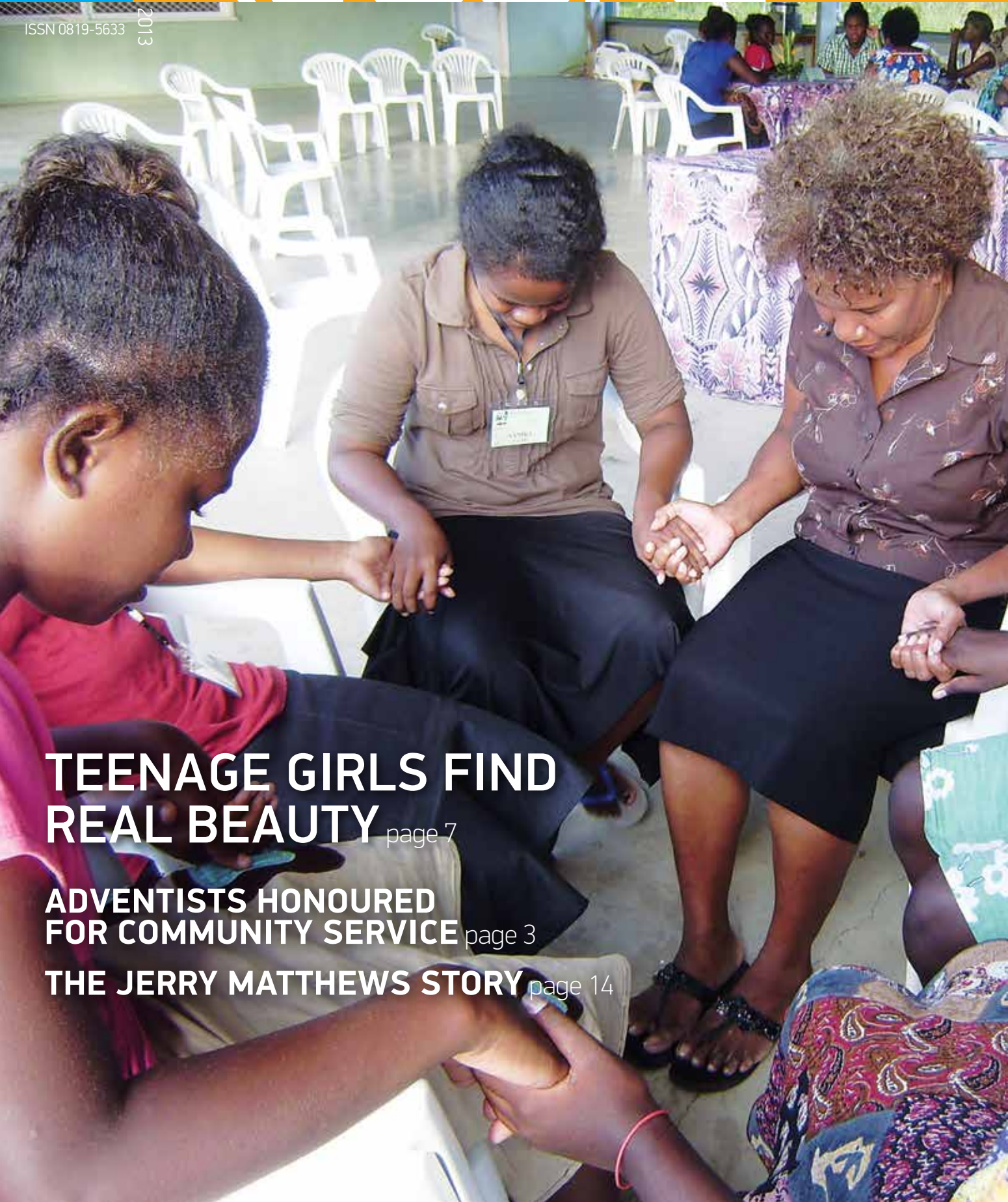


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## Adventists honoured for community service

*Wahroonga, New South Wales*

Three Adventists have received Order of Australia medals (OAM) as part of this year's Queen's birthday honours list.

The awards, approved by Governor-General Quentin Bryce, recognise an individual's outstanding contribution to and service for fellow citizens of Australia and internationally.

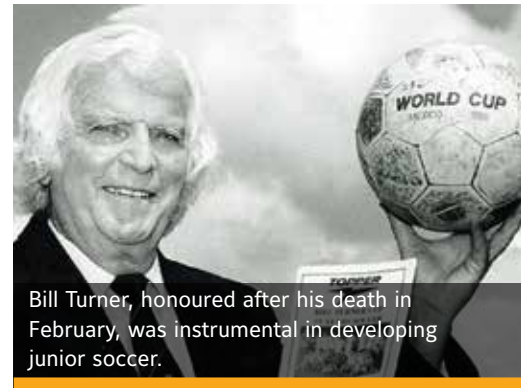
"I want to give my strong support to the awards made through the Australian honours system," Ms Bryce said. "They elevate the concept of giving to others. They heighten our respect for one another, and they encourage Australians to think about the responsibilities of citizenship in our democracy."

June Marie Bennett was awarded an OAM for her service to music, and to the community of Broken Hill. Church clerk and organist at the Broken Hill church for 25 years, Mrs Bennett is a life member of the Broken Hill Repertory Society, and has performed, produced and supported musicals and dramas since 1961.

Daryl George Marshall was a project manager for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International in Kosovo as part of a team coordinating the rebuilding of war-damaged houses for displaced persons. The award recognised his service to the community through emergency service organisations.

The final OAM recipient was Bill Turner, who was awarded his medal posthumously after losing his battle with cancer in February. Mr Turner was recognised for his service to football and the community, particularly youth. He was the founding president of the Northern New South Wales School Soccer Association, 1978-2003, and was involved in establishing the Bill Turner Cup School Knock-Out Tournament for boys, 1979, and the Bill Turner Trophy for girls, 1991. Mr Turner was also a long-time member and lay preacher for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"The recipients are not only worthy



Bill Turner, honoured after his death in February, was instrumental in developing junior soccer.

of respect but encourage emulation," said former defence chief Angus Houston, chair of the Council for the Order of Australia. "These awards also recognise the 'quiet achievers' in our midst. They are people who serve the community, but do not seek accolades. All Australians are encouraged to nominate fellow citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the wellbeing of others for national recognition in the honours list." —Jarrod Stackelroth/Ramon A Williams

Photo: Adelaide Now

## Riding to help kids in need

*Wahroonga, New South Wales*

He's got legs of steel and a skull held together by a metal plate, but the man dubbed Titanium Trent is putting "his metal" to good use.

A serious cycling accident requiring facial reconstruction surgery in 2012 has actually motivated Trent Watson to do more, not less, riding. But he's not pushing the pedals alone, and not just for the fun of it.

This year he'll be taking part in three 25000 Spins charity cycling events, raising money for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia.

"While recovering from the accident, I heard about the London to Paris trip. It became a huge motivator to get my life back together and get back on the bike," Watson said.

"ADRA's work is important to me—the fact I've had a major accident hasn't changed that. In fact, making a positive difference in the world has become all the more important and to be able to do that through cycling makes it even more personal.

"These rides are not just lifetime experiences, you get a chance to help children in need."

Watson rode the Great Ocean Road in February, and will be joining the 25000 Spins organised London to Paris and Swiss Adventures in July.

But he'll be missing the ride closest to home.

"Queensland's north coast is spectacular anyway you look at it, but taking it all in at riding pace will be something special," he said. "But, unfortunately, I'll have to wait for next year's North Queensland Adventure."

Participants in the North Queensland ride can choose to support either ADRA Australia, Compassion, Botswana Orphanage Project or Sonship. To date, 25000 Spins events have raised more than \$A500,000 for children in need around the globe.

Registrations for the 25000 Spins North Queensland Adventure in September are closing soon. For more information visit <[www.25000spins.com](http://www.25000spins.com)>. —Braden Blyde





## Storming the Bastille

James Standish

My eldest daughter and I recently strolled down the Champs-Élysées hand in hand, taking in all the sights, sounds, smells and a few of the tastes of Paris in spring. We visited little boutiques, grand repositories of the world's greatest art, we sat in cafes wearing our matching berets; we went up towers, over walls, across gardens and through so many doors we lost count.

Was it good? No. It was glorious!

As far as dad-daughter outings go, I admit this one was a bit on the extravagant side. But as they say, we have to seize the moment. And for me, it seems just a few months ago our tiny little girl was born—two and-a-half months premature, weighing just a little over a kilogram, and struggling moment by moment to cling to life. I never imagined while we sat by her tiny body in the neonatal intensive care unit, that one day she would grow into a girl who makes the whole world sparkle anew.

On our final day in Paris, we visited the Musée d'Orsay. What an experience—it seems almost obscene that one gallery holds so much magnificent art! As we exited the gallery, however, the mood on the street was rather less rhapsodic. We were greeted by a long line of armoured police cars, with police in full riot gear, and in the distance the rumbles of a massive protest could be heard. My daughter, ever curious, wanted us to get close to have a look. "Your mum would kill me if I took you into the middle of a French protest," I told her. After all, as anyone who's seen *Les Misérables* knows, if there is one thing the French know how to do right, it's put on a protest.

But this protest wasn't by farmers dumping their tomatoes in the street or unemployed youths ransacking their neighbourhood; this protest was by hundreds of thousands of people—from what I could see most of them young and very vibrant—rallying in favour of the family. As their leader, Ludovine de la Rochère, pointed out, millions of people in France have now joined in protests nationwide to save the family without a single car being burned or shop ransacked. Such restraint seems almost unpatriotic. And what exactly are they protesting for? She put it this way:

"Our belief, held by most of the country, rests first on the equality of children . . ."

Equal rights for children; now there *is* a novel idea. As we watched the protest from a safe distance on the Pont de la Concorde, I had to wonder what a society that accorded children equal rights would look like. What would abortion law look like, for example? Considering the devastating impact of divorce on children, would we retain permissive divorce laws? Would we permit the creation of children from anonymous parents, whom the children never have a right to meet or even know the identity of? And would we adopt policies that encourage adults to create and raise children in families where children never have the joy of a mum *and* a dad?

If those questions were not enough, I wondered how we would organise our broader society if children had equal rights? Would one generation of adults pass on enormous national debts for their children to service? Would Western societies tolerate youth unemployment rates at twice to three times the rates enjoyed by older adults? How would we treat our environment? Would we permit huge multinational fast food companies to lure our children into obesity with omnipresent advertising and promotions?

What, in total, would we have to change in order to achieve equal rights for children?

Looking at objective indicators of the mental health of children in Western nations, there appears to be compelling reasons to change direction. Could it be that Ludovine de la Rochère is right; that it's time to storm the Bastille of leftover bad ideas from the sexual revolution and overturn its archaic policies of social re-engineering that are currently being championed as the future? Has it come time to shift our collective focus away from self-actualisation of adults and onto the core needs of our children? Has the time really come for childhood equality?

For a version of this editorial with pics, links, stats, song and comments on <[www.record.net.au](http://www.record.net.au)>.

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## Wayward words

Linden Chuang

Promises should be kept. Christians and non-Christians alike can agree upon that. For Christians, keeping our promises with God is even more important. Why then do we make so many lofty promises that we can't hope to keep?

"Every day, it's you I live for. Every day, I'll follow after you. Every day, I'll walk with you my Lord . . . It's you I live for every day. It's you I live for every day . . ."

These are bold statements, and an example of the type of lyrics that feature in some of our favourite worship songs. But in the midst of an atmosphere of fun, feeling and fellowship on a Friday night or Sabbath morning, are we really considering what we're singing, what we're promising?

It's not just contemporary worship songs either.

"All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give. I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live. I surrender all. I surrender all . . ."

It doesn't take an "I promise" for a statement—or the lyrics of a song—to be a promise. God's promises often don't come with this verbal guarantee (see Isaiah 41:10; Jeremiah 29:11; Matthew 11:28-29; Isaiah 40:29-31), and yet we hold onto them with all our might and trust that He'll do what He says He will do.

God holds us to the same standard (Numbers 30:2; Ecclesiastes 5:4). If we say we'll surrender all, we are required to do just that. Anything short of "all" is a broken promise.

I'm not opposed to a person who can lock eyes with Jesus and say in earnest, "it's you I live for every day". I just know a wise fellow once advised, "it is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfil it" (Ecclesiastes 5:5). Jesus also highlighted the dangers of not keeping promises in Matthew 21:28-31. In short, the message is "don't say it—or sing it—if you're not going to live it".

It's often said it's easier to find a problem instead of a solution. Fortunately, this isn't the case here. What can we sing about? It's simple: Jesus. Instead of songs that are "I" focused, which boast about what we're doing (or intending to do), we should let our praise focus on Christ and what He has done and is doing for us. For what else do we have to boast about (Galatians 6:14; Ephesians 2:8-9)?

"You are holy. Holy are you Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen."

The real argument over worship is not about style, it's about substance—what we sing instead of how we sing. Let's put away our lofty promises and sing of the One who has never broken a promise.

*Linden Chuang is assistant editor-digital for RECORD.*

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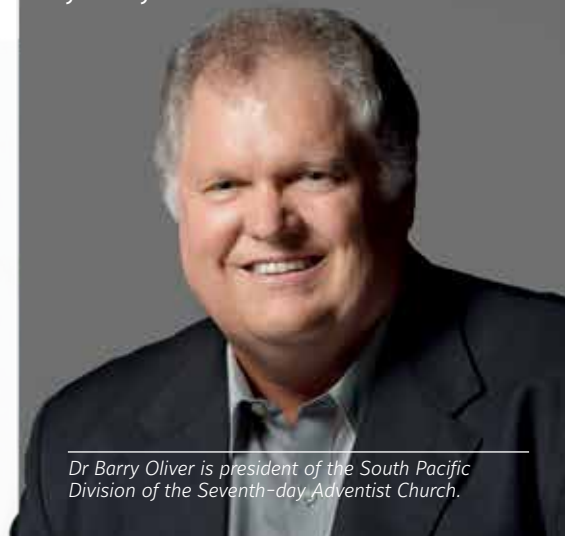
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## Adventist women

I was chatting with Erna Johnson, director of Adventist Women's Ministries for the South Pacific Division. Erna is passionate about the involvement of all women—young and old—in the life and mission of the Church. Prior to our conversation I really had no idea of the extent of the activity of Women's Ministries in the Division. Here is some of what she told me—last year women in our Division conducted:

- ▶ 503 retreats and conferences
- ▶ 22,493 Seventh-day Adventist women attended those conferences
- ▶ 6092 women not of our faith attended
- ▶ 895 training seminars of various kinds were held
- ▶ 263 series of evangelistic meetings were conducted
- ▶ 778 people were baptised as a result of the work of Women's Ministries and 1476 members were reclaimed

Though these figures are impressive they do not tell the whole story. Women make a huge difference in our Church and do much more than these numbers reveal: from the home to the school to Sabbath School; from the workplace to the university to the executive committee. There are mothers, professionals, ministers, managers, small business operators, wives, singles; all of whom are competent, committed women enriching the Church and the community. Thank God for you all. I have described here just a little of what you do. The Church is greatly blessed by who you are.



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





**Butt out**

The United Nations is calling on governments around the world to ban tobacco advertising. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said tobacco kills half the people who use it and is one of the top threats to human health, particularly in poorer countries where advertising laws are lax and health services limited. —*UN News*



**Small sips**

Churches in Venezuela say their communion wine is running out. The country is experiencing food shortages and inflation after the death of controversial president Hugo Chavez earlier this year. The Catholic Church has enough communion wine for two months and is paying double the usual price for wafers. —*BBC*



**Advocate**

The plight of Egyptian Coptic Christians has been raised in the Australian Parliament by Government MP Chris Bowen. He pointed to attacks and persecution of Copts and called for Australia to use its new role in the UN's Security Council to advocate for the protection of Christians in the Middle East. —*RECORD staff*



**Fresh start**

For the 10th year running, the Aldergrove Adventist church, near Vancouver, Canada, has coordinated an Extreme Home Repair project, valued at \$200,000. In a two-week blitz involving 200 volunteers, disability worker and single mum Cathy Dunn had her leaking, mouldy home renovated inside and out, and the yard landscaped. —*AOK*



**New vision**

Floyd Morris has made history in Jamaica's Parliament, where he is the first visually impaired person to be appointed as president of the Senate. Senator Morris, 44, is an active Seventh-day Adventist and says his appointment is proof of God's faithfulness after years of uncertainty about his future. —*ANN*



**Best-seller**

Perceptions of Norwegians as irreligious have been challenged after new translations of the Bible topped book sales figures, knocking the infamous *Fifty Shades of Grey* from first place. The Norwegian Bible Society launched the modern language versions with a high profile campaign that saw people queuing overnight to get their copy. —*Daily Mail (UK)/bibel.no*



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## Teenage girls find real beauty

Honiara, Solomon Islands

A three-day conference in the Solomon Islands has helped young women discover their inner beauty.

Ninety teenage girls participated in the "Real Beauty" conference, which was reportedly the first conference of its kind to be run by the Adventist Church in the Solomons.

"It was all about teaching our girls that beauty is not physical, but that it is the inner beauty that counts," said Erna Johnson, director of Women's Ministries for the South Pacific Division and a moderator at the event. "That Jesus loves us, He created us and He's the only One who can make us beautiful as we grow in Him."

The conference was organised by the Adventist Women's Ministries of the Solomon Islands under the leadership of Beverly Maega. Many mature women came to help as mentors for each group.

"The girls loved every moment of it and told us that they can't wait until next year when we will offer them another conference, this time with the theme 'Real Friends'," Ms Johnson said.

"Adventist Women across the Division are putting an emphasis on teenage girls and young women as their main goal for this quinquennium. This conference is part of our strategic plans as we work towards engaging our teenage girls and young women in church." —*RECORD staff/Erna Johnson*



Young women enjoying "Real Beauty".

## Members equipped to support family

Honiara, Solomon Islands

The newly revised Family Ministries Certificate was presented in Honiara

to 41 participants from various missions in the Solomon Islands.

Pastors, local church Family Ministries leaders and other leaders interested in ministering to families signed up for the two-week course taught by Pastor Chris Foote and Dr Alex Currie, Family Ministries directors for South Queensland and Greater Syd-

ney respectively.

"We are excited about the potential of this training," said Pastor Trafford Fischer, Family Ministries director for the South Pacific Division. "It is imperative that our pastors and leaders have training and are resourced to help build stronger marriages and healthier families in our churches throughout our Division."

—*RECORD staff/Trafford Fischer*



## Church op shop hopes to impact community

Eight Mile Plains, Queensland

Eight Mile Plains church celebrated the opening of the Forever Loved Op Shop last month.

The opening was officiated by Pastor Malcolm Potts, secretary of the South Queensland Conference, and Malcolm Cole, Liberal National Party candidate for the federal seat of Moreton.

A highlight of the day was a fashion parade that displayed various sets of clothes from the op shop. Other activities included face painting and a jumping castle.

"The purpose of the Forever Loved Op Shop is to put back into the community," said Pastor Andre van Rensburg, who helped set up the shop.

"We want to use the profits for ministry and to make a difference in our community. One of our aims is to partner with other organisations that serve the community's needs."

Volunteer manager Jeanette Hay has been encouraged by the support.

"More than 24 people have volunteered to help run the shop, the support is amazing!" she said.

"The unique name Forever Loved reflects the church's recycling aspiration, which will help the earth, people's pockets and also instil a spiritual message."

The Forever Loved Op Shop will complement Christian Life Resources and ADRA emergency services, connecting with the community on a daily basis from the church campus. —*Amanda White/RECORD staff*







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**LISMORE, New South Wales**  
**Valerie Dunstan**

Members of Lismore church have been challenged to support and encourage mission and service. The response: two volunteer teams have travelled to Nepal since 2010.

Nepal is a country of much need but the members of "Hope team 2013" strongly believe that God led them to their project in Kathmandu.

A beautiful Christian man named John had been praying for the opportunity to commence an English-speaking school that would teach Christian principles with a Seventh-day Adventist influence. A team of 18 volunteers, aged

14 to 82, responded to the need. They painted four levels of the school in less than a week. Playground equipment was painted and installed, and a sandpit was constructed. Calvin Chilcott, 82, built a vegetable garden.

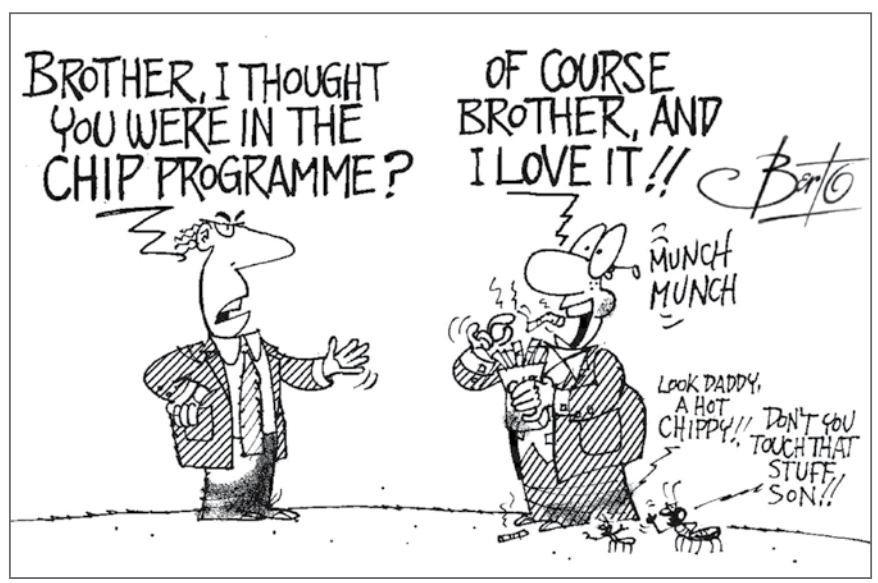
The school will be a blessing for 20 orphans and it has the potential to educate 120 students. John's dream is that paying students will make the school viable so it can support marginalised and disadvantaged children.

During the second week Team Hope ran a Vacation Bible School program for more than 160 children at The Three Angels Academy in Pokhara. Many of the children are sponsored by Asian Aid.

We had a wonderful time working with these children and their carers who affirmed us for coming and showing them love and support. What a privilege to support a wonderful ministry and to witness the value of child sponsorship.

Team Hope 2013 paid their own airmiles and travel expenses. Lismore church and some generous independent donors raised \$18,000 for the projects.

May you be inspired to do mission service with your own church or encouraged to continue your mission service to others as there is no greater experience.





# Study finds vegetarians live longer

People who eat a vegetarian diet live longer than those who eat meat, according to a study of more than 70,000 Seventh-day Adventists.

The study, published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*—a journal of the American Medical Association, said vegetarians experienced 12 per cent fewer deaths over a six-year period of research.

Funded by the United States' National Institutes of Health, the study was conducted by researchers at Loma Linda University, an Adventist institution in Southern California. They tracked 73,308 Adventist Church members who follow the Church's dietary counsel of a plant-based diet to varying degrees.

"As a general rule, the healthier your diet, the longer you will live," said Pastor Kevin Price, director of Adventist Health for the South Pacific Division, commenting on the study. "But it is not only about how long you live, but how well you live. The research is now showing that you can maintain a better quality of life further into your old age by following a few simple Adventist health principles."

Of the study's participants, 5548 were vegans, 21,177 were lacto-ovo vegetarians (also eating dairy products and eggs), 7194 were vegetarians who also ate fish and 4031 ate meat infrequently. The rest of the participants ate meat.

The findings confirmed the health benefits of eating a vegetarian diet, the lead study author, Dr Michael Orlich, told *Bloomberg News*.

"People should take these kinds of results into account as they're considering dietary choices," Dr Orlich said. "Various types of vegetarian diets may be beneficial in reducing the risk of death compared to non-vegetarian diets."

Dr Orlich, director of the preventive medicine residency program at Loma Linda University Medical Center, said the research was aided by studying subjects who have low rates of alcohol and tobacco use.

"All around us we are seeing a huge outbreak of lifestyle

related problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity and the resulting increased risk of cardio-vascular diseases and cancers," Pastor Price said. "So many of these problems could be prevented or avoided until much later in life."

The *Wall Street Journal* pointed out that the study said cancer still struck meat-eaters and vegetarians at similar rates. Also, a vegetarian meal doesn't automatically make it a healthy one. Deep fried foods contain high amounts of fat, and some meats are healthier than others.

Researchers found that the health benefits were even more beneficial for men. It remained unclear why women were less affected by a vegetarian diet. Future research will examine gender-specific reactions to certain foods.

"For 150 years we as church members have had a clear direction that a vegetarian diet with the emphasis predominately on plant-based foods with minimal processing and packaging is the optimal nutritional approach. The research in the area of lifestyle medicine is vindicating our Church's health message," Pastor Price said.

Seventh-day Adventists have long advocated a vegetarian diet. The founder of Loma Linda's School of Public Health overcame resistance in the health community in the 1940s to produce a landmark study on the benefits of a vegetarian diet, discovering that such a diet indeed contained sufficient protein, among other benefits.

In recent years, Adventists have been noted as one of the longest living people groups ever studied. In 2008, *The Blue Zones* author Dan Buettner wrote extensively about the health principles of Adventists and their longer, healthier lifespans.

"Clearly, our Adventist health heritage has led to an Adventist health advantage for those who have adopted the Adventist health recommendations," Pastor Price said.

—Ansel Oliver/ANN/RECORD staff



### Ordination: Pastor Leo Wright

Pastor Leo Wright grew up in Bellbrook (NSW) as part of the Dhunggetti tribe. After a number of "tough and sad" years working in Sydney, Pastor Wright decided to attend Mamarapha College in Perth (WA). Since completing his studies in 2007, Pastor Wright has worked in a number of Aboriginal communities in remote WA and NSW. He currently serves as the school chaplain at Currawah Aboriginal Adventist College. Pastor Wright and wife Colleen have nine children: four sons—Leo Junior, Shannon, Lee and Ricky—and five daughters—Elva, Priscilla, Pauline, Ruth and Vanessa (deceased).—*Northpoint*

### Ordination: Pastor Afi Tuaoi

Born into a Presbyterian Samoan family in Auckland (NZ), Pastor Afi Tuaoi and his family were baptised into the Adventist Church in 1982. After completing his studies in theology at Pacific Adventist University (PNG), Pastor Tuaoi moved to Samoa to work for the Church and learn more about his heritage. It was during this time that he met his wife, Ne'e. Medical complications during the pregnancy of their first child brought the Tuaois to Australia, where they have since settled with their three children, Maria, Elana and Jesiah. Pastor Tuaoi is currently serving at the Coonabarabran and Gunnedah churches.—*NorthPoint*



### Keen to study

A small youth group in Christchurch, New Zealand, has been meeting on Wednesday nights for the past six months to learn how to take Bible studies. "Our young people were so impacted by [the World Changers Youth Congress] that they didn't want to wait for our Bible launch [in late June] to start training and studying," said South New Zealand youth director Ray Moaga.

### Gates up

Sydney Adventist Hospital's new multi-deck car park was opened on May 28. Adventist HealthCare CEO Dr Leon Clark and Spiritual Care Services manager Kristina Mazzaferrri officiated at the dedication service, which featured guided walk throughs of the new facility. The opening of the car park marks the first milestone of the hospital's redevelopment.

### The Promise gives thanks

Alto Emily Thomas (fourth from right) leads members of Avondale College vocal ensemble The Promise in a soulful rendition of Andraé Crouch's gospel song "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" at the launch of its third album *Give Thanks* on May 25. The concert featured performances from this year's members and, fittingly, from last year's members, whose voices appear on the album.—*Brenton Stacey/Lagani Gairo*



### Ordination: Pastor Uriah St Juste

Pastor Uriah St Juste was born on the island of Saint Lucia in the Eastern Caribbean. He developed a strong confidence in God at a very early age due to the faith of his family, particularly his mother. Pastor St Juste would go on to serve Castries Adventist church in a number of leadership roles. After hearing the call to ministry, Pastor St Juste left his native island to pursue formal training at the University of the Southern Caribbean. Since graduating in 2006, he has served in the ministry in the Caribbean, the United States and at Avondale Memorial church in Australia, where he met his wife, Karishma.—*NorthPoint*

### Ordination: Pastor Paul Richardson

Pastor Paul Richardson was born in Takapuna (NZ). Dedicated to the Lord at birth, he has been an active member of the Church since his youth. Pastor Richardson and his wife, Jane, moved to Australia in 1988. After several years, and a number of career changes, the Richardsons felt a clear call to ministry. Jane has worked for 18 years as a secretary in both the Trans-Tasman Union and North NSW Conference offices, and Pastor Richardson has served in a number of NSW churches since graduating from Avondale in 2006. The Richardsons currently minister in the Clarence Valley communities.—*NorthPoint*





# R HEALTH FEATURE

with Dr Darren Morton

## Get moving!

According to some estimates, we are 60 to 70 per cent less active today than those living a century ago. This equates to walking about 16 km less every day. Physical inactivity is now considered one of the most important public health concerns of the 21st century. But while inactivity is perilous, regular physical activity does us much good. It can help us live longer, livelier and leaner.

### Live longer.

The Adventist Health Study 1, conducted by researchers at Loma Linda University, found that being physically active, along with eating nuts regularly, being vegetarian, maintaining a healthy body weight and not smoking, could add as many as 10 years to your life. As a double bonus, fitter people remain healthy for a greater portion of their longer lives. A recent study showed that being fit in your middle-age years (the average age of the participants in the study was 49 years) resulted in "morbidity compression"—less years of being unwell in the later stages of life.

### Live livelier

Regular physical activity boosts your energy levels—when we regularly expend energy our body learns to harness more of it! Secondly, exercise helps manage stress and produces "feel good" chemicals in your brain. Regular physical activity can therefore not only add years to your life, it also adds life to your years.

### Live leaner

Regular physical activity is an integral part of the solution to the obesity epidemic. Exercise is especially good for weight-loss maintenance because when you get in the habit of it, your body and brain want more of it. It becomes a self-perpetuating behaviour (unlike calorie restrictive diets that are notoriously difficult to sustain). Studies of weight loss success stories show that regular physical activity is key.

If you want to live longer, livelier and leaner, it's time to get moving!



## Chickpea and Eggplant Stew

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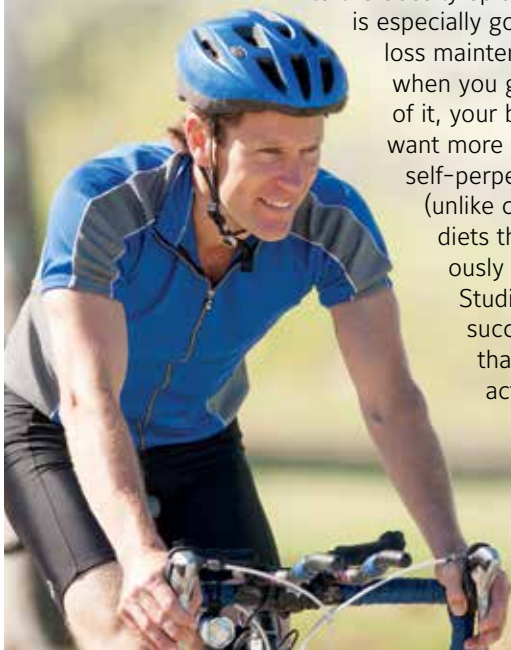
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| 1 large eggplant, cubed            | 1 large potato, cubed         |
| oil spray                          | 2 x 400g cans                 |
| 1 tablespoon oil                   | chickpeas, rinsed and drained |
| 1 large onion, chopped             | 3 fresh tomatoes, diced       |
| 1½ cups water                      | ½ teaspoon salt (optional)    |
| 1 teaspoon cumin, or more to taste |                               |

1. Preheat oven to 210°C. Place eggplant onto a baking sheet/tray and spray lightly with oil. Place in the oven to bake for 25 minutes or until lightly browned.
2. In a medium saucepan, add oil and sauté onion until transparent. Add ½ cup of water, cover and continue cooking for about 2 minutes. Set mixture aside.
3. In another medium saucepan, add 1 cup of water and cumin. Bring to a boil. Add potato and lower heat to simmer.
4. Cook for about 5 minutes, then add chickpeas, eggplant, tomatoes and cooked onion. An additional 1 cup of water can be added at this time, if needed.
5. Add seasoning to desired taste. Cook on low heat for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until potato and eggplant are cooked.

### NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVING:

1009kJ (241cal); Protein 11g; Total Fat 5g; Saturated Fat <1g; Carbohydrate 31g; Total Sugars 7g; Fibre 10g; Sodium 543mg; Potassium 835mg; Calcium 91mg; Iron 3.2mg; Zinc 1.8mg.



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## OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

### The meaning of law

The word "law" tends to have negative connotations in the minds of people. It is often associated with restrictions on behaviour, condemnation and a sense of fear and uncertainty. Even in Christian circles the concept of law, specifically the moral law or the Ten Commandments, is often regarded in a negative light as something at odds with the Gospel.

### What different meanings does the word law have in the Bible?

- It can be used to describe a general principle. **Read** Romans 8:1, 2. There are general laws that operate in both the natural and spiritual realms eg. the law of gravity, the law of sowing and reaping.

- The word is used in reference to the ceremonial law. **Read** Hebrews 8:4, 10:1 and Ephesians 2:14, 15. This law covers the various sacrifices, rituals and festivals which were ultimately fulfilled in Christ.

- It refers to the civil law. **Read** Exodus 21:1 and Leviticus 18:1-5. In this instance law refers to the various statutes and judgements that were established to apply the principles of the Ten Commandments to everyday life and the order of society. A comprehensive list of these laws and regulations is found in Exodus 21:2-23:13 and Leviticus 18:6-19:37.

- The word sometimes refers to the first five books of the Bible which were written by Moses. **Read** Luke 24:44 and Galatians 4:21-23.

- The most popular use of the word is in connection with the moral law or the Ten Commandments. **Read** Romans 7:7-12, 14 and James 2:8-12.

In his commentary on Galatians 3:19-22, which contains a complex argument of Paul regarding the law, the late Scottish theologian William Barclay made the astonishing statement that there are almost 300 different interpretations of this difficult passage! That statement alone shows the importance of considering the context of each instance when the word law is used so that we can understand it correctly.

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## OPINION

Sara Thompson

### Comfortable chaos

A few months ago, news of the Boston Marathon bombings spread around the world, particularly as images from the fateful event filled our screens and tugged at our hearts. But our lives go on as usual.

It isn't the first tragedy we've seen. Death from natural disasters, mass killings and wars has become an accepted part of life in the 21st century. But what about the loss of life that doesn't make it to the news bulletins? What about the hundreds who die of starvation, from lack of clean water, from abuse and from human trafficking every day? I know, we've heard these tales of woe before, but that doesn't make them any less real.

Perhaps it's worth mentioning that life isn't meant to be like this.

Of course, you say. One day Jesus will return and make it all better. But as we go on as usual, the idea of "one day" fades into the distance and we settle back into our antediluvian lives. We've accepted a chaotic, tragic world as normal. We've forgotten it isn't our home.

Sometimes I find myself viewing God as an aloof authority Figure rather than an intimate and loving heavenly Father who is so deeply involved in our lives. Death is not a statistic to Him; everything that happens in this world makes an impact on God. He's mourning the loss of His children— not just the ones in Western countries, the ones who have names and faces— but those who suffer, seemingly forgotten, out of our view.

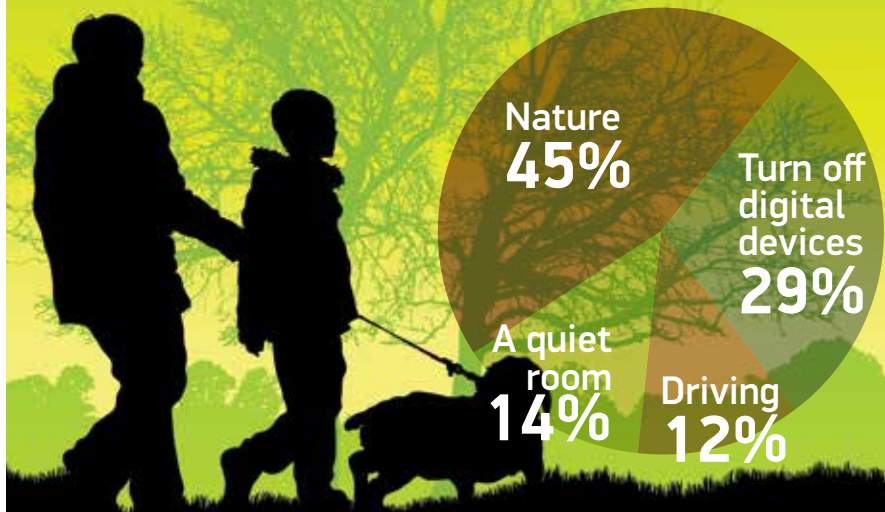
If He knows when a sparrow falls, then how much grief must He experience when His own children cause each other so much pain? How much must He be longing to return and end this suffering?

Tragedy is a part of life, but it shouldn't be.

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# Should the Church ordain women?

*This piece is part of a series providing varying perspectives on the parameters of ordination.*

**W**HILE PEOPLE ARE CURRENTLY ASKING, "Should the Adventist Church ordain women?", the Church itself is addressing a broader question, namely, "Should the Church ordain anyone at all and if so, should it ordain women?" Assuming the results of this study mean the present practice of ordination is continued, consistency would compel me to say that since the Adventist Church is ordaining men it should ordain women too and for all the same reasons. However, the question really deserves a more considered response than this with a look at some of the evidence available to us.

To begin with, the church is a New Testament phenomenon that came into being through the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and continues to find its *raison d'être* in the presence and activity of that same Spirit. The Spirit produces fruit (Galatians 5:22) in the lives of all believers without distinction and gives spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1-11 cf. Romans 12:6-8) to many to exercise for the edification and growth of the church. Though these two actions of the Spirit provide the means whereby the church is able to exist and function, gender is not mentioned as a factor in either of them (for a more accurate rendering of these references in the Greek text see the NNIV).

Paul's body parts illustration (1 Corinthians 12:12-31 cf. Romans 12:4, 5) is another case in point. He uses a human body model that is gender neutral to describe the various facets of the church and to declare their usefulness to the whole. This is in harmony with his teaching that universal salvation means, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

The Bible avoids the limitation of belonging only to a specific time or location in what it teaches. Rather, it majors on principles that are always applicable anywhere. It is its tendency to deal with motives and attitudes that makes Scripture timeless and universally relevant.

So what does this mean for male and female roles? Are they also subject to biblical prescription?

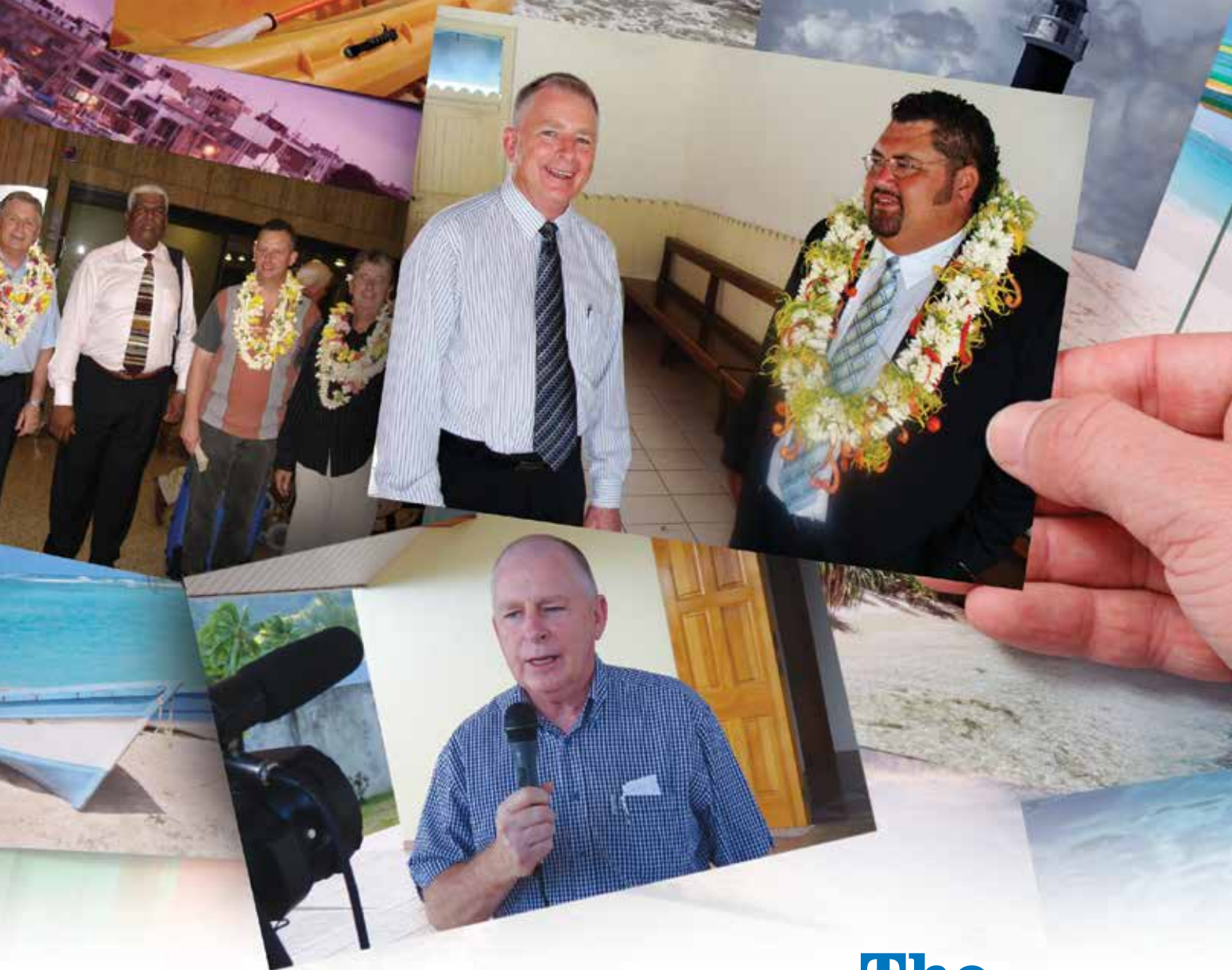
While attitudes and motives are directed by Scripture,

gender roles are normally defined by the customs and culture of a given society. As such they are subject to variation and modification as the values, knowledge and opportunities of people change over time and from group to group. So based on custom and culture we have different ways of living and relating. These may or may not conflict with Bible principle or the teachings of the Gospel. When they do conflict the New Testament has more than one way of dealing with them. Sometimes the answer is to compromise for the sake of the Gospel as Paul did in face of the practice of slavery, while the abolitionists of the 19th century fought against it in the name of Christ. At other times the answer is to confront it as Paul did in the case of certain unacceptable behaviours during worship on the part of some women (1 Timothy 2:11-15), while he endorsed the worship practices of other women who preached and prayed appropriately in the congregation (1 Corinthians 11:5).

For the rest we can say that where culturally conditioned practices cause no impediment to the progress of the Gospel they can be practised at will by believers. This includes the way people eat, dress, work, relax, relate, manage their homes and run their churches.

Why should the Church ordain women? It would seem to me that this question cannot be answered by a one-size-fits-all policy. On the basis of New Testament teaching and practice and on the expectations of custom and culture in some parts of the world, the Church should begin to ordain women immediately. This would go a long way towards stopping the damage being done to the progress of the Gospel by failing to do so. In other parts of the world it may be a folly to ordain women because it might harm the progress of the Gospel to do so. Based on its intimate knowledge and understanding of its own part of the world it would be wise for each union to make its own decision as to whether or not to ordain women and leave the rest of the unions making up the worldwide Church to do the same.

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# The Jerry Matthews story

as told to James Standish

**M**Y DAD GREW UP IN A DROVERS' CAMP IN outback Queensland. Both his parents died before he reached the age of 10. He was as tough and as honest as the land he made his living from. Considering everything, he was a good dad to me. But we didn't have any time for religion in our home. My mum had a bit of Lutheran faith in her background, but out in the bush it didn't seem relevant. Maybe there was a Man upstairs, but we weren't bothered with Him.

By the time I was 15 years old, I was making a liv-

ing working at the local bacon and pork sausage factory. Eventually I got married, had three children and settled down on a share farm in Queensland. The hours were brutal, the rewards meagre. As the years went by, my drinking got out of control. I was having a couple of bottles of beer before breakfast. I knew that was excessive, but it was a way to handle the pressures. I loved a good smoke, too. I could roll my own cigarette while I was riding along in the bush on my horse. It took years for me to get that little trick down pat.



And my idea of a good meal? Steak. If the steak didn't fill the plate, then we hadn't eaten, full stop.

My wife, Cheryl, was watching TV one evening and saw an ad for some spiritual lessons. At the time, our lives seemed so hard and so pointless, and I think she was also getting pretty fed up with my drinking. So she responded to the ad. Pretty soon, the local Adventist pastor showed up and started Bible studies with her. When he moved on to a new district, Pastor Murray and Bev Chapman took his place. Murray and Bev used to study with Cheryl and then Murray would come down and help me milk. I thought the bloke was crazy for coming down and working for nothing. I wasn't interested in his faith. But I sure could use his help!

When my wife got baptised I didn't attend. Our farm-hand went and so I docked her a day's pay. I still feel a bit guilty about that—I was firmly opposed to this religious stuff.

Even though Cheryl tried to share with me what she learned about God, I didn't want anything to do with it. I completely shut her out. I believe it was her prayers that made the difference in God getting through to me. Two years after Cheryl was baptised, I was out ploughing one Sabbath morning when I was overwhelmed by a deep conviction that what I was doing was totally wrong. I got off the tractor, knelt down on the freshly ploughed earth and opened my heart to Him. I promised that my days of working on the Sabbath were over and I committed my life to God.

Now I had to tell the owner of the property I was managing that I was going to keep the Sabbath. This was a problem because when I was hired, I committed to working a seven-day week. I was so nervous when I asked if I could talk with him. We met in the old machinery shed. I felt I had to lean against the metal work table, just so my legs didn't buckle. He came in and said, "What is it, mate?" I replied, "You know how Cheryl goes off to church on Saturdays, well, I've decided to go too." I'll never forget his response: "Is that all? I reckon if we can't make a go of this place working six days a week, we won't working seven." I walked out of that shed like I was walking on air.

Later, after I was baptised, I was called to be a literature evangelist (LE) in Gympie, Queensland. There was a three-week transition between moving from the farm and starting to knock on doors. We were down to nothing in the bank and so, for that three weeks, my family survived on pineapples that were too ripe to go to market and some watermelons from a kindly nearby farmer. My kids' mouths were raw and their tongues bleeding from eating so much acidic pineapple. It was really rough. The first day I went out with Graham White knocking on doors, I was amazed by God's graciousness as I came home after making a number of cash sales. We went out that night to

the grocery store and bought food. Bread never tasted so good!

Here I was, a bloke who only knew how to talk to cows and machines, but during the four years I worked as an LE, we never went hungry. God took care of us, and through our LE ministry a number of people found Jesus. I'll never forget the people we met. Like the lady in the old Queenslander home who, when I arrived on the front step, was out in the back praying, "Lord, if You're really there, send me someone." Can you imagine what it's like to be used by God to answer someone's prayer?

After a stint in secular employment I felt a call to the ministry. But that seemed impossible as I hadn't finished high school. Nevertheless, the calling was so strong I filled out my application assuming I'd be turned down. I wasn't.

So we put our home on the market, but it was in a downturn and the real estate agent said, "Not much chance you'll move your place anytime soon." We went ahead in faith. We were packed up ready to roll out of the driveway at quarter to five on a Friday afternoon, when the

real estate agent came rushing in with a contract on our place. "Someone's looking out for you," he said. He was right.

My life in ministry has been full of unexpected surprises. For example, when I was general secretary of the Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission, in Papua New Guinea, there were problems at one of the schools. It got completely out of hand, with a group so enraged against the school treasurer and two other teachers that their lives were threatened.

I was able to get them out of the area and took them to a Lutheran facility in town, where we arranged to have them airlifted to Lae. When the time came to evacuate them, we drove out to the airstrip, they jumped out into the plane with its engines running and they were in the air within seconds. It was a challenging experience and I was so thankful to God for protecting us.

It was a long journey from outback Queensland to the highlands of Papua New Guinea, and now to the beautiful surrounds of Auckland, New Zealand. I feel like I'm the most unlikely guy to be president of anything, let alone a union of God's special Church. From a very tentative step in a machine shed through to my current role, God has been right there beside me. He used me in a way I never could have dreamed of. I have nothing special to offer God, but God has everything special to give to me. And I know he'll use you, too, if you put everything on the line for Him.

## My life in ministry has been full of unexpected surprises.

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# St Patrick: The man and the myth

by Eliezer Gonzalez

**T**HE LIVES OF TRULY GREAT PEOPLE IN HISTORY often become shrouded in legends. Legend has it that when snakes attacked St Patrick he miraculously drove all the snakes of Ireland into the sea, which is the reason why there are no snakes there today.<sup>1</sup> Legend also suggests that Patrick would thrust his walking stick into the ground while he was preaching and, in one particular place, the people took so long to be converted that the stick grew leaves and became a tree.

## Why Patrick matters

However, for Seventh-day Adventists, Patrick is also significant—considered to be a great, heroic figure among the commandment-keeping (and Sabbath-keeping) missionaries who evangelised the British Isles. So how much is true of what we know about St Patrick? Scholars agree that most of it is mixed up with legends and confused by later traditions.<sup>2</sup>

But we can know something about Patrick's life because we have two letters that he actually wrote, and one of them is a short autobiography.<sup>3</sup> So here are some facts that

are not legends. Did you know that Patrick wasn't even Irish? He was probably born in England.<sup>4</sup> And did you know that Patrick was the first person in history to speak out directly against slavery?

## Patrick the teenager

Patrick was born in the late fourth century. It was a dark age—it was the time just after the fall of the Roman Empire; some years before the barbarian tribes of the Vandals and the Visigoths had sacked the city of Rome. In faraway northern Britain, 16-year-old Patrick was captured by slavers and sold in pagan Ireland.

Although it seems that he had been raised in a Christian home, at the time of his capture he had not yet taken that important step of developing his own personal relationship with God. In fact he seems to have been rather rebellious against the religion of his family.

As a teenage slave he was forced to be a cattle herder in what was then the savage wilderness of Ireland for six years. Patrick describes how he suffered cold and hunger. His days were filled with loneliness and desolation. And so



he describes in his autobiography how he began to spend his days and nights in prayer; he prayed in the forests and on the mountains, in the snow and in the rain. It was so cold, he says, that he only survived because the Spirit of God began to burn within him; at that lowest point of his life, a flame for God had been kindled that would change the destiny of nations.

### A dramatic escape

Eventually Patrick managed to dramatically escape from his cruel captors, and he journeyed 320 kilometres on foot until he found a ship that was able to take him back home. His family were, of course, overjoyed at his return, and for a while he settled back into normal life; that was until one night when he dreamt that he heard the voice of the Irish people calling him. Patrick became convinced that God was calling him to win the pagan and barbaric land of Ireland for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Remember that this was in an age where there were no cars, mobile phones or internet. I am almost certain that when Patrick shared his harebrained scheme of going to Ireland with the leaders of his church, they advised him to accept some counsel from wiser heads. His parents begged him not to go, but Patrick threw himself into study and preparation and then he sailed back to Ireland. He was probably still in his 20s.

### Light in the land of darkness

Patrick had set himself some incredible goals: firstly to win to Christ those among whom he had been a slave and, secondly, to convert Tara, the capital of Ireland. So he headed first to County Antrim, in north-west Ireland, to fearlessly share the Gospel with his former slavemasters. Although he failed to convert his former master, the master's household was won for Jesus. He continued on his quest, and for the rest of his life Patrick travelled the length and breadth of Ireland, preached to kings and princes, and to shepherds and slaves, and to whomever would hear him.

Against all odds, Patrick's mission met with amazing success. He writes that he baptised many thousands of people. He also established missionary training colleges throughout the land; the most famous ones were at Bangor, Clonmacnoise, Clonard, and Armagh.

When his mission ended with his death more than 50 years later, the Gospel had been firmly planted through the land of the Irish, including in the capital Tara. The missionary training colleges that Patrick established trained thousands upon thousands of people who spread the Gospel throughout the British Isles, and later into mainland Europe itself. These colleges were beacons of knowledge, whose

influence spread throughout Europe; in fact, the author Thomas Cahill credits Patrick and the Christianity that he implanted in Ireland as having saved western civilisation, by preserving the learning of ancient Greece and Rome.<sup>5</sup>

### Which church did Patrick belong to?

What was the nature of the Christianity that Patrick planted in Ireland? Within the Roman Catholic tradition he was canonised as a saint; this tradition says that he studied in France and was ordained a priest, and that he later became the first Bishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland. However, Patrick's letters reveal no affiliation with or even knowledge of the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, centuries would pass after his death before he was even mentioned by any Roman Catholic writer. Furthermore, we know that the great Celtic Church, of which Patrick was a part, arose in independence from the authority of Roma, maintained its independence for many centuries, and struggled until it lost it in the 11th and 12th centuries.<sup>6</sup>

Patrick's autobiography clearly shows that he believed in salvation by faith in Jesus and that he also upheld the sacredness of the Ten Commandments. We know that the Celtic Church observed the seventh day of the week as the biblical Sabbath.<sup>7</sup> Patrick's autobiography also shows us that he believed in the resurrection of the body at the second coming of Jesus. He was part of that faithful number of believers whom God has always had in this world—His remnant.

### His legacy for us

Patrick is an example for every Christian, in every age and whatever our circumstance may be. It's not just his incredible achievements, it's his character. Patrick knew what it meant to call Jesus "Lord". When you read his autobiography what stands out is his humility. Patrick calls himself an "obviously unlearned sinner", and he begs that if anyone finds anything worthy in what he has done, "to accept and truly believe that it [is] the gift of God".<sup>8</sup>

An ordinary man; an extraordinary God. An amazing life that changed the course of history. ↻

1. The reality is that there probably never were any snakes in Ireland to begin with!
2. E A Thompson, *Who Was Saint Patrick?* (Suffolk, UK; New York: 1985), xi ff.
3. Called the *Confession of Saint Patrick*.
4. Others also suggest Scotland or Wales.
5. Thomas Cahill, *How the Irish Saved Civilisation* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1995), 101–119.
6. Leslie Hardinge, *The Celtic Church in Britain* (Brushton, New York: Teach, 1972), 17–28.
7. Hardinge, *Celtic Church*, 75–90.
8. The *Confession of Saint Patrick*, 62.

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LETTERS

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**PURPOSE OF RELIGION**

Hala, via website

After decades of trying to sort out in my mind the purpose of religion through exploring other religions and doing a PhD, the article "Reclaim the third space" (Editorial, June 1) sums up my own conclusions. Church is about community and that third space.

**ORDINATION ISSUES**

Razmik Cachatoor, NZ

The way I see it there are three questions that keep coming up in regards to ordination.

1 Should we ordain to Ministry? Biblically only Deacons and Elders/Bishops were ordained. The GC already approved the ordination of women elders and Adventists believe in a priesthood of all believers.

2 Should women be treated as equal with men in ministry? If you understand Paul's statements as cultural, OK, but if you take them as literal and believe men are the head... then no women should teach in Sabbath School (Any departments) or Church.

3 Should the World Church need to have sameness and unity in all issues irrespective of culture ie the issue of Ordination for women in Ministry? We don't treat the World Church the same now. Look at the issue of wages, for example, which are indexed to local conditions. My suggestions:

Ordain all major roles in the church (male and female).

Biblically, New Testament, men and women are treated equal in ministries.

Allow those areas that so choose to ordain women and respect the decision of those who do not so choose..

**MENTAL HEALTH**

Lidija Balasz, ACT

It was great to see the article "Mental matters" (Editorial, May 18). So often mental health matters are ignored due to stigma and misunderstanding. It's encouraging to see that RECORD can be used as a forum for open discussion, understanding and learning around these topics. It is my hope that through open communication and discussion "average church members" will gain knowledge and experience—leaving us better equipped for such conversations and transparency on mental health issues.

**EVERY NATION**

Hugh Heenan, NZ

Thank you for the May 18 edition of RECORD and its focus on our 150th anniversary as an organised Church, united for mission. We surely have a great deal for which we can be thankful! David Trim, in his article "Still on a Mission", rightly referred to our highly inclusive beginnings and the editorial made subtle mention of a denomination whose world leaders are all white American males and contrasted this with our world leadership team drawn from across the world.

Clearly, this is something we can be grateful for and which is due to our adherence to the representative model of church governance found in the New Testament (Acts 15; Matthew 18).

Yet, despite our representative form of governance, it is notable that in 150 years, every General Conference president has been a white, male American, Norwegian or Australian. Not that there's an issue with white males (I am

one!) or with these nationalities, although there are more than 200 nations in the world.

It's also interesting that only three GC sessions have been held outside America (Vienna in 1975, Utrecht in 1995, Toronto in 2000) and this US trend will continue in 2015 and 2020. One or two of the supposed constraints on holding them outside the US seem somewhat artificial. Nevertheless, in our region alone, we have in Sydney and Melbourne, two cities with the capacity to meet the stated requirements.

I'm sure most would agree that as the Church called to take the everlasting Gospel to every nation, tribe, language and people, it will be truly wonderful to one day no longer be able to make the above observations and have even more reason to praise God and give Him glory!

*Editors response:* Interestingly, at the 1990 General Conference Session, Pastor. George Brown, who had African ancestors and hailed from the Dominican Republic, was decisively selected by the nominating committee as the next General Conference President. He turned down the nomination.

**GREAT IDEAS**

Jenny Finlayson, via email

I have just read the editorial "Reclaim the third space" (June 1). It's given me some great ideas, like starting a community group as I'm feeling very lonely and have few social outlets. A group where we can be ourselves and witness by the way we live and have company at the same time is a great idea.





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## RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

### First missionary to the Philippines

Robert Caldwell and his mother became Adventists in the late 1890s while Ellen White was living in Australia. After some time as a student at Avondale, Robert entered the literature ministry of the Church as a colporteur. He must have done well because by 1900 he was publishing secretary for the West Australian Conference.

In 1905 he accompanied Captain/Pastor G F Jones to Singapore. He visited Java and stopped at North Borneo on his way to the Philippines, where he sold Spanish language health and religious books in Manila. He worked almost continuously as a colporteur there until 1919.

While he was the first Adventist missionary to the Philippines, he was soon joined in 1906 by Pastor J L McElhany (who was to later serve as General Conference president, 1936–1950) and others. He also worked in China and visited Japan. He was preceptor (dean of men) at Avondale College in 1920 and then worked with evangelist Pastor Smart for a time.

Caldwell married Mary Showe in 1908 and she accompanied him on his return to the Philippines. They had two children—Adventist educator David “the Cello fellow” and Frances.

As one account puts it, Robert Caldwell laid “the foundation by the sale of books for the later quite spectacular growth of Adventism in that archipelago. . . He was a true pioneer of worldwide Adventism.”\* Caldwell lived long enough to know that there were nearly 100,000 church members in the Philippines; spectacular growth in just one lifetime from the seed which he had planted 60 years earlier. But he was not one to talk about his achievements, even within his family, for that was not important to him. But it's a little sad that his name is not included in the biographies of the stalwarts of the faith in the two volume *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, though he is listed as the first missionary in the history of the work in the Philippines (*SDA Bible Commentary*, Vol 10–988). The important thing though is that the Filipino people themselves have kept his memory alive, and appropriately so, for he achieved much in his faithful service to the Lord he loved.

Today there are nearly 750,000 Seventh-day Adventists living in the Philippines. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord . . . they will find rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them” (Revelation 14:13).

\* *Seventh-day Adventists in the South Pacific 1885 - 1985*, p 74

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## ANNIVERSARY



**Vranjes.** Petar and Angelina Vranjes celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary with family on the 31.3.13 at Gold Coast, Qld. It was a memorable and unforgettable day filled with love, laughter and reminiscing about the years gone by. The family home was once again filled with all three daughters Zorana, Svetlana and Marijana, with their husbands and children.

## WEDDINGS



**Gibson—Haynes.**

Peter Gibson, son of Everard and Atfoa Gibson (Sydney, NSW), and Zoe Haynes, daughter of Oswald Haynes (Savusavu, Fiji) and Jean Purcell (Sydney, NSW), were married 30.9.12 at Parramatta church.

*Usaia Baravi, Michael Sikuri*



**Olofia—Kimani.**

Bill Reuben Olofia son of Judith Olofia (Solomon Islands) and the late Paul Olofia, and Phoebe Wanjiru Kimani, daughter of James and Esther Wanjema (Kenya) were married 29.3.13 in the South Brisbane church. They have set up their home in Brisbane.

*Mark Pearce*



**Si'ulua—Mahe.**

Sunia Pasi Havea Si'ulua, son of Taani and Tutau Si'ulua (Nuku'alofa, Tonga), and Kathleen Ann Mahe, daughter of Sosua and Malia Mahe (Guildford, NSW), were married 15.8.12 at The Enchanted Garden, Curzon Hall, Sydney, NSW.

*Alwyn Hilton*



**Strother—Hembury.**

James Strother, son of Graham and Jeanie Strother (Rendelsham, SA), and Leah Hembury, daughter of Colin and Jayne Hembury (Frances), were married 10.3.13 in the beautiful garden setting of the groom's parents' property. They will establish their home in Rendelsham.

*George Hirst*



**Valderemao—Azzopardi.** Dillon Valderemao, son of Mauvereen

and the late Graham Cocks (Stirling, SA), and Amanda Azzopardi, daughter of George and Joanne Azzopardi (Melbourne, Vic), were married 23.9.13 at Ascot Vale church. Dillon and Amanda met at the Gilson College school reunion in 2009, after Dillon returned from working interstate and overseas. Now they live in Taylors Hill, just up the road from the college, where they both work.

*Jogamau Juaoi*



**Venter—Christian.**

Sean Anthony Venter, son of Stephen and Joan Venter (Sydney, NSW), and Annalee Michelle Ruby Christian, daughter of Pam Wood (Brisbane, Qld) and the late James Wood, were married 17.3.13 in the Mt Gravatt church, Brisbane.

*Mark Pearce*

## OBITUARIES

**Ajdnik,** Siegfried, born 19.8.1939 in Duisburg, Germany; died 25.2.13 in Ringwood, Vic. On 5.5.1967, he married Elfriede. He is survived by his wife (Lilydale); and their daughter, Jenny and her husband, David Edgren; and their grandchildren, Cyrus, Michael and Rachael (all of Lilydale). Siggie and Elfriede moved to Australia shortly after their marriage. Siggie was known for his powerful singing voice and loving nature.

*James Greensill*

**Edwards,** Doreen Mary, born 9.12.1919; died 12.11.12. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur, and son, Anthony. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Leonie Hutchinson, Charmaine and Peter Gorman, Denise and Graham Thompson, Kerry and Dennis Barrett; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Doreen held many church offices over 60 years and enjoyed singing the old hymns. Many visiting pastors and their families as well as church members enjoyed delicious meals at her home. Doreen's family were her life and she showed it. Her garden was a picture to behold. She lived for those she loved

and those she loved will always remember.

*Tharren Hutchinson*

**Fretten,** John Philip, born 25.8.1933 in London, UK; died 26.4.13 in Caloundra, Qld. He was baptised in 1949 in London, UK. On 3.8.1953, he married Patricia Mary Compton in Birmingham. John was ordained to the ministry in 1992 at Stuarts Point, NSW. He is survived by his wife; their children, Louise and Robert Binnion (Gold Coast, Qld), Peter and Yim (Bangkok, Thailand), Janet Sampson (Maroochydore, Qld); and his grandchildren. John and his family immigrated to Australia in 1958. He was trained as a civil engineer and worked in this profession in both the UK and Australia. He was called to the gospel ministry in 1986, and served the following churches: King Island, Burnie, Wynyard and Smithton in Tasmania; Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Taree and Wingham in NSW. He preached and taught Sabbath School at his retirement church, Caloundra, was very active at the Caloundra Adventist Retirement Village,

visiting and encouraging the residents. He passed to his rest after a long illness.

*David Edgar, Darren Parker  
John Rabbas*

**Mazur,** Charles Gregory, born 14.3.1972 in Melbourne, Vic; died 25.12.12 in Forest Lake, Qld. He is survived by his parents, Vera and John Mazur; his brother, Terry Mazur; and his four children, Robert David Peter Payne, Lewis Dextah Mazur, Oliver Izaak Mazur and Audrina Lillian Mazur. After a long illness, Gregory passed away on Christmas Day, 2012. Gregory worked as a steel fixer on a large number of Brisbane's major office buildings and the new Clem7 and Brisbane bypass tunnels and highways. He also held four state championships in kickboxing in Queensland, Victoria, WA and NSW.

**Nash,** Stephen Robert, born 5.9.1960 in Sydney, NSW; died 22.3.13 in Greenslopes Private Hospital, Brisbane, Qld, from a brain tumour. On 12.3.1995, he married Wynette Standish. He is survived by his wife (Forestdale);

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his children, Zakary, Jayna and Jadi (Brisbane, Qld); his parents, Bob and Faye Nash (Sydney, NSW); and his siblings, Leanne, Patrick and Sandra. Stephen was a devoted family man who was content with the simple things in life. He fought a great fight under suffering. Taken too young, he will be missed by many, especially his wife and three teenage children.

*Bob Possingham*

**Oehlmann, Ethel Margaretta** (nee Ellie), born 18.12.1917 in Cooroy, Qld; died 8.4.13 in the Akoo-ramak nursing home, Warwick. On 1.3.1947, she married Allan Cecil Oehlmann in Brisbane. Both were very active members of the Warwick church. She is survived

by her husband; their children, Richard, Lynelle, Patricia, John and Stephen; and nine grandchildren. Ellie passed away peacefully surrounded by the people she loved. She will be missed by a family who valued her greatly. She is sleeping in Jesus until the day He reunites her with her husband and family forever. She was laid to rest at the Warwick Cemetery.

*Humberto Rivera*

**Patterson, Robert John**, born 23.7.1944 in Newcastle, NSW; died 12.3.13 in the Avondale nursing home, Cooranbong. He was predeceased by his younger brother, Graham, in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Jan; his son, Andrew and daughter, Tracey,

and their spouses; five grandchildren; his sister, Lesley; and mother, Maisie. Rob started work with Sanitarium in Moorooka, Brisbane, in 1962. He served at various sites, firstly as an apprentice, and then working his way up to chief engineer. He then joined the sales team, eventually working as national trade marketing manager. Rob was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2010, but throughout his illness he remained strong in faith, uplifted by the promise and power of Jesus. His faith was a witness to family, friends and staff.

*Peter Cousins*

**Pitt, Eunice Sylvia** (nee Longley), born 7.7.1928 in Manunui, NZ;

died 7.4.13 in Donvale, Vic. On 2.2.1953, she married Pastor Walton Pitt. She is survived by her husband; their children, Roger, Stephen, Trevor, Carole Pitt, Andrew and Sherill Harding (all of Melbourne); and seven grandchildren. Eunice was a wonderful wife and loving mother.

*Tony Campbell, Brian Lawty*

**Reibelt, Valma Ruth** (nee Kahler) born 8.6.1921 in Geham, north of Toowoomba, Qld; died 24.3.13 in Nambour. On 21.12.1943, she married Daral Reibelt with whom she shared the same birthdate. He predeceased her in 1996. After living in the Toowoomba region they moved to a property at Woombye, near Nambour, where they spent the rest of their

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lives. Val was a founding member of the Nambour church, serving as head deaconess for many years. She is survived by her children, Pam (Woombye), Lindsay and Petra (Brisbane); four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Val was a true Christian and a gentle, lovely lady.

*Mark Pearce*

**Richards, David Charles**, born in Toowong, Brisbane, Qld; died in Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane. He is survived by his wife, Dulcie (Brisbane); and their children, Dr Karen Ann Richards (Launceston, Tas), Paul and his wife, Karen (Brisbane); his grandchildren, Geoffrey, Elliot and Alistair; and step-grandchildren, Rhys and Collette. David loved music and played in an Adventist band. He loved his garden and was a keen photographer, and also had a keen interest in computers. He was a loving husband and father. He will be missed.

*Zeny Vidacak*

**Ridding, Janette Shirley**, born 17.1.1939 in Emu Plains, NSW; died 14.4.13 in Lightning Ridge. She is survived by Judy, Evlyn, and Brian and family (Townsville, Qld). Jan was the "bush nurse" of Lightning Ridge and did mission work in Africa and Papua New Guinea.

*Beulah James*



**Streatfeild, Cynthia Mavis** (nee Seivwright), born 27.12.1931 in Inverell NSW; died 12.4.13 in Kings Langley. She was predeceased by her brother, Jimmy. In January 1953, she married Harold Streatfeild in Wahroonga. She is survived by her husband; sisters, Noleen and Janice; brother, Colin; five sons, Garry, Winston, Wayne, Stephen and Rodney; 12 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Cynthia and Harold celebrated their 60th anniversary in January. Cynthia was a nurse, homemaker and faithful office holder at Campbelltown church.

*Rein Muhlberg*

**Webb, Arthur Frederick**, born 26.2.1924 in London, UK; died 3.2.13 in Victor Harbor, SA. He is survived by his daughter, Susan Nanacorte; stepson, Brian Bell, daughter-in-law, Daphne Bell; and her sister, Eileen (England).

Arthur was truly loved and will be missed by his grandchildren, family and friends. He trusted in the Lord and now rests until Jesus comes.

*Ray Carlsen*

**Webber, Lorna Merle**, born 18.12.1929 in Adelaide, SA; died 21.4.13 in the Daw Park Hospice, Adelaide. On 3.11.1985, she married Chelsea Webber, who predeceased her in 2005. She was previously married to Bill Hutchinson. She is survived by her children, Lynette Blake (Perth, WA), Keryn Evans (Sydney, NSW), Mark Hutchinson and Grant Hutchinson (both of Adelaide, SA); and grandchildren. Lorna was a practical Christian who loved and cared for others. She had a deep love for her family and a close relationship with her grandchildren.

*Allan Croft, Nigel Ackland*

**Wepa, Wharemarama**, born 3.9.1926 in Aranui, Hastings, NZ; died 26.1.13 in the Redwood Home and Hospital, Rotorua. She was predeceased by her husband, Jeremiah, and son, Daniel. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Ara (Tauranga), Matthew and Janet (Rotorua), Rob and Angela (Kambala, WA), Martin and Colleen (Rotorua, NZ), Ann (Rotorua), Hiria and Reg (Tumut, NSW) and Daphne (Sydney); grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Wharemarama was a kind and gentle Christian who loved her whanau and friends. She always had a kind word to say and a radiant smile to share. See you in the morning Wharemarama, moe mai.

*Jake Ormsby*

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