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## Official Opening of Lilydale Church

R. BOWERS and MRS. E. TANNER, Lilydale Church, Victoria



A front view of the recently opened Lilydale church complex.  
Photos: R. Bowers.



Over 400 people attended the opening ceremonies. Even the small balcony was filled.

AN EIGHT-YEAR DREAM came to reality on Sabbath, March 28, with the opening and dedication of the new Seventh-day Adventist church in Hull Road, Lilydale.

It was in March 1973 that a group of sixty-eight members decided, because of overcrowding, to move away from the Croydon Seventh-day Adventist church and form a new church of their own.

The first meetings were held in St. Margaret's Uniting church at Mooroolbark. Almost immediately plans were laid for the purchase of land and the construction of a church building.

An area of three acres was purchased in Hull Road from Mrs. Dunne, and building was begun in March 1977. The new church was to be a complex consisting of the church auditorium, a large hall, a foyer and ancillary rooms equipped for Welfare work, catering and the accommodation of Bible study classes and Youth work.

At 2.30 p.m. about 400 members and visitors assembled in the new church to celebrate the joyous occasion. Members had spent many hours preparing the church and its grounds for the long-awaited opening.

### Special Guests

Special guests for the day were the Member for Mount Evelyn and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Honorable S. Plowman; the Lilydale Shire president, Councillor W. Gersch; the president of the Trans-Australian Conference, Pastor C. D. Judd, and the president of the Victorian Conference, Pastor K. R. Low.

Also included in the official party were the present church pastor, H. E. Roberts; two former pastors, Pastor J. P. Holmes and Pastor H. W. Kingston, and the presiding elder, Mr. R. B. Bowers.

Pastor H. E. Roberts welcomed the many visitors. A Scripture reading from the Psalms was presented by Mr. Bowers.

"Blood, sweat and tears were expended on the task," said Pastor Kingston, who gave an account of the building of the church. He went on to recount the awesome difficulties that faced the small congregation. By freewill giving and many fund-raising projects, they

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## LILYDALE CHURCH OFFICIALLY OPENED

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slowly accumulated \$29,000. From the Victorian headquarters came a donation of \$26,000. This left a gap of \$120,000 between assets in hand and the projected cost of the building. It was decided that a large proportion of this could be met by voluntary labour on the part of the members—hence the “blood, sweat and tears.”

Pastor Kingston paid special tribute to Carl Stoneman and Neville Wilson for their untiring dedication. Tribute was also paid to a number of contractors and suppliers for their gifts of skill and material.

The dedication sermon was delivered by Pastor Low, who pointed out the relevance of the church in the world today and exhorted the congregation to be “displayers of truth.”

Councillor Gersch commended the church members on their magnificent building. He said he believed that it was a witness which would say something to the community. He added that the witness given in the lives of the members is the all-important thing, because the community is looking to such groups for a sense of direction. Councillor Gersch then declared the church open—“Open,” he said, “to all people for prayer, praise and worship.”

Mr. Plowman added his congratulations. He expressed his appreciation for the fine musical talent displayed, and then went on to give an account of the history of the church in Australia and the Pacific region. He mentioned the work of missionaries, evangelists, health-care centres, schools, publishing houses and food-processing factories. He gave particular emphasis to the care and development of youth, which features as a very important part of Adventist philosophy. ##

## Mountain View—Stage Two

JAMES H. RABE, Chairman, Mountain View Retirement Hostel Committee



Mountain View Retirement Hostel—a well-appointed, modern home which stands ready to receive more residents.

Photo: K. Ellis.

LONG-TERM PLANNING for Mountain View Retirement Village, Warburton, Victoria, provided for the complex to be constructed in three stages. Ten retirement units were to be built, followed by a forty-room hostel, and finally a nursing home.

For some years now the retirement units have been occupied. On March 15, 1981, Mountain View Retirement Hostel opened its doors. Stage Two is an attractive, single-level, brick-and-tile building comprising a central section with connected east and west wings. All suites are self-contained, with private bathroom and toilet, and amenities for preparing light meals or refreshments. The building incorporates the best features of retirement homes all over Australia, costing around \$900,000 to build.

Situated on a delightfully scenic spot near a

bend on the Yarra River, Mountain View Retirement Hostel offers a great view of the surrounding countryside. In addition it has a strong historical association with early Adventist days in Warburton, being located on the original site of the Signs Publishing Company. The present Signs building and the church are hardly more than a stone's throw away. Indeed, one of the most appealing features of the hostel is its closeness to church and shopping facilities.

It is proposed that the official opening ceremony will take place toward the end of the year. Meanwhile, good friends are working on a voluntary basis to sow lawns and give the surroundings a pleasing appearance. Local landscape gardener Fred Lucas has given unstintingly of his services to beautify the interior and the exterior. His efforts are especially apparent in the lounge area.

Everything is looking good in the hostel. The gleaming stainless-steel, well-appointed kitchen seems just designed to complement chef Mrs. Val Johnson's cooking.

Those who have taken up residence thus far at Mountain View Hostel seem to be settling in happily, and the committee of management has been pleased to see the spirit of harmony.

A cause for concern, however, is the fact that many of the rooms remain vacant. We would like the whole Australasian Division to know that these facilities exist. If possible, we would like them to be utilised by Adventist tenants, as we feel that such amenities and the way they are administered are best suited to our members.

Perhaps you have been thinking of the benefits of retirement hostel living since reading Sister Olive Fisher's article (RECORD 4/5/81), and you are ready to make your move. We invite your careful consideration of a well-appointed facility in a temperate climate and with congenial company. Inquiries should be addressed to: The Manager, Mountain View Retirement Hostel, Main Street, Warburton, Vic. 3799. ##



On the platform for the opening were (from left): R. Bowers (head elder), Pastor P. Holmes, Councillor W. Gersch, Mrs. Gersch, Pastor C. Judd, Pastor K. Low, Hon. S. Plowman, Pastor H. Roberts (Lilydale pastor) and Pastor H. Kingston.

# FROM THE LITERATURE FRONT

Victorian Conference Publishing Bulletin

ITALIAN literature evangelist Pat Calarco works for Italian people as much as he can. Early in March he called on some Italian shopkeepers in Chester Hill. In one fruit shop he asked the person behind the counter if the boss was around. "He's having lunch, out the back," was the reply.

Pat picked his way through boxes and bags of produce, till he found himself at the back of the shop. He was startled to hear an excited voice call out, "Pat! What are you doing here?"

"Tony!" said Pat in reply. "Fancy seeing you again! I haven't seen you since the old days at the markets."

As they spoke together in friendly conversation, it dawned on Tony that a great change had taken place in Pat since last they met.

"What's happened to you, Pat? You used to be so agitated and full of nerves; you used to swear and carry on. But now you're peaceful and calm. What's happened to you?"

Pat explained how he had first bought a set of "The Bible Story," and now he was working for God, selling those very same books; which he then showed to his old friend.

Satan tried to upset things by having Tony's mother come in at that very time and say, "Don't buy those books! Pat Calarco has deserted the faith."

But Tony said, "I don't care what he's done! He's happy and calm, and he's not swearing anymore, like I do; and if these books did that for him, they'll help my kids, too!"

Whereupon he wrote his name and home address on the order form and asked Pat to call at his home and show his wife the books.

What a tremendous witness to the power of the Spirit of God working to change a man's life, and then working upon the mind of a former associate!

A week previously, Pat was asked by an Italian church member to call on a certain home where he sold a message book, and was sent to the customer's sister, who sent him on to others, who sent him on to others again. It all began in a train with a young Italian lady belonging to our church.

Riding to work in the train one day, she finished her hurried breakfast. She had taken the skin off a banana, and placed it in a paper bag, which she then put into her own handbag. An Italian gentleman sat down beside her, and observing her actions, asked her why she hadn't thrown the peel on the floor, like everyone else.

"I'm a Christian, and I like to do what's right!" she said.

The next day found the same man on her train again. He sat beside her again and entered into conversation.

"What church do you belong to?" he asked.

"I'm a Seventh-day Adventist."

"I'd like to know more about that," her new friend said. The young lady took his name and address and promised to send someone to call. That's where Pat Calarco came into the picture. And of course, the story is not finished yet.

On another occasion he followed a lead card which had been sent him from the office, and the lady asked Pat to return after 4.30 p.m., when her husband would be in. But he returned a bit late—just in time to see the husband's car pulling out of the drive and driving away.

"This must be providential," he thought, and decided to call on the few Italian homes in the vicinity. On the first call he sold a teenage book, and on the second call a set of "My Bible Friends," and was then directed to an Italian family with six children who lived not far away. As the lady was giving Pat directions, her little child volunteered the information that "they are different Italians."

Pat turned this information over in his mind, and as he drove up to the house he wondered what the difference was. But he was invited in cordially, and began to demonstrate. The conversation wandered a bit, and the man said, "We are vegetarians here."

"So am I," said Pat.

"Well, we're Seventh-day Adventists," he said.

"So am I," echoed Pat.

"But you can't be," said his prospect. "Italians don't change their religion!"

Then, reports Pat, the man started preaching to him. It seems that they held a church service in their home every Sunday at 8.30 a.m. in the living room. The preacher? George Vandeman!

This man had been watching "It Is Written" for several years, and he said that when the texts came on the screen, he would say to his wife, "I didn't know that was in the Bible; but that's exactly what I think."

Some thrilling studies have already taken place, and you can imagine Pat's heart jumping for joy. ##



Christian education is flourishing in Esperance. These twelve pupils are the church's pride and joy.

Photo: I. Blackburne.

## Ideal Education

IAN BLACKBURNE, Principal, Esperance Primary School, Western Australia

COOL BLUE water, white sand, pine trees, beautiful island views, rolling sand dunes. Do you like it? We do!

Esperance is a beautiful little town where we have a thriving church and primary school. We feel it's way past time we shared with you some of the news about our school.

In February 1979 our school started in the church hall with just eight children. The children gladly packed their room up every Friday and made it ready for Sabbath school. In those first few months we all looked forward to our *own* new building.

In June 1980, parents and children excitedly watched our transportable school arrive from Perth on two huge semi-trailers. Soon after, many helping hands transferred our school equipment to our new building. We moved in the next day.

It was very exciting having our own school building where everything was permanent!

This year we have twelve children enjoying excellent facilities.

We are at the moment improving the school grounds and hope to officially open our school this year.

Credit must be given to the church members in Esperance who have worked together under God's guidance to make this school a reality. Many have given their time, finance, expertise and machinery for this co-operative effort. Others, too, have supported our school with their prayers and encouragement.

There can never be too much effort put forward to establish a Christian school for our children, for after all, we are training them for heaven. ##



FROM OUR WORLD LEADER . . .

# CHRIST'S COMING IS IMMINENT

SOMETIMES a personal experience can illustrate and introduce a subject more effectively than any other approach. Last December my wife, Elinor, and I had the interesting privilege of visiting in the home of a very highly placed national leader. As we discussed various topics it was not surprising that our conversation drifted to the international scene. After sifting through a number of areas such as natural disasters, energy, shortage of food, crime, hostages, impending war, electronic defence systems, etc., the statement was made, "If only we knew the future!"

This gave me the opportunity I needed to introduce the eschatological beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists, including the imminence of the second coming of Christ, and God's plan for the ultimate restoration of our world. As the gentleman and his wife gave rapt attention, I quietly outlined the marvellous provisions of "the blessed hope" for about twenty minutes. When I had finished, our host said, "That's the most comforting and sensible view of the future that I have heard. It must be wonderful to have confidence in such a belief." As we left their lovely home I quietly thanked my Lord for another opportunity to share this great truth.

Experiences like this convince me that we are custodians of a precious message that others are longing to hear. Under the blessing of the Holy Spirit the preaching of Christ's soon coming and other distinctive beliefs has made us what we are. The second coming, hyphenated with the Sabbath, forms the basis of our official name—Seventh-day Adventists.

I have little sympathy for those who attempt to suggest subtly that it may be wise to soften our written and spoken proclamation of the imminence of Christ's return. Some in our midst seem almost apologetic about the fact that Jesus has not yet returned. In some scholarly circles it seems to be fashionable to speak about, and philosophise on, the delayed advent. In Luke 12:45 Jesus told His disciples about a certain class of people who said in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth His coming." Jesus referred to those who speak in this way as *evil servants*. The influence of the evil servant leads others to presumptuous, careless living.

It is in our power, the Lord tells us, to hasten or delay the coming of Christ ("The Desire of Ages," page 633). Why, then, has Jesus not come? The answer is relatively simple. First, His people are not ready. They have not experienced righteousness that is of faith, and they have not through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit overcome sin. The quality of their Christianity in church life does not reflect the character and love of Christ, and hence does not attract many followers. Second, the gospel has not been proclaimed in all the world. We have not been serious about sharing, witnessing, warning, and preparing others to be ready to meet the Lord.

I think it is clear that the work of preparing a people who reflect the character of Christ on the one hand, and the work of proclaiming the gospel to the whole world on the other hand, are interrelated. If we do not witness, we will not feel the need for spiritual growth. Conversely, if we are not gaining victories and growing spiritually, we really have nothing to share.

How thankful we should be that we are partners in this great redemptive programme! But let us remember that it is the Holy Spirit's power that will bring conviction and give success. "You are to be God's living agents, channels of light to the world, and round about you are angels of heaven with their commission from Christ to sustain, strengthen, and uphold you in working for the salvation of souls."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, pages 436, 437.

Whenever I meet our people, whether in private homes, in our churches, in our institutions, or in the General Conference office, I find an unshakable commitment to the belief that Jesus is coming soon. Regardless of theological questions that can be raised and should continue to be studied by our scholars, Seventh-day Adventists as a people firmly believe that Luke 21:25-28 identifies specific signs that give irrefutable confirmation that the coming of Jesus is drawing near. This was reaffirmed by the representatives of the world church at the General Conference session in Dallas, in April, 1980.

A portion of Section 24 of the "Statement of Fundamental Beliefs" declares, "The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the church, the grand climax of the gospel. . . . The almost complete fulfilment of most lines of prophecy, together with the present condition of the world, indicates that Christ's coming is imminent. The time of that event has not been revealed, and we are therefore exhorted to be ready at all times."

Along with the distinguished national leader and his wife mentioned earlier, many are saying, "If only we knew the future!" I urge you to be faithful and unashamed in sharing the message of the soon coming of Jesus with people in all walks of life, and you too will rejoice to hear someone tell you, "That's the most comforting and sensible view of the future that I have heard." Hebrews 9 describes the setting of Christ's ministry under the new covenant, and concludes, "So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him." Verse 28, R.S.V. Are you eagerly waiting for Him, and can you convincingly witness to this truth?

Neal C. Wilson,  
President, General Conference



# Adventist Child Care

DOROTHY M. WATTS, Adventist Child Care Agency, Southern Asia

ACCA (ADVENTIST CHILD CARE AGENCY) is truly a big sister to many little ones in Southern Asia. Through ACCA the church is making dark lives brighter and sad hearts lighter. Through ACCA Adventists are giving, caring, helping, and loving. (The pronunciation of ACCA in several Indian languages means "big sister.")

Pushpamma was walking home across the paddy fields one day when she thought she heard a baby cry. She stopped a moment to listen. No, it couldn't be. She looked around, but no one was in sight. Over to her right a flock of crows were excitedly having their lunch.

Turning, she walked straight toward the bushes where the crows were gathered. They scattered as she approached and she saw that indeed there was a baby.

Carefully she picked up the child and cradled it in her arms. The little girl's face and neck were raw and bleeding from the pecking of the crows.

Who was the mother? Why was the baby there? Would she live? Pushpamma took her to the village and the village women nursed her back to health. But what to do with her now? They all had large families and not enough to eat.

It was at this time that Chelappan, a village lay preacher came to visit. "We don't want the baby," the women said. "Can you find a home for her?" "Yes," Chelappan said. "We will take her. She will be our daughter." But Chelappan was very poor. He was unable to work much because of an accident. He had already a wife and one child to care for. All that he had to give the new baby was love, and that he has given liberally. ACCA gives food and medicines for this child every month. ACCA gives.

The only home Kumaran had was the one his mother made for her three children around the little pile of pots and rags in a dark alleyway. When it rained, they crouched together in the doorway of a shop and dreamed of days when things would be better. But instead they got worse. Mother, the light and joy of Kumaran's young life, died. Not fully understanding the reason for his hurt, he sat by the roadside and sobbed. Someone put an arm around him and comforted him. Someone brought him to a Seventh-day Adventist school, enrolled him, and paid his tuition. There he has food, clothing, a place to sleep, and love. ACCA loves.

Manu was utterly and completely discouraged. A month had passed since his young wife had died of rabies, leaving him with four children, aged eight, five, two, and one. The eight-year-old girl was doing her best to cook the meals and care for the babies, but it was not enough. The two-year-old had been stepped on by a cow while she was playing in the dust. Now her leg was swollen and painful, in spite of the poultice of cow dung and leaves they had put on the wound. No doubt they would all die one by one, like his wife. He saw no way out but to hasten the day of death.

He purchased some poison and put it on the shelf, waiting for the hour when he would have the courage to end his family's misery. A neighbour, coming to check on the children, discovered his intent.

"Don't do it!" she said. "I know someone

who will help." Today those children are in a Seventh-day Adventist institution; happy, growing, learning, and living. ACCA helps.

Raju was born with the calves of his legs joined to the thighs. His mother carried him around as long as she could and then she got desperate. How could she raise a helpless child? She went to one of the Adventist hospitals and sat in the waiting-room, along with the other patients. Beside her was a basket containing Raju's clothing. After a while she said to the patient next to her, "Please watch my baby while I go to the toilet." She never returned.

Kind Christian nurses loved him, fed, clothed him, bathed him, and cared for all of his needs. Caring Christian doctors operated, and now Raju can walk . . . with crutches, yes, but he can walk. He is cheerful and very independent. He is doing well in school. His future is bright . . . because ACCA cares.

ACCA gives . . . food, clothing, and an education to 3,000 children in India, in sixty different child-care projects. Applications for another 2,000 are being processed at the present time. Several hundreds more are being cared for in Bangladesh, Burma, and Sri Lanka.

Five organisations help ACCA to give: Asian

Aid and Overseas Children's Aid in Australia; Quiet Hour Child Care, and Reach International in the United States; and a new welfare organisation in West Germany.

ACCA loves . . . the ones whom no one else loves. Two orphanages are currently operating with the help of ACCA—Bauman Home for Boys at Pullierrangy and Sunshine Orphanage at Bangalore. Ten school-age boys are cared for at Pullierrangy and there are forty-one infants and small children at Sunshine. Loving, Adventist families are sought for these children. Already more than fifteen children have been placed in Canada, U.S.A., Australia, and India.

ACC helps . . . more than 100 needy families per month with food, clothing, and medicine.

ACCA cares . . . for the 92 million children in India who exist under the poverty level. Every one and a half seconds a child is born in this land. As many as 100,000 of these die every month because of malnutrition, never knowing that Jesus loved them. Never knowing that there was hope.

It was Jesus who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto Me." #/



## THANK YOU!

W. T. ANDREWS, Treasurer, Australasian Division

THE MEMBERS of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have, through its history, been known for their very generous support of the church's programme at home and in its mission fields. This attitude on the part of the members of our church has been engendered because of the commission we have been given, and which we accept and believe, namely the taking of the gospel story to all the world, so that all might know of the wonderful love of Jesus Christ before He returns.

As I have been receiving reports on the camp-meeting mission offerings, I have again been impressed by the generosity of our church members. Reports coming to my desk indicate that offerings given and pledges made for the work of the mission field during our 1980/81 camp-meetings are in excess of those given the previous year.

We live in a difficult financial world; in a difficult social world. These conditions, on the national and international levels, indicate that our Lord's return is getting nearer every day. I believe we need to press together, support each other and our church, that this task of taking the gospel story to everybody who does not know it, may be completed as quickly as possible.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the generous support of the church's programme with your tithes and offerings. We each look forward to the Lord's continued blessing upon His church and its members as we relate ourselves to our Lord, supporting His cause with our time, our talents and our means. #/



# BIBLE READING WITH CHILDREN

How to make the Word of God a major part of our children's learning experiences from infancy.

GORDON F. EVANS

WHEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN was receiving his early training there was little time for formal education, and textbooks were scarce. William Miller's early learning experiences were similar. Both boys, however, were blessed to have the Bible as their first textbook. Flickering flames from the fire-place provided a glow of light and produced learning that not only changed their lives, but ultimately affected the thinking of the day.

Can it be that Lincoln and Miller were closer to the pattern given Christian educators than we are today? "The Bible should be the child's first textbook. From this book, parents are to give wise instruction. The Word of God is to be made the rule of the life. From it the children are to learn that God is their Father; and from the beautiful lessons of His Word they are to gain a knowledge of His character. Through the inculcation of its principles, they are to learn to do justice and judgment."—"*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*," pages 108, 109.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk to them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:6, 7.

The Word of God should be a major part of our children's learning experiences from infancy. Our children's Sabbath school lessons do well in helping parents teach Bible stories and truths. The Bible, however, should be used also in bridging a child's love for parents to a love for our Creator and Saviour.

Preschoolers can be taught prereading experiences, such as taking care of their toys, keeping their room in order, setting the table, helping father and mother, obeying, and following a set of simple directions. The child who learns experiences of these types and who is read to consistently receives a basic readiness for formal reading instruction that can be gained by no other means. These lessons can and should be learned long before entering the classroom to receive formal reading instruction. Preschoolers can also be taught prereading experiences from the Bible before they can read for themselves, and so may learn to believe what the Bible says and to love God. You may have the joy of teaching from this "reader." Begin early and teach gently.

How are children taught to love Christ, someone they have never seen, heard, or touched? By being helped to transfer the love they have experienced with parents to a "first love" relationship with Jesus, with Creator and Saviour.

Children have a natural need for acceptance. As they develop, their relationships can easily remain on a social level—friend to friend. But this is not enough. You can help your child reach a higher spiritual level of love for Christ—believing, accepting, loving, and

obeying Him—through Bible study.

If a child's first ready-to-read experiences begin with the Word of God, he will have a natural opportunity to learn the love of God. Provide him with a quality Bible of his own, preferably large-print. Teach him to reverence the Bible as a special book to be handled and used with care. As he learns to love the Bible that he can touch and feel and handle, and as he begins to relate the Bible stories and messages to Jesus, his love for the God of this sacred book will grow, and he will be ready to make simple spiritual decisions.

Teach your child by precept and example that prayer is vital. Give prayer the important place it deserves in your study of the Bible together. "Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given."—"*Steps to Christ*," page 91.

Freely use songs and poems to illustrate and impress the lessons on young minds. "There are few means more effective for fixing His words in the memory than repeating them in song. And such song has wonderful power. . . . It is one of the most effective means of impressing the heart with spiritual truth."—"*Education*," pages 167, 168.

The Book of John reveals Jesus as God the Son, Creator, and Saviour, and is an excellent study of belief in its various stages. If the steps are made simple, this will aid the child in developing concepts of believing, accepting, loving, and obeying Jesus as our Saviour.

Start Bible-reading with the Book of John. "In the beginning . . ." are familiar words to the child who has previously heard the story of Creation. John presents God the Son as Creator (John 1:1-5), Saviour, and Redeemer (Chap. 3:16). He emphasises the gift of eternal life to all who respond to Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life (Chap. 14:6). Common things of everyday life such as light (Chap. 1:5, 7, 8), water (Chap. 2:7 and 4:10), and bread (Chap. 6:48) are symbols Jesus used to teach spiritual truths. Thus the character of God is revealed in simplicity. Through faith in Christ, all may have life (Chap. 20:31).

Focus on the verses that have particularly pertinent messages, preferably one verse at a time. Sometimes it may be necessary to summarise several verses. You yourself will not always "see" a passage in the same light each time you study it. Be thankful, for this is evidence that the Holy Spirit is enlightening and impressing you as you lead a young mind in

the study of God's Word.

Use short study periods, adjusting the length according to the attention span of your child. Avoid tiring a young mind. For first-graders, probably 20 to 30 minutes is sufficient; for older children, somewhat longer.

Some children can learn to read before entering the formal classroom, but avoid applying pressure. When children are ready to read, you will recognise that the time is right. They will notice and know letters; they will identify beginning letters of words, some sounds, and some words; and they will begin asking questions about words—they will spell words and ask their meaning. Allow them to progress as far as they are comfortable, but avoid pressuring or pushing them.

If your child is ready to read and/or ready to begin first grade, it is time to begin a programme of reading from the Bible. This programme has many aspects.

## Steps Toward Implementation

1. Read a verse aloud slowly while your child follows. Have him point to the words with his index finger. This provides an initial opportunity to comprehend words and ideas. Touching, seeing, and hearing increase understanding. This may be his first exposure to actual Biblical vocabulary and/or sentence vocabulary.

2. You and your child read the same verse together aloud. This process will help your child assimilate new words. Read slowly but smoothly.

3. Now you read the same passage aloud once more, with your child following, using his "pointer" finger. Opportunity for listening aids understanding and helps the child in further discussion. Some little ones will be eager to read all by themselves. Take time to listen and give necessary help in pronouncing words (this gives children comfort and success). Encourage them to use the pointer finger to keep their place. Several readings of the verses—which usually are short—make the words sound more familiar, and help the child to understand the message.

4. The best time for discussion may vary, either as soon as you finish reading to them or immediately after you finish reading together. Sometimes you may read only a word or phrase, then stop to discuss it. Other times it may be necessary for you to start discussion. As soon as your child begins to express his ideas discuss, discuss, discuss. Think aloud together to bring out the meaning of the words and sentences. As you teach reading from the Bible use sight vocabulary, phonetic sounds, structural (how a word looks—length, tall letters, short letters, and so on) and context clues to help the child read naturally. Note the repetition of certain words. Much beginning reading will be from memory, which also will develop a beginning sight vocabulary.

# Souls Are Won Through Television Evangelism

KATHLEEN C. PIPER, Victoria Church Communication Secretary, Canadian Union

Kathleen Piper and her husband, Dr. A. V. Piper, a family physician, are Australians living in Canada.

5. Help your child decide what each verse means to him. Use the discretion and wisdom of Solomon as you consider all the ideas and words presented.

6. Paraphrase the verse simply and concisely, using your child's own words, in a sentence or two that you write on paper. The Holy Spirit will guide you if you ask. This is the sentence for your child to copy later.

7. Use parentheses. Explain how words written within parentheses may be used to clarify the meaning of words or phrases—for example, "the Word" (Jesus), or "darkness" (world). However, if the child understands the words or phrases just as they appear in the Bible and wishes to use them do not hesitate to do so. By the time the sentence or verse that has been discussed is on paper your child will be eager to express himself on paper, too.

8. Show your child how to make his own individual Bible-message booklet. Have him copy the paraphrased verse from your paper. Be sure the text is included. For some this task may be too difficult at first, so encourage them to draw and/or colour a picture to illustrate the message of the verse. With help, a word or phrase may be written as a caption for his drawing. Develop a new page for the Bible-message booklet for each study period's work. When a unit of verses has been completed, staple the pages together and make a cover. Your child may wish to illustrate certain verses. If so, encourage him. Independent participation will tend to internalise not only the reading skills, but development of important spiritual values. Thus, Bible study, reading skills, and character development are correlated. During each study period review and practice reading the previous verses from the Bible and the sentences from their own written pages.

9. Introduce your children to the joy of witnessing. As soon as they are able to read the Bible-message booklet reasonably well, encourage them to share it with someone—during family worship, with friends, neighbours, shut-ins, and so on.

Keep in mind that, whereas some children are able to handle reading, discussion, and the writing and illustrating activities, others may not be ready to do more than draw a picture to illustrate the lesson.

10. As an added dimension, read the passage being studied from other translations, paraphrases or commentaries. This will reinforce the importance of believing and following the instruction of Jesus because we love Him. As your child studies the life of Christ, help him to notice how He learned. "Jesus Himself, while He dwelt among men, was often in prayer."—*"Steps to Christ,"* page 93. Often He went to a place alone to commune with His heavenly Father. Teach your child that it is important that we too go to a place alone and pray, read the Bible, and think (meditate), allowing the Holy Spirit to impress our minds. "God can teach you more in one moment by His Holy Spirit than you could learn from the great men of the earth."—*"Testimonies to Ministers,"* page 119. Explain that this is the way we worship God and develop a personal relationship with Christ. He will help us develop faith and a character that is safe to be saved in a free universe.

ONE SUNDAY MORNING eight years ago, I had finished answering the phone calls, and was waiting for my husband to call for me. He was delayed, and about three-quarters of an hour after the posted time to call in for the book offer, the "It Is Written" phone rang. I hesitated to answer it. When I did answer the telephone, I became engaged in a conversation with a most interested lady. The caller, Mrs. Lida Okonsky, had been a frequent listener to the programme. She was becoming very interested in the messages she was hearing and wanted to know more about the organisation behind the telecasts.

Mrs. Okonsky asked, "Is there any group or church in Victoria that preaches the Bible like Pastor Vandeman does?" In my answer I tried to be cautious so as not to sound too anxious nor give the impression of being pushy. I assured her that there was a church group here and invited her to attend. As it was Week of Prayer, I arranged to meet her. She came throughout the week, on Sabbath, and then became a regular attendant at church services and prayer meetings. Lida and I became very firm friends. She was so happy with what she had heard and the friendly, pleasant, well-mannered people she was meeting. Her heart began to lose some of the distress and burden which she had carried to Victoria.

## "I Think He Will Be Interested"

I remember one Sabbath morning standing with her at the church door following church service. Lida said to me, "When my husband, Myron, returns home from the woods, I think he will be interested in coming too." As it happened, Myron was interested. We discovered he had the added advantage of being a good reader. Each time he returned to the logging camp, we saw to it that he took a supply of our books. In just a few months he had read over twenty books. In his free time and on week-ends in camp he spent every spare moment with his head in a book. Consequently,

This approach to Bible reading/study can easily be a part of family study. It need not be limited to beginning readers only. Using the Bible in learning is limited only by the resourcefulness of the teacher and learner. What is unique about the approach is that the Bible verse is the beginning point in the child's reading experience. He is not merely being taught to read; he is receiving spiritual values toward strong character development at the same time.

Most children will receive Bible reading and study with the same enthusiasm with which it is presented. Soon your child will want to begin using his Bible during Sabbath school and church. This is your opportunity to give assistance in helping him to locate and learn the Sabbath school memory verse. During the church service be alert and help him to find texts. When children are learning to read they are also learning independence, so assist only as needed.

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Lida and Myron Okonsky.

after a few months, he understood the Sabbath, believed it, and accepted it. During the winter months when work in the woods was closed down and Myron was home, we started having regular weekly Bible studies. With their attendance at prayer meetings and Sabbath services, it was clear that the Lord was speaking to their hearts. They responded by making a full commitment to Him. Fourteen months later, after studying with us and Pastor Charles Cooper, they were baptised on January 26, 1974. Soon after their baptism, an "It Is Written" Seminar came to Victoria. What joy they had in meeting Pastor Vandeman! At the next seminar the Okonskys were there to help as ushers. They enjoyed helping the people.

## For All to See

The Okonskys let their light shine for all to see. Their missionary spirit and zeal has spread to their old friends. They never miss an opportunity to witness by sharing their books, their faith and the new life-style. Their home is a house by the side of the road, and hardly a week passes by but some person receives a loving, hospitable meal or a bed at the Lida and Myron Okonsky home.

Thank the Lord for "It Is Written" and other television ministries. Many stories could be told of the Holy Spirit's work in these last days through willing human agents, calling people out of Babylon and darkness into His glorious light. ##

# Kampuchean Report

R. B. GRADY, Sabbath School Director, Far Eastern Division

PASTOR BOB PARRISH, Pastor Romie Gainer and I recently had the joy of going back into Phnom Penh, Kampuchea (Cambodia).

The people in Phnom Penh (800,000) look healthy and fairly happy. However, the Pol Pot period has taken its toll on the country.

## Signs of Inhumanity

A visit to the extermination camp where 16,000 men, women, children and babies had been terribly tortured and killed was horrifying. Pictures of many of the slain line the walls of the prison.

We met three of the former language school students who were working in the hotel where we stayed. The former Adventist language school is now being used by the Government as a place to develop movies. We were not permitted inside. The Seventh-day Adventist church building is in shambles.

## SAWS Helps Clean Up

We met with many of the key Government leaders. SAWS has supplied Phnom Penh with five dump-trucks, two tractors and a crawler, plus thirty spray units to kill the flies and bugs. The streets are filled with garbage and ruined cars are piled everywhere.

From SAWS, Australasia, we are supplying several dentists and dental equipment for Phnom Penh. We also are requesting the General Conference to send, on a rotating basis, optometrists from the U.S.A. who will bring thousands

of donated eye-glasses for the people. Hardly anyone has glasses, as citizens destroyed any signs of prosperity or education during the Pol Pot regime to avoid death. In spite of this, about three million, they say, lost their lives from April 1975 to January 9, 1979.

The Khmer Government has also accepted a proposal for SAWS to bring in 125 tons of clothing during the next twelve months.

Bob and Linda Parrish will be our first representatives in a rebuilding Phnom Penh. They will have to live in one room of the Monoram Hotel, as all Westerners are forbidden at present to stay elsewhere.

Ou Rayonne, a church member from Phnom Penh, is in Sok San, which is right on the Cambodian border. She has been very useful as a SAWS interpreter for the many medical team members that SAWS has sent to various refugee camps. Recently she met up with a Seventh-day Adventist nurse from Australia, and the nurse is working hard to get her an immigrant status in Australia.

We have a proposal now before the authorities in Thailand to supply student



A present-day street scene in downtown Phnom Penh this was one

missionaries to teach English and Bible classes to the Khmer refugees in seven camps in Thailand.

## Looking to the Harvest

We are confident that the seeds of truth sown in Kampuchea some years ago will yet spring forth into growth and someday bring forth an abundant harvest.

This second quarter of 1981 the world church is turning its eye toward the Far



Piles of rubbish in the streets of Phnom Penh. SAWS is providing equipment to help clean up the city. Photos: M. Townend.



Pastors Parrish (left) and Gainer met two former Adventist language school students who now manage the Monoram Hotel in Phnom Penh, where all Westerners must stay.

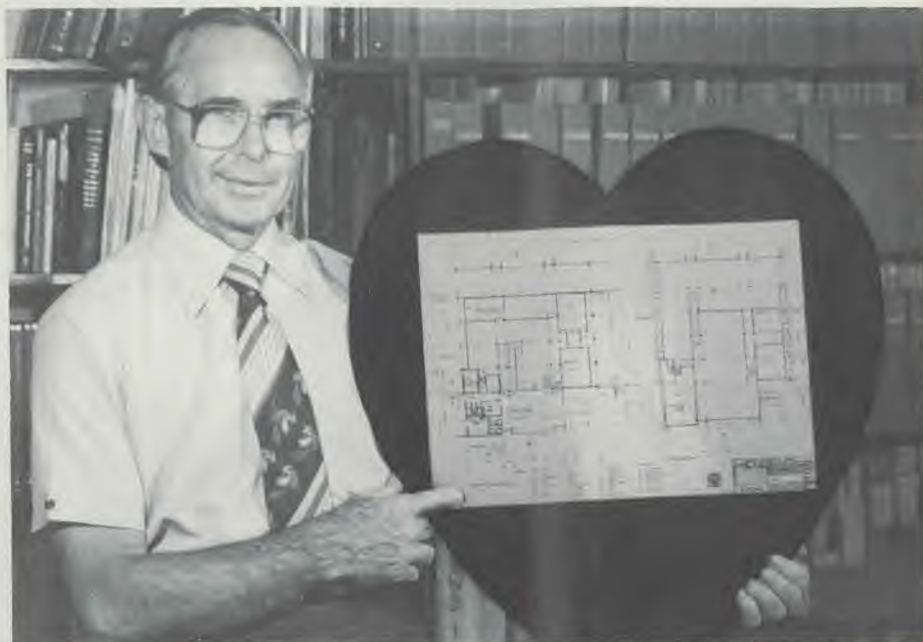


# WILL THIS HEART BEAT?

W. A. TOWNEND



Kampuchea (Cambodia). There is still evidence that beautiful city.



Brian Townend, newly appointed librarian of South Pacific Adventist College, asks, "Will this heart beat?"

Photo: W. A. Townend.

East and three Thirteenth Sabbath special projects: (1) a girls dormitory at Mount Klabat College in East Indonesia; (2) village chapels in newly entered areas of the Philippines, and (3) a new college campus for the Central Philippines.

The Far East is an area of much unrest, large populations and a great need for a knowledge of Jesus. It needs your prayer support and financial commitment. ##



Bob Parrish, SAWS director for Kampuchea, and R. I. Gainer, former Southeast Asia Union Mission treasurer, inspect the damage incurred by what was once a Seventh-day Adventist church in Phnom Penh.

NOT YET. But it could. Meantime, this big heart is being put together. What heart?

The heart that will be the life-beat of the academic experience of hundreds of top-flight Adventist young people from the South Pacific who will attend the South Pacific Adventist College, our new senior college now taking shape near Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The heart of this university-level college for our Pacific Island youth will be its library—the books in it, that is. And every book will be a beat—a beat in the great heart.

And we can help it beat, like they did in Napa Valley. . . .

Napa Valley is hidden away there behind and to the north of San Francisco in California. Just as in Warburton, Avondale and Wahroonga, quite a few Adventists live in lovely Napa Valley. We have some Adventist institutions there, too, the Pacific Union College and St. Helena Hospital.

### An Appeal Answered

The newly appointed librarian of our new college, Brian Townend, recently went into the Napa Valley. "Help to make this new heart beat," he said to our people in the valley. Result: they gathered together from their own bookshelves, and shipped to Australia, about sixty cases of books for the new library. Every book a heart-beat.

Thousands more heart-beats are needed. You, me, each of us, all of us, can help to make this new big heart beat. Remember: every book a heart-beat.

We can each send a book (or many books) to the librarian, whose present office address is, South Pacific Adventist College, P.O. Box 62, Cooranbong, N.S.W. 2265, Australia.

"What kind of books?" you ask. Good

question! The answer comes from the librarian himself. "Firstly, send *any* Adventist books in good condition: E. G. White books, S.D.A. Bible Commentaries, books on doctrines, prophecy, and general Bible study.

"Secondly, send Adventist books for general reading—recent Youth Book Club selections, Destiny books, even children's Panda series, because teachers and ministers need to be able to reach the children.

"Thirdly, send non-Adventist Bible commentaries and Bible study books.

"Fourthly, send any Time-Life or similar quality nature, science, or travel books.

"Finally, if you have any encyclopaedias, professional books, or any recent university-level books in education, science, history or geography, write to me, with a list of author, title, publisher and copyright date, and I'll write back and tell you if we could use your offer."

### It Must Beat

Will the heart beat? It must. The times demand it. And we shall, of course, respond!

Excuse me—I must go now and sort out a few books for the South Pacific Adventist College from my own library. You too? ##

# WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



## Tokyo Hospital Expands

C. DELMAR JOHNSON, Medical Director, Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital

CELEBRATING its fiftieth anniversary, Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital received a major improvement with the erection of a new six-storey main hospital building. The new building replaces the original wooden structure built by students and teachers from Japan Missionary College in 1929. It stands in the middle of the hospital complex and effectively connects all four existing post-war wings and brings the total bed capacity to 150 beds.

Opening ceremonies for this \$US4.25 million modern addition were held on November 30, and were well attended by civic leaders and major contributors to the building fund. More than \$US1 million was raised locally in support of the project from businesses, patients, friends, and church members, under the direction of K. Yasui. ##

## South American Division Pastors Baptise 1,000 Converts a Week

ACCORDING to Joao Wolff, South American Division president, 52,601 converts were baptised last year in his division. This impressive figure reflects the tireless and united work carried on by administrators, departmental leaders, pastors, and church members, spurred on by a consuming desire to lead souls to the cross of Christ.

An ambitious and bold plan is now underway in which ministers and lay members are challenged "to work as one body with the objective that all the activities of the present quinquennium be centred in sharing the good news of salvation to every person living in the division territory."

News reports frequently point out the revolutionary movements that occur in Latin America, but there is a bloodless revolution in process that has not reached the front pages of the great newspapers. This is the revolution that is taking place in the lives and consciences of thousands who are feeling the transforming impact of the Adventist message in South America. ##

## V.B.S. Baptisms

THE NUMBER of persons baptised through Vacation Bible School contacts increased 11 per cent in 1980 over the previous year—1,154 adults and young people, compared with 1,028 in 1979. More than a quarter of a million boys and girls attended 5,800 Seventh-day Adventist Vacation Bible Schools around the world this past year.

It is encouraging to note that 22,503 parents and children enrolled in a Bible correspondence course as a result of V.B.S. Approximately 64 per cent of the children enrolled in 1980 were from non-Adventist families.

Today, Jesus is still saying, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me." Matt. 19:14. Children are responsive to the teachings of His Word. Their hearts are open to the influence of love and dedicated service given by the church's 28,664 Vacation Bible School leaders, teachers, and helpers. ##

## Bible Contest Winners

GIDEON A. Durante, a Master of Divinity student at the S.D.A Theological Seminary (Far East) in Silang, won the first Philippine National Bible contest sponsored by the Government of Israel. The contest, which was televised live, lasted for two hours. Mr. Durante, who, before studying at the seminary, was a Bible teacher at Lipa Adventist Academy, will represent the Philippines in the World Bible Contest to be held in Jerusalem in September. ##

## AMD Needs Office Secretaries

AN OFFICE SECRETARY who has had experience in a conference office is urgently needed to serve on a regular-mission-call basis as an administrative secretary for the Afro-Mideast Division office in Nicosia, Cyprus. The initial term of service for a single person is two years.

Also needed at the same office is a retired secretary (in her sixties and in good health) who would be willing to accept a Sustentation Overseas Service appointment for one or two years. The division will pay round-trip expense and provide furnished housing.

Anyone interested in responding to these needs should contact Roy F. Williams, Associate Secretary, General Conference of S.D.A., 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20012. ##

# PROGRESS AT MITCHELL

COLIN E. BEUTEL, Mitchell, South Queensland



Ann Currie (third from left) eagerly studies her eleventh Encounter lesson as a friend and her sister join in.



Colin Beutel (right) leads Fred Dubrowsky through his twenty-ninth Gift Bible study.  
Photos: M. Beutel.

SOME TIME AGO my wife and I decided to take up residence at Mitchell, in south-west Queensland, following the counsel of the Lord to "Look I beg of you, at the many, many places that have never yet been even entered."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, page 103.

Although a mission outreach had been conducted here quite a few years ago, there were no Seventh-day Adventists living in the town and systematically giving God's last warning message in the form of the Gift Bible series and Encounter lessons.

Mitchell, like the rest of the west, was crying out for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It wasn't an easy decision to make after living in Toowoomba, fellowshipping and serving as an officer of that lovely church. However, we considered the needs of the people here, for the gospel's sake, more important and pressing than sweet fellowship, and the comforts of a pleasant climate.

As was to be expected when moving into a second-hand home, in a country town, many months of hard work and planning were required to bring the home up to a comfortable living standard.

### Reward of Obedience

"House to house labour, searching for souls, hunting for the lost sheep, is the most essential work that can be done."—"Evangelism," page 431.

We believe this statement and, after a few weeks settling in, and getting to know our immediate neighbours, we implemented this plan. In no time, we were having Gift Bible studies with people in their homes.

Some of the originals have dropped out, through pressure from their churches, while others have moved to various places in search of employment. One still remains. "Fred" is a Catholic, and a Christian gentleman. He has

just completed the thirty Bible studies. He says the Bible meant very little to him, until he started to study the Gift Bible guides. Now it means everything to him. We praise the Lord for that.

We must also thank the Adventist Aviation Association for their help and encouragement in seeking interests and in fellowshipping with us. At the time of writing this report we have seven solid Bible interests. We visit them each week and they are showing keen interest in the gospel.

### Good News

We have recently been blessed with the arrival of two Adventist families, the Yelaskas from Charleville, and the Minns from Bundaberg. This is encouraging for us, after labouring alone for the past eighteen months.

Last Sabbath saw the first-ever Happy Hour conducted in the Uniting church at Mitchell, with an attendance of twenty children and adults.

Only those who have witnessed such an event can appreciate seeing non-Adventist children and parents entering the church for their first Seventh-day Adventist-organised meeting. They must have been pleasantly impressed, because this Sabbath thirty people attended our Happy Hour—twenty children and

ten adults. Again we say praise the Lord for His goodness, and we pray this will continue.

Other highlights of our outreach programme are prayer meetings on Thursday nights, and a sing-along and preaching service on Saturday nights. On both nights, colporteur Geoff Yelaska, who also has Bible interests, leads out, and he is drawing a good number of interested people, including the local dentist and his wife.

### The Great Question

"How can the great work of the third angel's message be accomplished? It must be largely accomplished by persevering, individual effort, by visiting the people in their homes."—"Welfare Ministry," Page 97.

"There are families who will never be reached by the truth of God's Word unless His servants enter their homes."—"Evangelism," Pages 435, 436.

This is exactly what we are doing in Mitchell, and within the next three months, by God's grace, we will have entered every home in south Mitchell—only one and a half blocks remain to be worked. The results? Only eternity will reveal them. In the meantime, we believe our work is to "go and sow" and leave the results with the Holy Spirit.

If the Spirit of God has impressed, there's room for you in the west. It may be helping the Woolsleys at Charleville, the Beutels, Minns and Yelaskas at Mitchell, or the Dillons at Injune.

God needs people with a burning desire to spread the gospel to everyone. Workers who will regard everyone as a potential soul for God's kingdom. And those who have plain, old-fashioned, intestinal fortitude. ##

## Diamond Wedding

PASTOR AND MRS. S. C. BUTLER celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on March 15, 1981. Relatives, friends and neighbours shared their pleasure and happiness, calling at the Butler home in Sturt, South Australia, to express their good wishes. Throughout the day people came and went, leaving behind their congratulations, and small tokens of esteem. A beautiful, two-tiered diamond-shaped wedding cake was a special feature.

During the day the happy couple had visits and telephone calls from about 100 people, and received many beautiful flowers and cards. Their two surviving daughters were able to be with them, and this was a source of great joy to them.

After their marriage in Bendigo, Victoria, in 1921, the Butlers took up their appointment at Darling Range School (later Carmel College). Then Mr. Butler accepted a call to work in the conference office in Perth. In late 1938 they transferred to the South Queensland Conference, and in 1941 they were appointed to the South Australian Conference, where they have been ever since. Pastor Butler was ordained in 1942, and engaged in pastoral work throughout the conference until his retirement, and even since then. Their Christian example and wise counselling have brought blessing to many.

Pastor and Mrs. Butler expressed their gratitude for the goodwill of their many friends in a notice placed in the bulletin of the Brighton church, South Australia. it read:

"Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above."

"With these words we would like to take this opportunity to thank our dear brothers and sisters in God's family for the kind thoughts and wishes conveyed to us in person at our home, or by telephone calls, letters and cards, all of which contributed to making our recent diamond wedding anniversary such a very happy occasion. We would also here express our gratitude to our kind heavenly Father for His loving care and many blessings during our sixty years of united service for Him. That we may all meet together on the great gathering day soon to take place in our Father's house, is our prayer."

We would unite our prayers with the Butlers' and ask for them that God, who has been so merciful and gracious to them thus far, may continue to guide and bless them both in the days that lie before them.

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Pastor and Mrs. S. C. Butler—cutting a cake to celebrate sixty years together.

Photo: C. Borgas.



Brother and Sister Earnest Maisey with their two daughters, Mrs. Nerelle McIntyre (left), and Mrs. Erlene Lawson.

Photo: E. A. Boehm.

## No Regrets After 65

E. A. BOEHM

PERHAPS one of the editions of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD in the year 1916 carried the notice of a wedding ceremony conducted at Quirindi, New South Wales, on January 13 of that year in which Earnest Maisey and Eileen Patching were united in marriage.

In this present age, when so many marriages are broken after a period of a few short years, it is good news to record that the young couple married there sixty-five years ago are still happily married and still loyal and lovable Adventists.

Eileen Maisey, now eighty-five years of age, as a little babe was present at the opening of the Ashfield church where her parents attended as new members, having accepted the truth under Pastors Tenny and Starr. She was also a young guest in the home of Sister E. G. White. At fifteen years of age, following the death of her mother, she had the privilege of being the youngest student admitted to Avondale.

Earnest Maisey is now aged eighty-seven. As a Christian youth he met Eileen Maisey and an attachment was formed, not only to the young lady, but also to the Adventist Church. He was baptised and joined the church just prior to their wedding at Quirindi.

This delightful couple are remembered with pleasure by the former members of the Ashfield and Erina churches, where they both gave wise and devoted leadership as church officers.

Earnest was a tireless lay worker, street preacher, *Signs* distributor and soul-winner. Eileen is remembered for her gracious attractiveness, her wit seasoned with common sense. She was a seamstress of expertise above the average—always tastefully dressed.

Forty guests met at the home of Brother and Sister Robert McIntyre at Pennant Hills, on January 11, 1981, to celebrate and congratulate the happy couple on the sixty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Congratulations by telegram came from the Queen, the Governor-General, State Governor, Prime Minister, Premier and other officials. Their two daughters, Erlene Lawson, and Nerelle McIntyre, with the inherited hospitality and capabilities of their parents, served a tasty and bountiful meal to the happy group assembled.

We wished this dear couple God's richest blessings and a continuance of happy years ahead as they returned to their home at Empire Bay. As I left the assembly it was a delight to see an elderly foursome sitting in a happy little circle cheerfully conversing together—a distinguished looking gentleman and three lovely ladies—Earnest Maisey and his three sisters.

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**BIBLE READING WITH CHILDREN**

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Beware of too-long sessions and the possibility that the child may not be ready for formal learning and challenge. Recognise how precious each one is to his Maker. Be aware if your child seems to be passive and non-participating. As in any reading programme, some require special attention. Study carefully the needs of your child and teach him accordingly. You may want to build a carefully controlled and simplified vocabulary for him. Be sure skills are being learned according to each child's age and/or grade level.

Be prepared for discouragements. Satan wants to keep us from feeding upon the Word. Keep a positive attitude. Allow for individual spiritual and scholastic development and growth. Your reward will be the joy of hearing your child read naturally and fluently from the Bible, with understanding.

Expect numerous positive reactions. Family worship can become a part of your daily life—perhaps for the first time.

Each parent or teacher may develop such a Bible-reading programme. The secrets of success are: Begin in a small way, organise well, and be prepared yourself. Ask God and the Holy Spirit for help and guidance, and stay alert to evidence of answers to your requests. Prayerfully study the chapters "As a Child" in "The Desire of Ages," and "A Knowledge of God" in "Steps to Christ." And give thanks without ceasing if He chooses you to help develop one of the "Abraham Lincolns" or "William Millers" of tomorrow. ##



*The Editor,  
Australasian Record*

**MALARIA STILL A THREAT**

Dear Editor,

Malaria should not be listed with the "many diseases being practically wiped out" (Editorial, RECORD 11, March 16, 1981). Please read *Reader's Digest*, March 1981, page 34.

C. H. Reickmann,  
South Australia.

(We stand corrected! Thank you! Ed.)

**GONE, WITH NO TRACE**

Dear Editor,

When all members of a church are, for some reason, visiting other churches, leaving their home church closed, could they not hang a small notice on the front doorknob, telling unexpected visitors just where the church members have gone on that particular day? I once visited the Adventist church in Ballina, only to find no one there and the place deserted. This happened to me again at two Sydney churches. When one is staying only a few days in a place and desires to attend church on the

Sabbath, it is most disappointing to find the church closed and no notice saying where the folk have gone.

Mrs. S. B. Low,  
North Queensland.

**APPRECIATIVE READER**

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD. I have been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist family for eleven years now and have never missed reading every article in every RECORD over that time. Keep the news and challenging messages coming, please!

R. Bramley,  
North New South Wales.

**BACK TO BASICS**

Dear Editor,

Is it too much to ask that our fundamental beliefs be taught and the pillars of our faith upheld in the pulpit?

Christ is the centre of all our doctrines, if they are properly presented.

Why is it these days, if anybody expresses a need to hear *all* our doctrines we are told this cannot be; it would be contentious and inappropriate? Are we to look forward to a steady diet of neutrality, longing for past days of "meat"?

I submit that those who are truly seeking deserve to hear the church's established stand, to counteract any error we may have absorbed, and to once again give us confidence in the church we love.

How can truth be inappropriate, when presented in God's remnant church?

Secondly, we cannot remain a distinctive church for these last days and meet its needs if we ignore doctrine, or try and divorce the Christ revealed in the New Testament from the Christ promised and ministering in the Old Testament.

If we fail to acknowledge God's plan and provision in the Old Testament (love, truly love in the best sense) and only talk of Christ's love and wonderful part, we are underselling God.

Though the Holy Spirit cannot work in a contentious atmosphere, I'm sure that with adequate preparation of ministers and members, God would overrule and pour down His blessing on those truly seeking it.

My plea is, let us have the Bible message in its balanced form.

Seeker,  
Western Australia.

**PASTOR AND LECTURER**

Dear Editor,

The report in Flashpoint (RECORD, March 16, 1981), regarding Pastor Saula Ratu's meetings in the T.A.U.C. [camp-meetings], is inaccurate in not recognising Pastor Ratu's position. [The report referred to him as "Fijian pastor Saula Ratu."]

While Pastor Ratu is first and foremost a pastor, he is currently on the staff at Fulton College as a lecturer in theology.

Trevor Roy,  
Deputy Principal,  
Fulton College.

(We regret that the source from which we gleaned our information did not convey to us the complete facts. We honour Brother Ratu both as a pastor and in the important capacity in which he is serving the church at Fulton College. Ed.)

**WARBURTON WINS AGAIN!**



THE WARBURTON Seventh-day Adventist School won first prize for their float in the Moomba Junior Parade in Melbourne earlier this year.

They entered the same float for the Easter Carnival at Warburton, and again emerged as the winners—of a cash first prize of \$50 for their school! Mrs. Carol Barber was responsible for the float, which was prepared and propelled by the children themselves. ##

# Weddings

**BRANSTER—SMITH.** Wedding bells chimed on April 19, 1981, for Terrence David Branster and Beverley Anne Smith. The autumn morning was delightfully warm and cloudless as many relatives and friends gathered at the new Galston church, New South Wales, and later at the Wairoonga Activities Centre, to rejoice with the happy couple. Terry is the second son of Carl and Norma Branster of North Richmond, while Bev is the second daughter of Lionel and Doreen Smith of Penrith. May God abundantly bless their united lives and new Christian lighthouse at Richmond. L. A. Smith.

**GLOVER—ROBERTS.** On the beautiful sunny afternoon of March 15, 1981, in the flower-decorated Warburton church, Victoria, Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Glover of South Gippsland, and June, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Roberts of Warburton, met to exchange their marriage vows before a large gathering of relatives and friends. The reception was held in the garden setting of Green Gables. Many best wishes and God's richest blessings were bestowed on the happy couple as they plan their life together in Melbourne. Pastor C. O. Lowe assisted the writer at the wedding service. J. B. Keith.

**HALLIDAY—COOK.** On April 19, 1981, in the Wairoonga church, New South Wales, Harold Halliday and Althea Cook established a new Christian home. Harold is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Halliday of Glen Innes, and Althea is the daughter of Brother and Sister Cook of Toowoomba, Queensland. As Harold and Althea establish their home in Melbourne, Victoria, and as both continue to serve as denominational secondary school teachers, we pray that their home will be a light in the community. H. G. Halliday.

**HEYDE—MILLER.** On Thursday afternoon, April 16, 1981, Erwyn Heyde was married to Sally-Anne Miller. The wedding took place in the new Wantirna Seventh-day Adventist church, Victoria, and was followed by a reception at "Kenloch" in the Dandenongs. Friends and relatives were present to celebrate with Sally and Erwyn and wish them much of God's blessing as they establish their home in Melbourne. Gavan Grosser.

**JURISINEC—GROVE S.** Easter Sunday, April 19, 1981, was the day chosen by Sandra Groves and Daniel "Dennis" Jurisnec for their wedding in the Broken Hill Seventh-day Adventist church, New South Wales. Sandra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Groves of Broken Hill, and Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vasil Jurisnec of Geelong, Victoria. Many guests and friends wished them well as they set up another Christian home in Broken Hill. Bruce Manners.



**BAIRD.** Mrs. Jessie A. Baird, aged ninety, passed peacefully away in her sleep early on Sabbath morning of March 28, 1981, in the home of her daughter in Bendigo, Victoria. In 1959 she came to Australia from Scotland to be with her family here. She is survived by her sister Mrs. J. Howie, her three daughters Louise (Mrs. J. Macgillivray), Jessie (Mrs. J. Stewart), Elizabeth (Mrs. D. J. Dabson) and their families. Many will remember the influence of this gracious Christian lady. Pastor K. R. Low, assisted by the writer, officiated at the service in the Bendigo church, and later laid our sister to rest quietly in the beautiful lawn cemetery in Bendigo until the resurrection day. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." B. C. Grosser.

**BORMANN.** On Sunday, February 22, 1981, Sister Clarice Bormann passed to her rest at the Berri Hospital,

South Australia, at the age of seventy-six years. As a member of the church in its early days in the Riverland, she was always very regular in her attendance, which was maintained until she was hospitalised. The "blessed hope" sustained her till the end, and with this assurance we laid her to rest in the Loxton Cemetery on February 24 to await the call of the Life-giver on that glad reunion morning. A. J. Gilbert.

**BROWN.** Sister Phyllis Venus Brown passed suddenly to her rest on April 2, 1981, at the age of forty-eight years. The family and a large crowd of friends gathered at the Lismore Cemetery, New South Wales, on April 4 to pay their respects to Phyllis. Because she was a popular organ instructor, a guard of honour was formed at the cemetery by past and present pupils. Phyllis leaves behind her husband Kevin, sons Gregory and David, and "daughter" Joanne, and twin brother Cecil Hawkin. Words of consolation and hope were extended and voices were lifted in song, along with a gospel challenge by her brother Cecil. The writer was assisted by her brother-in-law, Pastor Reg Brown, who presented a life-sketch. Hasten on glad resurrection morn. D. J. Adams.

**DAVIS.** "Granny" Davis (née Aphra Croft) was born in 1896 and died in the Charles Harrison Homes at Coorabong, New South Wales, on April 8, 1981. In 1922 she was married to Harold Davis and two children were born to this marriage, Geoffrey (deceased) and Bronwyn (Mrs. Allan Bullock). With her husband, she was baptised by Pastor W. H. Pascoe at Coorabong in 1930. For more than fifty years she has been a member of the Avondale Village church. "Granny" was greatly loved and will be sadly missed as a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We laid her to rest in the Albury Lawn Cemetery in certain hope of the resurrection, when Jesus comes. Pastor A. M. Penman assisted the writer at the graveside. K. J. Bullock.

**FITZGERALD.** "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you," was the governing principle of the life of Hazel Ann Fitzgerald, a well-loved member of the Lithgow church, New South Wales. Her totally unexpected death on February 8, 1981, brought sadness to the hearts of not just family and church members, but throughout the community. She was lovingly laid to rest on the afternoon of February 10 at the Pipers Flat Cemetery. An outstanding feature of this funeral was that it was attended by the mother of the deceased, Sister Ethel Rayner, who is in her ninety-fourth year. With her we look for the reunion of the resurrection. R. Holt.

**JOHNSTON.** Gwendolyn Mary Johnston fell asleep in Christ on March 24, 1981, in her ninetieth year, and was laid to rest in the Coryong Cemetery, Victoria, to await the resurrection morning. She was the mother of Mrs. J. Baskin, a well-known family at Avondale College. Mrs. Johnston was educated at Cambridge and majored in ecclesiastical history. She was actively interested in welfare work, both in London and also in Australia. She became an Adventist in 1924, by reading some E. G. White books that a neighbour had loaned her. The blessed hope was always burning bright in her heart. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." A. M. Penman.

**KETTERINGHAM.** Agnes Kay Ketteringham was born in England on March 12, 1899. She and her husband, William, together migrated to Australia and took up farming in the Naremben district of Western Australia. In their later years they retired to Denmark in Western Australia. They had three children, Irene, William and Donald. In December, 1971, Sister Ketteringham became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, being baptised by Pastor D. Speck in Albany. In the last few years of her life our sister lived at the Freeman Nursing Home, and on the morning of April 5, 1981, she passed to her rest. Several of her grandchildren were present at the Karrakatta Crematorium to pay their last respects. G. B. Helsby.

**MCKENZIE.** Highly esteemed as a member of the Auburn church, Victoria, Sister May McKenzie peacefully passed to rest at the Coronella Homes, Nunawading, after a long life of ninety-four years. Through the work of the then Mrs. M. Scott-Gamble (now Mrs. G. J. Parker), selling the book "Patriarchs and Prophets," herself a young war-widow, Sister McKenzie was baptised by the late Pastor G. Marriot, about 1925. Early widowed, she found comfort and strength in her new-found faith to be both father and mother to her two young sons, Mel and (Dr.) Gordon, both of whom in their devotion will long remember her love and care. After a

service at the Nunawading church, we gently laid her to rest alongside her late husband, in anticipation of the Lord's call on the resurrection day. Llewellyn Jones.

**MEISSNER.** Alan Richard Meissner, born in Rockhampton, Queensland, on December 27, 1946, laid down the burdens of life on April 14, 1981, at the age of thirty-four years. Alan was the cherished son of the late Amy and William Meissner, and much-loved brother of Wilma and Helen. Alan lived a courageous life over the past six years, battling with severe diabetes. He was a patient sufferer who never complained. We laid our brother to rest in the Springvale Crematorium, Victoria, confident that we shall meet again. To Helen, and Wilma and Morrie Elliott and family, and all Alan's friends, we extend the comfort of the Master. R. E. Possingham.

## RETURN THANKS

Helen Meissner, and Wilma and Morrie Elliott and family wish to thank everyone for the many expressions of loving sympathy in the sad passing of their dearly loved brother, brother-in-law, and uncle, Alan Richard Meissner.

**MESCHALCHIN.** Mrs. Lauretta Meschalchin, the second daughter of the late Pastor A. I. Mitchell and Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, passed to rest after a prolonged illness, aged fifty years. As an old friend of the Mitchell family, it was the writer's privilege to minister to Lauretta in her need, and to have the comfort of knowing that as life ebbed away her trust and confidence was in Jesus her Lord. In a service at the graveside, in the Springvale Lawn Cemetery, Victoria, we reverently laid her to rest with her late father, there with him to await the coming of Jesus to bring life and immortality. Llewellyn Jones.

**MINCHIN.** Trudy May Minchin passed away suddenly in the Royal Hobart Hospital, Tasmania, on March 25, 1981, in her twentieth year. She was the youngest daughter of Donald and Joan Minchin of Primrose Sands, and engaged to be married to Robert Rowan of Hobart. Trudy was a member of the Glenorchy church and we take this further opportunity to extend to the loved and loving family, fiancé and friends, our sincere sympathy in their loss of a lovely and courageous young life. The comfort and hope of Holy Scripture was ministered with strong emphasis on the glorious gospel of our God, the soon return of our Lord and Saviour, and the restoration of all things. D. J. Self.

**NEWWEY.** Isabella Newwey was born at Warrnambool, Victoria, on August 23, 1903, and died in the Mildura Base Hospital on April 2, 1981. After a service in the Mildura Adventist church, she was laid to rest in the Redcliffs Cemetery on Friday afternoon, April 3. Family, relatives and friends were offered hope from the promises of Scripture and the words of Jesus. Sister Newwey is survived by her three children, Olga, Jeanette and James. E. I. Totenhofer.

**SPARKS.** Gary Athol Sparks, son of Allan and Thelma Sparks of New Zealand, who are presently in England working with the Sanitarium Health Food Company, died on November 27, 1980, as a result of a motor-cycle accident. He was buried in the Coorabong Cemetery, New South Wales. Gary was born in Christchurch on April 23, 1956. He attended both Longburn and Avondale Colleges and was working at the Sanitarium Health Food factory at Coorabong as an engineer at the time of his death. We remember Gary's smile. He smiled because he had an understanding of what life was all about. He smiled because he enjoyed life. He smiled because he knew that Jesus was his only Saviour. Allan and Thelma, along with their daughters, Denise and Carol, look forward to the resurrection morning. E. C. White.

(The writer apologises for the lateness of this notice.)

**WESSING.** Frank Henry Wessing passed peacefully away on February 23, 1981, at the Royal Hobart Hospital, Tasmania, in his eighty-third year. Frank was born at Collinsvale, Tasmania, in 1898, to Nicholas and Annie Wessing, formerly of Denmark. Frank spent most of his life as a businessman in suburban Hobart, where he met and married Maggie Amelia Abrahams. Later Frank spent nearly fifteen years in the employ of the Sanitarium Health Food Company. The Wessings were among the first to occupy the new Maranatha Retirement Home at Rosny. To his widow Maggie, relatives and friends, we presented the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, along with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ as the source of all comfort. D. J. Self.

**STOP PRESS**

**PASTOR B. SLOND**, a senior minister from Holland, will be speaking at the Frankston church, Cranbourne Road (near freeway intersection), Frankston, Vic., on May 30. All Dutch and Dutch-related church members and friends are cordially invited to hear him on this occasion. Bring a basket lunch. For further information, phone Pastor P. Klop, (03) 786 7319.

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☆ Bruce Roberts, who was previously appointed co-ordinator of the Aboriginal Work Development programme, is taking aboriginal studies at the University of Queensland in 1981, and in 1982 he will take up his work programme. Kempsey has been designated as the place where the aboriginal work will be centred, and Bruce will reach out to other areas of Australia from this point. We wish him God's blessing.

☆ From our next-door neighbour, the Far Eastern Division, comes the encouraging report that literature sales by our colporteurs in that division during 1980 totalled \$US7,945,335.94—or in round figures, just under eight million dollars! This represents a gain over the previous year of \$US748,037.89—over three-quarters of a million dollars, or approximately a 10 per cent gain. A total of 875,828 books and 2,232,575 magazines were sold during the course of the year by the 3,524 literature evangelists in the Far Eastern Division. How we need to pray for more colporteurs in the Australasian Division. Will you please join me in praying to this end?

☆ We have also received an interesting report regarding an Australian, Peter Rampton, who is serving as pastor of the Kewanee and Wyoming churches in the Illinois Conference, U.S.A. For the past year he has also been serving in the capacity of interim pastor of the Atkinson Congregational church. Recently members of that congregation asked Pastor Rampton to conduct a Bible study each Sunday night at 7 p.m. Fifteen to twenty people, including the active leaders of the church, have been attending these studies regularly for the past ten weeks. Two sessions devoted to the topic of the Sabbath had the largest attendance. These studies will

be followed by a series on the Book of Revelation. Peter is the son of Pastor Howard Rampton of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, who, of course, hails from Australia.

☆ The Adventist Amateur Radio Operator's Club of Washington, D.C., U.S.A., has offered to donate eleven new radios costing approximately \$15,000 to the Solomon Islands Mission.

☆ It appears that Aore Hospital will reopen as a hospital again this year. Dr. Paul Cameron, who is volunteering his services for one year, is already preparing himself to take up his duties at Aore Hospital. Dr. Joeli, one-time administrator and doctor of Aore Hospital, was in Australia recently and he, together with Brother Garnet Dale, raised approximately \$A50,000 in cash and pledges to reopen the institution. We will give you more definite word later.

☆ The list may not be complete, but the following names represent those who are working in the Central Pacific Union on a volunteer basis this year. God bless them all.

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Lalovaea School—Mrs. Christine George, teaching  
Kosena College—Mary Fitzpatrick, primary teaching

#### Tonga:

—Charles Boyd family, general building  
—Bob Larsen, youth work and evangelism  
Beulah College—Bev Winter, Typing teacher  
—Ralph Murray family, agriculture and maintenance  
Fulton College—Chris Peake and wife, teaching  
—Geoff Ford and wife, maintenance/carpenter

A volunteer worker who recently completed his stint of service at Fulton College is Brother Walter Martin, a builder from Canada. We wish him much of the Lord's blessing as he returns to his homeland, and extend our grateful thanks for his three months' service.

☆ Shona Burnett, a nineteen-year-old young lady from Botswana, is at present doing nursing training at Grootte Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa. She is a baptised Seventh-day Adventist and a member of the Plumstead church. She enjoys writing letters and would like to make some new Adventist friends. Shona is an avid postcard collector, and if you would like to write to her you can obtain her address by contacting the Personnel Department, Sydney Adventist Hospital, or the editor of the RECORD.

☆ Pastor D. E. Bain just a few weeks ago spoke by telephone to Philip Satchell of the ABC Radio Station 5AN Adelaide, as a guest of the regular Talk Back programme. The discussion centred around Adventist lifestyles and the advantages associated with the health practices of this church. During the course of the programme, Philip Satchell made several glowing comments about the Sydney Adventist Hospital and the reputation that institution enjoys.

☆ "Finally, brethren . . .": Seven prayerless days makes one weak.