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## 5000 attend PNG congress

Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea

Wet weather didn't dampen the spirits of about 5000 people who attended the Adventist Community Service congress coordinated by the Western Highlands Mission (WHM) and held at Ulya, the mission's campsite.

Delegates came from seven provinces and were organised into their provincial groups for the main activities.

Guest speaker, Professor James North Jr from Andrews University, addressed the evening meetings on the theme of God's grace, while PNG Union Mission's associate secretary, Pastor Henry Monape, delivered the "morning manna".

Attendees endured the wet conditions, with some standing for the entire nightly meetings. Pastor Monape commended their bravery, saying it showed their commitment to God, His Church and their leaders. "When the people are determined to take a courageous stand, nothing will stop them from doing what they want to do for God," he said.

The congress paid tribute to the newly created Hela and

Jiwaka provinces, allowing them to raise their own provincial flags. Hela province had 23 attendees baptised at the congress.

This was the first Adventist Community Service (ACS) congress for a decade, after being reactivated by ACS director Pastor Samuel Mollen.

"I was so excited to see delegates coming in number," he said, thanking delegates and mission administration for making the event a reality. He thanked church members in WHM for providing food and cash to the delegates. "That initiative took the congress the extra mile," he said. — *Jim Wagi/Jarrold Stackelroth*



Attendees wearing ACS uniform.

## Mission office reopens after cyclone

Apia, Samoa

It was a time of celebration for the Samoas/Tokelau Mission as their office building was reopened on July 15. The Mission office and other buildings suffered significant damage as a result of the destructive winds of Cyclone Evan that lashed the city of Apia in 2012.

The Prime Minister of Samoa and the deputy head of State attended to reopen the building. The Prime Minister commended Mission leadership for their sacrificial service. The dignitaries noted that the Mission chose to focus on rebuilding churches and other areas of need, leaving the Mission office till later. This quiet witness and priority was noted by country leaders and a witness to the people of Samoa. Thousands of people, including dignitaries from the Trans-Pacific Union Mission and other churches were present. — *Wayne Boehm/TPUM Newsletter*



Office during rebuilding work.

## First Hymnfest engages community

Perth, Western Australia

Seventh-day Adventists in Perth have partnered with the Bible Society of Australia to stage *Hymnfest*, an event designed to uplift Jesus and the Bible through music and song to the local community.

Perth's first *HymnFest* saw 400 community members pack into the Wesley Uniting Church in the CBD to hear the Perth Adventist Orchestra and Choir perform well-known hymns and even take part in congregational singing.

Pastor Terry Johnson, president of the Western Australia Conference, was compere for the evening.

"I thought the music was wonderful, lively and full of praise to God," said Pastor Johnson, adding that he couldn't have been prouder of the Adventist orchestra and choir. "Only two years since their inception and the quality they produced was exceptional," he said. Pastor Johnson said the event raised \$A4200 for the Bible Society's "Get the Word Out in China" project. This was in addition to

\$A32,000 the Church had already raised for the society.

Dr Lyell Heise, from the South Pacific Division's Institute of Worship, said *Hymnfest* had made quite an impact. "We encourage the orchestra and choir to continue in their ministry and to continue to dream of even bigger ways to celebrate their talent and their faith with the people of Perth and beyond," he said.

*Hymnfest* organiser and president of the Perth Adventist Orchestra, Jasmin Stankovic, thanked the Institute of Worship for its support and said there are plans to host the event again in 2015. — *Jasmin Stankovic/Jarrold Stackelroth*



WA pastors in Faster Pastor quarter.



## WWJD?

James Standish

In the '90s, WWJD armbands proliferated—the letters were on every evangelical's lips, and the question, posed in the acronym, was provided as the answer to every situation. And for good reason. As followers of Christ, we really do need to ask "What Would Jesus Do?"

The problem?

The answer isn't always as simple as the question.

To illustrate, an ironic quote swirling through social media notes: "When you ask WWJD? remember that the realm of possibilities includes turning over tables and whipping people." Along with the words is a beautiful painting of a serene Christ doing exactly that.

The cleansing of the temple does include a side of Christ we generally don't consider when we exhort people to "be like Jesus".<sup>1</sup> And yet some scholars believe, and Ellen White confirms, Jesus not only cleansed the temple once, but twice: first, during Passover at the beginning of His public ministry (John) and, second, at the end of His public ministry (Matthew, Mark and Luke).

How could the Jesus who preached "turn the other cheek" and "blessed are the peacemakers", find space in His life to turn over tables and drive people out of the temple? Twice? Did He misunderstand His own teachings? Or are we the ones who misunderstand?

The WWJD phrase is one I faced often when working to prevent religious persecution. I was frequently challenged with a certain question from church members. And in that question is wrapped a misunderstanding of such profound consequence that it ripples through everything we do.

The question: why does our Church work to protect those suffering abuse when the Bible says people who are persecuted are blessed?

Of course, those asking the question are right. Jesus does say, "Blessed are the persecuted for righteousness' sake." And more than that, He promises those who have to leave family and property for His sake will be rewarded 100 times over and have eternal life (Matthew 19:29). So why would we try to stop persecution when it's such a blessing? Shouldn't we stand on the sidelines cheering when persecution falls on Christians? Or at the very least, shouldn't we as a commu-

nity simply "turn the other cheek"?

No. Why not? Because the Bible promises a blessing for the persecuted, *not* for those who sit by idly while *others* are persecuted. In Proverbs 31:8, we're instructed to "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed." Similarly, Ellen White says we fail to do the will of God if we sit silently while others are persecuted.<sup>2</sup>

So how does this fit with Christ's example, and what does it have to do with cleansing the temple?

Ellen White, writing in *Desire of Ages*, states the money-changers engaged in "fraud and extortion" and that sacrificial animals were sold for "exorbitant prices". Jesus "saw the unfair transactions. He saw the distress of the poor, who thought that without shedding of blood there would be no forgiveness for sins . . . Christ saw something must be done." Later, she notes the leaders also "knew that Christ's sympathy for the poor had been aroused". She makes clear His extreme action of cleansing the temple was motivated by His desire to protect the most vulnerable from exploitation.

It's true that Jesus never acted to defend Himself. When He was arrested, He didn't struggle. When He was cursed, He didn't reply. When He was whipped, spat on, mocked and slowly tortured to death, He turned His cheek. But that is not what He did when others were mistreated. He spoke up for children. He treated women as equals. And when He saw the poor being exploited in the name of God, He took radical action not once, but twice.

So what would Jesus do? It depends. If He was suffering, He would turn the other cheek. If someone else was being exploited, abused or neglected? He may heal them. Or speak up for them. Maybe He'd wrap them in acceptance and dine in their homes. And sometimes, well, He'd brandish a whip and turn tables upside down. Which helps clarify what our response to the persecution, oppression and exploitation of others should be. Whips may not always be necessary.

<sup>1</sup> Note: Ellen White says Jesus didn't actually whip people during the first cleansing of the temple. But she describes His demeanour as one of "zeal and severity".

<sup>2</sup> Ellen G White, *Counsels for the Church*, p 336.

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## Behind the smile

Linden Chuang

As news broke of Robin Williams' untimely death a couple of weeks ago, thousands of people took to social media to reflect on the life of the 63-year-old actor. A photo posted on Twitter caught my attention in particular. It was an image of the much-loved actor belting out a laugh alongside the Two-Headed Monster from the children's TV show *Sesame Street*.

The photo oozes with joy—something Williams has brought to the world since his rise to fame in the 1980s. That's how I knew him too—as the funny guy behind iconic characters such as Genie (from *Aladdin*), Mrs Doubtfire and Patch Adams.

It wasn't until reading the details surrounding his death that I found out about Williams' struggles with alcohol, drugs and depression, with the latter surfacing as a "severe" problem in recent years. Who knew so much darkness could be hiding behind such a bright smile?

One man who knows about the highs and lows of being "the funny guy" is Graeme Frauenfelder. The Adventist "humanitarian adventurer and creative educator"—or clown—has spent years bringing joy and laughter to the lives of thousands of people around the world. Serving in this way may lead you to assume he's always happy. But it hasn't been all "sunshine, lollipops and rainbows".

"There were some extremely dark and painful periods in my life, where I struggled with depression and suicidal thoughts," Graeme says. "Engaging with people, opening up and seeking help was so important in bringing me out of the darkness. You don't get anywhere through avoidance."

Don't think for a moment the "happy clown" get-up is just a cover. "The happiness and clowning isn't a mask," says Graeme, who is a friend of the real-life Patch Adams. "It's a real authentic part of me, just as much as the darkness and struggles. It's not an either or, or a put on."

Happiness has played a key role in Graeme's life, but so has honesty. Some people feel admitting to struggle is a sign of weakness, but that's simply not true. It takes great strength and courage to step out from translucency—where things are seen in part—into transparency—where things are seen in full.

The Bible challenges us to "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). The only way we can do that is by sharing them with each other. It's a difficult step, but one worth taking. After all, we were never meant to walk this road of life alone. "Two are better than one . . . if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, NIV).

When I saw the photo of Robin Williams laughing it up with the Two-Headed Monster, the following lyrics came to mind:

*Are we happy plastic people  
Under shiny plastic steeples  
With walls around our weakness  
And smiles to hide our pain[?]*—Casting Crowns

It's a question worth considering. Are we simply "happy plastic people"? Or are we brothers and sisters in Christ, ready to share and "bear one another's burdens"?

*If you or someone you know is struggling with depression, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14. To see the Record InFocus interview with Graeme Frauenfelder, visit <record.net.au/channels/my-story/media\_assets/1350>.*



## Salt of the earth

As I write I am on board a commercial plane travelling to celebrations for the 50th anniversary of Adventist aviation in Goroka, Papua New Guinea. I have just opened *Paradise*, the in-flight magazine of Air Niugini, and on page 66 there is an article with the title, Simply OFFL! I soon discovered that this article tells the story of Operation Food For Life (OFFL). I quote: "This is a powerful acronym for an organisation whose original focus was to bring some quality of life to the impoverished community living on the Barundi rubbish dump on the outskirts of Port Moresby."

The article continues: "In general, few people from the settlements are able to find work. Crime and domestic violence are rife. Despair reigns over hope as these poor families are marginalised by society and often regarded with contempt and suspicion." Then the founders are identified: "It is the brainchild of president and co-founder Dennis Perry with fellow Adventist David Woolley." Sani-tarium Health & Wellbeing is commended a number of times as is Pacific Adventist University. And this is all in the in-flight magazine of a national carrier!

I thank God for all who are rolling up their shirt-sleeves and getting involved for good in our community. This is just what Jesus spoke about when He described the Church as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Very well done Dennis and David and all who work with you. May your tribe be multiplied many, many times.

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



### Popular outreach

In Romania, tens of thousands of people have visited an Adventist "biblical village" set in one of the largest parks in the capital, Bucharest. Some 500 volunteers staffed the village, demonstrating traditional skills, including weaving, blacksmithing and pottery. A "synagogue" featured Hebrew blessings and the blast of the shofar. —APD



### Partners in health

Guatemala's President Otto Perez Molina says his government will soon launch the Adventist "Quiero Vivir Sano" (I Want to Live Healthy) initiative that will encourage wholistic health for the whole nation. The President made the announcement at a congress of nearly 6000 young Adventists from around Central America and the Caribbean. —ANN



### Desperate situation

Adventist, Catholic, Anglican, evangelical and other religious world leaders have expressed concern about the atrocities committed against Iraqi Christians, Yezidis and the Turkmen minority by the so-called "Islamic State" terrorist group. The fall of Qaraqosh, Iraq's largest Christian-majority town, sparked a mass exodus of about 250,000 people in just 72 hours. —Assist News Service



### Healthy faith

New research suggests going to church is good for your heart. The study found that those who attended religious services once a week or more, and prayed or studied the Bible once a day or more, had 40 per cent lower diastolic blood pressure than those who attended services and prayed less often. —*Breaking Christian News*



### Fair go

Baptist, Uniting, Anglican and Salvation Army social services say they support a Catholic plan for an independent body that would set the levels of Australian social security benefits. The welfare agencies say the nation's poor are victims of political agendas and should be supported according to their need. —*The Age*



### History repeating

The Society of Friends, better known as the Quakers, has set up what they call the "New Underground Railroad" to help gay, lesbian and transgender people escape Uganda's tough anti-homosexual laws. The coalition relies on local Uganda contacts and is supported by a Quaker group south of Seattle, USA. —*Olympia Monthly Meeting*

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## First baby born in new San building

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Meet Georgia Kate Hogan, born to proud parents John and Mel on August 11. In her first few days of life, Georgia's having a bit of trouble learning to feed, but her mum's not too worried. "I have a feeling she's going to be terribly determined," she says with a grin. "Her older sister is and so am I."

Georgia is the subject of local media attention and even received a visit from the Sydney Adventist Hospital's CEO, Dr Leon Clark. The reason? She is the first baby born in the hospital's new LW Clark Tower, perfectly timed for the same day the maternity ward was moved from the old building.

The new mum gently ribs Dr Clark about having the 12-storey facility named after him: "I've given birth to a baby; you've given birth to a whole building!" she says, adding that perhaps his task was more difficult in some ways.

Dr Clark is certainly the model of a proud parent, pointing out the spectacular views from each window, the features of the patient rooms and the careful design that has gone into them. "This was my idea," he says with a grin,

drawing attention to indirect lighting that allows nurses to conduct night-time checks without unduly disturbing patients.

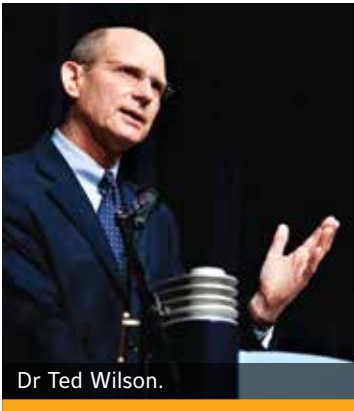
The new maternity ward covers two floors and increases the San's neo/antenatal bed capacity from 30 to 40 beds. The number of delivery suites has also increased from seven to nine.

Mrs Hogan agrees that the new facilities are nice, but she's clear about her priorities. "Really, regardless of the view, it's about the people," she says, mentioning that she had her first baby at the San as well. "I came back because of the staff."

Three floors of the LW Clark Tower are now open, as well as the adjoining multi-storey carpark. More facilities will open in coming months, with an official opening scheduled for October. —Kent Kingston



Proud parents.



Dr Ted Wilson.

## President's plea: pray for persecuted

Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

Seventh-day Adventist Church General Conference president Dr Ted Wilson has released a statement expressing "great sadness" and "deep concern" over the "tens of thousands of Christians and others [who] have been subjected to persecution, coercion, killings, intimidation and lack of religious liberty in certain areas of Iraq and Syria".

Dr Wilson has called on Adventists around the world to pray for the victims as well as all religious minorities who are targeted for their faith. "It is important that the international community act unitedly to stop the persecution of Christian believers and others who represent those who have lived in relative peace with their Muslim neighbours in the Middle East for hundreds of years." He said the Church would do its best to assist victims of this tragedy.

Full statement at <record.net.au>. —ANN staff

## New gluten-free Weet-Bix

Berkeley Vale, New South Wales

Coeliacs can now enjoy Weet-Bix for breakfast, following Sanitarium's launch of a gluten-free version made with sorghum.

"Gluten-Free Weet-Bix looks and tastes very similar to original Weet-Bix, and is also low in sugar," said accredited practising dietitian Trish Guy. "It is made with sorghum grains, which are naturally gluten-free, and has a 96 per cent wholegrain content."

Over the past six months, Sanitarium has recommissioned an entire Perth-based Weet-Bix factory into a dedicated gluten-free manufacturing site.

"We are committed to ensuring there is no risk of gluten

contamination in the manufacturing of Gluten-Free Weet-Bix," general manager Todd Saunders said.

Gluten-Free Weet-Bix is certified gluten-free by Coeliac Australia and New Zealand. It is available in Coles supermarkets and will soon be appearing in Woolworths and IGA stores. —Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing



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## Adventists lead civil war reconciliation

*Bougainville, Papua New Guinea*

Adventist churches across Bougainville are participating in reconciliation events aimed at healing hurts and restoring relationships in the aftermath of the island's devastating 1989-1999 civil war.

President of the Bougainville Mission, Pastor Kepsie Elodo, said he has already attended three events this year, at Sirovai, Konuku (near the Panguna copper and gold mine) and Sohano in the provincial capital, Buka, where, in meetings running up to 16 hours, individuals and representatives of feuding clans articulated publicly how they'd been hurt, confessed wrongs to one another and offered forgiveness.

"It was a very emotional time," Pastor Elodo said. "People were crying, moaning over what they had done—even the children. The Speaker of the provincial parliament, the Honourable Andrew Miriki, was one of two Adventist politicians who attended the Sohano event; the other was the Honourable Wilfred Komba. Mr Miriki told me a few days after the reconciliation that he still felt a sense of peace for the first time since the crisis."

Pastor Elodo told *Adventist Record* that after the government of the now "Autonomous Region of Bougainville" established reconciliation as a government priority, officials then handed over responsibility for the implementation to the churches, saying the government would financially support the process. No funding has yet been received and other church denominations in Bougainville have been slow to respond. But Adventist leaders are determined to go ahead with reconciliation gatherings, beginning in each of the island province's 142 Adventist congregations.

"Once we have led the way, our church members will be united," Pastor Elodo said. "They will then be able to reach out to their relatives who belong to other churches, and continue a reconciliation process that will reach the whole province." The Seventh-day Adventist Church is also maintaining dialogue with leaders of other churches and has extended an invitation to future reconciliation events.

The focus of much of the reconciliation gatherings so far has been on long-simmering clan disputes that intensified as law and order broke down during Bougainville's civil war. The road ahead promises to be more difficult, with reconciliation needed between armed actors in the failed rebel war of independence and the thousands of grieving and traumatised survivors of a conflict that claimed the lives of up to 20,000 Bougainvilleans.

During the conflict in the village of Konuku, an Adventist pastor was killed by Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA) forces, who suspected him of leaking information to their enemies. "This will need to be handled very carefully," said Pastor Elodo who plans to locate BRA representatives with a view to organising a meeting with the pastor's family. Because Bougainville's police and courts system is barely recovered from the civil war, there's little chance that criminal proceedings will be initiated against the alleged perpetrators.

"It is very sensitive—especially dealing with the BRA who killed many Adventists as well as the church members who were involved in both sides of the conflict," Pastor Elodo said. "We really need your prayers."—*Kent Kingston*



Reconciliation events aim to heal hurt.





# PAU celebrates 30 years

by Kent Kingston

**I**N 1984 PRINCIPAL RAY WILKINSON WAS STRUGGLING to come up with a theme for Pacific Adventist College's first graduation service. Eventually he settled on "Educate to Serve". It has been the institution's official motto for the past 30 years.

That first graduation saw just a handful of students walk the aisle, perhaps less than 10. Today, the college is a university with an enrolment of almost 1100. Pacific Adventist University (PAU) is one of Papua New Guinea's most respected tertiary institutions and is unable to keep up with demand, turning away hundreds of applicants every year.

"So much has changed over those 30 years," said vice-chancellor Professor Ben Thomas during anniversary celebrations held at PAU, July 25-27, "but our core has remained the same. We are still focused on service. We are still focused on wholistic education. It remains that our number one reason for being at PAU is our relationship with Jesus Christ."

PAU is still the only university operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific region. The growth that has occurred during the past three decades is continuing, with midwife training facilities opened this year and a new School of Business building in mid-construction. New programs continue to be added, including the first postgraduate degree, a Master of Theology. During the anniversary weekend, Dr Jeff Crocombe, a senior lecturer in PAU's School of Theology, announced plans to establish an Adventist heritage centre at PAU, with a particular focus on the history of the Church in the Pacific islands.

The 30th anniversary celebrations brought together past staff and students, as well as church leaders from around the South Pacific Division (SPD), who chose PAU as the venue for this year's Administrators Council. Sabbath's keynote speaker was General Conference general vice president Dr Ella Simmons, an educator by profession and the first woman to serve as a general vice president. She urged the congregation to answer God's call together with

the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I. Send me!"

"Pacific Adventist University has made a big difference in the Pacific region," said Pastor Thomas Davai, director of Student Services and chair of the anniversary coordination committee. "Many of those young people who have gone out have become prominent leaders in their various fields." Pastor Davai also echoed sentiments expressed by PAU alumni, who said employers expect a higher standard of professionalism from PAU graduates—"not only academically, but in behaviour, attitudes, work ethic and commitment".

Dr Barry Oliver, PAU's chancellor and SPD president, unveiled a commemorative plaque at the student centre and addressed the opening meeting. "Thirty-five years ago, when I was a young district director in Port Moresby, we came to survey this land," he said. "It was just a dream—we were just starting to plan. Every year when I come to a graduation there's a lump in my throat as I reflect on the influence this very special place has had on Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific—the Church, the economy and the community."



Dr Ella Simmons.



Prof Ben Thomas shows Nord and Ella Simmons around campus.



# It's *my* Church!

by Apaitia Rokotuni

**I**N HIS INAUGURATION SPEECH AFTER BEING ELECTED president of the United States in 1961, the late John F Kennedy challenged his nation: "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." These words continue to be an inspiration and I often ask myself the same question in relation to my role in the Church.

The Church needs its young people just as we need the Church. We have so much to offer. We are young, energetic, educated, skilful, passionate and have access to the world at our fingertips. If we direct these resources to the right place, we will have vibrant churches, effective ministries and an exciting experience of personal growth and satisfaction. We do not need to wait or rely on church elders or ministers to initiate plans before we jump on board, but we should work in partnership with them, taking responsibility for ourselves and asking, "What can I do for my Church?"

God's Word gives us the mandate not to let anyone despise our youth but for us be an example to the believers (1 Timothy 4:12). We are not to look down on ourselves, we are to confidently take lead roles in the Church and be the standard which other believers live up to. What a privilege and a responsibility! We play an important role—without us, there is a big vacuum in the Church that needs to be filled. God has entrusted this responsibility not on the older folks but in us because He knows we have the resources to do the job.

Sometimes, because of our young age and inexperience, we undermine our potential. However, God's power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9); after all,

God does not call the qualified but He qualifies the called. What little we can do for Him wholeheartedly, God will miraculously transform in a mighty way. He does not necessarily call us to be successful; all He asks is for us to be faithful. Sometimes we may wonder whether the investment of our time, energy and resources in church life is worth it as we do not see any positive, immediate results. But don't ever give up—believe and be persuaded that God is able to keep what you have committed to Him until that day (2 Timothy 1:12).

**So get up and find something to do! Visit someone in need . . . or volunteer for a good cause.**

So get up and find something to do! Visit someone in need; financially support ministries; be actively involved in church activities; or volunteer for a good cause. There is so much we can do to build God's kingdom and hasten His soon return. The Spirit of Prophecy shares the same sentiments:

"Upon the youth there rests grave responsibilities. God expects much from

the young men who live in this generation of increased light and knowledge. He desires to use them in dispelling the error and superstition that cloud the minds of many. They are to discipline themselves by gathering up every jot and tittle of knowledge and experience. God holds them responsible for the opportunities given them. The work before them is waiting for their earnest efforts, that it may be carried forward from point to point as the time demands" (*Messages to Young People*, p 119).

So, like Kennedy, we need to say: "My fellow friends, ask not what your Church can do for you, ask what you can do for your Church." ➤

*Apaitia Rokotuni Jr is a youth member and leader of young people in Fiji.*



LAUTOKA CENTRAL, Fiji  
Pastor Tabua Tuima

At the time this was written I was pastor at the mother church of all the churches in Lautoka—Lautoka Central—the second largest city in Fiji. We have about 300 people in attendance at our church on Sabbath. The members who founded this church are an inspiration to me, as are our vibrant group of young adults.

Pastor Gary Webster's prophecy series brought a revival in our church. We had some theological disputes, but they dissipated with the program. It gave us new energy and direction.

During the meetings, we had a screen inside the church and one outside. We projected the live satellite feed on both. People came and stood in the street and watched. A group of men in their rugby outfits asked to come into the church. They enjoyed the series so much. The whole experience was tremendous. Our church pulled together around our central mission—telling the world about Christ's soon return.

*Pastor Tabua Tuima is now lecturing at Fulton College.*

## OPINION POLL

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### Traditional dress

Representatives of the local Koiari people welcomed delegates to Pacific Adventist University's (PAU) 30th anniversary celebrations with traditional music and dance. In the 1970s the 48-hectare property at Fourteen Mile, west of Port Moresby, was secured under a 99-year lease from the Tanubada Dairy Company. The deal was sealed with a deposit of the princely sum of K1. In honour of the traditional custodians of the land, the property was named Koiari Park. —PAU

### New health director for NZPUC

Adrielle Carrasco has been named Health director for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. The Union's Executive Committee made the decision during its mid-year meetings in June. Adrielle has worked in a number of nursing roles in Auckland, particularly within the Pacific Island community of Mangere. More recently, she worked as a clinical nurse specialist for diabetes with a focus on nutritional issues. Adrielle is the wife of Christchurch Adventist School principal Danny Carrasco and they have three children: Kaleb, Beaudicia and Fisi-Belle. Adrielle is passionate about the Church's health message and wants to see health given a higher priority in our churches and communities. —NZPUC



### Continued support

The Discovery Centre team at Adventist Media Network (AMN) have sent a collection of *The Bible Story* books to the Valasi village school in the highlands of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. Caleb, an Adventist teacher at the school, and his wife picked up the books from the Solomon Islands Mission earlier this month. A team from AMN conducted a fly'n/build trip to Valasi in August last year. —Linden Chuang

### Outreach in the outback

Twelve students from Prescott College Southern (SA) took part in a STORMCo trip to the outback town of Coober Pedy for the first week of the July school holidays. The students—mostly non-Adventists—joined youth from Morphett Vale and Davoren Park Adventist churches, as well as the Living Ministry Media crew, in serving the local community and spending time with the children. —Mitsy Bullas

### Helping hand

Lismore Base Hospital Auxiliary (NSW) has received a cheque for \$A6733 from the Lismore Seventh-day Adventist op shop. Op shop general manager Max Millar said they were pleased to be able to support the auxiliary, which they hope to help more regularly in the future. —Northern Star (Lismore)



### Still going strong

Retired pastor Moses Songavare energetically conducted a men's choir during the Sabbath service at Pacific Adventist University's 30th anniversary celebrations. South Pacific Division president Dr Barry Oliver paid him an impromptu tribute during the church service, recalling how they'd worked together in Rabaul, East New Britain, 35 years ago. Pastor Songavare, who had conducted the choir barefoot, pointed heavenward in humble response to Dr Oliver's words of praise. Pastor Songavare is a brother of a former prime minister of the Solomon Islands and has lived in retirement in Port Moresby—his wife's home region—for many years. —Record staff/Barry Oliver

### Grand opening

More than 1000 people gathered in North East Choiseul (Solomon Islands) in July to witness the opening of the Tagibangara Seventh-day Adventist Church. Solomon Islands Mission president Pastor George Fafale conducted the ceremony, with Pastor Lawrence Tanabose unveiling a placard during the dedication service. A number of government officials and United Church delegates attended the ceremony. The new "dream church" building took five years to complete and seats more than 800 people. —Solomon Star



## Standing up for health

"The difference between the mile and the marathon is the difference between burning your fingers with a match and being slowly roasted over hot coals." That not so pleasant image is how US writer and runner Hal Higdon describes the 42.2km test of kilojoule burning endurance known as the marathon. And with a description like that, it's no wonder that many people are happy to finish just one marathon and move onto other life goals.

But while a marathon might seem out of reach for most of us, it might surprise you to know that something as simple as standing up for a few hours each day can be a bit like running a marathon.

A study out of the University of Chester, England, asked a group of people who would normally spend their workday sitting to spend a few work hours each day standing. At the end of the study they found their heart rates were on average 10 beats a minute higher or the equivalent of burning 0.7 calories extra per minute.

Now 0.7 calories doesn't sound like much, but for a person standing three hours a day at work, five days a week, the numbers quickly add up.

Dr John Buckley, from the University of Chester, helps put the number in perspective: "If you want to put that into activity levels then that would be the equivalent of running about 10 marathons a year."

Regular physical activity is the key to optimal health, but we shouldn't forget that small lifestyle changes can also add up to huge health rewards.



### *Antipasto and pesto pizza*

Preparation time: 12 minutes Cooking time: 20 minutes Serves: 6

1 bunch basil (100g)  
3 cloves garlic  
80g pine nuts, toasted  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ cup light olive oil  
water  
2 x large wholemeal pizza bases  
2 x punnets mini Roma tomatoes, quartered  
280g bottle artichoke halves, quartered  
220g tub fresh cherry bocconcini, sliced  
24 Kalamata olives


1. To make pesto, place basil, garlic, pine nuts and salt in a food processor. Process mixture while slowly pouring in the oil, then add enough water to make the pesto smooth.  
2. Spread pizza bases with pesto.  
3. Arrange tomatoes, artichokes, bocconcini and olives over pesto.  
4. Bake in a hot oven, 200°C, for 20 minutes, or until crust is golden.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:**  
Kilojoules 1060kJ (255 Cal), Protein 8g, Total fat 8g, Carbohydrate 23g, Sodium 470mg, Potassium 280mg, Calcium 120mg, Iron 1.4mg, Fibre 3.6g.

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# The Great War

by Barry Harker

OLD EUROPE SELF-destructed in the Great War of 1914-1918. In the future, the heroics of E R Mobbs,<sup>1</sup> the England international who died leading his men into a hail of machine-gun fire, while punting a rugby ball ahead of him, would be celebrated but not repeated. Mass warfare had arrived with a vengeance.

The statistics were staggering, numbing and heartbreaking. France lost almost 20 per cent of its men of military age while Germany lost 13 per cent.<sup>2</sup> Britain lost close to 6 per cent<sup>3</sup> of its soldiers and civilians of military age, but the loss of half-a-million men under the age of 30 was felt disproportionately among the upper classes and educated.<sup>4</sup> The loss of talent, ingenuity and imagination to the world was simply incalculable.

The European empires of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Russia disintegrated, with the Russians embracing communism prior to the close of the war. The warring nations incurred huge debts. Britain, the world's leading financial lender in 1914, surrendered its lead to the United States of America, the new nexus of world economic and political power.<sup>5</sup> Japan emerged as a world power to rival the British and Americans in East Asia and the Pacific.

For Seventh-day Adventists, the Great War also brought division and heartache. The Church in Germany split over whether Adventists should take part in the war and if they should fight on Sabbath, leading to the formation of the Seventh-day Adventist Reform Movement. It has taken a century, but maybe the wounds left from that time are beginning to heal. This year, the *Adventist Review* reported:

*A hundred years after World War I created a split among German Seventh-day Adventists that remains to this day, the Church's two unions in Germany have apologised for the combative stance taken by church leaders during the war and for their treatment of dissidents who left to create the Seventh-day Adventist Reform Movement.*<sup>6</sup>

If the war was a disaster, peace proved more so. Field Marshal Earl Wavell said of the Paris Peace Conference, "After the 'war to end war', they seem to have been pretty successful in Paris at making the 'Peace to end Peace'."<sup>7</sup> Germany was forced to accept responsibility for the damage done by her military forces and for those who fought with her. The punishing reparations and loss of territory were felt keenly in Germany and created fertile conditions for the rise of Nazism.

After 21 turbulent years, the second phase of the Great War broke out and engulfed Europe and the world in a terrible conflagration, killing more than three times the number of people as WW1, and involving unthinkable horrors. Again, Seventh-day Adventists were caught up in the conflict. Many were sustained by their prophetic understanding that Nazism would be defeated;<sup>8</sup> some, tragically, didn't see the dangers of Nazism despite the conflict of the ideology with basic Christianity and the clear Adventist prophetic understanding.<sup>9</sup>

What the Great War failed to do in the eclipse of Europe, the Second World War achieved. The establishment of the Eastern bloc under the leadership of the USSR in the post Second World War period divided Europe for decades. The miseries endured by a large number of Europeans, including many Seventh-day Adventists, in the twentieth century were severe.

All this resulted from the assassinations at Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, and the failures of the 13-day diplomatic crisis, commencing on July 23, 1914, and leading up to Britain's entry into the war.<sup>10</sup> The Great War was not

inevitable.<sup>11</sup> The European nations had managed in the new century to sort out equally difficult circumstances and differences by diplomatic means. Tensions existed but they had existed for some time. It is confronting to reflect on the reality that the war need not have happened and that the twentieth century might have turned out quite differently.

Looking back, we can see that the Great War was an important turning point in our Church history. Might things have turned out differently? We like to celebrate our successes and the moral heroism displayed by church members. We find failure more difficult to deal with. As the world remembers and faces the past, are we able to do the same with our history?

The origin of war is one of the big questions of history.<sup>12</sup>

## For Christians, there is another war to which we must look if we are to make sense of the Great War and its aftermath.

For Christians, there is another war to which we must look if we are to make sense of the Great War and its aftermath. It's the war behind all wars. It's the great controversy that began with the rebellion of Lucifer and which resulted in his expulsion from heaven.<sup>13</sup> Like the Great War, the great controversy was not inevitable. It might have been different; but regrettably it wasn't. We have all had to deal with the realities of the great controversy,

just as those caught up in the maelstrom of the Great War, willingly or unwillingly, had to deal with its reality. We are all participants in this larger spiritual war.

Yet, despite the similarities, there is also a crucial difference. The great controversy, unlike the Great War, is in reality the war to end all wars. God has promised that when the great controversy is over, ". . . affliction shall not rise up the second time"<sup>14</sup>. What a reassuring thought to contemplate and share as the world remembers the Great War that began a century ago! ✠

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# OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

## Seven signs of Christ's return Sign seven: the 2300 days (part one)

The surest sign of Christ's soon return is the 2300-day (evenings and mornings) prophecy. It informs us that the end IS in sight. None less than Gabriel said it was not only true, but would be fulfilled in the time of the end.

**Read** Daniel 8:14,17,26

A little horn power in both Daniel 7 and 8 acts against God and His people. In Daniel 8, God delivers His people from this power through the cleansing of the sanctuary at the end of the 2300 days. In Daniel 7, God delivers them from the same power through an end-time, pre-advent heavenly judgement. The cleansing of the sanctuary and this judgement are one and the same. While the judgement favours God's friends, it is against anti-christ and all who side with it.

**Read** Daniel 7:9-14; 21,22,25,26; 8:9-14,17,26

This is why in the final conflict, when the whole world is in danger of worshipping Satan by siding with the sea beast or anti-christ, God lovingly warns the world that His end-time, pre-advent judgement has commenced! Time is running out! Such a time demands the global proclamation of the everlasting gospel.

**Read** Revelation 13:4,12; 14:6,7,8-12,14

As Noah and Jonah proclaimed God's message of judgement to people in peril of eternal loss, so every Seventh-day Adventist, church and institution is to run to a dark world and, by deed and word, warn it that God's saving judgement will soon cease and His Son return to deliver His friends. Won't you decide right now to be His hands, His feet and His voice to reach those in danger all around you? In the next part of this series, as Gabriel unlocks the meaning of the 2300 days, we'll discover why it is part of the everlasting gospel, which is so desperately needed by our world today.

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

# R MY STORY

## Penny Fang

I was raised in a Buddhist home in China. My only link to Christianity was my aunty. She gave me my first Bible and told me about Adam and Eve. I enjoyed listening to her stories, but that was all the Bible was to me—a collection of stories.

This all changed in December 2012. I had recently arrived in Sydney on a student visa. I was studying at Macquarie University's library when David and Leslie Castro approached me. They asked if I would be willing to do a survey. After I had completed the survey, they invited me to attend their cell group, which met on Friday nights.

Little did Leslie and David know that just the night before, I had been searching for a church to visit. I had wondered how people in Australia worshipped and was eager to visit a church and experience it for myself. Looking back, I believe that God led them to me.

I began attending the cell group regularly. After a month, Leslie asked if I would like to study the Bible with her and invited me to church. She also encouraged me to start reading the Bible on my own.

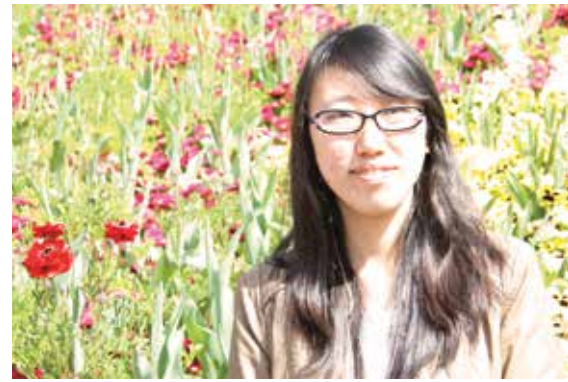
I found reading the Bible a challenge as English is not my first language. I had started attending 3am church (Eastwood) by this point and my friends there advised me to pray for wisdom. I have since found that reading the Bible is becoming easier for me. Every time I read it, I learn something new.

On the last day of our church's Easter camp in 2013, the speaker made an appeal to everyone to follow Jesus and be more faithful to Him. Leslie asked me if I wanted to get baptised. I did want to get baptised, but I was afraid. I told her I just wanted to learn more about God.

Last month, I read a devotion about a man who missed out on an invitation. I thought about my own journey and knew I didn't want to miss out on God's invitation for me. I finally decided to be baptised.

For about a month, I prayed, trying to summon the courage to tell my parents. After I told them, I took a deep breath, ready to debate with them if they disagreed. To my surprise, they agreed to my baptism without any arguments. What a blessing!

I want to commit my life to God because He is our Father and Saviour. Getting baptised is not the end of my walk with Him—it is just the beginning. I pray that God will continue to guide me through this journey and help me show His love to others.



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LETTERS

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**BIBLICAL APPROACH**  
Greg Timmins, via web

I think there is a misrepresentation of the concerns that some people are having with The One Project.

I don't think anyone is saying that the doctrines and organisation should be primary (implying that Jesus should be secondary). The genius of Adventism is that the small truths (doctrines) point us to Jesus, the large Truth.

There is no dichotomy between what we believe as Adventists and having Jesus at the centre. In fact, all of our doctrines rightly understood will do just that— bring Jesus to the centre. To remove one (i.e. the doctrines) opens us up to a "Jesus" created in our own image, and to remove the other (i.e. Jesus) would be like blotting the sun out of the sky.

Let's be biblical in our approach to what we believe.

**GLOWING REPORT**  
John Edilson, NZ

One of my daughters attended The One Project in Sydney over the weekend. She came back yesterday and was glowing—said it was the best Church program she has ever attended.

Madi said the quality of the presenters was outstanding and I am so pleased as I encouraged her to go as I wanted to her expose her to progressive thinkers in our Church

**YOUTH MOVEMENT**  
Sven Ostring, NSW

Responding to "This Generation!" (Insight, August 16).

It is amazing that General Conference committee minutes record our intentional attendance at the Student Volunteer Movement conventions and adoption of their evangelistic vision and

strategy.

For some time now I have been very inspired by the way Jesus has historically worked through university student movements to play a critical role in His global mission.

I believe that He has a greater vision for our Seventh-day Adventist university student movement in the South Pacific. You may be interested to know that the Adventist Students Association in Australia is in the process of developing a vision and strategy to grow the movement here in Australia.

**CONVICTIONS**

Melanie Timms, via Facebook  
Re: "Rescued for a Reason?" (Editorial, August 16).

Frieda chose to not travel on Sabbath due to her relationship with God, and not because of any externally imposed set of rules. She would have not been unfaithful to have travelled on Sabbath.

She followed her convictions, and godly prompting to delay travel that didn't have to be on Sabbath. Good on her; in this situation it saved her life and it was a story worth printing!

To not understand her reasons is to miss the whole point of the story. When we make our Christian actions about "the rules", rather than what we understand God would have us do, how is our relationship with God truly going?

**PUTTING GOD FIRST**  
Jasmina Kukolia, via Facebook

The question is not so much about travel but putting God first in every situation . . . if her travel was humanitarian and could not be done at any other time or was urgent and

not for selfish reasons.

There are many reasons for travel and some can be done on the Sabbath if it is necessary. But she obviously had a conviction and also the option not to travel so she chose not to do so and to be in a place where she could worship God better than if she was on a plane.

Her conviction and choice should be respected. In this case it saved her life. I think that God winks at ignorance but to those who know better and do not give God the glory, they will also not receive the blessing God promises to those who put Him first.

**WE CARE**

Dr Victor Twartz, NSW

May I congratulate you on the article "Out of sight out of mind" (Feature, June 21).

I have been submitting the information contained therein to as many newspapers as possible, pointing out that despite the inhumanities that apparently existing on Manus Island, Australia is not populated by cruel and insensitive people. We care.

Also, in the August 2 Record, I looked at the children's Puzzle page 20 (Kids' Space) and I GIVE UP!! What is the word with 6 letters ending in M (Mnuesh).. the M being the second letter of Imagine?

Editor's note: Thank you for your letter. For anyone else who may have found this one challenging, the answer is Shunem. It's good to know that adults and kids alike are enjoying Kids Space!



# Saved in a PORT-A-LOO

Brian Townsend-Pritchard with Pam Driver

I WAS WORKING AS A CARPENTER AT A LARGE construction site in Hobsonville, in Auckland's north-west. Although I was a supervisor responsible for up to five men, my position didn't save me from ongoing jibes and derision. The hard drinking, womanising stereotype of construction workers is essentially accurate, and I was different. Although I was raised in a Christian home, I wasn't interested in church, but went along to please my mum and dad. When I left home, church attendance naturally stopped, but I never totally shed its influence. Sometimes I'd try to fit in at work and swear like the other guys, but it was an act and they saw through it.

When I met my wife Caroline I started attending church again, but it remained a nominal Christianity. However when our second son was born, I resolved to become more serious about being a Christian, even making the decision to stop working on Sabbath, a choice that only increased the jokes at my expense.

The morning of December 6, 2012, came like any other, with a forecast of rain but nothing unusual for north New Zealand around Christmas. Just after midday on that

December afternoon, my team and I looked towards the Whenuapai airbase, further to the west. The clouds were black and the rain was storming towards us in a half circle, not actually raining on site but all around us in this curve of torrential rain. Heavy rain, that's what I thought, just some real heavy rain. But our head supervisor yelled: "Run, find cover." We dropped our gear, shedding our heavy tool belts, and took off for cover; four of us big Kiwi blokes somehow squashing ourselves into a plastic port-a-loo, about a metre square.

Closed off from what was happening outside, it was as if we were in a plane coming in for landing—everything jolting and roaring, the force of the wind propelling sand and rain in through the narrow gap around the door. It felt like we were in a sheet of tin, held up and waved up and down until it ripples. I told the guys to brace the walls with their hands. I thought of my kids, of Caroline. "God, look after them," I prayed. I'd never been so scared in all my life. By their faces and their words, I could tell the others felt the same. Murmurs of "please . . . please" and "oh, no, no".

For a second it seemed to ease. One of the guys

opened the port-a-loo door a crack. Slab mats of steel mesh—made up of 300 to 400 steel reinforcing bars used to strengthen concrete when it's laid—were heaving like a Mexican wave, then picked up as if by some giant hand and hurled towards us. We slammed the door shut. Then things got worse.

The noise of the torrential rain was swallowed up by the wind. The only sounds making it above that roar were shattering glass and crashing timber. We were so tossed about inside, it felt like we were about to lift off. All the time mud, rain and grit kept surging in through the thin line around the door, coating us, getting into our eyes, ears and nostrils.

Finally the noise lessened, the force against the walls eased and the port-a-loo stopped shaking. It seemed like ages had passed since we'd crammed ourselves into that tiny plastic box, but later we were told it only lasted a couple of minutes. We just wanted out.

Drenched and swathed in mud and sand, yet without a single injury, we came out into a drastically altered workplace. Stacks of timber and steel mesh, even vehicles, were jumbled about and smashed. Two-storey high block walls, fortified with the steel reinforcing bars and filled with concrete, had been cracked and pushed up to 15 millimetres from their original location. Homes in a residential area a few hundred metres away had roofs ripped off and windows blown in. A normal storm couldn't wreak this much damage; this was a full blown tornado!

As we headed for the emergency assembly point, we assisted anyone needing our help. Workmen had been stranded on the roof, harnessed to the building without any protection, and bearing the full brunt of the tornado. One had been thrown down and was badly cut up. The others couldn't use the damaged harnessing equipment, and had to hug the steel pillars and slide down. Two of our leading hands had taken refuge in a port-a-cabin, but the tornado had wrenched it free and rolled it over and over and over, the men ending up in hospital in neck braces.

Then we heard that three men had died. A driver sheltering in the cab of his truck was crushed when a towering concrete panel crashed down, yet the man in the passenger seat beside him survived. Two others who were sheltering next to the truck, also died under the same concrete monolith. I recognised the names of two of them. They weren't from the company I was employed with, but I had worked beside them; I knew them. It was hard to believe.

When attending their funerals a few days later, I couldn't help but think this could have been my wife, my family, attending my funeral. A concrete slab had flattened a truck, yet the four of us in a flimsy plastic port-a-loo came out unscathed. Lucky, grateful, blessed; we couldn't stop talk-

ing about it. We had the time to talk—no-one was allowed to leave until everyone was accounted for and the all-clear given. The worksite was blocked off to all except emergency services and, of course, TV news reporters looking for interviews.

When the rain started to pelt down again there was talk of another possible tornado. I just wanted to get home and hug my wife and kids.

It took more than two hours before management finally gave us permission to go. I immediately headed for the carpark, with its collection of damaged and rearranged vehicles. Bulging from the shattered front windscreen of my van was a large metal clothing bin, the type charity organisations use, carried from more than 600 metres away. With some help I was able to extract it, and I drove home without a windscreen. The surrounding roads, including the main north-western motorway route, were closed. I had to take the long way home.

Once home, I called Caroline. She'd heard about the tornado at Whenuapai, but in her mind I wasn't anywhere near that particular area. At first, she found the idea of four hefty guys jammed together in a tiny port-a-loo funny, until she realised the seriousness of what had happened. Shocked, she said she would pick up the boys and come straight home. Because of the closed and congested roads it took her one-and-a-half hours. During that time I waited, watching the TV news coverage in a kind of surreal daze, looking forward to seeing my family. More than ever I was grateful for what I had—grateful to be alive. It played over and over in my mind: four of us saved in a port-a-loo. I wasn't the only one thinking this way either.

That night, one of the three workmates who had sheltered with me, a professed atheist, one who had always given me a particularly hard time, sent me a text message. He called me Moses—without meaning it as an insult.

"Moses, I think your God was watching over us today. The more I think about it bro. We were in a port-a-loo, a \*\*\*\* port-a-loo! Brick walls fell over, rebar mats were flung like paper, and us four were hiding in a port-a-loo. Our mates were flipped four times in a port-a-cabin and we managed to stay safe in a port-a-loo. I don't think I'll ever forget that. Much love to you and your God."

He then asked if there was anything he should do. I texted back: "Say a prayer of thanks."

His response was, "Bro, I'll do that for us. Is there anything in particular I should say?"

I told him, "Just thank Him from your heart."

That night Caroline and I got down on our knees and did just that.

*Bryan Townsend-Pritchard, as told to Pam Driver.*

**More than ever  
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## RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

### Sharp businessman

Frederick L Sharp took a stand for Adventism at the Stanmore camp meeting in 1897 and accompanied Ellen White when she inspected a property in Wahroonga—now the site of the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

A letter by Ellen White (15/12/1897) relates how Sharp lost his job over the Sabbath and was employed by another businessman who was glad to find an honest man to keep his books—and happily gave him the Sabbath off.

Sharp served as business manager of the Echo Publishing Company and as a pastor/evangelist in Tasmania and North Queensland. He taught at Avondale and Longburn colleges and in the Cook Islands. He was also preceptor at Avondale and in the Cook Islands. His final working years were in pastoral and evangelistic work in New Zealand.



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## MYSTERY HISTORY



Do you know?

■ The people, the place and date

Send to [heritage@avondale.edu.au](mailto:heritage@avondale.edu.au)

# Kids' Stories

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## APPRECIATION

**Cherry.** Elva Cherry would like to thank all her friends and family who sent lovely messages when Jim passed away in April. "I want to go home with him on that glorious day, after all the years we spent together knowing that Jesus will take us to the heavenly

new world, never to part again. We spent so much time together and loved so much, telling people everywhere how much Jesus loves and cares for us all every moment of every day. Till we meet again; never to part; oceans of love; God be with us all." – *Elva*.

## ANNIVERSARY



**Hagen.** David and Heather (nee Broad) were married 29.6.1964 in Papatoetoe, NZ, by Pastor Len Tolhurst. Family and friends met at The Gardens on Forest, Peakhurst, NSW, on 13.7.14 to

celebrate their 50th anniversary. Sharing this milestone were their family, Sandra and Haydn Wallis, Stephanie and Matt, Peter, and Andrew's family, Karen and Paul Humphris, Tanner and Kalli. Self-employment and church activities filled the years in Sydney and Tamworth, NSW. Now retired in Brisbane, Qld, they are involved

## POSITIONS VACANT

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in opportunities to benefit others. They are grateful to friends and colleagues who have been part of this journey and look forward to more adventures and projects together.

## OBITUARIES



**Dabali, Rejoice**, born 27.5.1963 in Kalomo, Zambia; died 25.6.14 in Ipswich Hospital, Qld, after a sudden illness and surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Mariana; and daughters, Muuka (Hlupho) and Munteka. A well-attended and moving memorial service to celebrate Rejoice's life was held at the Gatton church on 4.7.14. He will be taken home to Zambia where he will be laid to rest until the Lord's return. A quiet, humble, spiritual and sincere Christian and family man, Rejoice will be sorely missed.

*Andy Krause*

**Kelly, Robert Currie "Bob"**, born 24.6.1924 in Glasgow, Scotland; died 29.6.14 in Adventist Care, Rossmoyne, WA. On 5.7.1948, he married Sheila Kelly. Bob attended an evangelistic series by Pastor Len Minchin and was influenced by George Adair to join Granose Foods in Edinburgh, Scotland, prior to emigrating to Australia to work with the Sanitarium Health Food Company in Melbourne and Perth. His life was one of service for his Lord.

*Barbara Reynolds*

**Motu, Vaeva Simalifa**, born 5.1.1926 in Malifa, Samoa; died 20.5.14 in Auckland, NZ. On 4.6.1962, she married Lauauga. She is survived by Francisco (Perth, WA), Ben (Auckland, NZ), Daniel (Marton), Viola (Auckland), Stephen (Brisbane, Qld) and Raymond (Wellington, NZ). Vaeva showed much care in helping people, often playing an advocacy role both in the community and church. Her forthright, honest and hardworking manner gave Christian testimony in drawing many she helped into the Church.

*Neone Okesene*

**Mihaila, Florica**, born 20.2.1957 in Timisoara, Romania; died 29.6.14 in Campbelltown Hospital, Sydney, NSW. Florica is survived by her children, Veronica, Stelian and Cristina; her sisters, Lili and Domnica, and brothers, Cornel,

Toma and Daniel. The family greatly misses Florica and awaits the return of Jesus so that they will be reunited with her.

*Rein Muhlberg*

**Parker, Yvonne Elizabeth Mary Ellen** (nee Metcalfe), born 9.9.1926 in Glenelg, SA; died in Mt Barker. On 2.2.1949, she married Lindsay James Parker. She was predeceased by her daughter, Elaine. She is survived by Steven and Vyrona Parker (Nairne), Susan and Dr John Williams (Cambridge, NZ), Carolyn Roesler (Mt Barker, SA); grandchildren, Joanne and Nathanael Capon, Anita and Brendon Zilm, Alexander, Josephine and Elliot; and great-grandchildren, Isaac, Esther and Malachi. Yvonne was a much-loved, generous, caring and artistic lady who was a school teacher before marriage. She lived in Echunga on a 17 hectare property until three weeks before her death. During her short stay in Mt Barker District Soldiers Memorial Hospital, she repeatedly sang one of her favourite hymns, "Trust and Obey".

*Lee Bowditch*

**Stone, Mavis Rona** (nee Sills), born 20.5.1933 in Christchurch, NZ; died 11.6.14 in Auckland. On 29.6.1954, she married William Stone. She is survived by her husband; her two children and their spouses, Alan and Felicity Stone and Jenny and Ross Davidson; and grandchildren, Christopher, Timothy, Catherine and Karlene. Mavis loved her family, was a wonderful homemaker, renowned dressmaker and a keen gardener. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends and all who knew her.

*Ross Davidson*

**Trow, George Walter**, born 5.12.1925 in Bellingen, NSW; died 8.7.14 in Laidley, Qld. George became an Adventist in 1961 and was baptised by Pastor Watts in the Macksville church. On 25.11.1962, he married Jocelyn Hutchinson. He is survived by his wife (Plainland); four children, Ruth and Kendall Clarke (Wodonga, Vic), Stephen and Belinda (Hatton Vale, Qld), Cheryl and Greg Krauss (Plainland) and Philip and Colleen (Plainland); 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild soon to be born. In 1969 he sold his farm and joined the Literature Evangelism ministry. After retiring he went on more

than 12 mission trips to Vanuatu, and in particular to Aore, where he set up a beekeeping industry. George lived his faith in a practical way, and he and Josie continued to work on many fundraising ventures with Eight Mile Plains church and helped cater for many church events.

*Keith Grolimund.*

**Williams, Dale Raymond**, born 27.1.1948 in Guyra, NSW; died 22.6.14 in Armidale Hospital. He was predeceased by his brother, Dick. He is survived by his siblings, June, Pam, Kevin, Marj, Dennis, Rex, Stephen and Philip. Dale was a larger than life character who will be deeply missed by his brothers and sisters and their respective families. Through many of life's trials Dale maintained a steadfast hope in the promise of his Lord that He will come and take him home. Dale is resting peacefully until the resurrection morning when he will resume his relationship with his Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Justin Lawman, Lorenzo Berry*

**Windeyer, Esta Lucretia**, born 9.6.1917; died 23.3.14 in Gympie, Qld. On 16.6.1944, she married Valentine Hall, who predeceased her. Then in 1982, she married Hal Windeyer and moved to Perth, WA, for the duration of Hal's life and this marriage too was happy and secure. Esta is survived by Susan and Ted White (Gympie, Qld), Jane and Chris Buckley (Cooranbong, NSW) and Charles and Gweniver Hall (Lauritton); nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Esta's funeral service was held in Brisbane and her ashes will be taken to the Hall family plot at Dartbrook, NSW. Mummy and Mama, we'll see you in the morning.

*Dave Edgar, Ted White*

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