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## Church still working on ordination questions

*Maryland, United States*

The Biblical Research Committees of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's 13 world divisions have now submitted their recommendations on the subject of the ordination of women to pastoral ministry.

However, recommendations from the General Conference's Theology of Ordination Study Committee (TOSC) are yet to be determined.

The recommendations, which were unveiled at the third TOSC, showed six divisions in favour, including the South Pacific Division (SPD), and six divisions against women's ordination. The Southern Asia Division remains undecided.

However, a number of the Biblical Research Committees that recommended against the proposal said they were prepared to work with the world Church in whatever direction is taken.

The meeting featured presentations on theology and descriptions of options for moving forward in worldwide unity regarding ordination as it relates to gender.

Among the presenters was SPD president, Dr Barry Oliver, who presented a significant paper on the subject.

"No matter what position we hold, we all need to take responsibility for the unity of the Church and the fulfilment

of our mission," Dr Oliver said. "I have confidence that we can find a way forward together that will in good conscience be true to the Word of God."

The meetings featured some very intense discussions, according to Adventist News Network. However, conversations were always conducted with respect and in a congenial manner.

"I've been gratified to see a growing sense of camaraderie and understanding as we've moved through this process," said Dr Artur Stele, TOSC chair and director of the denomination's Biblical Research Institute.

Dr Stele said the time for researching and studying the issue had come to an end and that the TOSC would now "be looking to solutions that build the unity of the Church".

—RECORD staff/ANN staff



Dr Artur Stele chairs discussions.

## Health fund changes eligibility

*Wahroonga, New South Wales*

Seventh-day Adventist health insurance company, ACA Health Benefits Fund Ltd (ACA Health), has made some changes to its eligibility criteria which will make it easier to join.

Extended family members of past or present Adventist church employees (pre 12/10/2007), such as siblings, grandchildren and parents, are now eligible to become members. Even family members of those employed by the Church who are not currently ACA members can join.

"Expanding ACA Health's eligibility gives our employees the comfort of knowing that the health and wellbeing of their family is cared for," said David Potter, General Manager People Services for the South Pacific Division and Chairperson of ACA Health Benefits Fund Ltd. —Jarrod Stackelroth

For more information, visit <[www.acahealth.com.au](http://www.acahealth.com.au)> or call 1300 368 390.

## Church remembers fallen missionary

*Honiara, Solomon Islands*

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has commemorated the life of Adventist medical missionary martyr, Brian Dunn, and relocated his remains from Kola Ridge cemetery in Honiara to the nearby Adventist cemetery at Betikama.

Mr Dunn, from the UK, was one of the first missionaries to work at Atoifi Hospital before he was murdered in 1965.

The commemoration program began on January 19 and was attended by Mr Dunn's brothers, John and Peter.

James Bouro, one of the organisers, said the weekend program was an emotional and heartfelt one.

"During the program we heard many stories of the kind of person Brian was, and also of his personal background from his brothers," he said.

"Not only that, we were also privileged to still have some of Brian's students at Atoifi who witnessed the tragic incident give their accounts of what had happened."

Mr Bouro said despite the sorrow and heartache, the incident reminded us of how our early missionaries sacrificed their lives so that the Gospel

could flourish in Solomon Islands.

Mr Dunn was only 25 years old when he died and is survived by his widow who lives in England. —Jeremy Infiri/Solomon Star

More at <<http://www.spd.adventist.org/in-memoriam>>.



Mr Dunn's brothers, Peter and John.



## What's in a name?

James Standish

"Nomen est omen," said the Roman. His meaning? Our name is an omen of our future. Today we use the rather less poetic "nominative determinism" to express the same idea, and get large research grants from government agencies to do scientific studies to answer whether our name really does determine our destiny. According to some studies, a name can dramatically influence the course of our lives.

I hope they are wrong.

I hope so, because my name is James. When I first looked up the meaning of my name as a youngster I was surprised to find James is a derivation of Jacob. That was OK. Until I read on to find out that Jacob means "dark supplanter".

Still, I suppose if our name is our destiny, it isn't just our first names that need analysis. My last name, Standish, means a pen and ink stand. So was I born to write? A Roman might think so.

But there's another name that has been on my mind of late—my other family name, the Seventh-day Adventist name. It's a family name I'm very proud of. I've seen first-hand the exceptional work Adventists do around the globe—whether it's bringing basic healthcare to remote communities in the Pacific, education to poor children in India, setting up micro-businesses with the disadvantaged hill tribes of northern Thailand, and so much more. The Adventist community is a remarkably diverse and dynamic force for good.

But more than good works—the Adventist message provides a wonderful picture of the love of God. To think the majority of Christians believe God will torture people for eternity is tragic. Many Protestants believe God preselects those who will burn forever. What a terribly distorted view of God! Add the Adventist understanding of the love of God, the grace of Christ, the wholistic view of spirituality, the Sabbath and the hope of Christ's soon second coming, and we have a beautifully complete and coherent message.

I've always been proud to identify myself as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian—no matter where I am or who I'm talking to. When I met President Obama in the White House, the first words out of my mouth were: "I'm from the Seventh-day Adventist Church." I began thousands of other

meetings in halls of the US Capitol and at the UN in New York and Geneva in a very similar manner. We all should be just as confident to call ourselves Adventists. Ellen White put it this way: "We are Seventh-day Adventists. Are we ashamed of our name? We answer, 'No, no! We are not. It is the name the Lord has given us. It points out the truth . . .'"

It's sometimes argued that hiding our name increases our marketability. Yet Adventist hospitals from Sydney to Bangkok, from Washington to Karachi, have served their communities for generations while proudly using the Adventist name. The same can be said for the vast majority of Adventist schools that educate well over a million students around the globe every year. Today the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the fastest growing major Christian denomination in the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Our name isn't an impediment to success—it's a mark of global excellence.

When we drop the name from our schools, campuses, book centres or even our local churches, we compromise our witness and dilute our identity. It's time to stand up and be counted. It's time to wear the Adventist name with pride. It's time to come to our senses and realise that together we are strong, divided we are weak. And if we've taken it out, it's time to put the Adventist name right back in where it belongs.

You may have noticed something just a little bit different about *Record* this year—we've brought the Adventist name back to the masthead. That isn't a mistake or a coincidence. We have done it deliberately because we want to express who we are, what we stand for, and we want every reader who picks up the magazine to know up-front that this isn't just any record, this is Adventist *Record*. We're proud of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we're thankful to be a small part of it and we're grateful for all God has done through this Church. We're Seventh-day Adventist Christians and we're not ashamed to say so.

How about you?

*James Standish is editor of RECORD.*

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## The volume of reverence

Kent Kingston

*Sshhhh! Be reverent in church!* I'm not sure how many times I heard that as a child. I still hear variations of it today, sometimes in church board meetings where concerns are raised about the noise level during worship services.

But I've often wondered: is "reverence" really just a churchy synonym for "quiet" as many people seem to assume? Time for some research . . .

My favourite Bible search website, BibleGateway.com, lists 15 occurrences of "reverence" in the NIV, and five occurrences of "reverent". A quick scan down the list reveals that reverence is associated with bowing, falling prostrate on the ground, standing, serving, purifying, submitting, worshipping and, surprisingly, treating people fairly (Nehemiah 5:15).

There are certainly references to reverence during worship but it appears reverence can also be expressed by the way we live. And the context doesn't seem to suggest that this means living by tiptoeing and whispering all the time.

Hmmm . . . time for a concordance. What exactly does "reverence" mean in biblical Hebrew and Greek? Cue BibleStudyTools.com:

*In the Old Testament, "reverence" occurs as the translation of two Hebrew words, yare' and shachah. The root idea of the former is "fear". It's used to express the attitude toward God Himself, as in Psalms 89:7 (KJV); or toward His sanctuary, as in Leviticus 19:30; 26:2. So the group of ideas there would be "fear", "awe" "reverence". The root idea of the second is "falling down", as prostration of the body . . .*

*In the New Testament "reverence" occurs as the translation of three Greek words, aidos, phobeomai, and entrepomai. In the first, the idea is "modesty" (Hebrews 12:28; compare 1 Timothy 2:9). In the second, "fear" (Ephesians 5:33). In the third, the idea is that of the "self-valuation of inferiority", and so sets forth an attitude toward another of doing him honour (Matthew 21:37; Mark 12:6; Luke 20:13; Hebrews 12:9).*

OK, so humility, submission and being generally awestruck are fairly key ideas here. But, strangely enough, nothing about quietness.

So does that mean you can be both reverent and loud?!

"During the days of Jesus' life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission" (Hebrews 5:7).

Other translations render "fervent cries" as "strong crying" or "loud cries". Another concordance check reveals that the Greek word used here, *krauge*, can also be translated "outcry" or "clamour".

Yes, reverence can be loud. But in the end, it's not important whether reverence is soft or loud. Really, it's neither. To focus on external appearances is to miss the point. Reverence is not a behaviour. It's an attitude.

So who was irreverent when the priests and teachers of the law complained about the children shouting "Hosanna" in the temple courts (Matthew 21:15)? Was it the noisy kids, forgetting where they were and jumping up and down in excitement for seeing Jesus? Or was it the religious leaders, grinding their teeth in smouldering indignation?

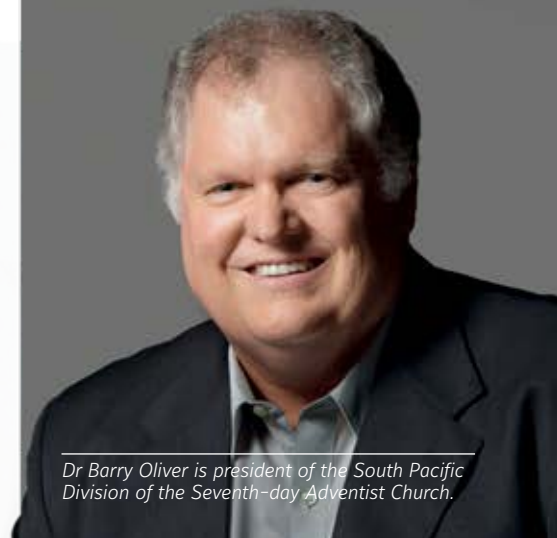
Yes, there are times for quiet, or even total silence, in worship. It's distracting when someone makes noise during these moments. I get it. And not everyone appreciates boisterous praise music. But judging the noisemakers as "irreverent" fails the test of good theology. It may also fail the test of loving Christianity.

*Kent Kingston is an assistant editor of RECORD.*

## Ordination and unity in diversity

As I write this column of Insight it's snowing outside. That's because I am in Washington attending the General Conference Theology of Ordination Study Committee. I know many of you wish you could be a "fly on the wall" at this week of deliberations. You may be keenly interested in the outcome of this study process. People representing the full spectrum of ideas and convictions around the topic are gathered for the third time studying and praying together. Right now, Dr Joel Musvosli, president of Solusi College in Zimbabwe, is presenting the findings of the Biblical Research Committee of the Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division. The findings of the Biblical Research Committee of our South Pacific Division will be presented next.

It's important that we find a way forward that respects the convictions of our members while at the same time recognises that diversity can be a strength in our Church. Of course, it can also be a critical weakness. Under the blessing of God it's our privilege and responsibility to find ways of being the multi-dimensional family of God but at the same time preserving the essential unity that Jesus spoke of in John 17 and Paul described in 1 Corinthians 12-14. The study committee has spent much time in prayer asking the Lord to lead us in that direction. Please pray that God will guide us all and give us wisdom that His will be done.



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



### Not so sweet

Uniting Church representatives in Victoria and Tasmania say that as shareholders in ANZ they are concerned about the bank's financial links with Cambodia's Phnom Penh Sugar Company, which is allegedly connected with child labour, land grabs, evictions and food shortages. The company denies the claims, which ANZ is investigating. —Fairfax



### Distressing details

Australia's Royal Commission into child sexual abuse has heard harrowing details of boys being abused, punched, locked in cages and raped within children's homes operated by the Salvation Army during the 1960s and 1970s. Five men have been named. Church leaders have acknowledged the failures and expressed sincere regret. —ABC News



### Vicious attack

Terrorist group Boko Haram is suspected of coordinating the bombing of a Catholic church service in Nigeria in which up to 45 people died. It's believed 22 bodies have been recovered from the building, while other worshippers were shot dead or taken hostage after running from the scene. —Morning Star News



### Timeless story

It's said to be the most-viewed film of all time with more than 200 million individuals making a commitment to Christ after watching it. *Jesus* (1979), based on the Gospel of Luke, is available in 1197 languages. For its 35th anniversary, the film has been digitally re-mastered and will soon be available in Blu-ray format. —JesusFilmHD.com



### Tough penalties

A number of Christian and Muslim leaders in Nigeria have welcomed a controversial law that bans same-sex marriages and imposes a 14-year jail term for homosexual relations. Police have already arrested scores of gays and lesbians. Uganda enacted similar laws in December, with life imprisonment imposed for some homosexual acts. —Religion News Service



### Surprising parallel

A recently translated 4000-year-old clay tablet from ancient Mesopotamia contains the oldest-known account of a flood and a man who received a divine command to build a boat on to which animals came "two by two". But the boat described is a circular coracle, rather than a rectangular wooden vessel. —news.com.au

## Be Part of Something Big

Victoria, this is your chance to be part of the **Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon**, the biggest kids triathlon in the world and getting bigger.

Over 35,000 kids in Australia and New Zealand will take part this year! If you would like to participate in the event, or volunteer as a **HELP TEAM** member on the day go to [try.weetbix.com.au](http://try.weetbix.com.au) and follow the links to register your child. If you are over 16 you can apply to be a volunteer at [www.tryathlon.weetbix.com.au/parents/volunteer](http://www.tryathlon.weetbix.com.au/parents/volunteer)

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## Sanitarium Christchurch site sold

*Christchurch, New Zealand*

Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing has announced the sale of its Christchurch site and a lease-back arrangement for its Marmite factory.

In a press release dated January 21, the company stated that Marmite production only used a small portion of the site, which was not being fully utilised.

"There is a signed contract for the sale of the Christchurch site to an undisclosed purchaser," Sanitarium general manager Pierre van Heerden announced. "As part of this agreement, there is a lease-back arrangement for the Marmite factory for up to five years. Marmite production will continue as normal."

Sanitarium's Christchurch distribution building is not part of the lease-back agreement, meaning distribution operations will be centralised in Auckland. The South Island sales team will still be located and operate as normal in Christchurch, but from different premises.

"Across the site, there are four positions redundant and we are working through redeployment options with affected staff," Mr van Heerden said.

Since the Canterbury earthquakes in 2010/11, the site has undergone a number of changes including extensive work to strengthen the Marmite production area, which is a new stand-alone unit.

South Pacific Division CFO, Rodney Brady, said the church acted on the recommendation of the Sanitarium Board to sell the factory on terms that allowed for an orderly transition. "We understand the site has special memories for some people however it's important we allow the Board to adjust Sanitarium's operations so that it remains viable in a market place dominated by multinationals with global supply chains."

Settlement on the sale is due to be completed by the end of May. Until that time Sanitarium will maintain the site in its current condition. —*Record staff*



The Harewood Road site.

## Food parcels help 1000 survivors of Cyclone Ian

*Nuku'alofa, Tonga*

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) provided food packs to almost 1000 people on Vava'u and Ha'apai islands after Tropical Cyclone Ian ravaged Tonga's north.

The category four tropical cyclone, with winds in excess of 200 km/h, destroyed up to 95 per cent of housing and food crops in the region and left thousands of people displaced and facing critical food shortages.

The packs, delivered between January 19 and 22, provided 160 families (approximately 960 people) food for a minimum of 14 days. The packs contained rice, sugar, flour, tinned fish, corned beef and cooking oil.

ADRA's response was implemented in partnership with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tonga. For more information visit <[www.adra.org.au](http://www.adra.org.au)> or <[www.adra.org.nz](http://www.adra.org.nz)>. —*ADRA Australia*



ADRA prepares to distribute parcels in Tonga.

## Doctors honoured for voluntary work

*Canberra, Australian Capital Territory*

Two medical doctors were awarded during this year's Australia Day celebrations for their voluntary work with Open Heart International (OHI), the overseas medical outreach program based at Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Dr Ian Nicholson was appointed a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia for his 20 years of work with OHI, making 32 trips to developing nations in that time to provide lifesaving heart surgery to children and adults, as well as training local staff and assisting with upgrading facilities.

"Ian is probably our most active surgeon," said OHI manager Michael Were. "He sits on our management committee and is also our representative to the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons."

"What we've been able to achieve has only been possible due to the hard work and commitment of so many,"

Dr Nicholson said. "It's the team spirit and camaraderie, and the difference that it makes in the countries we visit, that keeps me involved."

Dr James Byrne Pollitt was awarded the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia, recognising his contribution as a general practitioner and his seven years of involvement with OHI, ending in 1994. During that time he worked with the plastic surgery team, helping to repair cleft lips and palates in Nepal. —*Kent Kingston*



Dr Ian Nicholson.

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## School winning battle of hearts and minds

*Lalovaea, Apia, Samoa*

Good academic results have seen Samoa Adventist School's (SAS) reputation rise in the eyes of the community, according to principal Eteuati Koria.

The 515-student school had flown under the radar of most people in Samoa until 2013 when, for the first time, it sent representatives to the Battle of the Minds inter-school competition. The SAS team surprised many, including themselves, by reaching the final.

"Because it had always been held on Sabbath, we couldn't participate in the games, but this year we could and the eyes of the country were really impressed," Mr Koria said.

He said the community is focused on external exam results and for the past three years, the primary and secondary school has seen 100 per cent pass rates, with some students receiving very high grades.

"The school is doing very well academically. The cream of the country goes to other, more prestigious schools but we are more like a family. [We have] close relationship with students and [their] families. A lot of parents want to bring their children up in a safe environment."

In addition, the school had a student publish a book of English poems. Final year student Jasmine Koria, the principal's daughter, had her book included in the high school English curriculum around the country. She is also working on a second volume and a novel.

The school is also working to develop the spiritual lives of its students. Pastor Lawrence Keranu is now full time at the school and takes Bible studies with students most mornings of the week. For the first time in a long time, more than 10 students of the school were baptised.

"I had a vision to develop the spiritual side of things," Mr Koria said. "We have tried our best to fit that in. We are really nurturing the kids and I would like us to continue this strong emphasis." —Jarrod Stackelroth



Mr Eteuati Koria.

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# From surf to summit

by Vania Chew

Meet Melinda Sydenham. She likes salad sandwiches, enjoys reading books and has a fear of walking down hills.

So how did she end up at the top of Mount Taranaki, wondering how she would survive the 2518m trek downwards?

It all began in May 2013 when Melinda received a call from Malcolm Rea, Greater Sydney Conference's (GSC) director of ADRA Services. He had come up with an idea to raise money for the ADRA Community Centre in Blacktown.

Sydney's most popular fundraiser is the City to Surf, but Malcolm wanted to do something bigger—and so the Surf to Summit project was born.

His plan involved having a team go hiking in New Zealand, combining a team-building challenge with fundraising.

The team members were expected to cover their personal expenses as well as fundraise.

The \$A17,000 raised will also go a long way toward the \$A75,000 that ADRA Blacktown needed to maintain services for the year.

"The first thing I did was set up an 'Everyday Hero' fundraising page," Melinda says. "Our goal was to reach \$A2000 each before January 2014."

She enjoyed the process of planning and executing the fundraising events.

"One of these events was my birthday party," Melinda shares. "Living in a materialistic world, I decided I had plenty already, so why not ask my guests to donate to the Surf to Summit instead of giving presents? We raised over \$700."

"Waitara church supported our efforts, especially through extra Sabbath School collection offerings," Melinda says.

The plan was to hike over four days from the sea at New Plymouth to the summit of Mount Taranaki.

The team was warned that the first day of hiking would be the hardest, apart from the summit day, and this would determine their fitness levels for the rest of the hike. Start-

ing at 9:45am, they finished day one at 6pm. They didn't have time to rest, though—they were due to climb the summit the next day.

Initially the group consisted of six men and two women. Three were ministers who had volunteered at the community centre. As they began their ascent, the other woman turned back, leaving Melinda as the sole female.

The team lost another participant an hour before the summit when he also turned back. Winds were blowing at 40–50km/hr and the wind chill factor was  $-11^{\circ}$  Celsius.

As she looked across the ice-filled crater, Melinda's heart was filled with fear. The temptation was there to turn back, but she wanted to keep going. Repeating Philippians 4:13 to herself, she bravely continued, claiming the promise of Christ's strength.

"Occasionally the sun would peek out from behind the mist and fill

me with hope that we were going to make it safely. This encouraged me when I felt the climb was never going to finish!" Melinda recalls.

She rejoiced when they reached the summit, but dreaded the thought of the descent. This was the part that she was not looking forward to!

"Needless to say, we did make it down that mountain. Prayer, positive thoughts and encouragement helped me get there."

The team returned 12 hours after they had left, exhausted but excited by their achievement. They spent another two days hiking in New Zealand, but the biggest point of their journey was over.

"The best part wasn't reaching the summit," Melinda reminisces. "Seeing ice floes, overcoming challenges, conversations with teammates—these were the highlights. Knowing I was doing it to help the ADRA Blacktown Community Centre put the icing on the cake and made the journey one I will never forget."

*Vania Chew is PR/editorial assistant for Record.*

## Philip Glendrange

Pilot, Adventist Aviation Services

I've been flying with Adventist Aviation Services (AAS) over a year. I signed up for a four-year contract so I expect to be here for at least the next three years. I first heard about AAS when Bennett Spencer came to Walla Walla University (US) and gave a presentation. I listened spellbound, and when he was done I said to myself "that's for me!"

I studied aviation in college and I wanted to get into flying for the Church. It's a pretty limited field these days and most positions are in entities that really are quite independent. AAS appealed to me because it was organised, it was integrated into the Church and because of its professional reputation. After all, I was straight out of college when I arrived here so I needed a place where I could hone my professional skills. So how has it gone? AAS has been first rate. I can't imagine a better environment for a young guy like me to hone his skills.

My family is fine with me being over here. More than that, they're supportive. My dad died nine years ago so it's just my mum, two older sisters and two half brothers. All my siblings live and work in the US. None of my family has made it out to PNG yet. I think when they come, they'll find the culture and geography mind blowing. I also want to take them flying because I think they'll be impressed with the work AAS does.

This work is very meaningful to me. You know, when you do a lot of commercial flying you can become a bit like a glorified bus driver. But the work of AAS is different. It really touches people's lives. I love helping with the medevac service. I also appreciate that when we carry produce out from remote villages we're an economic lifeline for them. No two flights are the same with AAS. When I think about the places I've been and the people I've met since coming here, I'm just so thankful to God for this experience.



See "Sky Cowboys" (page 14) for more information on Adventist Aviation Services.

## POSITION VACANT General Manager | Sydney Adventist Hospital

AHCL Board is seeking applications from suitably experienced and highly motivated individuals for the position of General Manager Sydney Adventist Hospital.

SAH is currently operating 360 beds and 14 operating theatres and is undergoing a major development project. The new development will see the hospital expand bed capacity by 192 beds and 10 new operating theatres and an integrated Cancer Centre. The new Clark tower will include 40 state of the art maternity beds and 9 delivery suites.

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- A minimum of 8 years management experience, including managing large numbers of employees and familiarity with human resources.

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# The next step

by Mark Southon

**N**OT LONG AGO I BROKE MY LEG . . . I SLIPPED AND fell in the extreme sport of gardening. As I lay in the garden, I looked down at my leg to see my tibia protruding out at the world beyond its skin and flesh housing; something it should never do. It had become a garden tool scraping soil and flora as I writhed in pain away from the edge of the rock wall that I had slipped on.

After an agonising eternity, I woke and found myself in a hospital bed with a metal rod holding my leg together and a whole lot of harmony, also known as medicine, coursing through my veins to keep my pain at bay and sending me off into faraway lands of stories and imagery that didn't make sense at all.

It took a number of weeks of lying still and accepting that there were going to be many more weeks of lying still before I could be "healed"—whatever that means.

Whenever sickness or brokenness is experienced, we want to be fixed; we want to be healed. No-one wants to remain broken.

I recall a story where a man lay beside a pool for nearly 40 years. This story is told in the book of John. He tells of a man who was sick, who was broken and in need of healing. The pool he lay beside was believed to have healing properties. It was thought that when the water stirred, the person who could get into the water first would have their infirmities cured. There was no way for this man to get into the water. He needed more than something that he could do himself. He needed something only God could provide.

That's exactly what happened. Jesus came along, saw the man and said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" (John 5:6\*) His answer was to make an excuse saying "Sir,

I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me" (verse 7). The man could only see one way to be healed; yet Jesus was offering another.

Jesus constantly offers us healing from our sinfulness.

When we are offered healing, we are asked a "yes" or "no" question. And often we come up with excuses as to why we can't get into the water and be healed. "I'm not good enough" or "I don't have the right gifts", maybe "I'm still working on my behaviour . . ." or ". . . one day . . ." We are no different to the man at the pool of Bethesda. It's almost as though we create a safety net for ourselves where we want to believe that we should rely on ourselves to be healed. We forget that God's ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8) and that He has put in place a healing process for us. We sin and that price

is death (Romans 6:23), but because of God's prevenient grace (Romans 5:8) He can offer us healing through Jesus Christ. Now! There's nothing more I can do or have done that will make God love me more or less.

I know that eventually my leg will heal and I will be able to walk again, even swim and run like I used to. My metal rod will always be with me and there should be no reason why I can't live a "normal" life.

We have this opportunity each and every day to say "yes, I want to be made well". I want to say yes. I don't want to be broken. I acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God and I want to be healed. ↻

*\*All texts from the NKJV.*

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**It's almost as though we create a safety net for ourselves where we want to believe that we should rely on ourselves to be healed.**



### Church plants grow

December was an exciting month for two church plants in Western Australia. Approximately 80 people attended the Karen Church Fellowship's nine-day camp at Adventist Park over Christmas. Conference president, Pastor Terry Johnson, was among the guest speakers at the event, which saw 10 people baptised and seven others accepted into the Church by profession of faith. Champion Lake was also the site of another special baptism earlier in the month, with five young people joining the Kelmescott church plant family. — *Jaz Horvath*

### Gold star for early learning centre

Hills Adventist College Early Learning Centre (HACELC) in Sydney has received an "Exceeding National Quality Standards" rating from the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority. The result is the highest rating the centre could have attained under the recently introduced National Quality Framework (NQF) for Early Childhood for Education and Care Services. "I believe we're the first Adventist early learning centre to be recognised at this level," HACELC director Rochelle Weiss said. The NQF is the result of an agreement between all Australian governments to improve the quality of childcare services. — *Pablo Lillo*



### Sporting success

More than 90 per cent of Christchurch Adventist School (CAS) Years 9 to 13 students participated in sports teams in 2013, well above the Canterbury region average of 68 per cent. The school's premier badminton, girls' volleyball and senior boys' basketball teams were Canterbury champions in their divisions last year. — *Tracey Ling*

### Last man standing

Players from Last Man Stands (LMS) cricket league participated in The Primary Club of Australia's annual Marathon Cricket at the Sydney Cricket Ground in January. The match featured the highest-ranking LMS players in the region, including Adventists Pastor Michael Worker, Brayden Morton, Brad McGrath, Johnny Edwards and Glen Arnold of the LMS Sixers team. The Sixers won the match by three wickets, with Brad gaining his 100th wicket in the Last Man Stands league. — *Theodora Amuimuia*

### Quake shakes Adventist school

A 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck the lower North Island of New Zealand on January 20, damaging several buildings including classrooms at Longburn Adventist College. Principal Bruce Sharp said two ceilings had to be repaired but the damage was mostly superficial. No injuries were reported from the earthquake. — *Linden Chuang*



### Aussie icon

Julie Judd was acknowledged on Australia Day as being an honourable citizen of the Maroondah City Council (Vic) for her volunteer work with the region's disadvantaged. Six years ago, Julie established VIVE Café, a voluntary initiative of the Revive church plant in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. Each Thursday, she and her assistants provide between 90 and 120 meals for struggling individuals and families in the community. Julie also serves on the board of humanitarian organisations such as Justice Empowerment Mission, Outer East Foodshare and Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing. — *Vania Chew/Merryl Gowans*

### Acquitted

Seventh-day Adventist pastor Antonio Monteiro was released from prison in January, ending a nearly two-year ordeal that kept him and four others detained in a Togolese prison on charges of conspiracy to commit murder. Monteiro was released after being acquitted in a court verdict on January 12. Still in prison is Adventist Church member Bruno Amah, who was convicted by a jury and sentenced to life in prison. Monteiro, who served as the Sahel Union Mission's Family Ministries director prior to his detainment, has since returned to his home in Cape Verde. — *Adventist News Network*



## Spirituality and health

We all know the importance of spirituality and faith in our lives, although sometimes we can be guilty of compartmentalising it from other areas of our health. But science is showing us more and more that spirituality can manifest itself in very physical ways.

A recently released study out of Columbia University (US) has shown a link between spirituality and potential protection for the brain for those people at high risk of depression because of family history.

In the study, parts of the cortex (the brain's outer layer) were found to be thicker in participants who responded that religion or spirituality was important to them, compared to those who cared less about religion. Previously, the same researchers had found that people who said they were religious were at a lower risk of depression and that those at higher risk had thinning cortices.

While research is ongoing to explore all potential mechanisms, this research might show how spirituality can enhance the brain's resilience to depression in a very physical way.

Professor Myrna Weissman, who worked on the study, said: "The brain is an extraordinary organ. It not only controls but is controlled by our moods." Finding ways and making time to nurture our faith can be an important tool to not only nurture our spirit but our physical health as well.



### Polenta cake with citrus zest

Preparation time: 20 minutes Cooking time: 10 minutes Serves: 12

<b>2 cups rice milk fortified with calcium/B12</b>	<b>¼ cup honey</b>
<b>1 cup polenta</b>	<b>1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest</b>
<b>½ cup light coconut milk</b>	<b>½ cup lemon juice</b>
<b>½ cup chopped raw almonds</b>	<b>1½ teaspoons mixed spice</b>
<b>½ cup sultanas</b>	<b>1 teaspoon vanilla extract</b>

1. Bring rice milk to the boil in a medium saucepan. Stirring constantly with a whisk, add polenta gradually in a thin stream. Reduce heat to medium and whisk for 5 minutes or until very thick.
2. Reduce heat to low and add remaining ingredients, stirring well after each addition.
3. Press into a 23-centimetre round cake tin and smooth top.
4. Cool in the fridge until chilled through.
5. Garnish with chopped nuts, lemon zest and mixed spice, and serve chilled.



**NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:** 610kJ (146cal). Protein 2g. Fat <1g. Carbohydrate 25g. Sodium 30mg. Potassium 143mg. Calcium 75mg. Fibre 1g.

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# Sky Cowboys?

by James Standish

**I** DON'T LIKE FLYING ON SMALL PLANES. IT'S NOT THAT I'm afraid of flying. And it's not even that there is something particularly distasteful about small planes.

What I don't like about small planes is that everyone I've ever known who has died in a plane, has been in a small plane. Yes, when a big one goes down it is spectacular and it makes world news. But the truth is, it simply doesn't happen that often. Small planes? They seem to crash with alarming regularity.

So when South Pacific Division president, Dr Barry Oliver, told me we'd be travelling around the nether regions of Papua New Guinea in a single prop eight-passenger plane, I

was unenthused.

Think about it. What kind of pilot spends his or her life flying small planes in the wilds of PNG? You'd have to be some kind of adrenalin junkie to take that on. And when it comes to the serious business of flying, I'm not interested in having a sky cowboy at the controls.

When we met Bennett Spencer (pictured top) and Philip Glendrange from Adventist Aviation Services (AAS) in Rabaul on the island of New Britain, I wasn't particularly happy to see them. Well, not them in particular, but the small plane standing behind them. At that moment, it was a bit too late to say, "no way am I flying in that piece of tin foil!"

But I was about to have all my assumptions challenged. What impressed me immediately? Their professionalism. Everything, and I mean everything, was done by the book. Every passenger and piece of luggage was weighed. Woe unto you if you tried to sneak a large fish into the cabin undeclared—as one passenger did. He soon found himself on the end of a very stern lecture. These guys run a tight ship and if you plan to fly with them I recommend you fall into line. Before each flight, they test and retest a wide variety of functions. There is nothing slap dash about this operation.

I was also impressed by their use of technology. Philip heard about an aviation GPS navigation program available in Australia, so he contacted the company and convinced it to expand its coverage to PNG. As a result, we were flying between islands with no phones, no running water and only sporadic electricity, but with every movement tracked perfectly by satellite.

The professionalism goes hand in hand with their spiritual dedication. It was so heartening to see Philip sitting quietly each morning reading his Bible. How many 24-year-old guys do that? Similarly, Bennett ensures that every flight begins with a word of prayer (yes, it's true, I was praying a little harder than usual myself . . .). The impact of Christ on their lives is impossible to ignore.

During our travels they landed us on a grass airstrip on the small tropical island of Eloaua. They put us down on an abandoned World War II US airbase on Emirau. They even flew us safely into the notoriously difficult airport at Goroka—surrounded by mountains and subject to low clouds and fog. All with less drama than your average trip on the Pacific Highway in Sydney—actually, substantially less drama . . .

The Adventist Aviation hangar in Goroka is a masterpiece to behold. It's the cleanest hangar I've ever seen, with not one tool out of place. After we landed, the crew swarmed around to clean the plane from top to bottom. When we returned the next day, the cover of the engine was off and the pilots were working on the engine. What were they doing? Apparently when a plane lands near the ocean, salt deposits build up so they were doing all the maintenance necessary to remove it. Everything at the hangar works with military precision. It's a superb operation and a credit to all those involved—particularly Roger Millist, the retiring CEO.

When we left, they were preparing to deliver ballot boxes for an upcoming election to remote areas. It's just one of the many services they provide—ranging from medevac to hauling agricultural goods that are the economic lifeline to remote communities. They even transport the deceased for burial. They fly evangelists to meetings, teachers to schools, pastors to remote fields and they transport tonnes of Adventist material around PNG every year.

Talking to Matt (pictured bottom), one of the Adventist Aviation pilots who come from Hamilton, New Zealand, it's clear that the services our team provide are vital. "I came to fly with the team here because we go where no-one



else does," Matt said. That's true. But they are able to go where no-one else goes not because they are sky cowboys flouting the rules of physics and hoping for the best, but precisely the opposite: they are an aviation dream team—dedicated, smart, hardworking and completely professional. And they are a credit to the Church they serve. ✉

*There will be a special celebration marking 50 years of Adventist aviation in the South Pacific Division at Avondale Memorial church on March 1. For more details, please visit: <<http://aviationnsw.adventist.org.au>>*

*James Standish is editor of RECORD.*



# Ultimate family

by Andrew Pennington

**U**LTIMATE FRISBEE IS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS A cross between American football and netball. The offensive team attempts to score by catching the frisbee in the end zone (like a try zone in rugby). But like netball, players are not allowed to run with the frisbee when in possession of it. It is non-contact and the defensive team has to stop the offensive team from completing a pass either by intercepting the frisbee or

forcing a turnover if the frisbee hits the ground or goes out of bounds. Those are the rules. The reality is, it is fast action and fabulous fun.

I've been fortunate enough to play ultimate frisbee at the highest competitive level, representing Australia on two occasions on the Open team, and most recently on the Open Masters team in Japan. It's not quite like getting a baggy green or hearing *Advance Australia Fair* as you stand on an Olympic podium, but it is enjoyable and—at least in the ultimate frisbee community—a real career highlight.

When I started playing in Sydney in 1996, within three years I knew the majority of players regularly coming to league games, as well as a number of interstate players. Ultimate frisbee in Australia has grown a lot since then. My experience is that when you meet another player whether you know them or not, there is a common bond and camaraderie that binds you in a degree of commonality and friendship. When you go overseas representing your country, these bonds often strengthen, and it's noticeable in the wider international frisbee community that bonds of friendship are frequently formed and remain for many years. I





suspect this is true of many communities of people who form clubs, associations and societies born out of a common interest in some sport, hobby, pastime or professional field.

The camaraderie in ultimate frisbee is aided by what is called the "spirit of the game"—it is self-refereed even up to world championship level. This means that players call their own fouls and violations during the game, and so it requires trust in both your own team and the opposition team members for fair play to ensue. For the most part this works really well.

Being an ultimate frisbee player and a Seventh-day Adventist has been an interesting mix. Each time I travel, I catch up with the local Seventh-day Adventist community. I choose not to participate in competition on Sabbath; instead my commitment to worshipping God with fellow like-minded believers is the priority. What I have noticed when doing this is something even more remarkable than the camaraderie I find with my fellow frisbee players, as nice as they are. That is, fellowship in the Spirit. Unlike the "human spirit", which is flawed and even with the best of intentions can be abused as part of the spirit of the game in the heat of competition, the Holy Spirit instead binds believers as one (see for example Ephesians 4:3). This is a most remarkable and wonderful thing as a believer. I am sure I am not alone in this experience. Let me illustrate.

My first international tournament was in Hawaii in 1999 and I attended a small community Adventist church not far from the fields where the tournament was held. On Sabbath the church held 20-30 people at most, but I was welcomed with open arms, invited home for lunch and looked after for the rest of the afternoon. I felt at home in my spirit from the moment I found the church. My soul had found rest.

Similarly, when I was competing at the World Championships in Heilbronn, Germany, in 2000, I went searching for the local Adventist church. I finally found it, was welcomed with kindness, escorted to the appropriate Sabbath School, and somebody was even assigned to translate the sermon from German to English for me. I subsequently ended up at the translator's house for lunch and a pleasant Sabbath afternoon. We kept in touch for a few years after that, and again, there was a feeling of coming home in my spirit from the moment I found the church till the moment I left my kind host's place.

My last international tournament in July 2012 took me to Osaka, Japan. Having checked the internet I was pleasantly surprised to find there was an English-speaking service at the central church, and also directions to find the church. As you might imagine, travelling on the subway in Japan is a bit daunting being a foreigner with limited Japanese skills,

especially when changing subway lines a couple of times was required before I came to the right stop. The Osaka Adventist church is situated next to a river surrounded by a lot of medium to high density housing, but it has a large cross with "SDA" in bold letters written on top of the building, visible from a distance. When I spotted this, it was like spotting an oasis in the desert—my nervousness turned to relief, praise and thanks to God, and again my spirit felt at home. I felt safe the moment I found the church. I was again looked after with company for the afternoon and then invited out for dinner in the evening and treated most kindly. It was as if cultural barriers were overcome by a common

bond and relationship with Jesus. I firmly believe the Person responsible for this is the Holy Spirit.

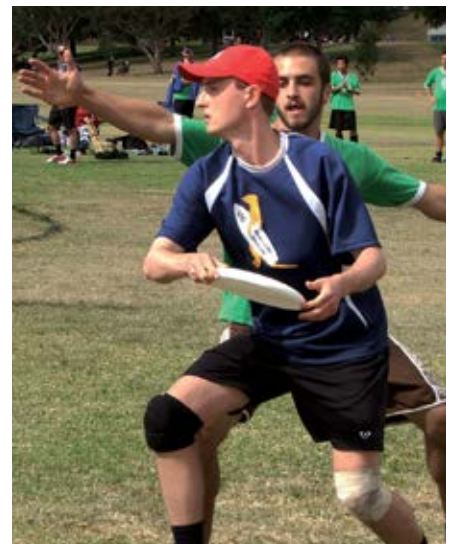
Although I have found friendship, acceptance (despite not playing on Sabbath) and hospitality amongst the ultimate frisbee community, there's nothing that beats having your heart knitted together with other humans when the Holy Spirit is the Author, and this is exclusively found in the Christian community. I was again reminded of this at a recent wedding where I was reunited with many old friends from my church youth group of years gone by,

and my spirit again felt at home—a most beautiful, sublime experience, and one I can only imagine is a small taste of what God actually intended "community" to be—a big happy family. When Christian believers are together in the Spirit worshipping God on Sabbath, our souls find rest. I can truly attest and thank Jesus for this rest He offers, which indeed is an easy yoke and a light burden for the soul (Matthew 11:28-30). These three occasions I found rest for my soul among my fellow believers in three different cultural groups.

One can only imagine how good heaven is going to be when we meet not only our friends and relatives, but thousands and thousands of people who are all bound together by the Holy Spirit because of the same theme—their love for their Saviour Jesus. If it is good here on earth, imagine how much better it will be in heaven. I can't wait for that day. ➤

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## RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine



Pieter Wessels.

### Diamonds are forever

Most people have heard of the Kimberley diamond mine in South Africa. Less well known is that these diamonds were first found on a

farm owned by an Adventist family, the Wessels. This farm was sold to De Beers mining interests for \$1,250,000, a huge amount of money at the time.

Pieter Wessels (1856–1933) had been an earnest Bible student from an early age and he was challenged by his brother, John, to keep the Sabbath as a test of his spiritual sincerity. Pieter studied the issue and soon became a Sabbath-keeper, not knowing there were others of like faith in the world. Later, on hearing of Adventists, Pieter and several others of like mind contacted the Church headquarters in Battle Creek asking for workers and enclosing a donation of \$250 to help meet expenses.

Pieter personally met the first Adventist missionaries when they arrived in Cape Town in 1887. Four years later another group of workers arrived, led by A T Robinson and soon the first conference was formed and the work of the young Church in South Africa grew rapidly.

Their loyalty to the Church inspired various members of the Wessels family to give liberally of their fortune to progress its work in South Africa and internationally. They assisted generously with the costs of establishing Avondale College in Australia with a \$5000 donation while visiting Cooranbong. Ellen White borrowed \$5000 from Mrs Wessels, also to help with the establishment of Avondale. John Wessels was called by Ellen White to come to Australia and use his business skills to help the young Church grow and this he did, contributing generously of his own money to the cause. He is particularly remembered for finding the site, then hidden in the bush of Wahroonga, for the Sydney Sanitarium, which later became the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Back home, Pieter was largely instrumental in working with Cecil Rhodes in 1894 to secure the 5000 hectare land grant which today is the Solusi University property, receiving much opposition in the process from American church leaders who initially feared the grant had violated the principles of separation of church and state. Ellen White's counsel was of vital importance in resolving this

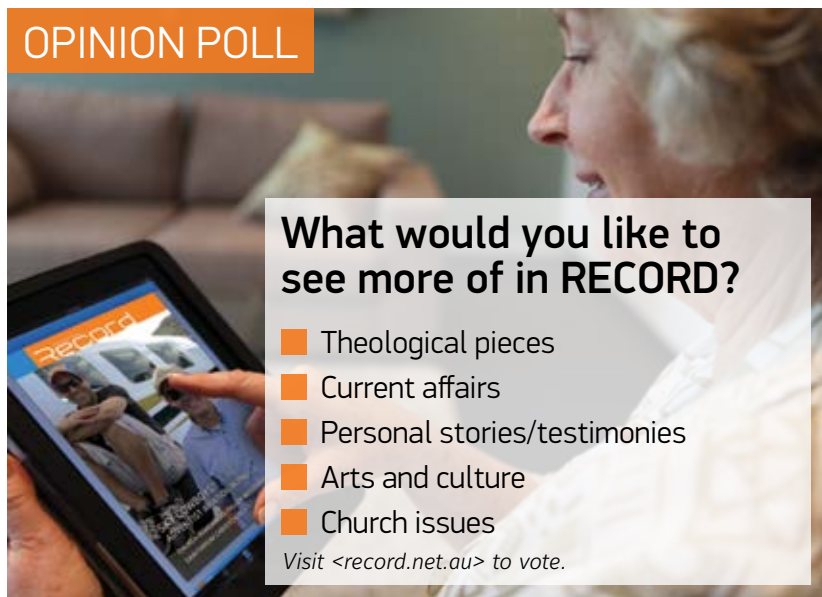


property issue favourably, arguing powerfully in her letters from Australia that it was not really an issue of separation of church and state as many in America thought at the time.

However, money does not solve all problems. The considerable generosity of the Wessels family, who admired the Battle Creek model, prompted them to strongly support the development of similar large institutions in South Africa, giving many thousands of dollars to those programs in the process. But the rapid growth of these large institutions outpaced that of the church membership and in time some had to be sold or their activities downsized. Regardless, Pieter Wessels was a powerful personal worker, particularly among the Dutch people, winning to the faith a number of people who were to become church leaders in South Africa and beyond.

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**Q** How many necklaces is the lady in red giving?  
How many things is the lady in orange holding?

WORSHIP MESSAGE : I WORSHIP  GOD   
WHEN I USE MY   TO DO HIS  .



**Q** How many people are walking into the tabernacle? How many priests are burning incense? How many stripey curtains?

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**GROWTH FACTORS**

Sven Ostring, via website  
(Responding to "Easy as 1,2,3", Editorial, January 18)

There is a fascinating article by the Mormon writer Matt Martinich on his Latter-day Saints' (LDS) growth case studies titled, "Comparing the International Growth of Latter-day Saints, Seventh-day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses", where he analyses the reason why Seventh-day Adventists have achieved a larger and more global distribution of membership. He identifies the following three factors: (1) the fact that the LDS organisation relies heavily on North American missionaries to fulfil its mission; (2) the LDS organisation is heavily centralised and focused on the American continents; and (3) the intrinsic racism within LDS theology that prevented males of African descent to hold leadership. According to Matt, the primary reasons for the more significant growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are due to our focus on empowering our membership to reach out and church planting.

**GREEN-EYED MONSTER**

Michelle, via website  
Brilliant! I love this article ". . . But I shall want" (January 18). How very timely for us all as we're currently drowning in such a materialistic, man-made wealth-obsessed world. I'll admit, I can relate very well to that big old "green-eyed monster" and I'm ashamed of that relationship. Over the past several months I've been collecting Bible verses that warn of envy/covetousness and the power God can provide to overcome. Don't just read, but daily speak

out loud God's Word over your life and pray for the Holy Spirit to dwell in you and help you change for the better and be brought closer to God.

Of course this ancient "green beast" still continues to pop up his ugly old head in my life but now I'm far better armed (with the power of the Word and the Holy Spirit) to give him a quick, sharp whack between the eyes and send him scurrying away with his tail between his legs. Try this method for yourself to combat whatever it may be that Satan is throwing at you today.

**LOVE EXPRESSED**

Steve Cinzio, Qld  
I was very moved by Erin Agafonov's piece, "The power of words" (Opinion, January 18). Having been a high school teacher for a number of years and knowing the difficult situations I have had to deal with involving students, the piece caused me to reflect.

Encouragement is like oxygen—essential to living a fulfilled and purposeful life. Starved of this divine quality in my early years, led me to a room with a loaded rifle.

The "cour" in encouragement comes from the French "coer", which means "heart". The Greek word for encourage comes from the same root as advocate, counsellor, comforter—the same word John uses in his gospel for the Holy Spirit.

Encouragement, as Erin reminds us, has to do with lifting someone's spirit or morale. It suggests supporting, assisting, inspiring, consoling, comforting, increasing hope and confidence and urging on.

We all need to encourage and be encouraged our-

selves. It demonstrates that we value those around us and they are important to us. Encouragement ultimately is love expressed. This idea is explicit in Paul's message to the Ephesians: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up" (Ephesians 4: 29 NIV). Erin's reminder is very appropriate to every relationship, whether at school, work or home.

When in ministry some years ago I had the privilege of mentoring a young pastor who was very discouraged. So much so that he believed that he was going to be fired from his job. Encouragement helped him to recover but whilst in that depressive state he received a letter from the conference informing him that he was to be ordained!

Thanks again Erin for reminding us that we "should be lifting each other up".

**TIMES HAVE CHANGED**

Aldona Jones, via Facebook  
(Re: "Extraordinary love", Feature, January 18)

Fewer and fewer people with these kinds of special needs are being born these days.

Since it has become routine to have one or more ultrasounds during pregnancy, parents find out much earlier and can make the choice to mentally prepare themselves and continue the pregnancy or . . . not.

Nothing against ultrasounds or the capacity to make that choice—just pondering what it is that makes a given family make a particular choice.

Food for thought . . .

## APPRECIATION

**Veitch, Nell.** Bob Fairfoul, Margaret Johnson, Dalton Veitch and families wish to convey their appreciation to all those who expressed sympathy and support in so many ways at the recent passing of Nell, their beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. 'Til the morning.

## WEDDINGS



**Duffy-Laurence.** Robin Duffy and Ruth Laurence were married

6.10.13 in the Dora Creek church, NSW. The church was filled to capacity to witness Robin and Ruth unite their lives together as one. They are loyal members of the Avondale Memorial church and will set up their home in the Avondale Retirement Village.

*Horrie Watts*

**Gee-Ku.** Nathaniel Gee, son of Dr Richard and Patricia Gee (Box Hill, NSW), and Kay Ku, daughter of Agustino and Kristina Victorino (Burnside, Vic), were married 12.1.14 at Lilydale church, Melbourne.

*John Chan*

**Giblett-Dunn.** Stuart Giblett, son of David and Nancy Giblett, and Pam Dunn, daughter of Leonie and Lester Rickman, were married 24.11.13 at Glenoran Pool, near Manjimup, WA. Stuart and Pam met in Manjimup a little over two years ago. Stuart works as a cook and Pam works as a carer at Moonya Lodge. They plan to live in Manjimup and raise a family.

*Tim O'Keefe*



**Laverick-Bausch.**

David Paul Laverick, son of Daniel Bushnell and Sharon Laverick (UK), and Ellana Louise Bausch, daughter of Glen (deceased) and Leona Bausch (Lake Cathie, NSW), were married 15.12.13 at Clontarf Beach, Qld, at sunset.

*Mike Brownhill*



**Tuivasa-Faatoia-Collins.**

Tafia Tuivasa, son of Lesa Tuivasa (Auckland, NZ), and Josephine Faatoia-Collins, daughter of Robert Faatoia-Collins (Cooanbong, NSW) and Mary

Key (Auckland, NZ), were married 5.12.13 at East Tamaki Samoan church, Auckland.

*Giovani Stowers, Wilf Pascoe  
Robert Faatoia-Collins*

## OBITUARIES

**Borkovic, Jelka** (nee Ljubic), born 11.6.1922 in Virje, Croatia; died 23.9.13 in Melbourne, Vic. On 15.5.1938, she married Stanko Borkovic, who predeceased her in 1987. The family migrated to Australia from Croatia in 1965. Jelka is survived by her three sons, Dragutin, Mirko and Mladen, and her daughter, Andjelka; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was a faithful member of the Adventist Church for many years and will be missed by church members and family alike. She now rests peacefully awaiting the return of her Lord on the resurrection day.

*Damir Posavac*



**Brooks, Joan Eleanor** (nee Hill), born 19.11.1922 in Kogarah, NSW; died 26.11.13 in

Bowral. She was predeceased by her husband, Ron. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Brooks (Moss Vale, NSW). Joan was an Anglican Christian and it was fitting that her memorial service was held in the historic Berrima Anglican Church. Margaret's grieving is tempered by the hope of a resurrection to eternal life for her beloved mother, for whom she cared so tenderly in the final years of her life.

*Mike Brownhill, Rev Dean Reilly,  
Loreley Malletin*

**Hall, Audrey Francis** (nee Bradford), born 5.3.1928 in Karoonda, SA; died 18.12.13 in Modbury. On 20.10.1947, she married Kenneth Duncan Hall, who predeceased her in 2001. She is survived by Marnie Walkley (Craigmore Farm), Ruth Brown (Modbury Heights), Vicky Owen (Wantirna, Vic) and Julie Fleming (Parafield Gardens, SA). Audrey was a devoted mum to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was much loved and is greatly missed.

*Robert Porter*

**Hester, Kay Frances** (nee Hayman), born 30.4.1945 in

Corrigin, WA; died 26.10.13 at home. She was the loved princess of Robin (Kalannie); precious mother of Carol and David Ransom (Peppermint Grove Beach), Robert (Lancelin), and Lisa and Dean Jolly (Kununurra); and adored grandmother of Aleisha and Jonathan Knopper, Izabel and Declan Hester, and Daniel and Tia Jolly.

*Nicu Dumbrava*

**Killoway, Judson Lloyd** (born 27.6.1927 in Rangoon, Burma; died 28.11.13 in the Armadale Nursing Centre, Perth, WA. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Heather Killoway (Nunawading, Vic); his children, Jennifer Keegan (Kelmescott, WA), Judith Killoway (Bertram), Sandra Bateman (Wodonga, Vic), Ashley Killoway (Exmouth, WA); six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. After many years away from the Church, Jud recommitted his life to God about six years ago. This brought a lot of joy to his family and friends who look forward to being reunited with him.

Special thanks to Jean Scott who graciously provided a home for Jud throughout these years.

*Lynn Burton, Ken Killoway  
Bill Watson, Kelly Bateman*

**Rumsey, Agnes Meno** (Peggy), born 20.1.1927 in Burnley, Vic; died 12.12.13 in Maroondah Hospital. On 3.8.1963, she married Frederick Limon Rumsey. She was predeceased by her husband in 1991 and her son, William Francis Rumsey, in 2009. She is survived by her sons, John Ronald Greig (Lalor) and David Edward Greig (Mooroolbark).

*Tony Campbell*

**Schubert, Heather Lorraine** (nee Hennig), born 20.12.1941; died 10.12.13 from cancer. On 11.4.1962, she married Leo Schubert. She was predeceased by Daryle Schubert in 2006. She is survived by her husband (Bletchley, SA) and Rodney Schubert (Red Creek). Heather loved the Lord, was devoted to her family and was a wonderful, caring homemaker.

*Robert Porter*

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**Turner, Marjorie Joyce** (nee Driscoll), born 11.6.1918 in Gosnells, WA; died 2.11.13 in the Freeman Nursing Home. On 21.1.1965, she married Ted, who predeceased her. She is survived by her siblings, Arthur Driscoll (Rossmoyne), Winifred Kenning (Geraldton) and Doreen Rogers (Chadstone, Vic). Marj had a zest for life. She exercised her people

skills by serving with Sanitarium. She enjoyed a challenge, loved children and had a special affection for travelling in the Australian countryside. Marj lived a long and healthy life, reaching 95 years.

*Richard Reynolds*

**Woosley, Elaine Thelma** (nee Green), born 4.7.1934 in Brisbane,

Qld; died 28.11.13 in Brisbane. In August 1952, she married Hilton Ray Woosley and together they established a boat-building business. Later, after studies at Avondale College, they began a life of ministry, serving in several churches in Queensland and Ray as mission president in Vanuatu. Ray predeceased Elaine in 1992. She was the loved and loving mother of Julieta, Sharon and Donna; the beloved grandmother of Gemma, Brynn, Cindel, Bianca, Nicola, Hayley, Danika and Blake; the doting great-grandmother of Harrison and Orlando; and the much-loved sister of Gwen Russell, Bev Irvine, Ruth Cherry, John Green and Peter Green. Elaine was a cheerful person who was dearly loved by family and friends.

*Alan Morley*

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| 1 onion, finely diced  | 2 eggs, beaten (or egg replacement)             |
| 1 clove of garlic, crushed                                     | 2 cups of cooked brown rice, cooled & set aside |
| 1/2 cup of fresh basil, chopped (or 1 teaspoon of dried basil) | 1 cup bread crumbs for rolling                  |
| 1/2 cup of fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped                    | Olive oil spray                                 |
| 2 tablespoons of salt reduced soy sauce                        |   |

#### Method

1. Grate NUTMEAT into a mixing bowl.
2. Add onion, garlic, herbs, soy sauce and onion powder, mix well.
3. Add egg and brown rice, mix well.
4. Using a 1/2 cup measure, shape mixture into 12 patties. Coat in bread crumbs.
5. Heat fry pan or BBO to medium heat, spray with olive oil and fry until golden brown on each side.
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