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From everyone at Avondale College of Higher Education, we would like to wish all the Year 12 and Year 13 students across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific all the best in their final school examinations.



## PNG Governor-General pays tribute to OFFL

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea (PNG) Governor-General Sir Michael Ogio has honoured Operation Food for Life (OFFL) for its years of service to the poor and needy by agreeing to be its patron.

In an interview for a HopeChannel documentary about OFFL, Sir Michael acknowledged the humanitarian organisation's work in "[meeting] the physical and spiritual needs of the poor" by giving them "hope and dignity in Jesus".

"I am proud to be the patron of the inspiring work they sustain in our country," he said.

OFFL leaders recently met with the Governor-General at National Parliament House in Port Moresby to make the patronage official. Among those attending were OFFL co-founders Dennis Perry and David Woolley, and PNG directors Phillip and Maureen Vaki.

"This acknowledgement is a great honour as the patronage will continue through many generations," Mr Perry said. "I would like to pay tribute to all our volunteers and supporters who have enthusiastically embraced the ministry and service of OFFL. I also thank Jesus for His inspired example and His teachings on the importance of serving others less fortunate."

Among those supported by the charity are patients at

Loloki Psychiatric Hospital, who have been assessed as dangerous or criminally insane.

Mr Perry said personal risk to hospital staff is so high that patients are provided meals and medication through a small opening in the caged facility.

OFFL volunteers visited Loloki in late September to share a message of hope and a meal of fresh fruit. Patients responded well to the program despite their medical circumstances, saying "Thank you" or "God bless you" upon receiving their meals.

"You could tell our visit meant so much to them," Mr Perry said. "We have touched their lives—through our words, hands and actions—and give all glory and honour to God."

For more information about OFFL, visit <[www.offl.org.au](http://www.offl.org.au)>.—Dennis Perry/Linden Chuang



Sir Michael Ogio with OFFL leaders.

## 134 couples married in mass wedding in Vanuatu

Efate, Vanuatu

If you ever doubted that ministry and marriage go hand-in-hand, here's proof that they do.

More than 130 couples were married in 13 Seventh-day Adventist churches across Efate on Sunday, September 28.

The mass wedding was organised by the Vanuatu Mission for couples who were baptised at the conclusion of the "PV14: Hope for Port Vila" evangelistic series.

Weddings were held in the Portoroki, Topua, Epauto, Olwie, Kaweriki, Freshwind, Etas, Maotua, Beverly Hills, Teoumaville, Ernas, Eton and Langwor Adventist churches, with local pastors performing the ceremonies.

The mass wedding comes just two weeks after the closing ceremony of the PV14 campaign, during which more than 2000 people were baptised.

For more information about the campaign, visit <[record.net.au/items/baptisms-and-reconciliation-in-vanuatu](http://record.net.au/items/baptisms-and-reconciliation-in-vanuatu)>.—Adventist Media: Vanuatu/Record staff



Couples raise a toast on their special day.

## Monument unveiled in honour of pioneer

Munda, Solomon Islands

A monument honouring a local who brought the Seventh-day Adventist faith to Solomon Islands was unveiled in Munda, Western Province, last month.

2014 marks the centenary of Adventism in Solomon Islands. Norman Wheatley, a trader and plantation owner who lived in Western Solomons, was the first to bring the Adventist faith into the Island nation in 1914. He did this with the help of missionary G F Jones, who he met while working in hospitals in Australia.

Wheatley's last surviving daughter, Joyce Kilivisi, 94, had the honour of unveiling the monument with the assistance of her granddaughters.

The ceremony took place at the Munda Seventh-day Adventist compound.

Approximately 2000 members of the Dorcas Federation were present for the unveiling. The women had gathered in Munda for a week-long Women's Ministries Conference.—Solomon Star



## Going viral

Linden Chuang

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14 NIV).

When I think of this verse, three words come to mind—"Ice Bucket Challenge". Yes, that social media phenomenon in which people dump a bucket of ice water over their heads in an effort to raise awareness of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), motor neuron disease, or some other disease or charity of their choice.

That might seem like an odd connection to make. But in this day and age, if we're talking about something being shared throughout the world, we're talking about something going viral.

**KONY 2012.** The online "experiment" which sought to make indicted war criminal Joseph Kony famous—"not to celebrate him, but to raise support for his arrest." In just six days, the 30-minute (yes, 30-minute!) documentary garnered more than 100 million views, becoming the most viral video in history (at the time).

**#BringBackOurGirls.** The hashtag calling for the return of 230 Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram terrorists. The campaign rose to fame in May this year, with the help of celebrities like First Lady Michelle Obama.

Don't think these campaigns are simply a product of Western society. Gaza's "Rubble Bucket Challenge"—which saw residents dump a pile of dirt on their head to draw attention to their desperate living conditions—went viral too. As did the "Rice Bucket Challenge" in Asia, with thousands of people donating a bucket of rice to people in need.

The success of these campaigns got me thinking—what would happen if Jesus went viral? Would a clever video about Him capture the attention of millions around the world? Would He become a social media phenomenon?

It's not like people haven't tried before. Remember the "What Would Jesus Do?" wristbands? They went viral in the '90s, with both Christians and non-Christians jumping on-board the craze. Then there were the "Jesus Is My Home-boy" T-shirts of the mid-2000s, which were popular enough for celebrities like Ben Affleck and Brad Pitt to wear out on the street.

There's nothing wrong with wanting to raise Christ's profile in the world. But making Him popular—at least in the viral sense—has its drawbacks.

Campaigns which go viral often disappear as quickly as they emerge. Take the Ice Bucket Challenge. It was all anybody could talk about for a couple of months. Now, people couldn't care less. It's old news. Barring any further market-ing miracles, it will probably be a long time before ALS is in the public eye again (part of me hopes I'm wrong). The same goes for Kony. In 2012, he became world famous. By 2013, he was forgotten.

This is not how we want people to react to the Gospel. Because at the end of the day, making disciples for Jesus is what counts.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you . . ." (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV).

Getting the world to notice Christ is easy. Getting the world to know Him is extremely difficult, and can't be accomplished through videos or social media campaigns. It takes a personal touch. The reason the Ice Bucket Challenge spread so quickly is because it tapped into the power of personal invitation. People would "nominate" family members and friends by name, thus creating a community aspect to the campaign.

After Jesus ascended to Heaven, the Bible says "the word of God spread" and "the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly" (Acts 6:7). In other words, the Gospel went viral. Not through social media campaigns, but through personal connection and community.

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:44-47 NIV).

If we want the Gospel to go viral again, we can't rely on a social media phenomenon. We need to take it personally.

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## Journey of faith

On a number of occasions I have mentioned that I have never really considered that there is anything particularly spectacular about my journey of faith.

If I were to write down my story and you were to read it, you would not read of any riveting conversion story, although I personally acknowledge a delightful sense of amazement whenever I am reminded of what God has done for me. You would not read of a last-minute rescue from the clutches of demons and the devil, although again, I am painfully aware of the remnants of a continuous battle being waged within my own heart—despite my ready acknowledgement that the war has been won by Christ on the cross.

What you would read is a story of a growing awareness of the reality of the presence and power of God as I have traversed the experiences of life. I wish I could say that the growth has been steady and continuous. It has not. There have been times of hard questioning; times of struggle; and times of dramatic change. Most of those experiences are too personal for me to describe to you. But through those very testing experiences God has demonstrated that He is present and that He is trustworthy.

We each have only one journey of faith. It is our's alone. We each have the privilege of growing to understand God's action in our lives, and the revelation of His will for us through His Word in terms of our own journey of faith. And we, and the Church, will be greatly enriched if we learn to value the mosaic of faith, hope and love we experience as our journeys intersect.

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



## Welcome to Sabbath Utopia

Kent Kingston

It's a beautiful—if imaginary— island with swaying palms, turquoise waters and bush tracks just perfect for Sabbath afternoon walks. Everyone on Sabbath Utopia is a committed Seventh-day Adventist, so there are no problems with Sabbath exams or wild Friday night parties (some of the Friday night youth praise music gets a bit wild, but that's another story).

Sabbath Utopia is blessed with one of the South Pacific's more developed economies and has all the infrastructure people in the West enjoy—well-maintained roads, reliable plumbing, a university, five TV stations—most featuring Doug Batchelor.

Predictably the shops are closed on Sabbath—it's a wonderful break from the business and commercialism of the week. But, admittedly, it means you have to plan ahead and fuel up on Friday if you want to drive around the island for a Sabbath scenic tour. And if you happen to forget . . . well, there's always Bible Pictionary.

Emergency services are still needed through the Sabbath hours though—people need to be on standby if there's a fire or a need for an ambulance to attend a potluck chili salsa incident. It's nice to be attended by a paramedic who understands that blood transfusions aren't going to be an issue. It's hard to get paramedics to move to Sabbath Utopia though—they say it's better to work in another country with non-Adventists, who are usually more than happy to pick up the Sabbath shifts. Ironically, paramedics on Sabbath Utopia end up doing more work on Sabbath hours than they would have elsewhere.

Another thing: it's a bit annoying that there's no electricity on Sabbath. All the power station employees go home and it's not considered safe to let the machinery run automatically without anyone there to supervise it. Not everything in the fridge makes it to Saturday night but it's kind of fun to have ice-cream for dessert every Friday night. The hospital has generators of course, which they start up on Friday afternoon and run over the Sabbath hours. If the generators break down over that time—it has been known to happen—it can be tricky to find a technician who's willing to come out on Sabbath to make repairs.

On such a paradisiacal island it's surprising that the tourism industry isn't stronger. Most tourists can cope with there being no flights in or out during Sabbath—it's just part of the laid-back island vibe. They're even OK with the lack of alcohol and the preponderance of quinoa-laced vegetarian menus. But, understandably, they find it difficult that there's nowhere open to eat for 24 hours every week—an enforced fast they didn't sign up for. Also, no-one is available to clean their (marrieds only) hotel room and the reception desk is unattended. To be frank, leaving tourists roaming their hotels unsupervised for this length of time has led to a number of thefts and vandalism incidents, but since all the security guards are enjoying their Sabbath not much can be done.

Yes, Sabbath Utopia can be a difficult island to live on sometimes. In moments of cynicism locals grimly call it "Sabbath Screwtopia". The island council is meeting this coming Tuesday night and they're asking for suggestions as to how their Sabbath policies can be biblical, consistent and practical. Any ideas?



#### Book purge

A public school in California has allegedly removed all of the Christian books from its library. According to *The Christian Post*, Pacific Justice Institute has written to Springs Charter Schools, urging it to rethink its decision or face legal action. Among the books removed was *The Hiding Place*— about how a Christian family hid Jews during the Holocaust. —*The Christian Post*



#### Mental matters

According to a LifeWay research survey commissioned by Focus on the Family, a quarter of 1000 Protestant pastors surveyed report personally struggling with a mental illness. What's more, 66 per cent rarely or never mention mental health issues from the pulpit and most of their parishioners aren't aware of resources available to help. —*Christianity Today*



#### United prayer

Thousands of Christians around the world have attended prayer vigils for the release of imprisoned Iranian-American pastor Saeed Abedini. The events marked the second anniversary of his imprisonment. The first vigil, in Washington DC, was led by evangelist Franklin Graham and Saeed's wife, Nagmeh, on September 25. —*Be Heard Project*



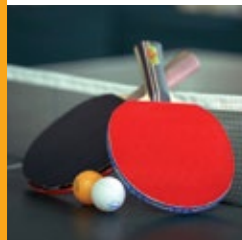
#### No communion

The ongoing war in Iraq has prevented Christians in northern parts of the country from celebrating communion for the first time in 2000 years. According to *The Telegraph*, Islamic State militants have taken over churches in the Nineveh region and begun using them as offices. They have replaced crosses on the outside of the buildings with the militant group's black flag. —*Telegraph UK*



#### Tech support

Microsoft has come to the aid of World Vision Australia in its ongoing fight against global poverty. The tech giant will supply \$A4 million in software to the Christian humanitarian agency, allowing the organisation to cut its administration costs. It has donated \$A120 million in software to charities over the past three years. —*Christianity Today*



#### Ping-pong

Aussie blokes are fighting slavery, pornography and exploitation by holding 24-hour ping-pong marathons in October and November. The first Ping-Pong-A-Thon was held in 2011 and raised \$A10,000. Organisers hope that in 2015 there will be international events as well. —*Pingpongathon.com*

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## Adventist radio goes live in Samoa

Apia, Samoa

Adventists now have a live local radio presence in Samoa after Pastor Olive Dean became the first live announcer on FM 92.9.

The radio station had been broadcasting LifeTalk Adventist radio out of America. Now, as well as a live announcer, FM 92.9 presents the Adventist message in the Samoan language, with a daily lesson study, family life seminars and Samoas/Tokelau Mission president Pastor Uili Solofa's program *The Everlasting Gospel*.

Other programs include children's storytime, Bible studies and local programs from TV7, the Adventist television station.

The radio and television ministries are run out of the same studios by the same staff and the managing board is

made up of Mission staff as well as church members.

Geographically, the radio signal only covers 35 per cent of the country, however it reaches 60 to 70 per cent of the population.

TV7 managing director Elija Ryan said the station is hoping to set up a phone line for talkback and call-in radio, add a new announcer and produce more local programs to reach more people in the near future.—Jarrod Stackelroth



Studio founder Owen Ryan.

## Church leaders call for personal ordination study

Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

Seventh-day Adventist world Church leaders have appealed to members around the globe to earnestly read what the Bible says about women's ordination.

Church president Dr Ted Wilson urged each of the Church's 18 million members to prayerfully consider the study materials—available on the Church's Office of Archives, Statistics and Research website—to "see how the papers and presentations were based on an understanding of a clear reading of Scripture".

World Church general vice president Dr Artur Stele echoed Dr Wilson's call for personal study, encouraging members to begin by reading the three "Way Forward Statements" provided by the Church-commissioned Theology of Ordination Study Committee.

Both Dr Wilson and Dr Stele also asked church members to pray for God's guidance as the Church looks to establish an official position on women's ordination at its 2015 General Conference.

Dr Wilson said world Church leadership was committed to "a very open, fair and careful process". He also said the crucial question facing the Church wasn't whether women should be ordained, but whether church members who disagreed with the final decision—whatever it might be—would be willing to set aside their differences for the sake of the mission of the Church.

To read the "Way Forward Statements" and other study materials, visit <record.net.au/items/leaders-urge-personal-ordination-study>.—Andrew McChesney/Record staff

## Finance officers network in New Zealand

Howick, New Zealand

The New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) hosted its first finance officers convention in September, with 14 finance leaders from across the region gathering at Union headquarters in Auckland, New Zealand.

The convention served as a networking opportunity for the Union's treasury personnel. NZPUC secretary-treasurer

Graeme Drinkall said these meetings will follow the model established by the South Pacific Division (SPD), which hosts a similar event every five years as an in-service for its finance leaders.

"It's not very often that our finance officers and accountants get together as a group," Mr Drinkall said. "While emails and phone calls can be made, there is nothing like everybody coming together for a time of networking, planning and prayer."

A number of SPD delegates also took part in the September convention, including chief financial officer Rodney Brady and senior risk officer Andrew Mowbray. Head of Avondale College's Business School, Warrick Long, and Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing CEO Kevin Jackson also served as presenters at the event.

Participants responded positively to the convention, which concluded with a dinner sponsored by the SPD's Risk Management Service (RMS).

The NZPUC plans on running future conventions during the middle years of SPD's five-year cycle.—Linden Chuang



Finance leaders from across the NZPUC attended the convention.



## Christians unite against persecution

Ringwood, Victoria

Church groups in Australia are joining forces in an effort to raise awareness of the plight of Christians in the Middle East.

Hundreds of thousands of Christians have been forced to flee their homes due to ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Syria, with many others killed in horrific fashion by Islamic State (IS) militants. In September, *The Christian Post* reported that IS fighters are also raping Christian women and girls and forcing them into sex slavery.



Syrian refugees.

As a symbol of unification against these crimes, leaders of several Christian denominations in Australia are inviting their members to take part in "Solidarity Sabbath" or "Solidarity Sunday" on the first weekend of November.

Church groups taking part in the initiative include the Anglican Archdiocese of Sydney, the Presbyterian Church of Australia, the Salvation Army and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Australian Union Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director, Pastor Ken Vogel, said it is "very appropriate" that Adventists join with fellow Christians in standing for those suffering for their faith.

"It is hard to truly understand what our brothers and sisters in Christ are experiencing," Pastor Vogel said. "While there is little I can do on the ground, I can pray. You can pray. We all can pray. In doing this together we also highlight to the rest of Australia and beyond what is happening in Iraq and Syria."

This isn't the first time the Adventist Church has worked with other Christian denominations to raise awareness on a serious issue. Church groups have previously come together for campaigns against alcohol and smoking.

As part of the "Solidarity Sabbath" initiative, Christians are being asked to wear t-shirts with the Arabic letter "N" (standing for Nazarene) as a visual demonstration of unity. The idea stems from the "I-am-N" t-shirt campaign started by The Voice of the Martyrs after Christian homes and churches in Mosul, Iraq, were branded with an "N" by IS.

Local churches looking to take part in the campaign can sign up at <[www.acl.org.au/solidaritysunday](http://www.acl.org.au/solidaritysunday)>. Registered participants will receive an "Awareness Action Pack" to assist them in their preparations for the November 1 event.

"The time to stand up and speak out against religious persecution is now," said James Standish, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director in the South Pacific Division. "Ellen White said, 'We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience'.<sup>1</sup> There is a Christian genocide going on in the Middle East and this is our chance to do something about it."

Pastor Vogel said he hopes this initiative will also shed light on religious persecution issues taking place in other parts of the world. "As we pray for those in Syria and Iraq, let us also remember the millions upon millions of others, Christian and other religious minorities, who are suffering for their faith as well." —Linden Chuang

1. *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 5, p 714.



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## RECORD REWIND

Lawson Hull



### Historic map shows how pioneers planned to use Avondale land

The chance discovery of a map from 1895 shows how Seventh-day Adventist pioneers planned to use the land on which Avondale is now built.

The boundaries and subdivisions of the Avondale Estate appear on a linen map Adventist Heritage Centre curator Rose-lee Power found while sorting files in the archives of the South Pacific Division's head office.

"Finding an original is like finding gold," says Rose-lee, who has previously seen only a photocopy of the map. "It's fascinating to see gazetted streets that don't exist now. Wharfs and trees along Dora Creek, which you can clearly see on the map, aren't there anymore. How times have changed."

According to Dr Milton Hook in his book, *Avondale: Experiment on the Dora*, church pioneers saw potential in the then Strickland and Inglewood Estates in Cooranbong as grounds for a school—they wanted a rural property in an isolated area so students would not be exposed to "worldly" activities. However, the poor quality of the soil discouraged them.

When the members of the inspection team were about to leave the town, they met local road contractor William O'Neill, who told them about the then Brettville Estate. It had been offered at auction earlier but fell short of the reserve price of 1000 pounds.

After a protracted debate, primarily over a government report about soil quality and an initial plan for a crowded community on small allotments surrounding the school buildings, the Church voted to proceed with the purchase.

"The fact the estate remains essentially rural and is still meeting the needs of the college shows the wisdom of our pioneers," Rose-lee says.



Rose-lee Power unfurls the ageing linen map.

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# Never forget

by Linden Chuang

**W**E TEND TO REGARD DEATH AS AN END. AND, for the most part, it is. A final breath, and a life is finished. A person's story and legacy, however, do not end in death.

If I were to ask you where the first Adventist missionary to die in Papua New Guinea (PNG) was from, what would your answer be? A courageous American perhaps, or a brave Kiwi? Sorry, no. "Oh, then it must have been an Aussie." Again, no. The first Adventist missionary to die in PNG was Fijian—a man called Peni (Bennie) Tavodi.

In 1907 PNG remained an untouched territory for the Adventist Church. That's when Septemius and Edith Carr, who were overseeing the Buresala Training School in Fiji at the time, accepted a call from the Australasian Union Conference (now the South Pacific Division) to enter into PNG (known then as Papua). Accompanying them would be Peni, a student from Buresala.

"They go to carry the message to a field as yet unentered by us and their departure is thus of unusual interest, as it means another outpost occupied in the great island field . . . To all human appearances their field is a most difficult one, but the Lord can open the way before His servants."<sup>1</sup>

The difficulties were apparent from the start, with the

trio receiving a "cool reception" from the locals upon their arrival.<sup>2</sup> Much prayer and perseverance eventually resulted in the establishment of a mission at Bisiatabu, located approximately 68 kilometres from Port Moresby.

After several years of faithful service—albeit without any conversions—tragedy struck.

Peni was working in his garden with his wife, Aliti, and the wife of another Fijian worker, when he was bitten by a snake. Thinking the bite wouldn't be fatal and not wanting to cause distress, Peni refrained from telling them what had happened. But his condition quickly deteriorated and he died later that day, leaving behind a wife and three young children.

Many believe the snake was conjured up using witchcraft. Whether that is the case or not, one thing is certain—the Church lost a great man with a heart for mission. "The boys were all around him till the last," wrote A N Lawson in a letter to *Australasian Record* shortly after the tragedy. "He pleaded with them individually to yield themselves to the Lord . . . [he was] faithful unto death."

"His loss is irreparable to the work and to me," added Mr Lawson. "I used to seek his advice and counsel on nearly everything . . . [but] I do believe that the death of Bennie is going to speak louder to those people than his life."

**"He pleaded with them individually to yield themselves to the Lord . . . [he was] faithful unto death."**





## Jesus and the One Project (part 1)

I like the emphasis the One Project is giving to Jesus, for in reality to be truly Adventist is to be Jesus centred. But what does that mean?

Firstly, it means that with the apostle Paul you and I can say personally, "For to me to live is Christ." It is to seek daily "to be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ . . ." It means to hunger "to know him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings". It is to "no longer live for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose again". When Jesus is all to us we will ever seek to abide in Him by lovingly obeying all His commandments that we are aware of.

**Read** Philippians 1:21; 3:9,10; 2 Corinthians 5:15; John 15:9,10

Secondly, it means to be a member of Christ's body. His church, organised for mission, is as precious to us as it is to Him. Like Paul, we will therefore respect the various delegated authorities and decisions of His church. With Christ we will do all we can to build up His church.

**Read** 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:25,28; Hebrews 13:7,17, 24; Acts 15:2, 3; 16:4; Matthew 16:18; 2 Corinthians 13:10

Thirdly, to be truly Jesus centred is to be driven by His love to seek and save that which is lost. We will give and do all we can to bring people to Him, the most precious One in the entire world to us. Since He knows what will move people in the end-times, we will share and support His work of sending forth His end-time three angels' messages, and with Him call people to come out of faulty belief systems.

**Read** 2 Corinthians 5:14-16; Revelation 14:6-12; 18:1-4

Determine now to have Jesus in totality, being rooted and centred in Him, for only such living and speaking will draw others to Him at such a time as this.

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

And it did. Not long after the tragedy, two boys responded to a call to follow Christ—one of whom was Peni's cook.<sup>3</sup> From there, the gospel spread like wildfire. Fast-track to 2014 and there are approximately 250,000 Adventists in PNG.

Much time has passed since Peni's death—more than enough time to forget. But that isn't in keeping with the Christian spirit. The Book of Acts is full of stories about the early church. We forget these at our own peril. The same can be said of the stories of how God continues to work with His Church in the modern era.

"We have to remember that the Adventist message did not go forward in PNG without tremendous personal sacrifice," says South Pacific Division (SPD) president Dr Barry Oliver, who, along with other church leaders from across the Division, recently visited Peni's gravesite (see photo on previous page).

"It's a privilege to remember Peni Tavodi—his ultimate gift and the enormous sacrifice of his family and many others since, as well. It took the first Adventist missionaries a number of years before they had their first baptism—a teenage boy. Who could have guessed back then that this growing nation would have over half a million Adventists (counting our unbaptised children)?"

"That is the power of going where Jesus calls, even when the cause appears hopeless and the price unbearable."

Peni's story is still changing lives today. As a symbol of unity, a meaningful reconciliation service was held a few years ago between Adventist Koiri (who are indigenous to the region) and Fijian leaders in order to express sorrow for Peni's death.

Following God's call into uncharted territory cost Peni Tavodi his life. His story and legacy, however, live on. And it's something we will never—ever—forget.

Visit <[www.spd.adventist.org/in-memoriam](http://www.spd.adventist.org/in-memoriam)> to learn more about the brave men, women and children who paid the supreme price in sharing the gospel of Christ in the South Pacific. ➤

1. *Union Conference Record*, June 15, 1908.

2. John Garrett. *Footsteps in the Sea: Christianity in Oceania to World War II*, p 61.

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*Linden Chuang is assistant editor of Adventist Record—digital.*

*"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." —John 15:13 (NKJV)*





### Clinical missionaries

Nine final-year students from Avondale College's Faculty of Nursing and Health recently visited Atoifi Adventist Hospital in Solomon Islands for an introduction to medical-focused mission. The trip, which also served as clinical work experience in a developing country, marked the fifth time Avondale nursing students have made the journey to Malaita. Students from Avondale and Atoifi worked alongside each other on all wards of the hospital, treating everything from severe burns to snake bites. "We all have great memories we'll never forget," says Brittany Charters. "And most importantly, great friendships."—*Bianca Reynaud/Mary Goodwright*

### Dancing to victory

Sydney Adventist Hospital (NSW) has been named the winner of the 2014 Medline Pink Glove Dance competition—an annual initiative to raise awareness about breast cancer. The competition saw 10 healthcare facilities in Australia and New Zealand submit 90-second videos of medical staff dancing in bright pink attire. Hundreds of Adventist HealthCare staff and community members, as well as students from Wahroonga Adventist School, took part in the San's winning video. As a result of the victory, \$A10,000 will be donated to Breast Cancer Network Australia.—*Linden Chuang*



### SNSW Conference leaders re-elected

Pastor Michael Faber was re-elected as South New South Wales Conference president during the Conference's constituency meeting in September. General secretary Pastor Kendell Cobbin and chief financial officer Gavin Howie were also voted back to their respective positions. "I am glad that our team has remained the same and that we can move forward together," Pastor Faber says.—*Record staff*

### "She Rises" in Broome

The Western Australian Conference's Women's Ministries team recently hosted a special weekend of programs in Broome for their sisters in the northern parts of the state. Women from as far as Derby and Marble Bar attended the "She Rises" event, with attendees enjoying a weekend of warm weather, prayer walks and workshops.—*Jasmin Stankovic/Newsweek*

### World Changers

Ninety young people were baptised at the conclusion of a World Changers camp held in Markham (PNG) in September. More than 400 people from six surrounding districts attended the week-long program, which was organised by the Morobe Mission Youth Ministries department.—*Roy Tukar*



### Family fun

More than 4000 visitors gathered at Avondale School in Cooranbong (NSW) in September for the school's annual Family Festival. Unlike previous years, the event was spread throughout the main area of the school grounds, giving families the opportunity to explore the campus. Among the visitors was local MP Greg Piper. "Fantastic community event," he told principal Dr David Faull. "My grandkids loved it—it was a real pleasure to be here."—*Michelle Bof*

### Young witnesses

You're never too young to bring people to Christ. Two young Tongan girls—'Enifila and Maria Filimoe'atu—are living proof of this. After being invited by local church leader Hiko Fungavaka to join a new Pathfinder group, the two sisters encouraged seven of their older siblings to join. The Filimoe'atu family soon became regular members of the Pathfinder group. Even more exciting—six of them were recently baptised at the conclusion of an evangelistic series. 'Enifila and Maria were not baptised but are looking forward to one day following in the footsteps of their older brothers and sisters. Their father, a Catholic, has also since expressed his hope of joining the Church one day.—*Ronald George Stone/Record staff*





## Chairman of the board

Choices: we get presented with an incalculable amount every day. Some have minor consequences, while others, like those we make for our health, can have effects that range from good to bad and everything in between.

This idea of a spectrum of choices is the basis for the healthy eating continuum employed by the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP), a lifestyle education program that has been improving the health of participants for more than 25 years. Over the past few years I've had the privilege of being involved with the redevelopment and launch of the program in Australia. I'm thrilled by its potential as an amazing tool for churches to use to connect with the wider community, bringing our valuable health message to a wider audience.

At the core of CHIP's health teachings is that at the healthiest end of the spectrum sits a diet filled with whole or minimally processed plant foods. We know a diet filled with these foods can do wonders to support health and wellbeing and should be at the core of a healthy lifestyle. But CHIP is not a vegan program, with participants supported in making the dietary changes they feel are right for them. So why such a strong focus on fruits, vegetables and legumes over other foods? With 92 per cent of Australian adults not eating the recommended five serves of vegetables a day, we feel a diet full of whole plant foods can't be encouraged enough.

Beverly Baumgartner transformed her health with the help of CHIP: "It changed me as a person. I see myself sort of as CEO, president and chairman of the board of all the decisions that are made for my body." Great health programs aren't about telling people what they have to do, they're about helping people feel knowledgeable and confident enough to take charge of their most valuable asset and turn difficult choices into easy ones.



### *Grilled fruit kebabs*

**Preparation time:** 25 minutes **Cooking time:** 5 minutes **Serves:** 12

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>1 medium pineapple</b> | <b>250g strawberries</b>       |
| <b>2 large mangoes</b>    | <b>1 tablespoon lime juice</b> |
| <b>3 bananas</b>          | <b>¼ cup honey</b>             |

1. Peel pineapple, mango and bananas and cut into 2cm chunks. Remove hulls from strawberries and halve. Thread fruit alternately onto wooden skewers, making 12 kebabs.
2. Combine juice and honey in a small saucepan over a low heat. Stir until mixture combines and brush onto kebabs.
3. Cook kebabs on a barbecue grill for 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:** 413kJ (99cal). Protein 1g. Fat <1g. Carbohydrate 22g. Sodium 21mg. Potassium 313mg. Calcium 16mg. Fibre 4g.



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# Ask thy neighbour?

by Braden Blyde

*"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need."—2 Corinthians 8:13-14 (NIV)*

**J**OSEPH'S\* ADRA APPEAL BAG CARRIED A SATISFYING weight but if he was honest the thought of another street of mixed responses was starting to play on his mind.

He didn't expect what happened next.

As he launched into his memorised script ("... ADRA works at home and overseas . . ."), Joseph was stopped as the man quickly disappeared inside. Should he leave? Was this an unstated "no thanks" or something else?

A minute later Leebo\* returned smiling, holding several hundred-dollar notes.

"I know ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency). They helped me when I was a refugee fleeing Sudan," he smiled. "Since then I have always wondered how I could pay them back. And now you're here. Now I know."

At the doorstep the men spoke about the experience and marvelled at how God had led them to serve and be

served throughout their lives. Leebo's prayer was answered that afternoon—and Joseph left inspired to keep knocking.

In that moment of generosity a shared memory was created and community was born.

In many ways the chuggers—"charity muggers"—who fill urban centres with their bright t-shirts and over-zealous sales pitches have ruined this form of community building. The commercialisation of their pursuit—and the commission-driven vigour that it spawns—has tarnished the great power that lies in public fundraising: the power to bring people together around causes that matter and inspire collaborative action that makes a real difference.

And that's a shame.

Building community and cultivating a sense of solidarity through generous acts were high on Paul's list when he wrote to the church in Corinth. Early in 2 Corinthians 8 he upholds the Macedonian churches as model givers: "In the





ADRA volunteers.

midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity" (verse 2).

Paul offers his call to Corinth to follow suit "not as a commandment" but as "judgement about what is best for you in this matter" (verse 8). Paul realised that clinging onto a wealth of time and resources was a disservice to all involved.

Perhaps he'd felt push-back from those he'd previously encouraged to take up Christ's ideal of selfless compassion. Maybe he realised people would be blinded by need and selfish ambition when he encouraged them to share with those in need. And that by doing so they'd miss an important point—that the "goal of equality" (verse 14) brings benefits to all.

When done right and with a spirit of partnership, rallying our friends, family and church congregations around the needs of the poor is an essential part of Christ-centred community building. If we take Paul to his word, it's vital for creating a church connected to people inside and outside of its congregation. And in doing so it helps everyone involved to thrive.

The call for compassion is repeated throughout the Old and New Testaments. But what Paul highlights is that the impact is not one-sided—we all stand to gain.

This month thousands of Adventists are out connecting with and creating community, while at the same time raising vital funds for the work of ADRA. Admittedly it's not the most exciting Sabbath afternoon pastime but taking part in the ADRA Appeal is an opportunity to talk to our neighbours about what our Church is doing to make the world a better place and ask them to join us in it.

In reality we can do this at any time—but the opportunity to do it with the backup of nationwide announcements on TV and radio only happens once a year.

If every Adventist in Australia gave at least one hour, or helped to raise \$A40, we could collectively raise \$A1.6 million—enough to help provide opportunities and access to basic needs such as food and employment for more than 63,000 people.

Yes, asking our neighbours to give can be a daunting task. But asking them to listen, to share and to work collaboratively to help those in need doesn't need to be—especially when we realise the benefits flow both ways.

Reaching out to our neighbours and explaining that beyond "the building on the corner" we are helping people thrive is a powerful opportunity. Even if the person at the door doesn't give, it's our chance to give an insight into what the Adventist Church is doing to share God's love around the world.

I'll be asking my neighbours this month to join me as part of ADRA's ministry. I might not receive a response quite like Joseph but I know behind my neighbours' doors lies a surprise only God could imagine. ☞

*\*Joseph's story was recounted to Braden Blyde following the 2013 ADRA Appeal. Names have been changed to protect privacy. Visit <[www.adra.org.au/adrappeal](http://www.adra.org.au/adrappeal)> for resources or to join the Virtual Doorknock.*

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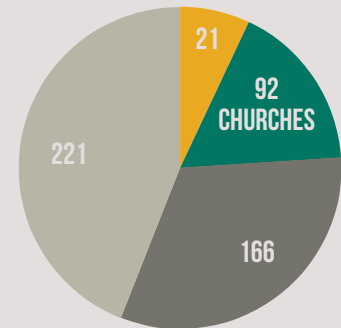
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Less than \$20/member


This helped

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Papua New Guinea, Solomon  
Islands, Fiji and Vanuatu.

IN 2014

if all church members raised just  
\$40 we can reach \$1,600,000 and  
help 63,000 people thrive.



# How Jesus started a movement

by Sven Östring

**A**CCORDING TO STANDARD HUMAN CRITERIA, Jesus seemingly accomplished very little. He never wrote a book. He never ran for political office. He had no military victories to feather His cap. He never built an awe-inspiring, architecturally-designed place of worship. There were no monuments erected in His time to commemorate what He had done. Jesus left very little physical evidence at all, if you are looking for the standard kind of physical evidence that archaeologists expect to find and what we usually believe is important as human beings.

However, if we were to review a video of history from a satellite viewpoint, what we would quickly realise is that Jesus left a trail of transformed lives, a ripple of redemption that has continued to widen and widen until it has literally reached the ends of the earth. We see the kernel of the movement in the first group of followers that Jesus chose. This was followed by the first wave just 50 days after His resurrection, when Jews from around the Mediterranean witnessed the outpouring of His Spirit, heard the gospel in their own language and then returned home to share the incredible news with their families and the other people in their home towns. We see the subsequent waves

in the missionary work of Paul, who brought the gospel to Turkey, Macedonia and Greece. We see His close followers themselves carefully recording their account of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that the message and the movement could continue to be spread with accuracy and clarity.

Jesus may not have left any physical evidence for buses of tourists with flag-waving guides to stop and photograph but He left something greater. Jesus launched the greatest movement the world has ever seen, a discipleship movement that has spread across the world and that continues to grow and grow and grow.

The amazing thing is that Jesus not only invites us to join His movement but to contribute to its growth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all people groups"<sup>1</sup> is His invitation and direction. It's an incredible call to join a global movement.

If we have been invited to join His movement, what are the most effective ways to grow it? While we might be tempted to identify and implement the most sophisticated strategies known to human beings, the reality is that the key to growing this movement is to identify and follow



Jesus' strategy for building a movement. So what was His strategy? These are the strategic steps we pick up as we read through the Gospels:

## 1. Connect

Jesus' first step was to connect with people. He went to where they were and spent time with them, listening to their stories and meeting their needs. He healed people physically, emotionally and spiritually, and shared with them what the kingdom of God was like. John, a close follower of Jesus, described the process in this way: "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us". This has been reinforced by the prophetic counsel that we have been gifted with: "The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs and won their confidence."<sup>2</sup>

## 2. Win

The first step of connecting alone, however, would not create a movement. Jesus knew that He needed to take the next strategic step with key people, which involved inviting them to follow Him. He asked four fishermen down by the Lake of Galilee to follow Him. He asked a Jewish traitor, sitting at a table collecting taxes for Rome, to follow Him. He asked a rich young man to leave everything behind and follow Him. Not everyone accepted His call but in order to get a movement underway, Jesus needed to move from connecting with people to calling people to make a decision to follow Him.

## 3. Build

With Jesus' call to follow Him fresh in their minds and hearts, the reality was, though, that in many ways the disciples hardly understood what this call really meant. They seemed to think that it was about joining a political Messiah who would fulfil the widespread dream of freedom from Rome and the restoration of the kingdom of Israel. Jesus needed to turn their vision upside down and teach them that it was the poor in spirit who would inherit the kingdom of heaven. He needed to divert their political focus and strengthen their spiritual faith in Him as the Creator of the universe who was able to cause the blind to see and calm the wind and the waves. After winning them into His movement, He needed to build their understanding and faith in Him as the King.

## 4. Train

If it all depended on His physical ministry, though, the movement would have never got off the ground. The salvation movement would have been bottlenecked geo-

graphically by the physical ministry of one single Person. In His divine wisdom, Jesus saw the importance of training His chosen followers to be able to carry out the same ministry that He was performing. We do not get too far into the Gospels before we see Jesus instructing His 12 disciples and then the 72 disciples to go out and reproduce His ministry in other towns and villages. The movement was starting to gather speed.

## 5. Send

It all seemed to come to a grinding halt on that dark night in Gethsemane when our Lord was chained and led away to be executed. What the Sanhedrin did not grasp, though, was that you cannot destroy the Author of life and contain His body in the grave! Only hours later, Jesus burst from the tomb and the movement, "checked for the moment"<sup>3</sup>, shifted into Spirit-led hyperdrive. Yet Jesus still had one final strategic step to take. When He miraculously appeared to His disciples in the room where they had locked themselves, Jesus told them, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."<sup>4</sup> With the gift and promise of His Holy Spirit, Jesus handed over the earthly mission to a group of ordinary people and sent them out to continue building the movement.

And the movement that Jesus started has not stopped growing to this day.

The question is: are we joining Jesus in growing His movement using His strategy? It worked explosively in the first century and we have been told that this "method alone will give true success in reaching the people".<sup>5</sup> Research has shown that most churches devote 87 per cent of their time and resources to the "build" step, building Christians up in their faith. The strategic steps that we tend to struggle with the most are the "win" and "send" steps. It's difficult to actually explicitly ask someone to make a decision to follow Jesus. It's also difficult to send people out to start new groups, ministries and plant new Seventh-day Adventist churches.

God has called us to join His end-time, prophetic movement, which is inviting people to prepare for Jesus' soon return. Are we attentively using Jesus' strategy to grow this movement? R

**With the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus handed over the earthly mission to a group of ordinary people and sent them out to continue building the movement.**

1. Matthew 28:19, literal translation.  
2. Ellen White. *The Ministry of Healing*, p 143.  
3. Tacitus. *The Annals*, Book 15, chapter 44.  
4. John 20:21, ESV.  
5. *The Ministry of Healing*, p 143.

*Dr Sven Ostring is Discipleship Movements director for the Greater Sydney Conference's Personal Ministries department.*



# Less is less (is more)

by Sara Thompson

**I**N MY FIRST YEAR OF UNI I HELPED LEAD JUNIOR Sabbath School with two friends. For some reason I was under the impression that this wouldn't be a challenging task. I was quickly proved wrong.

During a lesson on consumerism, one of the kids piped up with a simple question that turned out to be more complex than I'd bargained for: "What's so wrong with having stuff, anyway? If it's so bad, why does everybody have it?"

He had a good point. Apart from the odd sermon about tithing, we don't tend to hear a lot about "stuff-owning" from the pulpit. We know what to do with the 10 per cent, but the other 90 seems to slip through the cracks. The general idea seems to be to make sure we don't love our stuff too much, in case Jesus ever asks us to give it up. Thankfully, this never seems to happen.

But if it's impossible for a rich man to get into heaven (Matthew 19:24), then, living in Australia—one of the world's most affluent nations—we have a few things to be concerned about.

After getting stumped in Sabbath School, I did some research into living with less and discovered a few things:

## 1. Owning things comes at a cost to me

I acquire things for a reason but generally I tend to forget that these things cost more than money. I dedicate my time to making more money so I can buy more things. The more things I have, the more things I need, and the more time and mental energy I devote to acquiring more. It's a vicious cycle.

## 2. Things I own come at a cost to others

Who makes the things I buy and in what conditions do they work? Are they paid properly or are they slaving away for a wage that keeps them in perpetual poverty? What impact does the production of these things have on the environment?

## 3. Possessions beyond what I need are burdens

Each thing that I own is another thing I have to look

after—to keep clean, keep working, keep safe. It's just another thing that clutters my home and my mind and takes my time and my attention. If I own more than I need, then I'm spending more time than I should on things that I own—time that could be better spent with my loved ones and my God.

As it turns out, living with less isn't a new thing. The apostles championed the minimalist fad back in the early first century. Whatever they didn't need, they gave away. They were so extreme in their minimalism that they lived together in communal houses, giving away all their wealth to those who had less—and their spiritual lives thrived.

I'm not convinced that communal living is the way to go (two years living in a dorm room was enough for me) but I do think they were on the right track. Giving away the things we don't need allows us to strip back the superfluous and focus on the essential, while helping those with less at the same time. It's a win-win.

Less stuff means less worry—and more time for God.

Author Max Lucado illustrates this concept beautifully in his children's book *You Are Mine*. When the entire town of Wemmickville falls under the illusion that they need to own boxes and balls to be special, Punchinello spends all his time and money seeking them—and forgetting about his maker, Eli, in the process. In the end, Eli explains to him that he is worthwhile not because of the things he owns but because of who he is.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care . . . So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29, 31).

When our sense of worth is found in the Creator and His love for us, we no longer need things to make ourselves feel worthwhile.



*Sara Thompson writes from Cooranbong, New South Wales.*



LETTERS

**CONCENTRATION**

David McClintock, Qld  
An inspiring editorial, "Shorter, smarter, better" (September 20), that is just as applicable to adults' concentration levels as the children! I remember when I was doing Theology, Dr Arthur Patrick shared several classic one-liners with us as aspiring preachers: "A sermon to be eternal does not have to be everlasting" and "Nobody is saved after 12 o'clock".

While they may be generalisations, they are extremely apt, and a guide that I personally have chosen to abide by when I preach. I have stood up to preach at 11:50 after long preliminaries—and have been back in my seat by 12.

Ellen White wrote against lengthy sermons: "Ministers too often stand before the people and deliver lengthy discourses, which in order to do good, need to be divided into three parts" (Letter 95, 1896).

"Do not hold the people in your discourses more than thirty minutes" (*Manuscript Releases*, Volume 10, p 130).

Sadly, I have sat in sermons where the preacher has missed three or four good opportunities to stop.

As a teacher, I know that my optimum learning time is at the beginning of the class—not the end. If only our early pioneers had chosen to start with the sermon, we would all have seen that as the tradition to follow today.

It makes so much sense to plan for what has been suggested in the editorial. Have the ministry of the Word while everyone, including the children, are fresh and better able to absorb the message. I would love to see the Advent-

ist Church become known for Christ-centred, children-focused sermons that take place at the optimum time of absorption—the beginning of the worship time.

**ANOTHER SOLUTION**  
Jan Knopper, NSW

With interest I read the editorial ("Shorter, smarter, better"). You write about parents having trouble having their children sit still in the 11 o'clock Sabbath service. You suggest that the solution is on the pastor's side: preach shorter, smarter and better. You may be right or not.

Is it possible that the solution is first and foremost on the parents' side. How many parents today have morning and evening worship with their children on a daily basis? Do they make each family worship a mini-church service thus preparing them for the main Sabbath service? How many parents have our Adventist Bible story books and use them on a daily basis? This would be a good item for a survey among the rank and file of our church members.

If children are not made to sit still during the daily family mini-church service it will be difficult to have them sit still in church.

*Editor's reply:* Many families have child-appropriate 15 minute worships for morning and evening. In my house, for example, we read straight from the Bible in the morning and my kids enjoy it. But that doesn't mean kids want to sit through 45 minutes of preliminaries followed by a 40-minute sermon—after being in Sabbath School for 45 minutes beforehand. It's time to stop blaming the children. Time to stop blaming the mums and dads. Time to start asking what we can do to make church family

friendly. I am sure that is what the "Jesus who suffered the little children" would do.

**FIT IN OR WITNESS?**  
Rosemarie Fletcher, NSW

Regarding "Sandy's story" (Feature, August 16). It is of great concern to me that non-alcoholic beverages are being produced which look and taste so much like the real thing. It could be very tempting for those who use such drinks to perhaps be more likely to think about drinking the real alcohol.

Why do we as Seventh-day Adventist Christians need to be seen to fit in with the world in such a way? What is wrong with being different and being able to witness by saying we don't drink?

*Sandy's response:* Some of our drinks are similar in appearance to alcoholic beverages, and we are careful not to target young people for this reason. However, there are many adults in the Church who have been drinkers previously and sweet sparkling grape juice and fizzy soft drinks do not suit them. The palate of drinkers/former drinkers is very different to those who have never drunk alcohol.

But, equally, there are many more non-Adventists who have chosen not to drink, perhaps for a short period (pregnant woman, sports persons, health issues, etc). We provide them with safe alternatives that may start them on a path to non-drinking that was not previously available, and indeed we are finding many of our customers are choosing this path. In fact, we have had alcoholics commend us for providing non-alcoholic alternatives.

We are very strong in our witness not to drink alcohol and indeed our Alcofree company name states this proudly.

*Note: Views in letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All letters are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author's original meaning will not be changed. Not all letters received are published. See Page 4 for contact details.*

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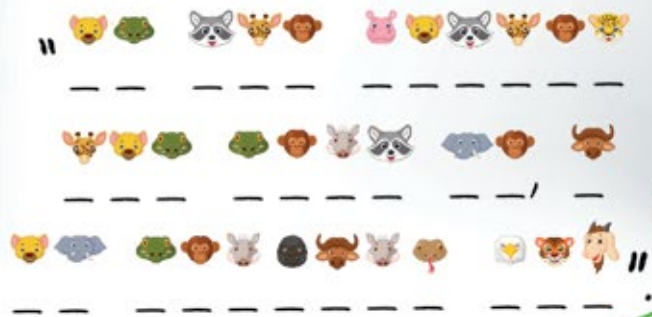
Paul is concerned about the church in Corinth, so he writes a letter and then sends it to Titus to prepare the way for him to come and visit.

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John 20:21 NIV



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## OBITUARIES

**Richter**, Coralie Norma (nee Dixon), born 31.8.1924; died 8.8.14 in Hopewell Hospice, Qld. She is survived by her husband, Raymond; son, Doug, and daughter, Jan; and five grandchildren. Coralie and Ray shared 68 years together including 29 years of pioneering mission service in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea. Coralie's personal influence, along with her secretarial and practical teaching skills, had a significant impact on many lives. One such example: contrary to the cultural norm of the times she saw the need for girls to also gain an education and Betikama Adventist College, where husband Ray was principal, became the first co-educational mission school. Quite quickly this change became a new cultural norm throughout the Solomons.

*Peter Colquhoun  
Wayne Humphries*

**Van der Meulen**, Christine Joyce (nee Clarke), born 23.3.1945 in Mildura, Vic; died 18.5.14 in Geelong Hospital. Known as Joy Clarke throughout her childhood, she attended Mildura Adventist School as a charter member and was baptised as a teen by Pastor Sutherland. On a holiday to WA she met Gerald and they were married on 6.1.1969 in the Bunbury church by Pastor D A Ferris. She is survived by her husband (Geelong); older siblings, Dorothy

Dowson, John, Ken and Doug and their spouses (all of Mildura); four children, Sandra (Geelong), Steven (Canberra, ACT), Kenneth (Geelong, Vic) and Peter (Oakleigh); and 14 grandchildren. Christine's greatest joy was working in the children's divisions at church. She was also known for her hospitality in the home and always had room for anyone who needed a meal or a bed.

*Frank Boniface, Athal Tolhurst  
Owen Ellis, Tony Moala*

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### Macquarie College anniversary, Saturday, November 15, 2014.

Macquarie College is celebrating its 20th year at the Lake Road campus and to mark the occasion we are holding a special program at the campus on November 15 at 5pm. While marking 20 years, this event, more importantly, celebrates the continuing 100-plus year journey of Adventist education in Newcastle. All welcome.

### Dear brothers and sisters from former Yugoslavia,

please join us for our special 25th anniversary convention at Avondale College from January 2-5, 2015. To book your accommodation for this special event, please email Julian Tamas <juliantamas@hotmail.com>, or Pastor Dragan Kanazir <dragankanazir@adventist.org.au>. See you soon.

## POSITIONS VACANT

■ **School secretary—Carlisle Adventist Christian College (Mackay, Qld).** Do you love kids and enjoy people? Are you competent in processing financial matters, able to be trained in MAZE, computer competent in publishing, self-motivated and able to work unsupervised? The successful applicant will have demonstrated administrative and word processing skills and an ability to operate independently and/or with limited supervision with numerous interruptions, good communication skills, ability to work with all members of the school community (teachers, administration, parents, students, visitors) both individually and as a member of a team and demonstrate and be supportive of a strong Christian Adventist ethos. Previous secretarial and clerical experience an advantage. MAZE training provided. Above award wages; remuneration rate available on application. This is a full-time position commencing January 12, 2015. Contact the principal for the job description and key selection criteria at <principal@carlisle.adventist.edu.au> or on (07) 4949 7455, and email or send your resume to PO Box 10419, Mt Pleasant, Qld 4741. Applications close **October 27, 2014.**

■ **Principal—Adventist Christian Schools (WA) Ltd (Carmel, WA).** Adventist Christian Schools (WA) is inviting applications from an experienced administrator for Carmel Adventist College, situated in the beautiful Perth Hills, commencing January 2015. We are looking for an innovative spiritual leader for the secondary school and associated boarding house; someone who can contribute to the mission of Adventist Education in WA. Criteria includes strong leadership skills, ability to support boarding Aboriginal students and work with an established team of teachers. This is a full-time position with a small teaching load. For a full position description please contact the Director of Education, Dianne Hillsdon, via phone (08) 9398 7222 or <diannehillsdon@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **October 30, 2014**

■ **Executive care manager—Adventist Aged Care (Loganholme, Qld).** Are you a clinical leader with management experience at a senior level? Do you have a passion for ensuring the highest possible level of care for our residents? Do you support the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and have a personal relationship with Jesus? Do you have a passion to share His love and ensure that our facilities operate in an atmosphere that promotes and supports the Adventist lifestyle and faith? If you have answered "yes" to the above challenges then we would like to speak with you about our executive care manager role. For a position description and further information please contact Paul Mitchell, CEO, Adventist Aged Care South Queensland on (07) 3451 5900. Applications close **October 31, 2014.**

■ **IT systems administrator (TPUM focus)—South Pacific Division (Wahroonga, NSW).** The Seventh-day Adventist Church (SPD) Limited is seeking a highly skilled and experienced systems administrator to join its busy Information Technology team to focus on the needs of the Trans Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) in Fiji. This role will be based at the Division head office in Wahroonga, NSW, but will provide support remotely and travel to locations within Fiji and other South Pacific locations. The IT systems administrator will be responsible for installing and supporting IT systems hardware and related infrastructure; providing service desk troubleshooting and support; as well as training, managing and mentoring local IT staff. The successful candidate must be eligible to work in Australia. For the full selection criteria please visit the South Pacific Division's Human Resources website <www.adventistemployment.org.au>. All applications, including a cover letter, CV, three work-related referees and contact details of your Adventist church pastor, must be forwarded to: Human Resources, Seventh-day Adventist Church (SPD) Ltd, Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga NSW 2076 Australia; or emailed to <hr@adventist.org.au>; or faxed to (02) 9489 0943. Applications close **November 3, 2014.**

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For more information about HopeChannel visit [www.hopechannel.com](http://www.hopechannel.com)

Applications close 23 October 2014

Applications and enquiries:  
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