Changer as going back to my local church and encouraging my peers to give their lives to Christ. The message from Pastor Eddie really resonated with me. Whatever talents we have, we have to dedicate them totally to God.



**Lusi Sione**  
*Christchurch, NZ*

The fellowship and the seminars were great. I want to make a change not just in my personal life, but a positive change for our Christchurch community.



**Leighton Penman**  
*Kellyville, NSW*

I really liked Eddie's "throw it down" talk where he challenged us to give God whatever we have and He will change it for His glory. The music has been uplifting—especially when we've all been singing *a capella* together. It is really moving.



**Adrian Peterson**  
*Kellyville, NSW*

It has been a real joy to bring a busload from our region up here. I think giving us something practical to do while we were at congress, even if it's in the short term, gave us confidence to do something life changing for someone else in the future. That is why the World Changer march was so important.



**Rankin Kalaki**  
*West New Britain, PNG*

I enjoyed meeting other young people from across our region. I loved the food! I learned a lot about how to be a genuine, active disciple in the plenary sessions.



**Benjamin Skand**  
*New Britain New Ireland, PNG*

The highlight for me was meeting new friends from other countries and sharing our faith together. I learned how they worship and share God's love in their communities, and had the opportunity to tell them how I do it at home. I loved Pastor Eddie Hypolite. He should come to PNG and run an evangelistic series there!



**Mary-Jean Tolitule**  
*Hoxton Park, NSW*

The World Changers congress was much better than I expected. I found Pastor Sam's stories very touching. I'm a visual person so his visual illustrations took it to another level for me. I wish we had congresses like this more frequently. Meeting youth was awesome. It got me out of my comfort zone—in a good way.



**Kristin Biag**  
*Hoxton Park, NSW*

This has been an amazing opportunity to be surrounded by people who have a passion for God. Because people are so friendly I could talk to anyone about anything. It's an opportunity I am glad I didn't miss. The atmosphere was a little like I imagine Heaven will be!



## Bean ageing

Ageing is one thing we have no control over and is demonstrated in many ways, including chronic degenerative diseases like cancer, cataracts and heart disease. Many of these diseases cannot be seen physically, but there is one aspect of ageing that is there for all to see—wrinkles.

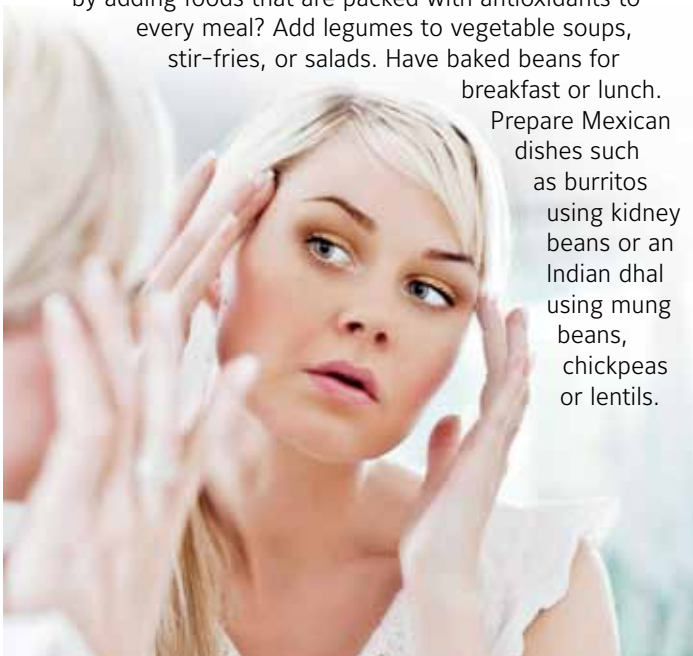
Like many other aspects of ageing, wrinkles are associated with increased levels of free radicals. These are damage-causing elements that can occur naturally through the environment or through exposure to environmental toxins like cigarette smoke. Free radicals destroy collagen and elastin (the fibres that support skin structure), causing wrinkles and other signs of ageing. The antioxidants Vitamin A, C and E, along with carotenoids and zinc, are believed to hinder free-radical damage to our skin as well as protect against UV light damage (sunburn).

Beans have been shown to have high levels of antioxidants, which are thought to fight the more degenerative diseases of ageing, with black beans having more than other coloured beans (it is thought that the bean colour is linked to the level of antioxidants found in the bean). Soy beans and other soy foods are a great way to get a good source of isoflavones. Isoflavones have been found to have an anti-ageing effect on the skin and may help to protect against UV damage and may improve the elasticity of skin. However, more research is required to determine the effectiveness of isoflavones in skin health.

So what better way to improve your health and skin than by adding foods that are packed with antioxidants to every meal? Add legumes to vegetable soups, stir-fries, or salads. Have baked beans for

breakfast or lunch.

Prepare Mexican dishes such as burritos using kidney beans or an Indian dhal using mung beans, chickpeas or lentils.



### Creek-style beans with rocket

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: 20 minutes Serves: 6.

**TIP:**  
Use Turkish bread as an alternative to garlic bread. Warm in the oven until just crisp.

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| <b>1 tbsp olive oil</b>   | <b>chopped</b>   |
| <b>1 large red onion, halved and cut into thin wedges</b>         | <b>2 x 400g cans butter beans, rinsed and drained</b>          |
| <b>3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced</b>                             | <b>50g wild rocket leaves</b>                                  |
| <b>690g jar tomato passata sauce or tinned crushed tomatoes</b>   | <b>1/3 cup finely grated pecorino cheese, parmesan or feta</b> |
| <b>4 vine-ripened tomatoes, peeled, chopped and seeds removed</b> | <b>GRILLED GARLIC BREAD</b>                                    |
| <b>1/2 cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped</b>                         | <b>6 slices crusty wholegrain bread</b>                        |
| <b>2 tbsp oregano leaves,</b>                                     | <b>Olive oil</b>   |
|   | <b>2 garlic cloves, halved lengthways</b>                      |

1. Heat oil in a large deep saucepan over medium heat. Add red onion and garlic. Cook, stirring often, for 3-4 minutes until tender. Add tomato sauce, tomatoes, beans and herbs. Cover and gently bring to the boil. Season to taste.
2. Just before serving toss through rocket. Sprinkle with cheese. Serve with grilled garlic bread, or with rice or risoni.

NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE: Kilojoules 1011 kJ; Calories 241 cal; Protein 10 g; Total fat 11 g; Saturated fat 2 g; Carbohydrate 26 g; Sodium 440 mg; Potassium 815 mg; Calcium 157 mg; Iron 2.3 mg; Fibre 5.7 g.

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# Fresh light on **William Miller**

by Dr Arthur Patrick

**E**XACTLY 40 YEARS AGO I WAS STANDING IN THE library of Aurora College (Illinois, USA) with Dr Moses Crouse, then the leading historian of the Advent Christian Church. We were discussing the original letters and other handwritten documents of William Miller, the books and journals that comprised what was once called the Second Advent Library, and related historical treasures—most of them available at no other place on earth. With a wave of his hand that caused his waist-length beard to swing in a half circle toward heavily-laden shelves, Dr Crouse said: “You Adventists should have all these things. They mean so much more to you than they do to us.”

So much has changed since 1972. Back then, with the savings of 12 years in ministerial service almost spent on study at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, I travelled from Andrews University and stayed close to the institution that is now Aurora University to read what Miller wrote, in his own handwriting, on now faded and brittle paper. Since then a shelf of excellent books based on primary historical sources has been published, including *The Rise of Adventism* (1974), *The Disappointed* (1987), *The Miller Heresy* (1987), *Millennial Fever* (1993) and *William Miller and the End of the World* (2008).

When, early in the 21st century, I heard that Jeff Crocombe was writing a doctoral thesis at The University of Queensland on how Miller interpreted the Bible, I was concerned.

Not that the subject is unimportant. Crocombe is right in claiming: “The Seventh-day Adventist Church is now a 17 million strong denomination with a worldwide presence that reads and interprets the Bible using an approach that owes a great deal to Miller’s hermeneutic [the method Miller used to interpret the Bible].”

But I was looking at the problems Crocombe would face. Gary Land aptly observes that “Millerite historiography has basically passed through three periods”: “memoirs by the movement’s participants who sought to defend their beliefs and actions”; “a debate between detractors and apologists”; and “an academic interest” that better defines the movement in the context of American culture.<sup>1</sup> In this era of academic interest, I wondered if Crocombe could offer a study that would stand tall in the scholarly community and, at the same time, be significant for Adventists. Was it possible to focus on the rather well-known subject of William Miller’s hermeneutics in a way that would justify a substantial financial commitment and long years of intense study? Could the job be done by an Australian living in Australia and then South Africa, enrolled in a secular university? In short, was the outcome likely to justify the enormous effort?

I have now read Jeff Crocombe’s 238-page thesis entitled “‘Feast of Reason’: The Roots of William Miller’s Biblical Interpretation and its influence on the Seventh-day Adventist Church” that The University of Queensland ac-

cepted last year. After ministry in Australia and teaching at Helderberg College in South Africa, Dr Crocombe, loaded with his newly-minted degree, transferred to Papua New Guinea to teach at Pacific Adventist University in 2012.

So, what is the content of this sterling work? The first chapter offers a history of William Miller, the Millerites, and the Adventists. Chapter two delves into Miller’s hermeneutics, unpacking his historicism, his “Fourteen Rules” for Bible study (see page 17), his biblicism and his proof-texting. Although such ground is already well-ploughed, Crocombe’s ploughshare digs deeply; his results are always fresh. Of greater interest to this reviewer is chapter three’s investigation of Miller’s culture and philosophy. The influence of Christian revivalism, rationalism, deism, “Common Sense” philosophy, bibliolatry, biblical democratisation and Freemasonry combined to make a Miller that most Adventists barely know. Crocombe the detective has traced the clues that lead us to Miller’s sources, the libraries and the specific books that he consulted. Finally, chapter five details Miller’s influence on Adventist hermeneutics in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Most of us have come to terms with the reality that the much-loved founder of our passion about the Second Advent was an eternal hell-believing, Sunday-keeping Baptist, willing to remain silent on truths we regard as crucial (like baptism), lest they draw attention away from “the Advent near”. Some of us have been surprised to also learn that Miller was a cigar-smoking, hog-raising farmer who was a significant figure in Freemasonry—which was popular among Protestants in America at the time. We cherish Miller for what he achieved under the guidance of the Holy Spirit long before health reform began to stir us, recognising that without him there would be no such movement as Sabbatarian Adventism.

Thanks to Jeff Crocombe we can rejoice anew for insights into “the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history” (to quote Ellen White’s memorable words). William Miller is a profoundly important founder for so much of what we cherish, even though we need to be duly warned by the far-reaching principle Ellen White gives us in *Testimonies I*, 262: “Greater light shines upon us than shone upon our fathers. We cannot be accepted or honoured of God in rendering the same service, or doing the same works, that our fathers did. In order to be accepted and blessed of God as they were, we must imitate their faithfulness and zeal—improve our light as they improved theirs—and do as they would have done had they lived in our day.”

The William Miller that Jeff Crocombe depicts in such detail makes this an arresting call for every Adventist. ✎

1. Gary Land, “The Historians and the Millerites: An Historiographical Essay,” in Everett N. Dick, *William Miller and the Advent Crisis 1831-1844* (Berrien Springs, Mich.: Andrews University Press, 1994), xiii.

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When, in mid 2012, the Logan Reserve church, Queensland, advertised a Prophetic Code seminar, a group of interested hearing-impaired and profoundly deaf people contacted the church to ask if, should they attend, someone was available to sign for them.

"Fortunately, on this occasion, a church member was able to help out," reports Mark Davey. "But when the seminar moved into the church, we decided to trial a professional Auslan (Australian Sign Language) interpreter. This was so successful the interpreter was kept for the rest of the seminar. At the conclusion of the series, some of the deaf expressed interest in attending church, and so we decided to continue with the professional interpreter to the end of 2012. We also have a deaf Sabbath School class."

For the deaf, says Mr Davey, English is their second language. "They can see people communicating, but they feel isolated from them. The feeling at Logan Reserve is that if the deaf don't wish to be deaf to the message, we shouldn't be deaf to their message."

Logan Reserve church has now extended the interpretation service to the end of 2013, with six church members learning conversational Auslan.

Interpreters, who command rates of up to \$A100 an hour, came at a discount for Logan Reserve. But apparently they're also taking an interest in what they're interpreting. "The regular guy is getting our message pretty full on," says Mr Davey, "including a baptism. So we consider the interpreter a bonus! Our regular interpreter has shown some interest, but I'm not sure how serious."

"There is a real need for interpreters for the deaf, as their availability extends an invitation to them to join a congregation or attend an outreach meeting or seminar," says Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired ministry manager Lee Dunstan, who is currently compiling a register of interpreters (see Noticeboard, page 22), and is inviting anyone with skill in the area to contact him. "I'd like to see at least one church in every conference cater to the deaf and hearing impaired." —RECORD staff



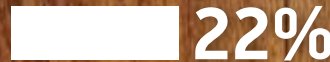
## OPINION POLL RESULT

### How should we celebrate Christmas?

Ignore it, it's pagan



Fully embrace every aspect



Use it to witness



Focus on charity





# The Miller method



William Miller's principles for biblical interpretation were published in the Millerite *Signs of the Times*, which predates the Seventh-day Adventist magazine of the same name. We republish the principles below. Miller believed the application of these principles to any passage would result in a correct understanding. The principles provide an informative perspective on how to interpret the Bible. Are there principles you would alter, subtract or add?

I agreed to furnish you with my rules by which to read and understand the Bible.

1. Every word must have its proper bearing on the subject presented in the Bible.
2. All scripture is necessary, and may be understood by a diligent application and study.
3. Nothing revealed in the scriptures can or will be hid from those who ask in faith, not wavering.
4. To understand doctrine, bring all the scriptures together on the subject you wish to know, then let every word have its theory without a contradiction, you cannot be in an error.
5. Scripture must be its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself. If I depend on a teacher to expound it to me, and he should guess at its meaning, or desire to have it so on account of his sectarian creed, or to be thought wise, gives me his wisdom, then his guessing, desire, creed, or wisdom is my rule, not the Bible.
6. God has revealed things to come by visions, in figures and parables, and in this way the same things are often-time revealed again and again, by different visions, or in different figures, and parables. If you wish to understand them, you must combine them all in one.
7. Visions are always mentioned as such.
8. Figures always have a figurative meaning, and are used much in prophecy, to represent future things, times and events, such as mountains meaning governments, beasts meaning kingdoms.
9. Parables are used as comparisons to illustrate subjects, and must be explained in the same way as figures

by the subject and the Bible.

10. Figures sometimes have two or more different significations, as day is used in a figurative sense to represent three different periods of time.

- a. Indefinite
- b. Definite, a day for a year
- c. Day for a thousand years.

If you put on the right construction it will harmonise with the Bible and make good sense, otherwise it will not.

11. How to know when a word is used figuratively. If it makes good sense as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, then it must be understood literally; if not, figuratively.

12. To learn the true meaning of figures, trace your figurative word through the Bible, and where you find it explained, put it on your figure, and if it makes good sense you need look no further; if not, look again.

13. To know whether we have the true historical event for the fulfillment of a prophecy. If you find every word of the prophecy (after the figures are understood) is literally fulfilled, then you must look for another event or wait its future development. For God takes care that history and prophecy doth agree, so that the true believing children of God may never be ashamed.

14. The most important rule of all is that you must have faith. It must be a faith that requires sacrifice, and if tried, would give up the dearest object on earth, the world and all its desires, character, living, occupation, friends, home, comforts, and worldly honours. If any of these should hinder our believing any part of God's Word, it would show our faith to be vain. Nor can we ever believe so long as one of these motives lays lurking in our hearts. We must believe that God will never forfeit His Word. And we can have confidence that He that takes notice of the sparrow, and numbers the hairs of our head, will guard the translation of His own Word, and throw a barrier around it, and prevent those who sincerely trust in God, and put implicit confidence in His Word, from erring far from the truth, though they may not understand Hebrew or Greek.

LETTERS

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**JOB WELL DONE**

Angela Saunders, NSW

I would like to congratulate Pastor Nick Kross and his team for an excellent World Changers Youth Congress in Brisbane.

As staff, my husband Pastor Bob Saunders and I were privileged to attend and see the refreshing enthusiasm and spirituality of our youth from all over the South Pacific—1800 of them. Outstanding preachers such as Sam Leonor, Eddie Hypolite and Hyveth Williams and Spirit led worship leaders and musicians brought us into the presence of God over the six days. I was reminded of the Division Youth congresses of 1956 and 1964 in Nunawading organised by my precious Dad, Pastor Ron Vince, and his teams. The old Australasian Record accounts of those events talk of large numbers (1800) attending from around the South Pacific. What a thrill to see God still working all these years later through the lives of our Youth leaders still passionate about Youth ministry.

**ENERGETIC FIRE**

Sally Fraser, Qld

In response to the letter "Experience Not Everything" (December 15), I would like to say how encouraged I am that the writer has found that there is a strong focus on experiential religion in the church.

The reason so many Christians trust their Saviour and live a life in response and gratitude to what the Godhead has done for them, is exactly because they tangibly feel the love, warmth, comfort and balm of the Holy Spirit ministering to their broken hearts and emotional pain.

When Jesus says to us, "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me," (Rev 3.20) He is inviting us to experience His presence, companionship, friendship, love, forgiveness and healing. It is not a phantom knocking on the door, not an illusion, but our emotionally healthy Creator who wishes to connect with every aspect of our being.

Will we know when Jesus is within us? You bet. It's the best feeling ever.

Opening the door of a deeply wounded heart is a truly terrifying experience for many. In my experience mustering up the courage to let Jesus come in, hold me in His arms and comfort me and tell me, "It's going to be all right, I understand your pain. I will never leave you or forsake you," was the best decision I ever made.

Christianity is about how we feel: restored, forgiven, healed, loved by a trustworthy God.

**CHRISTMAS CHEER**

Kristine Stahl, SA

I heartily agree with your editorial (December 15, 2012), especially your comment, "Christmas gives us all a chance to recalibrate our faith back to its balanced core."

In my opinion, although we know the true origins of Christmas, it is nevertheless a beautiful time and giving to the less fortunate is a great way to celebrate. I believe rather than argue about the rights and wrongs of Christmas, we need to be more prudent and take advantage of the season to live the gospel for the people in need. They are more ready to listen to a message

we practise. While we may not believe in Christmas, there are countless people out there whose misfortunes cause them to miss out on all the joys of the season and the message of Jesus is discredited if we do not help them.

Braden Blyde's article on page 13 was also excellent. He is right. I had never thought of Jesus, the King of the Universe, as being homeless. He really got down to grassroots level and worked to lift hurting humanity out of the mire of life and give them new life, hope and salvation. Getting out of our comfort zones to help the helpless is what His message is all about. Our Master Himself told us to go out into the highways and byways and invite all who would come to the banquet. ADRA is a fantastic organisation, of which we can all be really proud.

We have a wonderful message and all the advantages to bring this gospel to this dying world.

Thank you for such an excellent magazine as RECORD.

**MISSED OPPORTUNITY**

Michael O'Neill, NSW

It is a little disappointing that Church leaders failed to support the YouTube clip that went viral with new SDA, Angus from *Two and Half Men*.

It appears that we are terrified to be seen as extreme, and when valuable opportunities for exposure drop into our laps, we run for cover. Who are we scared of offending? The TV industry? Give us a break; they are responsible for the 'filth' and anti God shows that saturate the world, and have been weakening the church for decades.

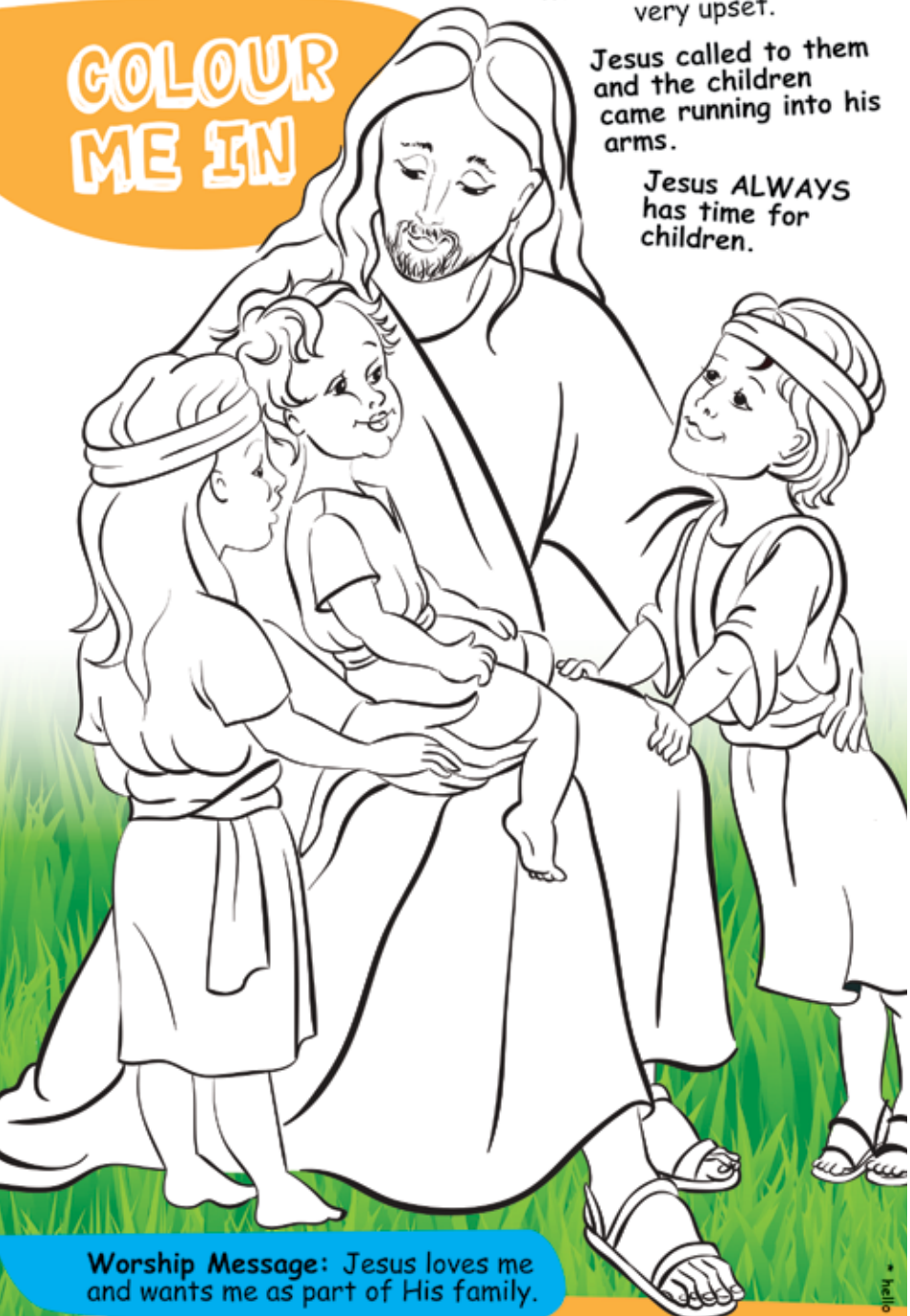


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### 1. Worth the cost

When ordering 2000 T-shirts and singlets, organisers of the World Changers Youth Congress had a choice to make. "We couldn't talk about changing the world without also thinking about the impact what we use makes in the world," said congress director Dr Nick Kross. So in what might be a first for a Church event of this scale, the distinctive blue congress T-shirts were "fair trade", made from certified organic cotton from Etiko Merch. According to Dr Kross, the T-shirts were more expensive but this cost is worth the "world-changing" difference.

### 2. Vision for the future

The World Changers Youth Congress provided a unique opportunity for the technical production team, primarily from the North New South Wales conference. Some 15 projectors and screens were networked to create a dynamic visual backdrop to the nightly worship programs. "An event such as this is an opportunity for our technical team to push their technology and expertise," said production director Moe Ioane-Stiles. "And what they created added something beautiful to our worship of God."



### 3. Live around the world

Living Ministry Media from Adelaide, South Australia, filmed the main congress worship and preaching programs. The volunteer lay ministry also streamed the programs live on the internet to an audience around the world that was estimated to exceed 2000. Responses to the live stream came from New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Poland, England and the United States, as well as around Australia.

### 4. Memories made

While delegates at the 2013 congress wrote out their version of the Bible, a small group of congress staff shared memories of their similar undertaking at the 1980 South Pacific Division youth congress. The 1980 congress was held in Auckland, New Zealand, and involved about 2000 young people from 17 nations.

### 5. Bedding down

Providing bedding and linen for 1500 congress participants was a potentially challenging and costly task. However, congress director and SPD director of Youth ministries, Dr Nick Kross, was able to source recycled bedding from commercial providers, including worn blankets from Qantas, saving significant cost and reducing the environmental impact of the event.



### 6. Roofless chapel

A new bush chapel was constructed and dedicated by participants at the SPD Youth congress at the congress venue, the church-owned Watson Park Convention Centre. The "Watson Park Blitz" was one of the service-focused activity options for congress-goers and the completed chapel was dedicated by the team that built it, together with congress leaders and Watson Park staff, on January 5.

### 7. Mass choir

A mass choir from Papua New Guinea sang on the closing night of the South Pacific Division Youth congress. Of the 1500 congress participants, about 700 were from Papua New Guinea, making this the largest delegation from the SPD's largest national membership.

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## ANNIVERSARY



**Groom.** Phil and Averil Groom celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 19.8.12. More than 30 relatives and friends attended the luncheon held at their daughter Carolyn's home on the Gold Coast, Qld. The occasion was also Phil's 80th birthday. Both sons, David (UK) and Peter, and their families attended. The event was a milestone enjoyed immensely by all.



**Mesaric.** Drago and Anka were married 29.11.1962 in Croatia. They celebrated their golden anniversary with family and friends on 2.12.12. They moved to Australia in 1970, settling in Cooranbong in 1975. They have four children, Sandra, Alison, Carol and John; and eight grandchildren. They are thankful for God's leading in their lives and look forward to many more years together with family and friends.



**Stokes.** Warwick and Miriam (nee Fisher) were married 28.11.1962 at Palmerston North, NZ, by Pastor Frank Stokes. A delightful golden wedding celebration was held at their daughter's home on the Central Coast, NSW with family and friends.



**Whyte.** Marj and Moss Whyte of Trinity Gardens church in Adelaide, SA, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on the 24.12.12. Marj has just turned 90 and Moss is 91. They were married in 1942 at a Baptist Church in Adelaide—just before Moss was sent to serve his country. They have two children (one deceased), three grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Marj, with Moss at her side has been a devoted ADRA collector for many years. They are both faithful, attending members of the Trinity Gardens church. May God continue to bless this wonderful couple.

## WEDDINGS



**Eaton—Oaklands.** Brydon Eaton, son of Paul and Rebecca Eaton (Bickley, WA), and Shana' Oaklands, daughter of Ray and Jacqui Oaklands (Elimbah, Qld), were married 25.11.12 at the Little White Chapel overlooking the Glass House Mountains, Maleny. They met at Avondale where they both studied music and education, and sang with The Promise. They will set up home in Kartha, WA.

*Ray Eaton, Bruce Manners*



**Edwards—Borresen.** Mitchell Jonathan Edwards, son of Zane Edwards and Lydele Thoresen (Canberra, ACT) and Emma Alix Borresen, daughter of Mark and Alison Borresen (Adelaide, SA) were married 28.10.12 in a beautiful grove of trees on Koweo Farm, Hope Forest.

*Stephen Bews*

**House—Evans.** Carl House, son of Murray and Margaret House (Cooranbong, NSW), and Kimberley Evans, daughter of Shirley Evans (Sydney), were married 4.7.12 in Centennial Park, Sydney. Friends and family witnessed a rain shower that left the couple framed by a rainbow. Carl and Kim both work in Sydney and attend Kellyville church.

*Murray House*

**Rice—Loy.** Andrew James Rice, son of Greg and Julie Rice (Brisbane, Qld), and Jennifer Louise Loy, daughter of Jeff (deceased) and Ruth Loy (Ferntree Gully, Vic), were married 3.11.12 at Immerse Winery, in the beautiful Yarra Valley.

*Morrie Krieg*



**Sleight—Long.** Jesse Sleight, son of Pastor Lindsay (deceased) and Gayle Sleight, and Monique Long, daughter of Rodney and Suzanne Long, were married 2.12.12 at Kellyville church, NSW. Jesse and Monique met at Avondale College. Jesse works at Macarthur College and Monique works with International Children's Care.

*Ian Howie, Bill Sleight*

**Tauai—Ailao.** Rico Tauai, son of Epa and Lilia Tauai (Sydney, NSW), and Flora Etta Ailao, daughter of Tofilau and Toalua Ailao (Sydney), were married 29.11.12 at Hubertus Country Club, Luddenham, Sydney. Rico and Flora are settling into their careers and making Sydney their home.

*Asofitu Leatuavao, Ramese Tupe*

## OBITUARIES



**Appleton,** Marjorie Grace (nee Lambert), born 27.9.27 in Brisbane, Qld; died 3.10.12 in Redcliffe Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband, Trevor and son, Allan. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Doug and Lois, Warren and Kathy, Gary and Wendy, and Karen; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and siblings, Hilary Purtle, Betty Edwards, Peter Lambert and David Lambert. Widowed early in life, Marj knew the meaning of hard work and trust in God as she raised five children. She was active in Pathfinders at Brisbane Central Church before moving to Redcliffe Peninsula in retirement. In 2001 she was awarded the Centenary Medal by the Australian Government for services to bowls.

*David Taylor, Mike Brownhill*

**Cleverdon,** Joan born 26.2.1925 in Bexley, NSW; died 9.8.12 at Bethshan Nursing Home. On 9.1.1952 she married Arthur "Clive" Cleverdon in Hurstville. She was predeceased by her children, Beverley and Verlie. She is survived by her husband (Cooranbong); and their children, John and Donna Cleverdon (Cooranbong), June and Rodney Rose (Foster), Narelle and Trevor Hawkins (Chain Valley Bay); 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. All of Joan's life was spent serving the church and her family as a personal assistant at the South NSW and Greater Sydney conference offices as well as Sanitarium in Lewisham.

*Lyndon Schick, Jeff Parker  
Daron Pratt*

**Foots,** Wilma Eva (nee Allum), born 18.1.1917 in Shanghai, China;

## POSITIONS VACANT

■ **2 senior managers: care manager and business manager—Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Ltd,** seeks expressions of interest from suitably qualified and motivated persons to lead an aged care team in South Queensland. Both roles will be part of an exciting redevelopment, expansion of services on the site. Applicants must have a strong commitment to the teachings, values and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in particular, the promotion of wellbeing for staff and residents. **Care Manager:** Duties will include clinical oversight of a residential aged care service including the management of a special care unit, ensuring excellence in care is provided that exceeds government aged care standards, and ensuring that financial and human resource benchmarks set by the corporate office are met. Registration with AHPRA and experience in an Aged Care Management role is essential. **Business Manager:** Provide expert advice, direction and leadership of operational matters of the aged care facility in consultation with the Care Manager. Ensure that systems are in place to enable the facility to function efficiently and effectively within budgetary boundaries and care needs. Assist in establishing operational budgets for the facility redevelopment and ensuring financial milestones in the redevelopment business case are met or exceeded. Relevant tertiary qualifications in Accounting/Business Management and experience at a senior level essential. Expressions of interest listing two referees can be emailed to <headoffice@sdaac.com.au>. Enquiries to Paul Mitchell, CEO, phone (07) 3451 5900. Applications close **25 February, 2013.**

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died 2.12.12 in Gosford Hospital, NSW. On 12.1.1942 she married Jack Rowe who passed away the same year whilst on mission service in Fiji. She then married Mark Foots 5.12.1948. She was predeceased by her husband, Mark in 1985 and her son, Robert in 1995. She is survived by Lynette Gray (Canberra, ACT), Yvonne Chan (Melbourne, Vic), Jennifer Lumsden (Macksville, NSW) and Pam Adams (Terrigal); 17 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. Wilma was a wonderful Christian lady and member of Erina church. She was patient and faithful under suffering.

*Russel Stanley, John Chan*



**Obst,** Vera, born 1946; died 17.11.12 in Redcliffe, Qld. Vera attended Armadale

church, WA over the years and attend missions and prophecy seminars. In late 2012, she moved into a nursing home in Redcliffe, Qld, where I met her and anointed her. She asked to be baptised so, the chaplain, the senior elder and I wheeled her into a heated pool in a special chair, managed to stand her up, and baptised her. She passed away peacefully 10 days later, two hours after being welcomed into membership of Redcliffe church. Vera is survived by a sister in Perth, various children in Qld, and her friend Jean Wilson. Pastor

## VOLUNTEERS

### Trades volunteers needed

for a fly-n-build project in Gegema, Malaita, Solomon Islands, April or May 2013, to build a church. A number of people baptised from a nearby village are now in desperate need for a place to worship. Reedy Creek church in partnership with Volunteers in Action are willing to assist with roofing the new church. Entrepreneurs needed to establish business ventures and provide support/assistance for the ventures, as well as running a series of evangelistic meetings.

For further details contact Maryanne Jakovac at Adventist Volunteer Services <maryannejakovac@adventist.org.au> or phone (02) 9847 3275.

Burton commented: "This woman was a real Adventist in her beliefs and had kept the Sabbath for years. She was a real saint in my books."

*Mike Brownhill*

**Higgins,** Heather, born 7.9.1922 in Adelaide, SA; died 12.11.12 in Bendigo, Vic. She is survived by her children, Leith (Perth, WA) and Sandra (Bendigo, Vic); seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. She found her faith through a Pastor Ray Stanley mission in the 1950s, and joined Brighton church in South Australia. She moved to Alawara Retirement Village in Bendigo, Vic in 1982, where she lived out her life. A faithful believer, who died in the blessed hope of her Lord's soon return.

*Peter Watts*

**Peak,** Allan Sinclair, born 4.6.1937; died 23.7.12 at Maitland Public Hospital, NSW, after a battle with cancer. On 1.3.1959 he married Delma Brazier in Maitland church. He is survive by his wife; his twin daughters, Rachael and Rebecca; and his granddaughters, Mia, Lillian and Willow. Known as the gentle giant, Allan worked for the NSW Correctional Services Department, rising to the position position of acting superintendent of the Maitland prison, working there for just over 30 years. The Correctional Services Department provided a guard of honour at the funeral, marking the respect in which Allan was held.

*Ross Goldstone*



**Rowe,** Geoffrey, born 14.10.1940 in Bairnsdale, Vic; died 16.7.12 in Eastwood

Nursing Home, Bairnsdale. He is survived by his wife, Lorainne; son, Wayne; and two grandchildren, Tylah and Bailey. Geoffrey was a faithful member of the Bairnsdale church and his great love in life was sharing his faith in Jesus with others. He worked for many years in the department of agriculture in Bairnsdale and he is

greatly missed by all his family. He is awaiting that day when he will finally see the face of his Saviour and go home never to be parted from loved ones again.

*Matthew Hunter*



**Taituave,** Robert

Anthony, born 23.9.2004 at Griffith, NSW; died 22.11.12 in

hospital in Sydney. Robert (known as WobWob or Ropati) is survived by his parents, Robert and Fiona Taituave; his siblings, Brett, Harmed, Adam, Paul, Matthew, Sione, Sharlene and Parlata; and a favourite grandson to the Taituave and Goolagong families. He fell ill suddenly and passed away within two days, despite all medicine could do for him. Though his family were not Adventists, Robert and his brothers and sister had been involved in Griffith Adventist church's Kids for Christ program. He was a member of the Adventurers Club, had learned to love Jesus and was attending church during the past year. Music and tributes came from numerous individuals and groups as we grieved together.

*Colin Richardson*

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—Ruth E Renkee

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