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Evangelism draws 40,000 despite rain

Lae, Papua New Guinea

The threat of rain failed to deter more than 40,000 people from attending The Last Empire evangelistic series at Eriku Oval in Lae, Papua New Guinea (PNG).

The three-week campaign, organised by the Morobe Mission in partnership with It Is Written Oceania (IIWO) and the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, experienced a continual growth in the number of attendees after opening to an audience of 15,000 on Sunday, July 21. Monday's event drew a crowd of 30,000, with an estimated 40,000 people packing the oval on Tuesday night.

"The people of PNG are a spiritual people who have a hunger for God and truth and are keen to study the Word of God," said Pastor Gary Kent, IIWO director and presenter of the series in Lae.

The series was also broadcast live on three PNG radio stations.

Pastor Kent said rain on Sunday afternoon was so heavy that program organisers had a genuine concern that people would not attend. "In desperation we took the matter to God in prayer," he said. "While we were praying the rain subsided and then stopped. There was no further rain until our program was over that night."

Rain did fall during Monday night's program, but it had little effect on the 30,000 attendees. "The rain came, however the people stayed right to the end of the message," said IIWO general manager Geraldine Przybylko. "God was in control."

The Last Empire series takes an in-depth look at the connections between biblical prophecy and world history. During the opening night program, a 10-metre high plastic blow-up statue of the image described in the second chapter of Daniel was inflated, much to the amazement of the attendees.

The series in Lae was part of the Adventist Church's global Mission to the Cities strategic initiative for 2013/2014. —Linden Chuang



Every vantage point was filled.

Local feel to One Project's focus on Jesus

Newcastle, New South Wales

In its second local gathering, the One Project added a more Australian flavour to the Jesus focus that has caught Adventist attention across the world.

Meeting at Newcastle's City Hall, 360 church members and leaders from across Australia and New Zealand spent two days—July 20 and 21—discussing Jesus and His call on their lives and their Church. Conversation groups, worship, prayer and preaching, culminating in a simple communion service, invited participants to discover, celebrate, share and experience Jesus in renewed ways.

"This has been one of the most locally visioned and led One Project gatherings," said Dr Lisa Clark Diller, One Project board member, speaker and professor of history at Southern Adventist University (USA).

The weekend marked the third anniversary of the first meeting of a small group of Adventist youth pastors and university chaplains, from which grew the One Project. So many

other people have resonated with the impulse to refocus on Jesus that, for example, the Newcastle gathering was booked out three months in advance.

Yet, for the One Project leadership, their personal experience remains core to this ministry. "In these three years, I have changed a lot in my life," said Pastor Japhet de Oliveira, co-chair of the One Project and chaplain at Andrews University (USA), of which the One Project is an official ministry. "I want to make sure we are bringing people to Jesus and allowing that to change them and build the Church."

Newcastle's Joanna Darby was one of the local preachers and with her husband, Leighton, did much of the local organising of the event. "When we experienced our first One Project, we were so inspired by it we wanted to share it with the people in our conference," she said.

Director of Youth Ministries for the North New South Wales Conference, Pastor Jeff Parker, said it was a privilege for his conference to host the



Round table discussions at the One Project.

event. "People who attended found it amazing and inspiring, and have said it has challenged them to think about so many things," he said.

Pastor Brendan Pratt, a departmental director for the Greater Sydney Conference, and Pastor Eddie Hypolite, senior pastor of the Avondale College Church and a co-founder of the One Project, were the other Australian-based preachers.

Two One Project events are planned for Australia next year—Sydney (July 19–20) and Perth (July 26–27). More information at <www.the1project.org>. —Nathan Brown/Adele Nash



Be the end

James Standish

She's a global celebrity; a best-selling author. She's fabulously wealthy; and wonderfully glamorous. She comes from a world of privilege and power. Both sets of her grandparents were successful in business. Her father was Margaret Thatcher's Chancellor of the Exchequer and now sits in the British House of Lords. Her brother edited London's *Sunday Telegraph*. She has the right to use "the Honourable" as a prefix to her name.

And if all of that were not enough, man can she cook!

Yes, I am talking about the one and only Nigella Lawson. You can have your *My Kitchen Rules* and *MasterChefs*, you can keep your Gordon Ramsays and Jamie Olivers. In my mind, Nigella reigns supreme as the queen of cuisine—even if I wouldn't eat 90 per cent of what she makes . . .

And so it came as a terrible shock when photos of her husband grabbing her around the neck during an argument emerged recently. If a woman as rich and powerful, as glamorous and famous, as Nigella Lawson can be physically mistreated in public by her husband, can any woman be safe?

According to experts, the answer is "no". Any way we can slice or dice the demographics—by income, ethnicity, location or education—we'll find sexual and physical violence present in a shockingly high percentage of homes. And although some studies find that such violence is less prevalent in the homes of regular church attendees, it certainly exists.

I know this personally, because a few years ago we attended a lovely Adventist church very near the General Conference. It had nice padded seats, a pristine white interior and a crisp churchy exterior. Everything was in its place, and everything rolled on time. The sermons were good, the people friendly and the potlucks bountiful. It was, I suppose, an ideal largish church, in a beautiful upscale suburb; just the kind of place where anyone could slot in and feel at home.

But there was a problem. A huge problem.

You see, whispers started swirling around the church that some of the men of the congregation were in the habit of beating their wives at home. But somehow it was a problem our church family could never seem to address.

There were many reasons to stay silent. A whisper isn't, I suppose, a fact. And when it comes to internal family matters, who wants to be the one who wades in? Then there was the cultural issue—it was claimed that this was just the way the men from one of the ethnic groups in our multicultural church treated their women. Would speaking up be an act of cultural imperialism? The men thought it was really the territory of women to deal with. The women, on the other hand, felt powerless to address the male abusers. And so it rolled on, year after year. Quiet, discreet, out of sight and, if at all possible, out of mind.

I suppose during those years we sat through 300 sermons. We had Christology, hamartiology, soteriology, the occasional sermon pertaining to ecclesiology and, of course, good doses of eschatology. But never a mention of the cancer among us. We had our disputes. About music. About church expenses. About clapping in church. But never about domestic violence.

I look back at those years and I'm ashamed. I'm ashamed at myself for not having the guts or the wisdom to raise the issue publicly. I'm ashamed at my church family for not having the focus, or even the language, to candidly address the problem. I'm ashamed that I was part of a community—a church family—that failed women who desperately needed us to say something. I know the past is the past and I can't undo it, but what about the future?

Next Sabbath, August 24, is the Adventist "enditnow" Sabbath. It's a Sabbath set aside by the General Conference to focus openly and honestly on the debilitating evil that is domestic violence. It's a time for every pastor, every elder, every adult Sabbath School teacher, to raise our voices against the physical and sexual abuse of women in society at large, but most particularly, the abuse of women in Adventist families.

If we never acknowledge it, if we never talk about it, if we never confront it, we can never end it. By the grace of God, let's have the courage to address this evil head on. Together. And together, let's end it now.

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But for God's grace

Jarrod Stackelroth

I could feel the anger welling up inside. Every pointed barb my little brother shot hit. Like a wounded bear, caged and cornered, he would poke me and provoke me until I would attack. Bigger and stronger than him, I wanted him to stop. Usually I'd grab him, my hands around his throat or squeezing his arm, willing him to stop. He had to learn a lesson. I was conflicted, controlled by my emotions.

We were only little kids at the time. All brothers fight, right?

I didn't want to hurt him. I just wanted respect. I hadn't always had it at school. In the first few years, I was teased and provoked by those older than me—stung by the names they called, never able to run fast enough to catch them and make them pay.

I was a nice kid, a gentle giant, very patient but I had a tipping point. I had an overdeveloped sense of justice and on occasion I would just lash out. But I felt guilty every time my temper got the better of me. It became my daily prayer: "Dear Jesus, please take away my temper. Help me to control it."

With the moderating influences of age and maturity, the fighting stopped. My brother and I got along better and better.¹

When I met my wife, I was drawn to her outgoing nature, her generosity, her sense of adventure. The image she portrayed to the world, however, hid the darkness of low self-esteem.

You see, she had been abused in previous relationships—hit, dragged by the hair, verbally abused and attacked. I couldn't believe it. It was so foreign to my experience, so outrageous. I was angry, hurt.

I promised her I would never hurt her like that, never hit her. I wanted to make her feel safe and secure, to erase the past with love. She has tried to forgive and move on.

My wife likes to stir me; she knows what buttons to push. One day I felt my emotions surging up in the familiar way—a king tide, threatening to spill over the breakwater and engulf all before it. Electricity flashed out to my extremities, my fingers twitched. But I stood still. I had made a promise and in that moment, my promise stopped me in my tracks.

But now I know. I know that I have in me the base human desire to control and exert my authority. I have pockets of darkness in me that need to be completely filled and lightened by the Holy Spirit.

My conscience held me back. Not everyone's does. So I want to make a few things clear. Violence is never OK. Jesus talks about even anger being like murder. The only way to control our unhealthy habits is to surrender them and be filled with the Spirit so we give out His fruits.

Men, we should promise our women and children never to raise a hand in anger against them. We must stand up against violence. I was challenged by Ephesians 5 where it says I must love my wife as Christ loved the church. That means laying down my life for her. No-one damages or hurts the thing that is more important than his own life. And I praise God every day that He has changed me and saved me. "There but for the grace of God, go I."

1. In preparing for this editorial, I called my brother and apologised for any hurt I had caused.

Jarrod Stackelroth is associate editor of RECORD.

Revived by His Word

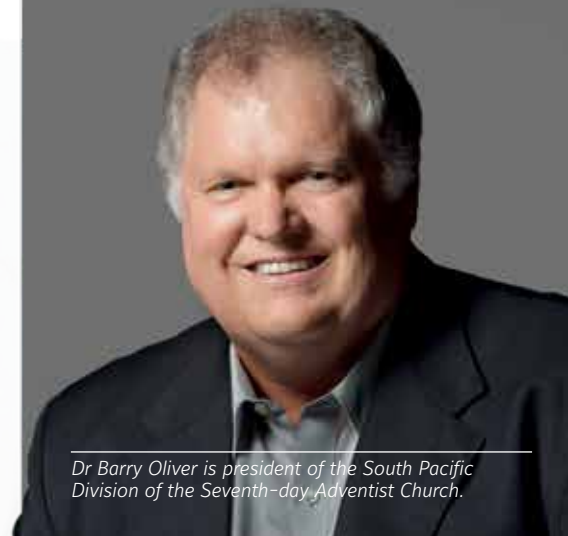
I wonder what new insights you gleaned from your time spent with the Word of God today?

Or do I need to ask another question? Did you actually spend time with the Word today? . . . I really hope so. I really hope that in the busyness of life you have found time to do the most important thing a Christian can do—spend time with our God and His words of hope and love.

I have been working through the Bible chapter-by-chapter following the plan outlined by our Revived By His Word reading plan. You can access it at www.revivedbyhisword.com. Seventh-day Adventists around the world have been following this schedule as initiated by the General Conference. It will conclude with the reading of Revelation 22 at the time of the next General Conference Session in San Antonio in July 2015. At the moment we are almost through the Book of Job.

As I have read and prayed through each chapter, I have been again amazed at the many insights I have gleaned that I have never noticed or considered previously. I guess I should not have been surprised because that is just what the Bible and the Holy Spirit do for you. There are new revelations and insights every time we come to God and His Word with a receptive mind.

May God grant us just such a mind today and every day.



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



Detained without charge

Adventist pastor Antonio Monteiro has spent 500 days in prison in Togo without trial. Church leaders have been uncharacteristically outspoken on the issue, releasing a four-part investigative report via the Adventist News Network website. They continue to call for justice and prayer. —*ANN*



State vs Church

A law requiring Fijian churches to have meetings approved by the government, has seen the nation's largest denomination cut back its annual conference. The Methodist Church had planned to run the conference for more than two weeks, including a singing competition fundraiser. But the conference will now be four days. —*Radio Australia*



Positive force

Two million people have gathered on Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana Beach to hear Pope Francis challenge young Brazilians to be a force for positive change in the world. The pope said young people needed to make a difference in a world where some starve while others throw away food. —*ABC*



Long way round

This year's Bike for Bibles charity ride could be the biggest event of its kind. The route covers more than 7000 kms, from Broome to Perth and then across to Sydney. Funds will go towards Bibles for chaplains working with the uniformed services and Bible-based literacy plans for vulnerable women in South America. —*Bible Society Australia*



Falsely accused

Seventh-day Adventist Sajjad Masih has been sentenced to life imprisonment in Pakistan, after accusations he sent insulting messages about the prophet Muhammad to Islamic leaders. But the original complainant has since said he was pressured by police and retracted his statement against the 29-year-old. —*Morning Star News*



Efforts fail

Despite desperate last-ditch attempts by church groups, the UK's same-sex marriage laws have passed the final legal hurdles, with both the House of Lords and the Queen signing off on the Bill. The Christian Concern group says churches and individuals with biblical objections to homosexuality are now at greater legal risk. —*Christian Concern*

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Adventists Say No to Violence Against Women

Domestic violence has been documented as a major issue within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Incidences of abuse follow trends documented in non-Adventist populations.

enditnow seeks to increase personal awareness, responsibility, and involvement to effectively help end violence against women and girls in every family and community. Seventh-day Adventists affirm the dignity and worth of each human being and decry all forms of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

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Sanitarium voted most trusted brand

Berkeley Vale, New South Wales

Sanitarium Weet-Bix has been voted the most trusted breakfast brand in *Reader's Digest's* annual survey of more than 3000 shoppers in Australia.

Weet-Bix also made it into the top 10 most trusted brands of the 297 brands surveyed and Sanitarium was acknowledged as highly commended at second place in the breakfast cereal category.

The survey aims to identify products that dominate consumers' lifestyles and hold their all-important trust in an increasingly tough and highly competitive retail market.

Sanitarium accredited practising dietitian Michelle Reid said it was an honour for Weet-Bix to receive the awards—and it's all thanks to the millions of people who enjoy Sanitarium's products and trust its brands.

"Weet-Bix has been giving families the perfect, healthy start to the day for more than 85 years and continues to be Australia's breakfast of choice with kids and adults consuming an amazing 1.4 billion biscuits each year," she said.

"Sanitarium is committed to really making a difference

and creating healthier and happier communities. Thank you Australia for voting Weet-Bix as your most trusted breakfast cereal."

In New Zealand, Sanitarium was voted the country's "Most Trusted Breakfast Brand" for the third year in a row, with Weet-Bix also receiving a Highly Commended mention. The Weet-Bix brand placed ninth overall in the Top Ten Most Trusted Brands this year, of all the brands surveyed in New Zealand.

"We're delighted to hear Sanitarium has topped the category once again," Sanitarium New Zealand general manager Pierre van Heerden said. "It's also fantastic to see New Zealand's number one breakfast food, Weet-Bix, also scoring in the top 10 of all brands."—*Sharyn Brady*



Students prohibited from Sabbath worship

Port Vila, Vanuatu

Adventist students attending Presbyterian boarding schools in Vanuatu will no longer be allowed to worship on the seventh-day Sabbath, according to a report from Adventist Media: Vanuatu.

The decision was made by the head office of the Presbyterian Church following an Assembly of the Church meeting in late June. In a letter to Adventist Education director Willie Luen, Presbyterian Church representatives said the church had advised Vanuatu's Ministry of Education not to select Adventist students to Onesua College and other Presbyterian schools beginning in 2014. The Adventist Education Authority has been unsuccessful in its attempts to convince the Presbyterians to change their position. Discussions will continue.

Aore Adventist Academy, a boarding school with 60 non-Adventist students, allows members of other Christian faiths to worship on Sunday. These students are also exempted from work on Sundays, with their work commitments made up during other times of the week.—*Linden Chuang*



Students in Vanuatu.

New president for NZPUC

Howick, New Zealand

Dr Brad Kemp has been named president of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC).

Dr Kemp replaces outgoing president Pastor Jerry Matthews, who announced in early June his plans to retire from the position, which he has held since 2005.

"It's a real honour to serve as part of the NZPUC," said Dr Kemp, who will leave his position as associate general secretary of the South Pacific Division—a role in which he has served since 2005.

"[My wife] Coree and I are looking forward to moving to Auckland and working with the NZPUC team."

Aside from his role as associate general secretary, Dr Kemp spent 12 years in Papua New Guinea (PNG) working

in a number of leadership positions, including general secretary and communication director for the PNG Union Mission from 1996 to 2000.

Dr Kemp has also served as a minister, area supervisor and Family Ministries director (in PNG).

"We are delighted to welcome Brad to the NZPUC team," said union secretary-treasurer Graeme Drinkall. "Brad has many years of administration experience and we look forward to working with him."—*Linden Chuang*



Dr Brad Kemp.



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Prayer summit re:mobilises youth

Adelaide, South Australia

Despite the cold winter weather, more than 200 young people from across Australia gathered for the Adventist Youth for Christ (AYC) re:dedication Prayer Summit in Adelaide last month.

Featuring Jerry and Janet Page from the General Conference's Ministerial Department as keynote speakers, delegates were inspired by testimonies of answered prayer and engaged in interactive workshops and discussions surrounding personal and corporate prayer.



A highlight of the event, held from July 19–21, was the unique Sabbath program. Comprising prayer and fasting as well as individual and small group conversational prayer sessions, more than 20 people rededicated their lives to God in service, with many others putting their hand up for Bible work or full-time ministry.

The afternoon included a practical outreach session spent praying with members of the surrounding community followed by an uplifting musical worship service titled "Prayer in Song".

Participants were also inspired to incorporate prayer into every facet of their lives—from their own personal walk with Jesus to making prayer the core of youth groups and local churches.

The re:dedicate Prayer Summit formed one of the key parts of AYC's re:mobilise vision. Born out of a desire to unite Australia's youth in a lifestyle of evangelism, re:mobilise provides a comprehensive and dynamic opportunity for young people to be involved in an evangelistic cycle of sowing, training, harvesting and discipleship, and to join the world Church's effort in the 2014 Year of Evangelism.

The strategic plan is based on a pilot project titled iMPACT 2012, where 11 different churches across Australia hosted youth-run, youth-led public evangelistic series. The combined efforts saw tremendous impact not only on surrounding communities but also on the youth themselves as they became active disciples for Christ.

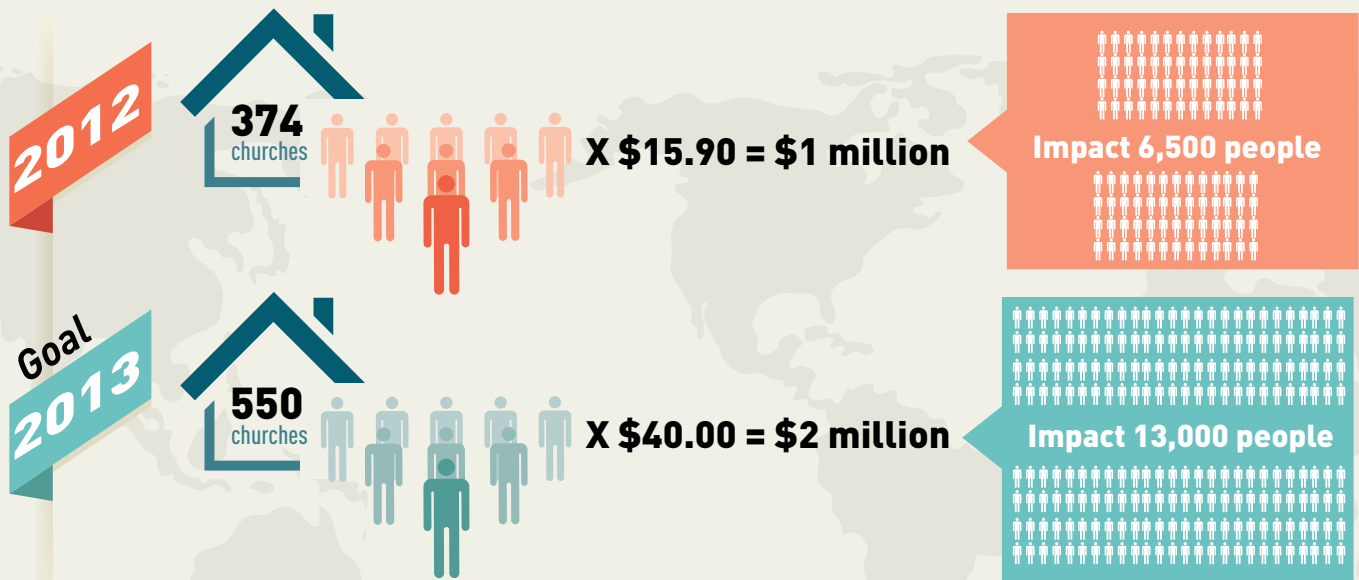
A similar but larger project—iMPACT 2014—forms the cornerstone of AYC's vision. Under the guidance of Australian Union Conference evangelist, Pastor Geoff Youlden, AYC will spend the remainder of 2013 in prayer, preparation and training, culminating in the re:volution Convention from February 13–16, 2014, in Melbourne. This will serve as a precursor to the iMPACT 2014 public evangelistic series, which will be followed by discipleship and follow-up efforts in 2015.—Daryl Cheng

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An Appealing impact

Figures recently released by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia show the impact of the annual ADRA Appeal extends far beyond tired legs—it's being felt across the globe through new projects directly funded by donations collected at the door.

Last year 374 churches (65 per cent of all Adventist churches in Australia) raised just over \$A1 million for ADRA's work in Australia and overseas—averaging \$15.90 per member.

However, the five most successful churches averaged \$542 per member, with the top church bringing in \$950 per member.

"The figures from some of these churches are staggering," ADRA Australia CEO Mark Webster said. "The time and effort put in by thousands of Adventists around the country is massive, but the most exciting thing is the impact this money is having at home and overseas."

The funds raised by collectors during last year's appeal have helped ADRA continue to change lives by starting a number of new initiatives, including:

- A refugee settlement program that was launched in South Australia that helps refugees and other recent arrivals gain employment by supporting them through the driver's licence process. This program is now being rolled out across the country.

- Two community meals programs in Adelaide, which provide a warm meal—with food often donated by local restaurants or through food recovery services such as OzHarvest—and a listening ear to families and individuals in need. It also allows those most at risk to be referred to other services that can assist them during their time of need.

- A project in Cambodia, started in January, which is providing training, resources and support for thousands of rural Cambodians to improve sustainable agriculture practices for better health and an increased income. The project is also allowing communities to construct hygienic latrines and provide access to clean water, while also providing training workshops in health and sanitation.

- A project in Vietnam, which also started in January, providing training, resources and support to thousands of ethnic minority women, many of whom have had no education past second grade, and who are learning to read and write Vietnamese.

"The ADRA Appeal is the largest single fundraiser for ADRA's work around the world," Mr Webster said. "Without it we couldn't continue Christ's ministry of compassion like we do."

This year, for the first time, the ADRA Appeal is happening across the country during October. Mr Webster said the unified time would make coordinating and promoting the appeal more successful, helping it to have a greater impact on those who need it most.

"This year, with your help, we are aiming to raise enough to assist 13,000 people secure the basics such as education and training through ADRA projects in Australia and overseas," he said.

"All this requires is every Adventist in Australia taking up the \$40 Challenge - to raise \$40 during the ADRA Appeal," he said. "Or, just an hour collecting on the door or in a public place in your community."

Braden Blyde is communication coordinator for ADRA Australia.

Being a Schindler

by James Standish

A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS WORKING IN Washington, DC, the American Jewish Committee took me on a study tour of Israel. What I found most confronting during the trip was not the wall, the tensions, or even being presented with a Hamas rocket casing shot from Gaza. The most confronting part of the trip had to do with my own homeland: Australia.

During a visit to Jerusalem's Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum), I came across a display on the build up to the Holocaust; the period when European Jews could see the writing on the wall and were desperately attempting to escape the Nazis. To say the free world was indifferent to their plight is an understatement. A ship with 937 German Jews attempted to land in Florida, but the US Coast Guard chased them off shore. Eventually, unable to land, the boat returned to Europe where most of those on board perished in the Holocaust.

But the US was not the only nation turning away desperate Jews. At an international conference in 1938, the Australian Minister for Trade and Customs, T W White, explained his government's insistence on retaining strict limits on Jewish asylum seekers with words that are now emblazoned in large letters on the wall at Yad Vashem: "[W]e have no real racial problem, we are not desirous of importing one . . ."

Fast-forward 55 years and Australian author Thomas Keneally's book was made into Steven Spielberg's Oscar winning masterpiece *Schindler's List*. And Australians, like people across the world, flocked to see the film, handkerchiefs in hand. But while Schindler saved around 1000 Jews destined for Hitler's ovens, what remains unacknowledged is that Australia could have saved tens of thousands by simply allowing Jews a refuge in their hour of greatest need.

“[W]e have no real racial problem, we are not desirous of importing one . . .”

Of course, if a second Holocaust was to occur today, we would be a nation of Schindlers, not a nation of T W Whites. Or would we?

Today, our region faces a moral question for our age. This time it isn't desperate European Jews searching for a sanctuary, it's desperate Iranians fleeing one of the world's most repressive regimes. It's Iraqi Christians who have been murdered, bombed and beaten unmercifully since the invasion that we were a part of. It's shell-shocked Syrians caught between a despotic ruler on one side and jihadists on the other.

In the face of the most persecuted people on earth coming to the South Pacific, Australia's two major political parties are vying to see who can be the most callous. They are acting so brutally because they believe we, the electorate, want them to. Hence, every voter has an opportunity. If we communicate clearly and unambiguously that we want a nation that is compassionate, a nation that is generous, that rejects the bullying policies of our politicians, there's a chance this terrible stain on our national character can be removed.

Today every one of us can be a Schindler. Simply look up your local MP and send a note letting him or her know that you do not want brutality perpetrated in your name. I hope you'll join me in making a stand. In 55 years, I hope my children will remember that in this hour of desperate need, their father was on the side of Schindler, not on the side of T W White. ➤

[Separate articles on the deplorable conditions at Manus Island, the use of misleading language to stigmatise asylum seekers and ADRA's official statement are available at <www.record.net.au>].

James Standish is director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific.



Bennett Spencer

I come from an interesting bunch –my dad was an undercover cop in Texas, my oldest brother is a serious skateboarder and my younger brother is a Hollywood stunt man. He was a stunt double for Spiderman in the latest film. None of us has travelled the usual office job route, that's for sure!

I worked as a commercial airline pilot in Memphis, Tennessee, flying 50 seat jets. I loved the work and a bonus was we lived in a nearby development with its own private

airport. So I wasn't short of opportunities to enjoy my passion for flying that started when I got my private pilot's licence in high school and continued through my study of aviation at Andrews University.

As much as I loved commercial flying, I wanted to fly for God. My wife, Dalena—who is a missionaries' kid—and I began looking into what was available. I wanted a program that was run professionally and was serious in the way it approached aviation. I don't believe in cutting corners. I found the approach and mission of Adventist Aviation Services fitted perfectly into what we were praying to find.

We've been in Papua New Guinea almost four years. After praying about it, we've decided to stay for another year beyond our four year term, then we'll see.

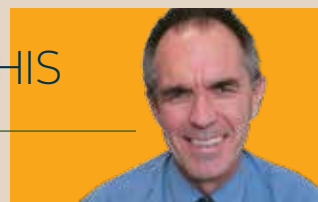
We live in Goroka, which is a wonderfully rich place to live, but it does have its challenges. We have three young children, and there's no school that fits what we're looking for. And, of course, we miss our family back in the US.

I love flying in PNG. What we do is just very meaningful. In virtually every flight, we are helping someone in a very tangible, practical way. It is the way I find most satisfying to express my Adventist faith. —*Bennett Spencer is acting head pilot for Adventist Aviation Services.*



OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster



Cloning Christ: Life-changing portraits from Patmos (Part 5: Dynamite death)

Last time we saw that Christ is our priestly Mediator. But every priest needed a sacrifice. Christ has a sacrifice—Himself. He is God's Lamb, slain according to God's will. Throughout Revelation Jesus is called the Lamb 28 times. It's the most important and powerful life-changing portrait of Christ.

Read Revelation 5:6,9; Romans 3:25; Isaiah 53:10

His death brings about life-change because:

a. It demonstrated the depth and infinite vastness of God's love for each of us. Such love changes our lives and motivates us as Christ's ambassadors to reconcile others.

Read Revelation 1:5; Romans 5:8; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:14-16

b. It has redeemed to God all who accept Christ. Knowing that God in human flesh died to redeem us, causes us to realise we are wanted and valued by God, thereby creating in us a healthy self-image.

Read Revelation 5:9; Deuteronomy 7:8; Isaiah 63:9

c. It forgives our sin and justifies us before God. Nothing is so liberating and life-changing than to know that all my sin is forgiven and I am right before God.

Read Revelation 1:5; 7:14; 14:4,5; Micah 7:19; Romans 1:16,17; 3:24,25; 5:1; 8:1; Philippians 3:9

d. His redemptive, justifying death enables us to be saved from the wrath that is coming. The assurance of salvation, as we remain in Christ, is part of the transforming and motivating power of the Gospel.

Read Revelation 6:15-17; 7:9,10,14; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 1:16,17; 5:9,10; Titus 2:4-7

e. It makes us faithful to God though surrounded by apostasy because it is a conquering power that gives us victory over Satan, sin and everything that evil powers throw at us.

Read Revelation 12:11; 13; 14:1-5; 15:1-3; Romans 8:35-39

Decide right now for life-change. Turn your attention away from yourself and focus fully on Jesus, lifted up on the cross for you.

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

We must listen

by Trafford Fischer

THERE ARE SOME ASPECTS OF OUR CULTURE that we appreciate and applaud. We love our cricket and car racing, the weekend barbecues and Christmas holidays. There are other practices that we believe are detrimental to our society and we work to eliminate, or at least minimise their damaging effects. Smoking, obesity, binge drinking, gambling and racial discrimination are on the list.

As a Church we have taken up some of these causes—the Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking was up there with the best! But have we been as vigilant and energised with the issue of domestic violence?

We can be easily tempted to put domestic violence in the "not-our-issue" basket because we find it difficult to believe that any form of violence might be happening in our churches. We believe we have taken Jesus' command to love one another seriously and are convinced that good Christian disciples of Jesus could not behave badly. When we hear that our senior elder is beating on his wife and children, we say "No, that can't be true—he is such a nice Christian gentleman." When we hear that our Pathfinder leader is emotionally abusing our Pathfinders, we say, "No, he's just a bit of a rough diamond—it's just his style!" So our first response is not to hear, and when we don't hear we don't act.

Sadly, the statistics from a number of studies on the rates of domestic violence in Adventist churches clearly reveal there will be times when we will need to stop, listen and act. When someone reports to us that they are experiencing abuse or violence of any kind, we need to respond with warmth and compassion and a genuine willingness to hear their story. Leaving them in some kind of no-man's land is the worst thing we can do—that's what we call "secondary abuse".

The Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence in Seattle, USA, has provided a number of guidelines for ministering to any person who may be suffering at the hands of a violent partner or acquaintance. Here is a selection to keep in mind:

DO believe her. Her description of the violence is only

the tip of the iceberg.

DO reassure her that this is not her fault; she doesn't deserve this treatment and it is not God's will for her.

DON'T react with disbelief, disgust or anger at what she tells you. But don't react passively either. Let her know that you are concerned and that what the abuser has done to her is wrong and not deserved by her.

DON'T blame her for his violence. If she is blaming herself, try to reframe: "I don't care if you did have tea late or forgot to water the lawn—that is no reason for him to be violent with you. This is his problem."

DO emphasise that the marriage covenant is broken by the violence from her partner.

DO assure her of God's love and presence, and of your commitment to walk with her through this journey.

DO protect her confidentiality.

DO NOT give information about her or her whereabouts to the abuser or to others who might pass information on to the abuser.

DO pray with her. Ask God to give her the strength and courage she needs.

DON'T minimise the danger to her. You can be a reality check. "From what you have told me, I am very much concerned for your safety . . ."

DON'T recommend couples counselling or approach her husband and ask for "his side of the story". These actions will endanger her.

DON'T send her home with a prayer and directive to submit to her husband, bring him to church or be a better Christian wife.

DO NOT encourage her dependence on you.

DON'T do nothing.

DO consult with colleagues in the wider community who may have expertise and be able to assist you in your response.

"Am I my brother's/sister's keeper?" "Yes, I am." Jesus compels us to express His love, His compassion and His protection to the vulnerable, the hurting and the abused.

We would do well to stop, listen and act in His Spirit. **R**

Trafford Fischer is Family Ministries director for the South Pacific Division.



It's never too late

One of the most compelling aspects of lifestyle medicine is that it focuses on giving our bodies the best chance possible to heal themselves. Modern medicine has produced some amazing advancements, but we shouldn't lose sight of our body's amazing natural potential for healing.

Research in the areas of heart disease and Type 2 diabetes has shown that, given the right support, the body has an amazing ability to reverse the progression of these conditions. Incredibly, this research is often conducted on people who are at an advanced stage in their condition.

So what is the right support? Research has shown that interventions including switching to a low fat, plant-based diet, regular physical activity and effective stress management can have an amazing effect on overall health.

While any research showing disease regression through lifestyle change is exciting, the most encouraging thing about this is that it helps to show us that it's never too late to start adopting healthy behaviours. Even at advanced stages of chronic illness, by adopting healthy habits, people can have success in reducing symptoms and better manage their condition, leading to an improved quality of life.

It can be easy to get caught in the trap of thinking we've missed our chances, it's been a long time since we've invested in our health so it's too late to start now. Nothing could be further from the truth. The real question is—how soon would you like to start feeling the benefits?



Black bean stew

Preparation time: 20 minutes Cooking Time: 40 minutes Serves: 6

- ½ medium onion, diced
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled and diced
- 3 cups water
- 2 x 400g cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 400g can diced tomatoes
- ⅔ cup uncooked pearl barley
- 1½ teaspoons cumin powder
- ½ teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1 teaspoon chilli powder (optional)
- ½ cup chopped fresh coriander
- ½ lime, juiced

1. Steam onion and sweet potato in soup pot with ½ cup water for about 5 minutes. Add remaining water, beans, tomatoes, barley, cumin, salt and chilli powder.
 2. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer for 20-30 minutes, until barley and sweet potato are cooked.
 3. Add coriander and lime juice and stir through.
- Top with additional fresh coriander to serve, if desired.

NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE: 1051 kJ (250 Cal); Protein 15g; Total fat 2g; Saturated fat 0.3g; Carbohydrates 45g; Fibre 13g; Sodium 220 mg; Potassium 774mg; Calcium 74mg; Iron 4.5mg .

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Word-for-word

Albion Adventist Church (Qld) has taken captioning sermons to the next level, enlisting the skills of former courtroom stenographer Rita Colquhoun to type church pastor Mike Brownhill's sermons live to the church's big screen. Typing at speeds of more than 200 words per minute, Rita's real-time captioning goes a long way in assisting the hearing-impaired and those with a limited understanding of spoken English.

Waihi church baptism

Six people—Zoe Atkinson, Andrew Atkinson, Matthew Sim, Paula Sim, Renee Atkinson and Dallas Atkinson—were baptised at Waihi Adventist Church in New Zealand earlier this year. John Wheeler, missing from the group photo (above), was also accepted as a member by profession of faith, returning to the Adventist Church after a 20-year absence.—*Bruce Mason*

Rugby rising star

Macarthur Adventist College school captain Jerome Harrison recently played in the Under-18s Australian Rugby League Championships, as part of the NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS) team. The championships were held in Cairns from July 7-12 and included amalgamated high school teams from across the country. Jerome was chosen as one of 20 players for the NSW CIS team.—*Candice Jaques*



Safe and sound

Seventh-day Adventists in Wellington, New Zealand, were thanking God for their safety, after a 6.5 magnitude earthquake damaged buildings in the city centre and across the region on July 21. Some minor injuries were reported, but no deaths. According to local pastor Jake Ormsby, there were no reports of damage to Adventist churches and an inspection of the Wellington Adventist School resulted in the all clear being given for students to return after the mid-year break. However, Pastor Ormsby said many church members were "shocked" by the quake and the large number of aftershocks that followed.—*Kent Kingston*

Celebrations accommodate Adventists

Seventh-day Adventists have a strong and valued presence on the ethnically Polynesian islands of Rennell and Bellona, known collectively as Renbel, in the south of Solomon Islands. As a result, Renbel province's 18th Second Appointed Day celebration was moved from Saturday (July 20) to Monday (July 22). "We [moved] the celebration to Monday to respect the Adventist community in the province so that they can join [in]," said Renbel premier Lence Tango. The Second Appointed Day marks the establishment of the local provincial government.



Former MP baptised

Tamai Nukundi, a two-term Member of Parliament for the Mul Baiyer electorate in Western Highlands Province (PNG), was baptised into the Kombolopa Adventist Church on July 13. Eighteen other people were baptised along with Mr Nukundi following a week of evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Peter Bani, general secretary of the local mission. Mr Nukundi served in parliament from 1980 to 1988.—*Zachary Lipen*

BAC serves at Batuna

Sixteen students and four staff members from Brisbane Adventist College (BAC) recently took part in a 10-day mission trip to Solomon Islands. Travelling as part of the Sonship Mission program, the group worked to upgrade the girls' dormitory at Batuna Adventist Vocational School, and also ran a number of kids' clubs. It was the fourth trip the college has run to Solomon Islands.—*Clinton Jackson/Sonja Jackson*

Salute for service

After 22 years of service, Miriel Dixon has retired from her role as Christchurch Adventist School librarian. The school held a special farewell/combined chapel program for Mrs Dixon at the end of Term 2, with staff members also hosting a special lunch for the much-loved librarian.—*Tracey Ling*

ANGRY WORDS

by Erna Johnson

BUT I TELL YOU THAT ANYONE WHO IS ANGRY with his brother will be subject to judgement. Again, anyone who says to his brother, Raca, is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, You fool! Will be in danger of the fire of hell" (Matthew 5:22).*

Jesus makes it quite clear that verbal abuse is not acceptable amongst His disciples. In the Sermon on the Mount He gives us precepts to follow, one of which is to speak with respect to one another. He talks about our "brother" but I'm sure this advice was given to us to use for our sisters, brothers, spouses, children and parents.

I would like to address the subject of verbal abuse for two important reasons. One, our behaviour is often an indicator of how we see the world. Proverbs 23:7 states: "For as he thinks within himself, so he is." What we think is reflected in our words and actions. Verbal and physical abuse are the result of a world view totally opposite from biblical teaching. Second, I believe it's imperative for a Christian to deal with the topic.

Verbal abuse is an abuse or battering which doesn't leave any physical evidence. It's therefore difficult to prove that abuse is happening. Verbal abuse creates emotional pain and mental anguish. It's a lie that a person tells you about you, and after hearing it repeated over and over you believe it.

What it is

Verbal abuse includes withholding, bullying, defaming, defining, trivialising, harassing, diverting, interrogating, accusing, blaming, lying, taunting, put downs, name calling, yelling and raging amongst others. It's also the most common form of abuse, but generally it's not taken as seriously as other abuse because there's no visible proof and the abuser usually has a "perfect" persona around others. Sometimes the abuser uses sarcasm in front of people as a put down or pretends it's just a joke.

Examples

* Mark hides his need for control in his relationship with

his wife under sarcasm, jokes and puns. "Why doesn't she understand I'm just joking?" he says. The reason is that she is the object of those sarcastic remarks, jokes and puns. These remarks are made in order to keep the other off balance, never knowing when it's coming.

* June can't stand being seen as responsible for any failure. When she makes a mistake, her response could be: "I may be wrong, but you are 'wronger'." If her spouse says she has hurt his feelings, she claims not to remember having said what she did. The abused person is told they're too sensitive.

* John isn't subtle. His wife and kids never know what to expect when he comes home. Will it be the loving

husband/father or will it be the one who flies into a rage who threatens them with physical abuse, swears and calls them names? The family walks on eggshells, never knowing when the abuse will start.

Verbal abuse is manipulative and controlling. It's also insidious. Little by little the abused person's self-esteem diminishes, usually

without the person realising it. It's also unpredictable. In fact, unpredictability is one of the most significant characteristics of verbal abuse. The person being abused is stunned, shocked and completely thrown off balance by the partner's sarcasm, put down or hurtful words.

"Reckless words pierce like a sword but the tongue of the wise brings healing" (Proverbs 12:18). How true! Can you see Jesus using words that are intended to hurt or that bully another? I cannot!

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit and as such we are to treat it with care. That goes for our treatment of others as well. Proverbs is full of very good advice for our lives and I'd like to end with the most famous one found in Proverbs 25:11: "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." May we remember who we are and whose we are as we walk this earth.

*All Bible texts taken from the New International Version.

Erna Johnson is Women's Ministries director for the South Pacific Division.

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ONE MILLION MEN: ONE MILLION PROMISES

by Michelle Abel

MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF ALL WOMEN worldwide—35.6 per cent—will experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, usually from a male partner. This was one of the results from the first comprehensive study of its kind by the World Health Organization, reported in UK newspaper *The Guardian* on June 20.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Personal Safety Survey 2005, less than half of women in Australia who experience domestic violence report the assault to police. Additionally, only 30 per cent (18,000) of the estimated 60,000 adult sexual assaults are reported to police each year.

In Papua New Guinea, two-thirds of women reported being constantly exposed to domestic violence and about 50 per cent experienced sexual assaults. The rates in the provinces of Chimbu and Western Highlands were 97 per cent and 100 per cent respectively. Let me spell that out clearly: of the women surveyed in Western Highlands, ALL of them said they had experienced gender-based violence.

I am a woman. I have two daughters. I am horrified by these numbers. We need to talk about how real violence is tearing apart the lives of women and children every day. Remember, many of those children are young boys. Violence against women affects everyone. This can't be labelled a women's issue. Overwhelmingly gender-based

violence is violence perpetrated by men to women. This is something men need to talk about too.

Some high profile men are speaking out publicly against gender-based violence. Sir Patrick Stewart (best known as a distinguished Shakespearean actor or a major player in the Star Trek universe—depending on your perspective on popular culture) survived a childhood where his father regularly beat his mother. He says:

"The truth is that domestic violence and violence against women touch many of us. This violence is not a private matter. Behind closed doors it is shielded and hidden and it only intensifies. It is protected by silence—everyone's silence. Violence against women is learned. Each of us must examine—and change—the ways in which our own behaviour might contribute to, enable, ignore or excuse all such forms of violence. I promise to do so, and to invite other men and allies to do the same."

In the city of Dallas, Texas, Mayor Mike Rawlings recently made the following public announcement: "Make no mistake: men's violence against women is a men's issue—it's our problem. And I'm here to say we've had enough of women being disrespected, and we won't tolerate it any longer. It's not only about not being violent; it's about changing a culture that says 'violence is okay'. I promise to stop laughing at jokes we've all participated in. I promise to speak out against domestic violence. And I'm asking men in Dallas—and everywhere—to do the same. Let's make our homes, and our cities, safe for all."

Michael Kimmel is among the leading researchers and writers on men and masculinity in the world today. His books include *The Politics of Manhood* (1996) and *The History of Men* (2005). He writes: "Because it is—some—men who commit violence against women, it must be men who change. By this we mean not only those men who use violence in their relationships. We also mean the majority of us who have remained silent. Men dominate parliaments, pulpits and police forces. When we are silent, we allow violence to continue. Men today support equality not only because we know it is fair and right, but because it will enable the women in our lives to be safer and to exercise their power—and because it will inspire us to be better fathers, friends and partners. Which means: we will all have better lives."

The above quotes were taken from the One Million Men: One Million Promises campaign. The campaign is providing a way for men to publicly state what they will do to stop gender-based violence. On the website¹ the promises made by ordinary men in many countries scroll through forming a wall of hope. The campaign provides the following guidelines that all of us can use to help stop gender-based violence in our communities.

"Behind closed doors it is shielded and hidden and it only intensifies."

Start by asking yourself the following questions:

- Am I doing all I can to challenge inequality in my family, classroom, office, sports team, church or group of friends?
- Can I start sharing chores and responsibilities with my sisters?
- Will I call out friends (or online commenters) who disrespect women?
- Does my company need anti-sexual harassment/discrimination training?
- How can I safely interrupt the violent argument I over-

hear in my building or witness on the train or bus?

- How can I be a role model for younger boys?

- What action can I take, just in the world I inhabit and influence?

- How can I be accountable?

During June I spent some time in Papua New Guinea, working with ADRA on its strategic planning. Fol-

lowing a week of intense discussion and prayer about the vision and key areas for ADRA's projects in PNG over the next five years, staff wrote the following vision statement:

"For the five years between 2013 until 2018 our vision is to be a committed and empowered team of professionals, providing quality services characterised by innovative programming, gender sensitivity and sustainable relationships with partners."

In response to the frightening reality of gender-based violence in PNG, ADRA has chosen not to regulate gender issues to be dealt with by a women's program. Instead ADRA PNG has placed gender sensitivity right up there in its organisational vision, to be included in all its projects with communities. This vision is endorsed by the mostly male ADRA PNG Board, and endorsed by all the leadership of ADRA PNG—male and female.

Jackson Katz is an educator, author, filmmaker and social theorist who has long been recognised as one of America's leading anti-sexist male activists. He recently made a stirring speech² concerning men's involvement in stopping gender-based violence. I watched this speech with some ADRA PNG staff during a break in the planning sessions. He made the following call: "We need more men with the guts, with the courage, with the strength, with the moral integrity to break our complicit silence and challenge each other and stand with women and not against them."

Amen!



1. <http://breakthrough.tv/ringthebell/>

2. http://www.ted.com/talks/jackson_katz_violence_against_women_it_s_a_men_s_issue.html

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R MY MINISTRY

The local church in Margaret River, WA, is only a small group but we are determined to touch lives in the community. For 18 years some faithful locals have served up wholesome vegan meals twice a week, feeding up to 150 people per night at what has affectionately become known as "the Soupie".

While the food and atmosphere are great, I noticed that the people who needed to be there most were missing. With a number of individuals and families in the community battling to put food on the breakfast table, there was an opportunity to create an environment for people to come and be nourished. So with the support of the local community centre we are using the Soupie venue and, with the generosity of local businesses who donate bread, eggs and fresh produce, we add cereals, beans and juice and are able to serve up an enjoyable, healthy breakfast two mornings a week.

Though only in its infancy, the results are encouraging. We have fed the homeless and displaced, hungry families, backpackers and folk just looking for some good company. We pick up a family with three children who otherwise would go without, and drop them off at school afterwards. Relationships are developing, new contacts are being made and an ex-Adventist is coming back to church. With recent exposure in the local media, community goodwill and trust is developing strongly. Combined with other community programs such as a kids' club and the church-run op shop, we are working to fulfil our vision of "transforming communities". It's also part of our plan to prepare good soil in preparation for outreach programs in the future. —Jeremy Price

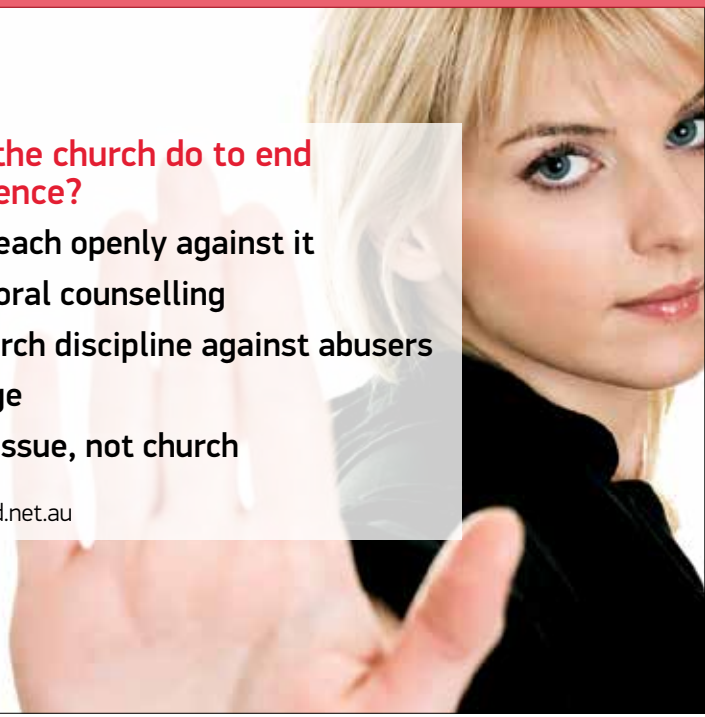


POLL

What should the church do to end domestic violence?

- Preach and teach openly against it
- Provide pastoral counselling
- Instigate church discipline against abusers
- Provide refuge
- It's a family issue, not church

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LETTERS

GOING OLD SCHOOL

Daryl Murdoch, Vic

I wish to thank you for "Going Old School" (Editorial, July 20). We are proud of Adventist education and what it offers families who are looking for a place where the world view is in agreement with the home environment and where their child will be supported in accepting Jesus as their Saviour and given a clear understanding of the grand narrative of this world and their place in it.

I have just returned from delivering a two-week philosophy of Adventist education program at Newbold College. With no teacher training program in the UK and a limited vision for their schools, they are struggling to maintain a strong Adventist education alternative and that is disappointing.

However, it made me realise just how fortunate we are in this part of the world where there is a strong vision and support for Adventist education and excellent schools.

Adventists should be proud of our schools and engage when and where possible. There are no greater outcomes of education than a life committed to Christ and service and the development of a clear Adventist world view backed by a strong academic program.

Indeed, the lyrics James referred to, "don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got" rings true from this educator's perspective.

LEGACY LEFT

Cliff Morgan, Qld

[As I read of Jerry Matthews' retirement—Feature, June 29—I reflected] It is marvellous how God works things out for His blessings to

be passed on. After retiring, Val and I spent one year as volunteers at Pacific Adventist University (PNG) and one in Russia. The experience "whetted" my appetite to help missions of the Adventist Church. In 1995, I visited with union and mission administrators in the Solomons and PNG, asking what was their greatest need and how a small supporting ministry could help.

At a "chance" meeting with Pastor Jerry Matthews (then secretary of Eastern Highlands Mission) and his wife, Cheryl, and Trevor Robinson (a pilot for Adventist Aviation Services), the idea to establish Volunteers In Action was clinched.

Eighteen years later Pastor Matthews and Trevor possibly do not know how much God and people have blessed Volunteers In Action, which has partnered with missions in roofing 1100 churches, and funded and helped equip—currently 400—lay workers to share the Gospel at grassroots level.

That chance meeting was God's doing, just another legacy of Pastor Matthews' fruitful ministry.

BAPTIZVAH

Dr Ann Fairfax, NSW

I really appreciated your editorial "Baptizvah" (July 21, 2012) about how Adventists don't make enough of baptisms; we tend to squeeze them in between the third and fourth hymns!

After I read it, I fully intended to make a celebration of my girls' baptisms . . . and that is what we just did and it was amazing!

My oldest daughter, Maryellen, was baptised at Castle Hill church on a recent



Sabbath afternoon with two school friends, Chantelle and Laeticia Ashby. Each girl gave their testimony in front of the church, which was absolutely packed, bottom and top level, and there were young people sitting in the aisles! Many of the girls' school friends came (many non-Adventist) and lots of family too. Most of Thornleigh church also squeezed in to see the service!

There was music and singing and, afterwards, lots of food. When the girls came down into the hall after the baptism, they were shocked to be met with balloons, streamers, crackers and confetti. It was a real celebration and the whole program was VERY memorable!

Virtually all of their teachers from Hills Adventist College were there and many from the Castle Hill primary campus. Five teachers—the principal, Middle School principal, Mrs Ashby (Chantelle and Laeticia's mum) and two other teachers—sang a special item. Also, the year 3/4 children sang an item. So well done . . . movement, colour and smiles . . . lovely children . . . It was brilliant!

I enjoy your editorials! The one on baptism made a big impact on me and on how we wanted to celebrate our first daughter's baptism—and she was delighted.

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RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

A heart for China

From Kurri Kurri in NSW, Australia, Muriel Howe was impressed from an early age with the needs of China. While a student at Avondale College, she decided her life calling was to be a missionary nurse in China. Somehow she got herself to the Orient and took nursing training at the Shanghai Sanitarium, one of the 16 hospitals established in China by the legendary Dr Harry Willis "China Doctor" Miller before World War II.



Muriel Howe

Armed with her new nursing skills and a knowledge of the Chinese language, Howe served as a missionary nurse in China for many years until she had to leave in the late 1930s following the Japanese invasion. She returned in 1945 but soon had to leave again with the fall of the country to the communists in 1949. During Howe's decades in China, the Adventist hospitals there were highly valued by prominent members of society and particularly so by the family of Chiang Kai Shek, the then Chinese head of state. In such instances Howe was often chosen by Dr Miller to provide the special care these patients needed.

As well as her lengthy periods of service in China, Howe gave five years of nursing service to Africa and also in Formosa (now Taiwan).

Muriel Howe never married, but like many other nurses, lived a life of courage and dedication, an unwavering commitment which caused her to spend her life in Christian service away from her homeland. On her visits home to Australia she would visit Avondale College and her pleasant and approachable demeanour, coupled with her unshakeable commitment to missionary service, made a deep and lasting impression on the students there.

Lester Devine is director emeritus of the Ellen G White/Adventist Research Centre at Avondale College of Higher Education.

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WEDDING



Thorpe–Ludwig.
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Thorpe (Cobar, NSW), and Stefanie Colette Ludwig, daughter of Dirk and Claudia Ludwig (Hervey Bay, Qld), were married 7.4.13 at Mildura church, Vic. Their wedding was a deeply spiritual one. Samuel is finishing a Bachelor of Science degree and Stefanie is a dietitian. Both are passionate about using the gifts entrusted to them for growing God's kingdom.

David Butcher

OBITUARIES

Belson, Sheila Ellen (nee O'Connell), born 5.2.1933 in England; died 19.4.13 in Kalamunda

Hospital, WA. On 6.8.1955, she married Bill Belson, who predeceased her in 2011. She is survived by Steve (Perth), Bill Jnr (Geraldton) and Sharon (Perth). Sheila was a gentle, hardworking mum who faithfully supported her paraplegic husband for 46 years.

Richard Reynolds

Cowley, Tamiko, born 28.5.1947 in Tokyo, Japan; died 7.4.13 in Heidelberg, Vic. Tamiko is survived by her husband, Alvin; and daughter, Ingrid (Melbourne). She was farewelled by her family and friends at a service held at Lilydale Memorial Park on April 12. Because of Tammy's acceptance of Jesus as her personal Saviour, her family look forward to their reunion at the second coming of Jesus as promised in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18.

Trevor Rowe

Henney, Thelma Mary (nee McKean), born 4.6.1926 in Benalla, Vic; died 23.5.13 in Nathalia. Thelma was married in the Preston church by Pastor Hollingsworth in 1947. She was predeceased by one of her sons. She is survived by two sons and two daughters. Thelma looked after cooking duties at conference camps and gave committed service. Besides her immediate family, she leaves her sister, Elaine Blackburne, from AdventCare Nunawading, to remember and to mourn a devoted believer.

Dean Giles

Jones, Florence May, born 17.8.1916 in the family home at Bulimba, Qld; died 18.5.13 in the Wishart Village, Brisbane. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur. The couple married in December 1945 after Arthur returned from four years of service as a pilot in the RAAF overseas. They were a loving, devoted couple who had a wonderful influence on people they met. They became faithful members of the Mt Gravatt church and gave leadership in a wide variety of ministries. Their work for the young people of the church was greatly appreciated. Their Christian faith enriched many people. May loved children (although she had none of her own). Her niece, Yvonne (whom Arthur and May raised), said: "I cannot think of anyone who did not value her sweet nature and her kindness." She was famous in the family for baking cakes.

Donald Bain, Zeny Vidacak

Mantova, Leslie Alfred, born 13.6.1912 in Hornsby, NSW; died 15.12.12 in Cape Hawk Hospital near Forster. In 1937, he married Una Scott at West Ryde. He was baptised by Pastor L C Naden in Mt Colah church. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Margaret and Colin, and Peter and Sylvia (deceased); five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Leslie achieved his goal of reaching 100 years of age. He is buried beside his daughter-in-law at Great Lakes Memorial Gardens. He is missed very much by all, especially his hugs.

Graham Stewart, John Bridges

Paget, Arnold, born 23.9.1934 in Oxford, Canterbury, NZ; died 6.6.13 in Mater Hospice,

Newcastle, NSW. On 25.11.1958, he married Isobel Crawford—the first couple to be married in the Wahroonga church, NSW. He is survived by David and Carol Paget, and their children, Ryan and Ema; and Sharon and Russell Duncan, and their sons, Paul, John and Stephen; and their adopted daughter, Lerryn, and her children, Sherayna and Letia (all of Sydney). Arnold was a passionate missionary, using his engineering talent in Papua New Guinea, the Solomons and Vanuatu. Several people spoke at his funeral—and many more could have—expressing their admiration for his commitment to Christ's mission.

*John Denne, Owen Hughes
Colin Waters, Aubrey Shirley*

Pokorny, Franz, born in Hungary; died in Kingaroy, Qld. On 22.12.1949, he married Honor. He is survived by his wife; David (Kingaroy), Franz (Chinchilla), Elle (Kingaroy) and Rose (Kingaroy). Franz had a tough life early on, but once he met his Lord, he never lost sight of the Paradise waiting for him. He went to sleep knowing that his Lord will be the next Person he sees. His love for his wife and children was very evident in his daily life. Franz loved his garden; he was a very honest and unique person.

Vic Torrens, Gideon Okesene

Threlfo, Joan (nee Wilesmith), born 5.4.1921; died 21.6.13 in Brisbane Adventist Aged Care, Qld, aged 92. She married Herb Threlfo. Joan became an Adventist when she survived a serious illness and came in contact with an Adventist nurse. She was a beautiful, talented musician who passed her vibrant passion for life, music and nature down to her children, Jeff, Glendon, Janice, Wayne and Kerrin; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Joan remained completely faithful to her friend Jesus through the rain and sunshine in her life, and proved that humour definitely doesn't fade with age. She had a heart for people, and she brightened the lives of her fellow residents at the retirement village with her lilting touch on the piano.

Judy Fua

Ward, Betty Lydia (nee Hough), born 22.5.1922 in Launceston, Tas; died 13.1.13 in Glenorchy. On

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20.11.1948, she married John. She was predeceased by Christopher. Betty is survived by her husband; their children, Peter and Leslie (Jindabyne, NSW), Maxine and Billy (Montrose, Tas), Kathy and Steven (Forcett), Gregory (New Norfolk), Jill and Noel (West Moonah) and Roger (Glenorchy); 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Betty was very involved in church life, holding many offices including head deaconess, church clerk, assistant treasurer, Dorcas and children's Sabbath School teacher. Betty loved the ADRA Appeal and had a letter writing ministry. Once her eyesight failed she used the phone to encourage those who needed it. Always brave and uncomplaining, her strength came from her precious Jesus, family and church.

Mark Falconer

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