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New president for PNG's only conference

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Pastor Kove Tau was elected president of Central Papua Conference (CPC) at its second constituency meeting, held at Pacific Adventist University.

Pastor Tau has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 25 years as a pastor, Bible instructor, mission secretary and mission president. He has worked in seven local missions within the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, including North East Papua Mission, Central Papua Mission, South West Papua Mission, Sepik Mission, New Britain New Ireland Mission and Bougainville Mission.

"It's a very humble feeling being appointed president of CPC," Pastor Tau said. "However let's praise God for He knows best, in and for us. I believe when He calls men for

service, He equips and qualifies. Therefore, with great confidence we will continue to move on as a team to extend His kingdom in CPC."

When asked about his passion, Pastor Tau responded: "My passion in ministry is working with people and seeing

in them the joy of Jesus. I love to be with God's people."

Pastor Tau is from Gavuone village in Marshall Lagoon, Central Province. He is married to Ovene and has two girls, Cassandra and Calleeannedra.

He will officially commence his duties this month, replacing Pastor Tony Kemo who retires from ministry after 42 years of service.

Pastor Kemo was honoured at the constituency meeting, together with Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, who is retiring after 40 years of church service, including his most recent position, general secretary of the South Pacific Division.

Representing the 217 delegates, who stood as a sign of respect, elder Abel Koivi, from Gordon Seventh-day Adventist Church in Port Moresby, praised the retiring pastors for their commitment. "They are the champions of God," he said, "the heroes of the Pacific." —Cameron Wari



Pastor Kove Tau with family.



Pastors Kemo and Tanabose were reminded they should still be active supporting the work of God in the Pacific.

Students walk 230 kms

Viti Levu, Fiji

Twenty Fulton College students have walked 230 kilometres across Fiji to commemorate the college's relocation from Tailevu to Sabeto, near Nadi.

Led by Fulton's dean of students, Pastor Aseri Suka, and the registrar, Nellie Manuca, the students were met six kilometres from the new campus by a group of "warriors", villagers, past students and church members.

The team took with them the old school bell that was brought to Fulton by Pastor AP Dyson in 1940, when he moved the Buresala school from Ovalau to Tailevu. On that occasion, he brought a team of 40 students and a number of buildings to be relocated.

—Bev Norman



Girls get \$A5000 to serve

Mansfield, Queensland

Brisbane Adventist College (BAC) prefects Danika Poland and Sania Alamate have been awarded grants of \$A5000 to participate in a mission trip to the Solomon Islands in 2014.

The girls, who are entering Year 12, plan to return to Batuna Adventist Vocational School with a team of students from BAC to undertake maintenance work.

The RSL Youth Development Program allows students to pursue interests in academic, sporting and community leadership. Danika and Sania were awarded their grants for community leadership. The grants are sponsored by Bond University and are awarded to 200 of Queensland's most exceptional students. The money will help pay for the girls' airfares, as well as paint and other supplies.

Danika and Sania are eager to return to Batuna, where they participated in a Sonship mission trip in June 2013.

The opportunity to work alongside the locals at Batuna is particularly significant for Sania, whose parents are from Guadalcanal and Isabel, and who has relatives living and working at Batuna. —Clinton Jackson



Easy as 1, 2, 3

James Standish

Are you planning an evangelistic series? Stop.

Granted, that is counter-intuitive advice, but hear me out. In Australia over the past 25 years, another church has put us to shame. And it's worth asking ourselves the hard questions before we continue business as usual.

According to the Australian census, in 1986 there were 26 per cent more Adventists in Australia than there were Mormons. By 2011, Mormons had managed to close the gap to just 6.7 per cent. Put another way, they were three-quarters of the way to closing the gap in total. I suspect the numbers would be similar in many other Pacific nations.

That's humbling when we remember Mormons don't run a single school, don't have a solitary hospital, they have no media centre, health food company, territory institutions, aged care facilities, camps or TV networks in Australia. They do no large-scale public evangelism and, wait for it, they have no professional clergy.

From 1986–2006, Mormons grew in Australia a staggering 326 per cent more than Adventists. While recent trends have reversed,¹ the disproportionate success of Mormons should force us to ask what we can do better.

The good news is, we don't have to guess. Ellen White reminded us that the only way to grow the Adventist Church is to follow Christ's three-step process:

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" Reflecting on Christ's example, Ellen White calls for more time spent in one-on-one ministry and helping people in practical ways, and less time "sermonising".²

Which goes to the success of the Mormons. They get out of the church and into the community. Door-to-door works just as well, if not better, for us too. North NSW Conference president Justin Lawman recently told me about 72-year-old Stanley Nelson going door-to-door in Kyogle. Kyogle Adventist Church had an average attendance of 10 people in 2012. As a direct result of Stanley's six months of door-to-door ministry, he now has eight people in Bible studies and 19 people receiving *Beyond* DVDs. Little Kyogle's church's mid-week prophecy seminar is attracting

36 people. That's the power of following Christ's example. If we want to do evangelism, the first step isn't designing a poster; it's meeting our neighbours.

The second step is to give people something of value. Jesus did this through healing. We can too.

Today, the health message God gave our Church is more relevant than ever. And others are starting to catch up. US mega-church pastor Rick Warren has made global headlines with his "Daniel Diet". What is it? The good old Adventist health message. I'm glad evangelicals are finally on board—for generations they've castigated Adventists as legalistic for taking care of our health—but I'm ashamed how little we've done with what we've been given.

Today as our region is bloated with obesity and all the ills that go with it—heart disease, cancer, diabetes, stroke, etc—we have something priceless to give to our community. It's something people want and desperately need. And we have a modern, engaging, scientifically proven program that makes it easy to promote our health message today—the revamped Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP). It makes the perfect second step in evangelism.

But running CHIP programs, depression recovery seminars, providing education, or any of the 101 other wonderful things Adventists do, isn't enough. We need to engage in Christ's third step—inviting those we help to follow Jesus.

A friend recently gave her heart to Christ because of the influence of an Adventist school. I was delighted until she told me she wished I'd invited her to follow Christ earlier. I felt a pang of guilt. I fear I am hardly alone. We have become a community afraid to explain that the great things we do are inspired by the great One we follow. We need to be braver, stronger, less discreet and more alive. We need to not only mingle and do good. We need to invite those we serve to make the greatest step anyone can—to follow Jesus Christ.

Hit the restart button on your evangelistic plans. And let's, in the words of the Jackson 5, follow the "A B C, easy as one, two, three" steps of inviting others to follow Jesus.

1. Adventists grew roughly 30 per cent faster than the Mormons 2007–11

2. Ellen White, *Ministry of Healing*, p 143

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... But I shall want

Linden Chuang

"Um, things I want: robot dog, night vision goggles, bug vacuum, GPS watch, speakers that look like rocks . . . Oh! Yoghurt maker! I can't not think of things I want."—Phil Dunphy, Modern Family

Can you relate with Phil? I know I can. While a robot dog has never made it to my "want-list", it wouldn't be difficult for me to run off a good 50 things I would like to have or do. I'm scared to think of how many hours I've spent on YouTube longing for whale-swimming, Ferrari-driving, tornado-chasing adventures.

It was during a recent video binge, however, that a simple question pervaded my mind: Isn't Jesus enough?

"Yes," I responded, "but is it so wrong to want a few things?"

A "but", by the very nature of the word, negates the significance of the statement that preceded it. "You're doing a fantastic job. But . . ." "Thank you so much for this gift. But . . ." "Honey, I love you with all my heart. But . . ." Thus, either Jesus isn't enough, or selfish desires aren't acceptable.

A search through Scripture reveals no evidence that Jesus isn't enough. And the Bible is by no means silent when it comes to the subject of wanting.

"And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions'" (Luke 12:15, NKJV; see also 1 Timothy 6:10).

"You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour" (Exodus 20:17).

This commandment often gets overlooked. It could even be argued the Ten Commandments end with a bit of a whimper. "My neighbour probably doesn't even realise I'm envying his new entertainment system. Where's the harm?"

But coveting is certainly not an "acceptable sin". In fact, "the tenth commandment strikes at the very root of all sins, prohibiting the selfish desire, from which springs the sinful act" (Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*). You need not look any further than the story of David and Bathsheba to see the chaos that comes from covetousness.

To covet is easy; to be content is hard, and a daily struggle for us all. It's especially difficult when avenues of discontentment are so close by—television commercials, Pinterest, shopping centres, Facebook, just to name a few. In fact, a study released last year showed that Facebook produces "a basis for social comparison and envy on an unprecedented scale", resulting in a heightened level of life dissatisfaction.¹

Christians in particular have no business in nurturing selfish desires, for we have everything we need. "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5).

If you're yet to make a New Year's resolution, here's one for you to consider: "I'm going to stop fussing over what I don't have and fix my eyes on Christ and the blessings He has already heaped on me."

Why? Because Jesus is enough . . . there are no buts about it.

1. Hanna Krasnova; et al. *Envy on Facebook: A Hidden Threat to Users' Life Satisfaction?*, 2013. See also: Ethan Kross; et al. *Facebook Use Predicts Declines in Subjective Well-Being in Young Adults*, 2013.

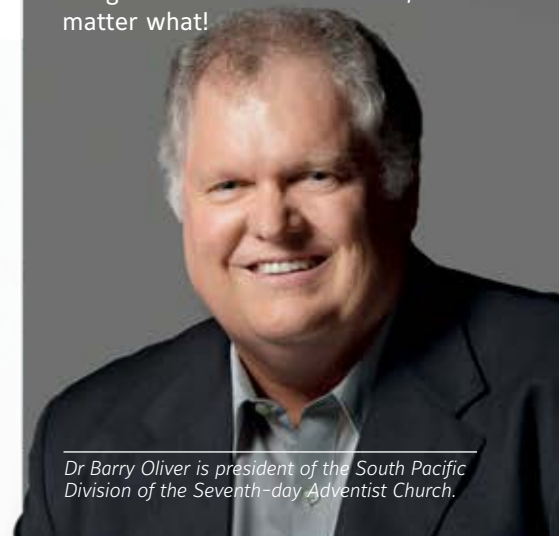
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Trust Him no matter what

I am sitting in my office at Division headquarters. I must admit that I am a little stunned. I have just learned that two close friends, one of whom I have known almost all my life, have cancer. I have just been praying with one of them and doing my best to offer support and hope. My heart goes out to them. What does the future hold?

Right now we are all poised at the start of a new year. We do not know what this year will bring. My two friends are looking forward with some trepidation. But at the same time I know they have a deep sense of the abiding presence of God in their lives. As they look back they are confident in the way He has led them throughout their lives and have every reason to believe that they can depend on Him to continue to be there for them at every step of the way going forward. God is like that. He can be trusted in everything, all the time. Even when we do not see the end from the beginning or even if we see through a dark glass (to use Paul's expression), He has everything in hand and knows just what we need.

He says to all of us: "Surely I know the plans I have for you . . . plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). In everything thank God and trust Him, no matter what!



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



Sun worshippers

Adventists meeting in Kinderhook, New York, say their new church building will be America's first passive solar church. Using environmental technologies and design, the new church will maximise its use of winter sunshine, trapping heat in the building, while maintaining the flow of fresh air. Construction is currently underway.

—Register-Star



Churches for sale?

Uniting Church plans to recover debts by selling properties in Victoria are running into trouble, with a retired judge warning the sales may be illegal. Ross Howie says that, according to law, congregations should have been consulted. Property valued at \$A100 million is being auctioned.

—The Age



Growing concern

Church representatives were among key delegates at a conference in Goroka, Papua New Guinea, which focused on the issue of sorcery around the island nation. It's often vulnerable people—the elderly, the young and women—who are accused of witchcraft. Some have been killed as a result.

—ABC



Religious mix

Islam has grown in Papua New Guinea from 476 adherents to more than 5000 in a period of 12 years. The growth is due to conversions rather than immigration. Over the border in West Papua, Muslims now outnumber Christians, mainly due to transmigration from other parts of Indonesia.

—ETAN



Games of hazard

The Australian Churches Gambling Taskforce is "aghast" that the Australian Government is rolling back new gambling reforms, despite early indicators of their effectiveness. The previous government passed laws that set ATM withdrawal limits and required new poker machines to have technologies on board that help gamblers limit their losses.

—Global Mail



Religious Liberty Day

The worldwide Adventist Church will place special emphasis on religious freedom at church services on Sabbath, January 25. A video for the event has been produced in six languages by Adventists in Switzerland. Visit the RECORD website <record.net.au> to watch and download.

—APD

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K2.5 million partnership for PNG church

Mt Hagen, Papua New Guinea

The Western Highlands Mission (WHM) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the provincial government to help minimise and alleviate poverty in Papua New Guinea.

The agreement was cemented with WHM paying K500,000 to be matched with K2million from the provincial government. The funds will be used for building projects at Paglum Adventist High School—building three dormitories, one two-storey classroom and six staff houses.

It's part of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission's corporate plan to have missions and local churches partner with the state, donor agencies and other humanitarian groups for social development.

Local MPs Wesley Nukundi Dei and Koi Trape Mulbyer have made commitments to support the school. Also in attendance was local governor Pias Wingti who said it was an historic day. He said if the Church continued to "counter fund", the government was committed to fund-

ing the school for the next five years. "I want to make Paglum high school a model for the rest of the province," he said.

WHM CFO Smith Babah told the governor while presenting the cheque, "it would take the Church years to save up this kind of money".

The funding comes at a time when the school is preparing for its first grade 11 intake.

Principal Robinson Lanza said the funding left the school in a better position to solve problems they had experienced for years. "The boys' dormitories have been an eyesore," he said. "That becomes a priority now."

He said he wanted to make Paglum a model school, not only in the province but in the country. —*Jim Wagj*



No injuries in Sanitarium factory fire

Auckland, New Zealand

The Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing factory in Auckland was evacuated after a fire broke out in one of the production lines on November 27.

According to *The New Zealand Herald*, fire crews spent more than an hour containing the blaze, which began just before 9 am.

Sanitarium National Category Development manager Mark Roper said all staff members came through the event safely, which was the "most important thing" for the company.

The cause of the fire has been linked to the oven exhausts in the cornflake production line. Despite some damage, all of the factory's production lines were fully operational by the first week of December. "There were no shortages of supplies or delays in deliveries, which was great especially in the lead up to the end of the year," Mr Roper said. "It's business as usual." —*Linden Chuang/TVNZ*

1200 run for neighbours in need

Mission Bay, New Zealand

More than \$NZ70,500 was raised from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Charity Run in Auckland on December 1.

The theme of the annual event was "Take Up the Distance", with 1231 participants taking part in 5 km, 10 km and 21 km runs along Mission Bay.

Sanitarium's team of 420 registered runners was the largest team entered in the 14-year history of the event. The oldest runner was 77-year-old Corrie Van Der Hulst, who completed the 10 km course. Mrs Van Der Hulst is a frequent participant in the charity run, having completed the 21 km event in previous years.

The motto of this year's event also served as a reference to the hundreds of families who need to travel on a daily basis to access basic necessities like clean water and medical services.

"There are families in countries like Vanuatu and My-

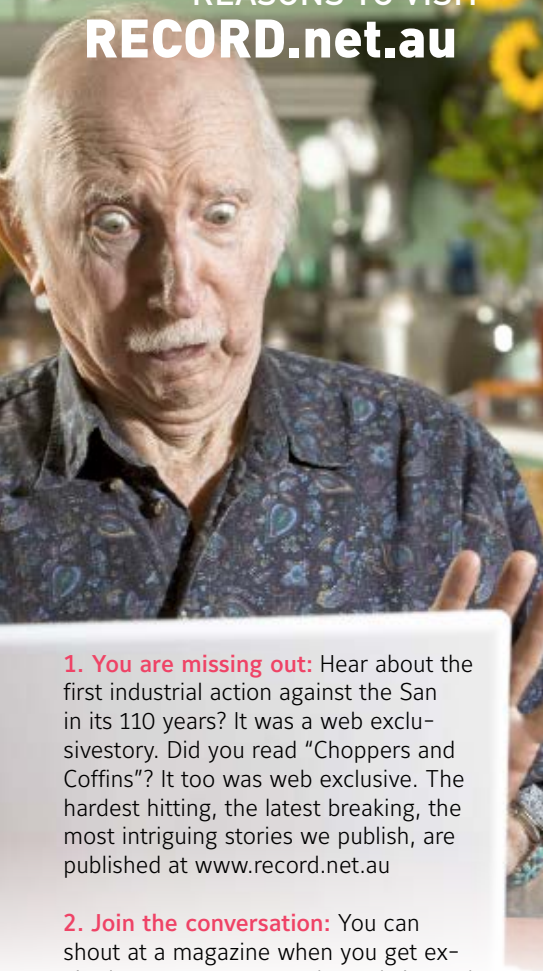
anmar who walk for hours every day just to collect water," said ADRA New Zealand CEO Matthew Siliga. "The money raised at this year's charity run will go a long way to helping these families and their children." —*Linden Chuang/Charlene Luzuk*

Visit adra.org.nz for more information about ADRA New Zealand's aid projects, as well as photos and results from this year's run at Mission Bay.



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Adventist named "Elder of year"

Kuranda, Queensland

Rose Richards, an Adventist woman from Kuranda, was named Aboriginal Female Elder of the Year at a NAIDOC (National Aboriginal & Islander Day of Celebration) event held in Perth (WA).

"At 83 years of age, she is still an inspirational leader and role model for her people," reads the official announcement on the NAIDOC website. "Rose is warmly welcomed into communities by all who know her and her commitment to her people is acknowledged across Australia."

Ms Richards (nee Grogan) grew up at the Mona Mona Aboriginal Mission, run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church near Kuranda from 1913 to 1963. Considering that her schooling ended at age nine, Ms Richards' accomplishments in adulthood are impressive. After the end of her first marriage, she began in paid work as a cook, cleaner and aged care attendant, but staunchly maintained her faith. "I never drank or smoked in my life," she said. "I used to clean the pub but I wouldn't go in if there was anyone there."

Work at the Cairns Base Hospital in the early '70s led to a growing interest in the welfare of young mothers and babies. She was one of the first Indigenous people to work in the Queensland hospital system, and she continued to break new ground, establishing an accommodation and support centre for new mums.

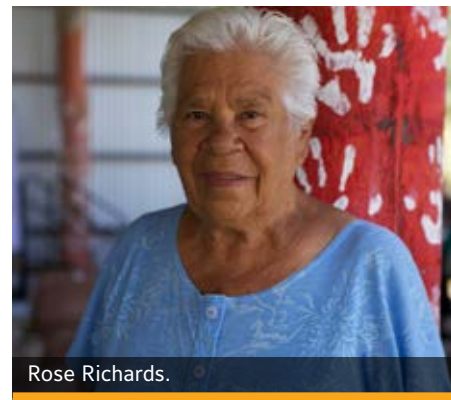
But racism soon reared its ugly head. "Our neighbours didn't want us there," said Ms Richards, in reference to the three houses they were successively kicked out of. But when trouble started at the fourth property, ending up in court hearings and red tape, Ms Richards and her supporters dug their heels in.

"We raised a lot of trouble in our day," she said. "At first we were afraid to back-answer white people, but once we got started, they couldn't stop us."

The centre Ms Richards founded is now known as *Mookai Rosie bi Bayan* (Aunty Rosie's Place) and has been operating for 30 years. She was also instrumental in establishing the Wuchopperen Medical Service and the ATSI Medical Service, both in Cairns.

Despite her accomplishments, Ms Richards remains a humble and quietly spoken woman, not expecting any rewards for her groundbreaking work. The announcement of her award at the Perth NAIDOC event left her speechless and emotional.

"That was a shock," she said afterwards. "That's why I cried—I couldn't even talk." —*Kent Kingston with The Kuranda Paper*



Rose Richards.

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Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels still there

For years Bob Butler, CFO at the Church's Union office in Papua New Guinea (PNG), had wanted to walk the historic Kokoda Track. And having just celebrated a significant birthday and being as fit as he is, Bob decided he could do it.

The infamously gruelling Kokoda Track snakes over more than 96 kilometres of steep jungle across the mountainous spine of PNG and was the site of a crucial World War II battle in which Australian soldiers repelled Japanese forces.

Bob feels a special connection with this story—his father was an army medic in PNG during the war and he returned later as a missionary. But more than a personal pilgrimage, Bob wanted to achieve a larger purpose. Together with other church leaders, a plan was conceived to use the walk to raise funds for pastors' houses and to provide young people with both a physical and spiritual challenge.

The vision caught on and 260 Adventist young people, all out for adventure, walked the track with Bob, stopping to encourage other young people at villages along the way.

The scenery was spectacular: deep gullies, tall bush-covered mountains, misty ridges. Crude bridges spanned the rivers and the walkers clung to vines to get across. Conditions were better than during the war, but although the track was clearly marked some parts were rough. All of it was steep.

"Following the track, I was impressed by those early missionaries who walked so far in treacherous places in PNG," Bob says. "I was also impressed by those World War II soldiers who fought to keep our freedom Down Under."

Worships were conducted every morning before the trekkers set out. Sabbath was a rest day and a highlight when a group of people were baptised in a dammed-up rocky mountain stream.

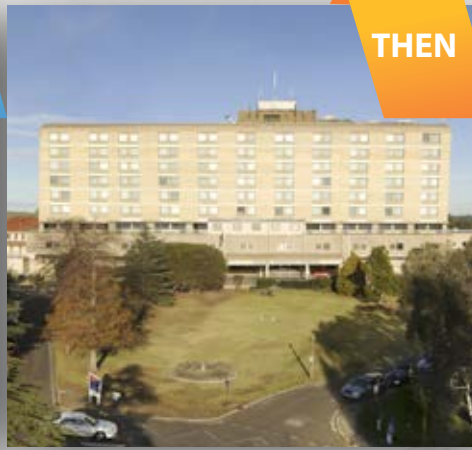
The descendants of the "fuzzy wuzzy angels", who assisted Australian troops in 1942, still live in the area. They know the history well and were very hospitable.

The challenge for the mostly Adventist villagers along the route is to maintain their hospitality to the many trekkers coming through, while still keeping the Sabbath. Some have suggested setting up a church-supported tour company that will be sensitive to these issues. It's a fairly distant possibility at this stage; what is more certain is the enthusiasm of local church leaders and youth for future Kokoda treks, perhaps even together with other young people from outside PNG. —*Bob and Joy Butler with Kent Kingston*

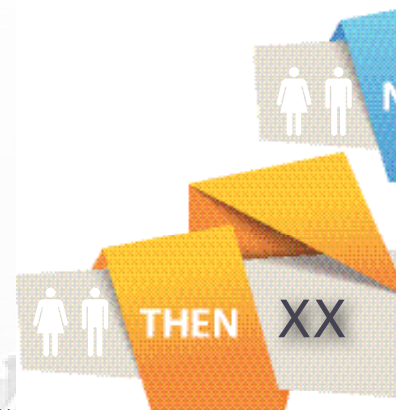




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—Dr Leon Clark, CEO, Sydney Adventist Hospital



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110 1903 Sydney Adventist

Australasian Research Institute's new laboratory recently opened on the hospital grounds. "'Discovering the Science of Wellness' (the institute's motto) fits so nicely with the original philosophy of the San," NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell said.

"For years they have served the community, not just in health problems but in trying to teach us to live healthy. Can I say as a member of the local community just how proud we are . . . just how delighted we are, to have this facility expanding and growing. We wish you every success as you seek to keep us all alive."

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Known as Sydney Sanitarium, which is where the nickname the "San" came from.



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When the hospital opened in 1903, Wahroonga was more than a half day's buggy ride from Sydney.

Its clean air, bushland setting, dairy, vegetable gardens and therapeutic and restorative treatments were seen as a beguiling health retreat from the, even then, fast-paced lifestyle and perceived toxins of the city. In 1920, the San purchased a bus to transport patients and staff to and from the railway station.

By mid to late 2014 its latest milestone, a \$181 million redevelopment, will open.

With another 10 operating theatres, up to an extra 200 new beds, a new Maternity and Women's Health Unit, a dedicated purpose-built Integrated Cancer Centre, and new arrivals area and car park, the "new San" will equip the hospital to cope with the estimated 50 per cent increase in demand for its healthcare services (from 2010/11 to 2026).



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Today it is NSW's largest not-for-profit single site hospital campus with 360 beds. After the redevelopment there will be an additional 200 beds and 10 new operating theatres.



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Sydney Sanitarium started out as a 70 bed facility where people learned to stay well.



Service over schoolies

While many Year 12 students partied at schoolies celebrations, a group of Avondale School (NSW) students marked their graduation by serving overseas. Twenty-six graduates spent two weeks in Cambodia in December, enjoying new sights and sounds while using their talents for the good of others. "It was an amazing cultural experience," said Shanay Hayden, "and so much more fun than I imagine a Gold Coast schoolies to be." —*Felicity Pittaway*

Woodwork winners

Three Longburn Adventist College (NZ) students took out prizes in the Level 1 and 2 categories at the 2013 Manawatu Secondary Schools Woodwork Competition. Year 12 students Albie Reitsma and Leah Streeter finished first and second (respectively) for their blanket chests, with Year 10 student Kirstie Bezuidenhout placing third for her key box. —*Julene Kapao*

Christmas for community kids

The Children's Ministries Team at Palmerston North Central Adventist Church (NZ) held a community Christmas party for local children aged 12 and under and their families. Approximately 140 people attended the free event, which included activities like making Christmas cards, decorating cookies and a bouncy castle. —*Julene Kapao*



Terrific day for Tusi

Pastor Tusi (Tusi) Faiumu and his wife, Lata, were ordained to the gospel ministry during the South Queensland Conference (SQC) Samoan Sabbath at Watson Park campground on October 12, 2013. Tusi began work in the Victorian Conference after completing his studies at Avondale College. The Faiumus moved to South Queensland in 2010, and currently serve at Scarborough, Deception Bay and North Central churches.

Andy accepted into ministry

Pastor Andrew (Andy) Litchfield and his wife, Terry, were ordained at the Bundaberg Regional Sabbath held at Saint Andrews Adventist Church on November 16, 2013. Andy studied education in the United States. In 2006, he was called into the Youth Department of the South Queensland Conference, and in 2012 accepted the call to minister at Saint Andrews and Rosedale churches.

Joyous day for Joseph

Pastor Joseph Khabbaz and his wife, Christina, were ordained at South Brisbane Adventist Church on November 23, 2013. Trained as a chartered accountant, Joseph could not shake God's call to become a pastor. He interned as a minister under the supervision of Pastor Ted White. In 2012, he was named an associate youth director of the South Queensland Conference. —*Joseph Webb*



Grey getaway

"Come to the foot of the mountain" was the theme of a Grey Nomads camp held at Adventist Alpine Village in October 2013. Guest speakers included Pastors Bill Townend, Errol Webster and Peter Joseit. Highlights included a day trip to the Yarrangobilly Caves and a Saturday night concert. —*Lyn Sandy*

Super scientists

Two Hills Adventist College students won awards at the Science Teachers' Association of New South Wales Young Scientist Awards late last year. Year 12 student Corey Reid was awarded third place for Physics for his scientific investigation into direct current motors. Year 10 student Courtney Holman received the sponsor's award from the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute for her investigation into the powerful properties of starch. —*Candice Jaques*

Pikinini kids are Weet-Bix kids

Operation Food for Life (OFFL) volunteers recently conducted a special breakfast program for children at ILIMO Elementary School, located on the outskirts of Port Moresby. The breakfast included bowls of Weet-Bix and Light 'n' Tasty, sprinkled with flaked biscuits, and a banana. ILIMO Elementary School has more than 100 children attending daily, mostly from disadvantaged and poor backgrounds. —*OFFL*



R HEALTH FEATURE

with Cathy McDonald
Board Director, Lifestyle Medicine Institute

My CHIP journey

It's amazing to *priceless*. For anyone wanting to make positive changes to their health and lifestyle we thoroughly recommend CHIP.

–Sue & Allan Bullock
Morisset NSW



Chia and oat pudding

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Chilling time: 2 hours Serves: 4

1 ½ cups soy milk, more as needed to thin out

¼ cup chia seeds

½ cup oats

2 tbsp cocoa or carob powder

1 tbsp pure maple syrup, honey or agave nectar

Shaved chocolate for garnish (optional)

1. In a large bowl, starting with the milk, whisk together all of the ingredients. When the mixture is smooth and all lumps are gone, place it in the fridge for 1-2 hours or until thick.

2. Give the mixture a good stir, adding more milk if desired and serve chilled.

NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE: 935kJ (224cal). Protein 8g. Fat 10g. Carbohydrate 24g. Sodium 92mg. Potassium 453mg. Calcium 204mg. Fibre 9g.

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Slave by choice

by Daniel Laredo

READ A STORY RECENTLY WHICH RESONATED WITH me,¹ and I thought it was a great illustration of my own experiences with God. It helped me to understand, and hopefully to explain, a little more about righteousness by faith.

It was a story of a slave in ancient times who was on the auction block at a slave market. As the auction began, and people started placing bids on him, he began to mutter to himself, "I will not work, I will not work." Slowly the bids increased, and likewise his volume increased, to the point where people in the crowd began to hear him. He noticed the bidding slow down, and he began to shout all the louder, "I will not work! I will not work!" There was, however, one man who continued to bid, and ultimately paid a very good price for this slave who wouldn't work. So the winning bidder took the man away with him and they headed out to his property.

As they neared the property, the slave saw a beautiful cottage beside a river. He wondered what it must be like to be free to live in such a beautiful place. He then realised that they were pulling up near the cottage, and he asked about who lived there.

His new owner replied, "This is your new home, come in and take a look around." He then reiterated what he had said back at the markets, "I still won't work for you." To his surprise, his owner turned around with a smile on his face and said, "I know. You don't have to work for me, or anyone anymore. I bought you to set you free!" The slave didn't know what to say. He was shocked at first, but then as he realised just what this man had given him, his freedom, he fell to his knees in front of the man and said, "Master! Thank you! I will serve you for the rest of my life."

I realised just how much I was like this slave, feeling like I was trapped, having no choice in what I could do with my life. I felt like I was a slave to sin. No matter how much I wanted to be something other than what I was, I couldn't change it. Just like this slave, who couldn't free himself, but rather needed someone else to purchase his freedom for him.

It reminds me of Paul who wrote how he felt like a slave to sin. He felt as though he couldn't do the things that he wanted to, and always did the things he didn't want to! Yet he asks if there is any hope of deliverance, and answers his own question by saying, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord . . ." (Romans 7:25). Paul recognised that our relationship with sin is one of slavery, and no matter how much we want to stop sinning, we can't without a saviour.

That's where Jesus comes in. He realised that we didn't want to work, we didn't want to be slaves to sin,

and so He left His heavenly home and paid the price for our freedom.

So our ransom has been paid! We are freed from our slavery to sin! But how will we respond to this freedom? Will we just go back to the master we've been freed from and offer to continue serving him? Or will we choose to accept our freedom and run to the arms of Him who purchased our lives with His own blood?

I know when I finally realised that there was a God out there who loved me so much, more than His own life in fact, and that He had purchased my freedom, I was overwhelmed. I didn't really know how to respond, except to offer my life to His service.

Some people see Christians who follow their convictions and live their lives according to principles they believe God has called them to, and they think these people are trying to work for their salvation. Unfortunately I think there are some out there who are doing this, as there's always a counterfeit to the truth, but I'd like to

think that the majority of people who are doing "righteous" works aren't doing it for salvation, but rather because of salvation.

I know that when I felt called to be a part of By Beholding His Love, I felt like it was out of my comfort zone and I was ill-equipped for the ministry. But when I thought about just how much God had given for me, there was no hesitation to make any sacrifice for His sake. I knew God

had freed me for a reason, and that He loved me more than I could imagine, so I trusted His leading.

I now have the joy of sharing this great message of hope, of freedom, with so many people who need to hear it. It's wonderful to be able to let people know that they don't have to stay in slavery to sin. To let them know that their freedom has already been purchased by One who loves them so dearly that He laid down His life for them. It's so rewarding to be able to share this message of hope that has brought me such peace and joy.

So I hope in reading this story that you have come to see that sometimes people are working because they have to, but there are many who are working because they want to. When deep within your heart you realise that you have been given the greatest gift of all, and it's totally free, it's difficult to walk away without an attempt to say thank you. I know I've made a choice to serve God out of gratitude and love, not out of obligation. **R**

1. I found the story retold in *To Know God* by Morris Venden, and have paraphrased it here.

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Extraordinary love

by Vania Chew

IT'S THE MOST NATURAL THING IN THE WORLD—THE joy and excitement that accompany the birth of a child. Will the baby be a girl or a boy? Will they have daddy's dark hair or mummy's green eyes? Will they be a crier or sleep peacefully through the night? Will the baby grasp mummy's finger when she rests it in tiny hands?

Laurie and Robyn Evans weren't new to parenthood. They already had three healthy children, full of life. But that didn't mean this little one was any less anticipated and longed for.

Just as in the other pregnancies, everything proceeded normally. Yes, there was the drama of birth—but nothing particularly unusual. Nothing, that is, until the doctor turned on his way out of the room. It was then, and only then, they received news they had never dreamed they'd hear.

"By the way," the doctor said abruptly, "I need to tell you that you have a Down syndrome boy."

Laurie and Robyn were stunned. There had been no indication of any issues prior to the birth—nothing to suggest this baby would be any different from the three healthy children they already had.

The news hit them like a bombshell. In an instant, the moment of joy and excitement turned into fear and heartbreak. Neither of them were intellectually or emotionally prepared for what was to come. How could they adequately express—even to each other—the depth of their feelings?

That evening, Laurie had to leave his wife and baby Duane at the hospital overnight. Sitting alone in his car in the hospital carpark, this stoic man who had weathered many trials began to fall apart. Tears gushed—uninvited, unwelcome—down his cheeks.

As difficult as the news was, the questions it raised were even more problematic. Terrible things happen to children every day. Families around the globe face almost unspeakable tragedy with such regularity and it doesn't even make the news. And when it does, you may listen to it with detachment. You may not feel any connection to it because it's irrelevant to your reality. Perhaps that's how you feel as you're reading this piece.

But when it's your family . . . your baby . . . the little bundle of joy you've been hoping for and dreaming about . . . it's a very different thing altogether.

How could a Heavenly Father who loves Duane even more than his earthly father, permit this to happen? How does a tragedy on this scale square with an all-powerful, all-loving God?

In the 1970s, when Duane was born, the life expectancy for people with Down syndrome was low. Disabled children were often taken away from their families and placed into institutions. A number of European countries and American states even enforced sterilisation on people with Down syndrome. There wasn't the support, understanding or options there are today.

The future looked bleak. Very bleak.

A few days before Duane's birth, Robyn had come across an account written by the parents of a baby with Down syndrome. It had, surprisingly, ended on a positive note, sharing how the child became a blessing to his family.

In the days to come, that article gave Robyn and Laurie hope. All the despair they felt; the awkward pauses when they told their friends; the strange silence that sometimes accompanies the uncomfortable; the words of sympathy

that can feel like emotional daggers. In all of it, there was still hope.

To this day, Laurie believes that stumbling upon that precious article was providential.

After the initial uncertainty, a peace settled on the family. Instead of questioning God, Laurie and Robyn decided to thank God—thank Him for entrusting someone special to their care.

However, bringing Duane home from the hospital was not the happy celebration they had expected. Their friends seemed to be acting strangely around them. Laurie and Robyn soon realised their friends were unsure how to interact with Duane and how to talk about him.

They made a conscious decision to bring Duane into their conversations as soon as they could, hoping to make it clear that there was no need for their friends to be nervous—they loved and accepted their son.

Today, Laurie proudly describes his son as caring, loving, open and completely accepting.

"Duane makes more friends than any other family member," he laughs. "He's turning 40 in a few years and he keeps making friends and inviting them to his 40th birthday party. If he met you, you'd get an invite too!"

Duane may never be able to explain the sanctuary doctrine or biblical prophecy, but he does understand that Jesus loves him and is preparing a home for him.

When Laurie was invited to baptise his nephew at Avondale, Duane eagerly asked if he could be baptised also. Before the baptism, Laurie invited his nephew to say a short testimony about his relationship with Christ. He felt impressed to ask Duane to do the same.

"I love Jesus. Jesus is my older Brother. I'm being baptised like Jesus because He's my Brother and I'm part of His family," Duane said.

There wasn't a dry eye in the chapel.

Adventist theologian Norm Young was in the congregation that day. "Don't ever feel as though Duane doesn't understand doctrine," he told Laurie. "He has something far more precious."

When Laurie's mother passed away unexpectedly it was a huge shock, especially for Duane who had been very close to his grandmother.

Laurie remembers the family sitting around the lounge room, trying to work through their grief, when they realised that Duane wasn't with them.

They found him in his bedroom, crying quietly. He soon returned to the lounge room, though, and headed straight for his mother.

"Jesus will raise Lala (his affectionate nickname for his grandmother) when He comes," he encouraged, putting his arms around his mum.

He then proceeded to hug and comfort every other member of the family. "Jesus will make Lala better again," he reassured them all.

"He did what we should have been doing," Laurie

marvels. "He has an amazing compassion for people."

"And he also has a great sense of humour," Robyn adds.

When Laurie's sister came to visit, she knew that Duane liked to sit in the backseat of the car, but she didn't know which side he preferred.

So she hovered outside the car, not wanting to enter until she found out which side he liked to sit on.

"Which side do you sit on, Duane?" she asked tentatively. He grinned mischievously. "Inside the car."

After 40 years, Laurie and Robyn are no longer worried about raising a child with Down syndrome.

"Every family should have a Duane," Laurie says. "Someone who bears no grudges, is kind and caring, and doesn't know what it means to not love someone."

Their only concern is one shared by many parents in similar situations. As they grow older, who will care for Duane?

When parents can no longer care for their disabled children, the government simply allocates them wherever there is a vacancy. This means parents and their children are often separated and have to live in environments that do not necessarily respect Adventist values.

Yooroonga is a Seventh-day Adventist initiative and the product of a group of loving parents. Its aim is to establish a residential care home for people with disabilities as well as their ageing parents, a place that upholds Adventist values and principles.

They already have a location for this property—adjoining the Adventist retirement village in Victoria Point, Queensland. This means aged parents can interact with their disabled children during the week and worship together on Sabbath.

After much prayer, the committee has decided not to apply for a government capital grant, knowing that the paperwork and waiting list would delay the building process. At this stage, they are hoping to commence building residential units later this year.

Having a firsthand understanding of the fears and concerns that parents of disabled children have, Laurie encourages them to think positively about their kids and their futures.

"Don't be discouraged. Be grateful," he says. "Consider it a privilege and an honour. Be thankful that God has seen fit to entrust you with the care of someone special." **AR**



Laurie and Duane Evans.

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The power of words

Encouragement—noun

1. the action of giving someone support, confidence or hope.

“Good job, keep going, well done!” are all words we want to hear, especially from our friends, family and, for me, from teachers at school.

Being in high school, there are struggles with confidence and a lot of the time kids are not encouraged. They are left to think they really can’t do anything. That’s why teachers should, every once in a while, let their students know they’re doing a good job—even friends can do it. Because encouraging words can be the fine line between a good day and a bad day.

Sometimes kids feel worthless. In school, they’re constantly under pressure. They don’t know if they’re doing the right thing or if it’s good enough. They haven’t got a hope if someone doesn’t offer support. For example, a child in primary school might be drawing. He looks around the room and sees other kids drawing something completely different. He’ll start to feel upset and thoughts like “It’s not like theirs, it must be wrong!” will start going through his mind. He’ll get self-conscious and try to change it. Then when he can’t draw like the others, frustration will settle in and he will probably give up altogether.

Kids going through high school have the same problem but on a larger scale. With girls it’s all about the clothes, boys, makeup and who you are friends with. Some girls have their little group of friends who are always commenting on their looks—that builds them up. They often look confident but not all of them really are. But then you have the quiet bookworm who doesn’t think that highly of herself, doesn’t dress like other girls and doesn’t make a huge effort on her appearance. She doesn’t have that many friends so she doesn’t often hear encouraging words like, “you look good”.

In class students will try to impress a teacher, get the praise and pretend to just brush it off as nothing. For some students who struggle with self-confidence, if a teacher makes a negative comment about an artwork, such as, “That’s not good enough, that colour is completely wrong. Don’t try that style again!” it will usually crush them. Hearing those words will destroy any aspiration towards a creative line of work.

The Bible says that we should be lifting each other up, but in fact we have been doing the opposite. In high school it’s very common to hear negative words about you or another person; very often it does impact what a person thinks and does. It might look like it hasn’t affected them but in truth, it really has.

Erin Agafonov wrote this as a Year 9 work experience student from Charlton Christian College, NSW.

Messy times

by Graham Morris

AMOS LIVED IN VERY MESSY TIMES. HOW MESSY? Judah had rejected God in favour of idols. Things were not much better in Israel where society denied justice to the downtrodden and also worshipped strange gods.¹ Today our societies have largely forgotten about God too, and even in the Church we can make idols of our own good works. And our world is awash in injustice. Maybe it's for this reason that the book of Amos is so relevant to us today.

Through Amos, God gave a very sobering message: Because they ignored Him and "lifted up the shrine of your king, the pedestal of your idol, the star of your god, which you made for yourselves. Therefore I will send you into exile beyond Damascus, says the Lord, whose name is God Almighty."²

Here is a depiction of a people who have made their own gods, worshipped the work of their own hands. When God sent a messenger to them, they turned against Amos, falsely charging him with conspiracy to overthrow the king. Amos replied (Amos 8: 1-6) that Israel would certainly go into exile because they had lost or abused the true meaning of the Sabbath in addition to denying justice and goodness.

Why is the Sabbath mentioned? It's mentioned many times in the Old Testament in reference to God's people departing from Him.³ Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel are particularly strong on this point. It's because they forgot that it is a sign that God saves and sanctifies, or makes us holy.⁴

The Sabbath is not a day set aside to think about ourselves. It's for us to remember God's great creative power; the kind of power that saw Him open the Red Sea for His people to escape the Egyptians. Remember, God's people had absolutely nothing to do with that miraculous escape—it was all God's doing!

It was that creative power that supplied them with food and protection in the wilderness, and not one shoe wore out! And the temple services, had they understood, pointed to God's eternal salvation through a sin Bearer, His own Son Jesus, who would provide mankind with forgiveness and restoration through nothing we do, but only through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. That is why the Sabbath

is a reminder to us that God "sanctifies" us!

But this only raises a question. Is this why we have wandered in this world so long? Have we repeated the sins of Judah and Israel in these last times? Has God been waiting for us to grasp His message? Have we missed the point? Have we built idols of our own works, our own righteousness; a faith in our image rather than the image of Christ?

The three angels' messages of Revelation 14 involve the preaching of the commandments and the Sabbath. But they are described by Ellen White as being the message of justification by faith.⁵ The law includes the Sabbath. If we understand what the Sabbath really is, it makes sense that the message, which says, here are they who "obey his commands and keep their faith in Jesus"⁶, is about the Gospel.

Ellen White wrote, "To all who receive the Sabbath as a sign of Christ's creative and redeeming power, it will be a delight. Seeing Christ in it, they delight themselves in Him. The Sabbath points them to the works of creation as an evidence of His mighty power in redemption."⁷ It is a weekly reminder of the God who not only created all things, but who through His Son provides a way for everyone who believes to have a part in His eternal kingdom.

The people failed to listen to Amos's calls for repentance and were carried off into exile. Similarly, we as a people failed to grasp and accept the full meaning of the message of justification by faith in 1888, and I wonder if many of us remain exiled in this world as a result? Like the Jews in exile, God has given us the opportunity to accept His gift today. Now is the time to heed His call.

"Even so, come Lord Jesus!"⁸

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1. See Amos chapters 1 and 2

2. Amos 5: 25-27

3. Isaiah 1: 13; 56: 2, 4, 6; 58: 13; 66: 23; Jeremiah 17: 21, 22, 24, 27; Lamentations 1: 7; 2: 6; Ezekiel 20: 12-24; 22: 8, 26; 23: 38; 44: 24; 45: 17; 46: 1-4, 12

4. See Exodus 31: 13; Deuteronomy 5: 15; Ezekiel 20: 12

5. E G White, *Review & Herald*, April 1, 1890

6. God's Word Bible Rev. 14: 12

7. Ellen G White, *The Desire of Ages*, p 289

8. Revelation 22: 20

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LETTERS

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FAMILY SERVICE

Kate, NSW

Reedy Creek family service ("Church's Paradise", December 7) sounds like the church service I would want to attend every week, whether or not I have young children.

A service in which the congregation are active participants, not just observers for most of it.

Where Jesus is the centre of the worship and the sermon, and where I would be happy to invite my friends, neighbours and family (most of whom will say that church is generally boring).

Recently, when one of my non-Christian family considered attending church, I could not suggest they come to ours. They would have loved Reedy Creek.

Perhaps we can all learn from Reedy Creek church, be willing to make some changes, and a whole lot more of us may also look forward to church and be more able to reach our communities for Christ.

Julie Weslake, NSW

Thanks for "Church's Paradise". I commend Greg Pratt for his family-friendly worship. Children build a longer lasting faith when they have strong spiritual connections with their family and church community. Worship provides shared faith experiences that give opportunities to build spiritual memories, beliefs and traditions.

"Children are spiritually formed when they observe their parents and the other members of the faith community, practicing the worship of God" Ivy Beckwith (2010).

Research shows children

need to rub shoulders with all generations of the church, not just their families, and that children need to be engaged and involved.

"We believe the church can only be the people of God when the members—including the youngest—participate in its life, engage in core practices and exercise their gifts as vital members of the body of Christ" Csinos and Beckwith (2013).

If we want our children to have a long-lasting faith then it's time to welcome them into worship and the community of the Church.

JUST A STATISTIC?

Erna Johnson, via website

The article "Adventist prostitutes and seventh-day thieves" (December 7) shows a horrifying reality.

I'd like to know what the Church is doing to discipline the husbands who pimp their wives? Usually what happens is that the women are condemned, but nothing happens to the men who are responsible for this in the first place.

Please make sure this doesn't just become a statistic, but that our Church does something to stop this. I can assure you, Lae isn't the only place in PNG where this is happening.

A GOOD BALANCE

Neil Watts, via website

You have made a good point in "Rehoboam's blunder" (Editorial, December 7) —although I'm hesitant to say so lest I be seen as just defending those of us who are supposed to be "experienced"!

The danger for the older, experienced ones is that they may become set in their ways

and reject new and different ways of doing things.

On the other hand, the younger and inexperienced may not always (like Rehoboam) have the wisdom and hindsight needed to make the best decisions.

The ideal, in my humble opinion, is to have a good balance of both groups working together and each contributing their perspective in a spirit of mutual respect.

SPEAK OUT!

Deanna Pitchford, Qld

John Stehn (Letters, September 21) is quite correct when he highlights the fact that domestic violence can also affect men.

However, more attention is focused on violence against women and girls because the best statistics to hand indicate that more women than men are negatively affected and the impact of domestic violence is more often fatal for women than for men.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics reported in 2006 that 31 per cent of women who experienced violence in the past 12 months were assaulted by a current or previous partner, compared to 4.4 per cent of men (ABS 2006, p 9). Furthermore, in 2007-2008, women made up the majority of the victims of intimate partner homicides (n=62, 78 per cent). The ABS also found that 82 per cent of women who had experienced violence at the hand of a current partner in the past 12 months did not report it to the police (ABS 2006, p 21).

The abuse of power, by women or men, is always wrong and we should speak out against it.

Kids' Space

AHOJ* KIDS



GOD PROTECTED THE ISRAELITES.
 PHARAOH WAS CHASING THE ISRAELITES.
 GOD OPENED UP THE WATERS OF THE RED SEA
 SO THE ISRAELITES COULD PASS THROUGH TO
 SAFETY AND ESCAPE PHARAOH.

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FIND-A-WORD

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GRACE MESSAGE: "GOD HAS A PLAN TO TAKE CARE OF ME."
MEMORY VERSE: "STAND FIRM AND YOU WILL SEE THE DELIVERANCE THE LORD WILL BRING YOU TODAY." EXODUS 14:13

*Hello in Czech Republic

APPRECIATION

Hart. Family members would like to thank all those who sent cards and flowers and rang to express sympathy following the passing of their much-loved aunt and sister, Pearle Hart.

ANNIVERSARY

Somerville. November 20 marked the 65th wedding anniversary of Colin and Betty Somerville who have enjoyed their retirement years on the Sunshine Coast, Qld, where they are founding members of the Maroochydore church. They are respected and loved by their five children; 27 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. They praise God for their long and happy marriage.

WEDDINGS

Davison—Rodrigues. Jared Davison, son of Andrew and Charmaine Davison (Brisbane, Qld), and Ana-Paula Raposo Rodrigues, daughter of Porfirio and Branca Rodrigues (Portugal), were married 14.11.13 in the South Brisbane church, Qld. They met at South Brisbane camp at Somerset Dam in March 2013. They will set up their home on the Sunshine Coast.

Mark Pearce

Jesnoewski—Piper. Duane Jesnoewski, son of Gary Jesnoewski (Brisbane, Qld) and Robyn Wilson (Brisbane), and Natasha Piper, daughter of Albert and Joy Piper (Stanthorpe), were married 8.9.13 at Gabbinbar Homestead, Toowoomba. They met on a camp with the Eight Mile Plains Pathfinder club. They have set up their home in Edens Landing. Natasha is a psychologist and Duane a computer technician.

Mark Pearce

Mills—East. Clarence Edward Mills (Cooranbong, NSW) and Ingrid Helen East (Yeoval) were married 27.10.13 at the Dora Creek church, surrounded by

many friends and family who wished them well on this happy occasion. They plan to set up their home in Yeoval.

Mark Turner

OBITUARIES

Bartlett, Alice Marjory, born 16.7.1928 in Sale, Vic; died 7.11.13 in Mt Marshall, Qld. She is survived by her children, Glenice (Biloela), Wayne (Brisbane) and Heather (Mt Marshall), their spouses; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends filled the Warwick church on November 13 for a memorial service and celebration of Alice's life. She was a very able partner in ministry all her married life with husband Eric, who predeceased her in 2007. In her last 10 years, Alice was a valued member of the Warwick church. She loved her God, family and church and was greatly appreciated by all she came in contact with.

*Warren Fedorow
Humberto Rivera*

Beaden, Gerald Langdon, born 14.3.1928 in Perth WA; died 1.11.13 in Palmwoods, Qld. He was predeceased by his wife, Heather, in 2005, and grandchild, Jamilyn. He is survived by his children and their families, David and Bethley (Palmwoods, Qld), Brian and Carolyn (Baulkham Hills, NSW), Barry and Anna Fe (Palmwoods, Qld) Jennie and Rei Joseph (Calliope); and his grandchildren, Ben, Andy and Jane, Kate, Sam, Rachel and Joel, Anna, Carlem, Elsa, Alexandra, Taane and Eli. Gerry learned about God at a mission in Perth run by Pastor Stewart Uttley, and following this became an Adventist at age 21. He graduated from ministry at Avondale College and married the love of his life, Heather Campbell, a nurse from the Sydney Adventist Hospital, in 1955. He was an extraordinarily gifted man, extremely practical, an amazing artist and art teacher for many years. He was a Bible scholar, had a dry sense of humour, was a great and loyal friend.

Bob Possingham, Mike Brownhill

D'Costa, Pastor Owen, born 23.12.1934 in Madras, India; died 22.11.13 in Fremantle, WA. He is survived by his wife, Patricia;

and his children. Owen's life was centred around his children, Freida, William, Duncan and Adrian, together with his ever supportive wife, Pat. This beloved minister served in many conferences around Australia and internationally. Owen and Pat retired from the North NSW Conference and settled in Blue Haven, Central Coast, where he was suddenly struck down with aggressive cancer. Owen was a great preacher, singer, evangelist, Bible student and departmental administrator. His pioneering work in Ethiopia continues to grow in the Lord as do the many thousands of lives world-wide who were touched by his enthusiastic sharing of the Gospel.

Eric Winter

Ford, Reginald Joseph, born 8.5.1937 in Wollongong, NSW; died 21.10.13 in Port Kembla. On 14.6.1959, he married Ruth Brown. He is survived by his wife (Cordeaux Heights), his daughter and her husband, Carolyne and Hendrik (Sydney); and grandchildren, Anthony, Louise, Michelle, Ashlii and Chene. Reg dedicated his life to God and his family. He loved sharing Jesus with others through letterboxing, Bible studies and friendship evangelism. He was a devoted family man and is greatly missed by his family, church family and members of the community.

*Tony Moala
Baren Nieuwstraten*

Hart, Pearle Victoria (nee Willis), born 25.9.1922 in Crookwell, NSW; died 6.11.13 in the Avondale Adventist Aged Care Facility, Cooranbong. She was predeceased by her husband, Russell, in 1997 and her adopted son, Andrew. She is survived by her siblings, Joyce Pascoe (Cooranbong), Effie Jackson (Wellington, NZ), Ruth Bridcutt (Batemans Bay, NSW), John Willis (Batemans Bay); foster son, Rohan (Goulburn); and step-son, Reg (Goulburn). Pearle studied dressmaking and tailoring, business and Bible instruction at the Australasian Missionary College, Cooranbong. Following graduation in 1947, she was appointed to the South NSW Conference and then worked as a literature evangelist before joining Vern Wood-Stotesbury and Ken Low's mission teams as a

Bible worker. She later graduated and worked as a nurse and midwife in New Zealand. In 1963, she married Russell Hart and they set up home in Goulburn. Pearle's talent with floral arrangements was noticed and she was given the responsibility of caring for the decorations in the big tent for the South NSW camp meetings.

Wilf Pascoe

Patterson, Janice Mary (nee Kilpatrick), born 14.12.1947 in Brisbane, Qld; died 17.10.13 in Cooranbong, NSW. On 11.9.1966, she married Robert Patterson, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children and their families, Andrew and Sara Patterson (Dubbo) and Tracey and Philip Shenton (Woongarah); and grandchildren, Joseph, William, Matthew, Charles and Laura. Jan was much loved by her family, friends and colleagues at Sanitarium, where she worked for a number of years. She had a generosity and willingness to help others less fortunate. Jan will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Kenn Duke

Pickles, Karen Elizabeth, born 10.5.1955 in Darlinghurst, NSW; died 12.11.13 in Thirlmere. Karen is survived by her husband, Andrew; son, Nathan; daughter, Kylie; her mother; and two grandchildren. Karen will be deeply missed by her family. When such a sudden and unexplained death occurs we are left leaning heavily on the arm of the Lord.

Rein Muhlberg

Sippel, Maisie Gwendoline Shirley (nee Amos), born 15.2.1929 in Coffs Harbour, NSW; died 29.10.13 in Coffs Harbour. On 25.11.1948, she married Clarence Keith Sippel. They spent part of their honeymoon at the Uranga Hotel and on their 60th wedding anniversary the family celebrated with a meal at the same hotel. Shirley is survived by her husband; siblings, Joyce and Max; her daughter and her husband, Christine and Noel Mitchell (Coffs Harbour); her son and his wife, Daryl and Debbie Sippel (Coffs Harbour); five grandchildren; and eight

great-grandchildren. Shirley was always a hard worker and placed the needs of others before herself. She will be remembered for her strong faith in Jesus Christ and for her love for family. Family and friends are eagerly anticipating the glorious day of resurrection, when they will see her again.

Abel Igorlescu, Bob Manners

and then gained her degree in midwifery in Melbourne. She spent two years at Carmel College as matron and college nurse and then received a call to serve in the Kendu Mission Hospital, Africa. Veyrl served with distinction and will be remembered for her love and commitment to these women.

John Lang

Were, Veyrl Dawn, born 18.4.1927 in Cooranbong, NSW; died 7.10.13 in Wyong Hospital. She was baptised on 22.9.1946. On 29.8.1967, she married Cyril, who predeceased her in 2009. She is survived by her son, Carlyle and his family, Michele, Elyse and Andrew (Canberra, ACT), her step-daughter, Lee Bohun (Melbourne, Vic); and her brother, Alva Mitchell (Carbour). Veyrl lived a life of commitment to her Lord, her family and church. She had a dream from a very young age to assist the women of Africa. She graduated as a registered nurse from Sydney Adventist Hospital

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