

RECORD

ISSN 0819-5633

VOL 95 NO 48 December 8, 1990



Newcastle Graffiti Raid

Wallsend (New South Wales) members were surprised to discover the interior of their church hall covered with graffiti after an overnight raid by local youths. Closer inspection revealed that the graffiti wall hangings were created by members of their own youth club. The wall hangings reflected four themes: "Creation," "Drugs, Sex, Rock'n'Roll; We Say No!," "Youth on the Move," and "Making a Splash." Older members congratulated the youth on their creativity. "The Wallsend Youth Sabbath school plays an active roll in church affairs," say youth leaders Jeff and Joy Guy and Stuart Arblaster. "We have 32 members now, and membership is growing. It's obviously filling a need. We all love it." "Graffiti Friends" (from left in inset) Joy Guy, Genene Norris, Jeff Guy, Sheldon Williams, Robert Woolley, Pam McMurtry, Leanne Hoffman and Stuart Arblaster are some of those who "vandalised" the Wallsend church hall.



Official Paper
Seventh-day Adventist Church
South Pacific Division

Editor James Coffin

Associate Editors Gary Krause
Bruce Mannors

Assistant Editor Joy Totenhofer

Editorial Secretary Glenda Fairall

Copy Editor Graeme Brown

Illustrator Wayne Louk

Senior Consulting Editor Athal Tolhurst

Correspondents Ray Baird, Lyn Bartlett, Terry
Butler, Ray Coombe, Maua Kemo'o, Aisake Kabu,
Louis Solomon, Neroli Zaska

Regional Reporters Robert Douglas, George
Drinkall, Chris Foote, Eric Greenwell, Larry Laredo,
Malcolm Potts, Leigh Rice, Lyndon Schick, Gordon
Smith, Bill Townsend

Local Reporters Church Communication Secretaries

Subscriptions South Pacific Division, \$A25.00
\$NZ28.75. All other regions, \$A48.25 \$NZ55.50. Air
mail postage rates on application. Order from Signs
Publishing Company, Warburton, Victoria 3799,
Australia.

Manuscripts All copy for the paper should be sent
to The Editor, RECORD, Signs Publishing Company,
Warburton, Victoria 3799. Phone (059) 66 9111.
Telefax (059) 66 9019.

Printed weekly by Signs Publishing Company.

Directory of the South Pacific Division of the
Seventh-day Adventist Church, 148 Fox Valley
Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076.
Phone (02) 489 7122. (Legal Trustee: Australasian
Conference Association Limited. Secretary: Tom
Andrews, Assistant Secretaries: Richard Milne,
Properties; Bruce Jackson, Finance.)

President Bryan Ball

Secretary Athal Tolhurst

Treasurer Tom Andrews

Associate Secretary Vern Parmenter

Associate Treasurers Owen Mason, Lynray Wilson
Field Secretary Arthur Ferch

Departments and Services:

ADRA Harold Halliday (Director), Neil Hughes,
Peter Truscott

Adventist Health Don Bain (Director), Harley
Stanton

Adventist Media Centre Nat Devenish (Manager)

Archivist and Statistician Roy Clifford

Auditing Service Max Mitchell, Ron Herbert, Eric
Hokin, Ernie Moffitt, Neville Sawert, Robert Stratford

Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing
Impaired Ern Lemke

Church Ministries Bryan Craig (Director and
Sabbath School, Family Life), Barry Gane (Youth),
Alwyn Salom (Personal Ministries), Wilfred Bili
(Stewardship), Eric Winter (Sabbath school), Lynelle
Chester (Children's Ministry)

Communication, Public Affairs and Religious
Liberty Ray Coombe

Education Gerald Clifford (Director), Les Devine,
Barry Hill, Ian Howie, Bob Spoor

Health Food Eugene Grosser (Director), Lance
Rogers, Alan Staples, Ray Windus, Greg Gambrell

Ministerial Association John Gate

Nutrition Education

Publishing Bruce Campbell

Risk Management Service Robert Smith (Manager)

Trust Services Jim Lansdown

Cover: The "Graffiti Friends"
attacked Wallsend church hall.



Next Door to David Gray

David Gray was considered "different." The people of Aramoana, South New Zealand, discovered how different just a few weeks ago.

One evening he dressed in camouflage overalls, blackened his face, and pulled on a balaclava to go on a rampage in the streets of what had been a quiet town. For 23 hours he lived a fantasy built on images from the books and magazines he had devoured. After killing 14 people he died like some comic-book hero, with a defiant yell and guns blazing.

Newspaper reports say that people remember him as a misfit. Those at school with him remember him as tall and skinny. The children teased him because of his squeaky voice.

"He was weird," remembered a former classmate.

Some described him as emotionally immature, with an intelligence level below average. A former teacher said he was vulnerable and sensitive. He left high school before finishing, and eventually worked as a farm hand.

A former neighbour said, "You hardly ever saw him. He did nothing. His mum would mow the lawns, and he would stay in his bedroom."

He grew into an anti-social loner who seems to have had a chip on his shoulder.

"He made himself an outcast," said a Dunedin bookshop owner. "He hated women for some reason, and he saw society as bad."

"I don't think anyone really knew him," reported a resident of Aramoana. "He'd just walk up and down the street and if you were on the same side he'd cross over before he reached you."

"People went out of their way to speak, but he brushed past," reported another. "No one could engage him in conversation. You would only get a grunt."

No one really knew David Gray. Even though some saw signs that he was capable of violence, none could have guessed that he would go on a killing spree. Only after the killing did anyone realise that he had a stockpile of eight rifles, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition stored with the milk in his fridge.

There are a lot of David Grays on this planet. Misfits. Loners. Few of them go so far as to kill others, but their problems

are the same. They face a world that, to them, is hostile.

Jesus had a special ministry to the misfits. The woman at the well. Zaccheus. The woman caught in adultery. The lepers. These people were victims in a society that didn't care too much for those who were different. Sometimes their situation was their own fault; often it wasn't.

"Which of these three [in the story of the Good Samaritan] do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" asked Jesus.

"The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.'"

"Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'" Luke 10:36, 37, NIV.

It's a command to be a good neighbour—even to the misfits.

Would it have made a difference to David Gray if someone had persisted in trying to get to know and understand him?

Maybe it would have made no difference. Maybe there were people who tried everything possible to help him. Maybe he was bent on a course of destruction and nothing would ever change that.

But there are a million other David Grays out there who will never be noticed except for their eccentric ways. They need friends who will be persistent in their friendship. They need to know about the God who cares for misfits.

Of course, developing that kind of friendship for the misfits may interrupt our social life. And it will take time.

But we're called to be salt to give the earth a certain taste. We're called to be light to brighten the dark places. We're called to show God to even the misfits.

The Aramoana tragedy reminds us of how far some people will go to get back at a world that seems to have rejected them. And it seems that this sense of rejection caused David Gray to do the unthinkable.

In this case, there may have been many who tried to befriend and help him, yet he rejected them.

The thing that haunts me about the David Gray story is this: Do I live next door to a misfit? Have I gone out of my way to find out? Would I make a difference?

Bruce Mannors.

LETTERS

More Youth

Re "Involved Youth?" (Letters, November 3): I wholeheartedly support the active involvement of young people in the church. We can learn a lot from them—the same as they can learn a lot from us.

A monthly youth Sabbath service seems like a good idea. A youth committee could plan a Sabbath program. The church elders can then check, making changes *only when Bible principles are at stake*.

I also believe that certain positions on the church board should be filled by youth (ie ABC secretary, social leader, Community Services leader etc). Youth should certainly have a say in how their church is run.

Of course, we should keep in mind the text, "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (1 Timothy 3:5). I believe that positions such as ordained elders and deacons should remain with older people.

Youth is not always an advantage in responsibilities such as visiting widows and the poor etc. A 40-year-old mother would find it hard to take advice from someone the same age as her own children. God's wisdom on these matters should outweigh personal opinion.

D. R. Lee, Qld.

Bricks, Embroidery or Flesh?

Re "Caring For the Temple" (November 10): According to Bob McCabe the temple is no longer a building of bricks and mortar. Neither is it staves and embroidered material as outlined in the Old Testament. According to him, the temple is now *those who accept Jesus as their Saviour*.

This is not the first time that our church has experienced an attempt to introduce pantheistic doctrines and opinions into our beliefs.

The *Review and Herald* was about to publish the same theory written by Dr John Harvey Kellogg. The article effectively destroyed the concept of the sanctuary in heaven. He, too, said that we were the sanctuary. And he persisted in saying it despite warnings from Ellen White.

Although the plates were ready for printing, his material was never printed because the Publishing House burned to the ground.

A. C. Tanner, Vic.

Decorum in the Temple

Re "Caring For the Temple" (November 10): As a head elder, I'm deeply concerned about the lack of reverence in our churches. The "noise and participation" level that the author seems to commend is not acceptable worship in God's sight.

I would encourage all to read the counsel of Ellen White in "Behaviour in the House of God" (*Testimonies*, Vol 5, pages 491-500). She says, "When worshippers enter the place of meeting, they should do so with decorum, passing quietly to their seats. . . . Common talking, whispering, and laughing should not be permitted in the house of worship," (page 492). S. Dragicevic, Vic.

Possibly Wrong?

Re "Just Silence" (Letters, October 6): I also have been perplexed about Adventist apathy in the face of present-day fulfilment of prophecy. There are reasons why this might be the case, including the one that Winston Kent gives.

I believe the most significant reason that Adventists are apathetic is that they no longer read (or are encouraged to read) the Bible for themselves. They merely absorb the eschatology developed by others 100 years or more ago.

These age-old interpretations now seem irrelevant. Take, for example, our interpretation of the dark day, falling of the stars and the great earthquake. If you read Matthew's account, the fulfilment of this prophecy over 100 years ago

seems underdone to say the least.

Scripture gives us the impression that the total collapse of the universe will be concurrent with the return of Christ.

Perhaps we could say that the events of years ago were *a* fulfilment of prophecy rather than *the* fulfilment—similar to the fact that the fall of Jerusalem was *a* fulfilment of Matthew 24.

Likewise our concerns over the threat of Catholicism might fade were we to perceive a far more terrible beast in New Age ideology.

If we have no creed, we shouldn't set our interpretations of prophecy in concrete. We were big enough at one time to admit that we were wrong. Are we still big enough? David Hancock, NSW.

For the RECORD

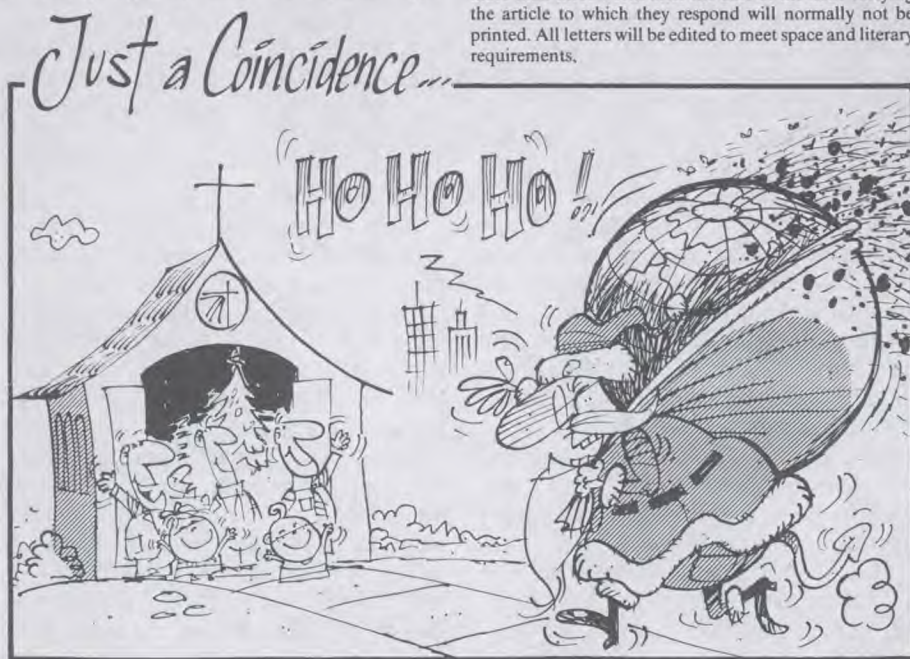
Heckle-Jeckle: To save readers the time of writing about a rather glaring mistake in last week's Letters, here are our excuses. Take your choice:

1. Since "Jeckle" rhymes with "heckle," we decided to change the spelling of the infamous Dr Jekyll in the letter "Taking Another Look."

2. We've got an "innovative" new editorial policy.

3. We blundered badly.

Views expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should not exceed 250 words and should be mailed to RECORD Editor, Signs Publishing Company, Warburton Victoria 3799. Writers must include their name, address and telephone number. Letters received more than three weeks after the date of the issue carrying the article to which they respond will normally not be printed. All letters will be edited to meet space and literary requirements.



A House for a Suit

by D. R. Eliot

"A man who will return a tithe to his church isn't going to let us down. I'll back him."

Mr Main is out for some time, but if you like, Mr Henry will see you in a few minutes," said the receptionist.

I pondered my options. My mission was rather a forlorn one. I sought a 100 per cent loan to purchase a house. I knew Mr Main and thought I might have a chance with him. My employer had given me only half-an-hour.

"I'll see Mr Henry."

It was 1946 in the small town of Oamaru, New Zealand. Housing was scarce. For months we had lived in a boarding-house. Our second baby was due in a few months. We needed a house.

I had approached the land agent several times a week for over six months.

"Sorry soldier, they're as scarce as hens teeth!" he'd say.

This morning I had felt more positive, "I'm sure you have a house for me today, Mr Kirkness."

"Yes," he replied, "I do have. Mrs McGillvray has had her house come back on her hands. The Government Land Sales Commission (a war-time watchdog) has reduced her selling price from 1,350 pounds to 1,060 pounds. I'm sure she won't sell at that reduced price. Offer her 30 shillings a week rent."

I had pedalled my bicycle as fast as I could. I felt that every car that passed me was heading for the same place.

Mrs McGillvray knew nothing of the developments. She assured me, though, that if it proved to be correct, she wouldn't rent the house, but would sell it to me at the land sales figure. She gave me 48 hours to decide. But I didn't have 1060 pennies, let alone 1060 pounds.

Mr Henry called me in. He was a friendly man and I felt at ease in spite of the questions. After some "ums" and "ahs" he said, "It will be a squeeze, but I think you could manage it."

Then the truth had to be told. My wife and I were new Seventh-day Adventists. We weren't baptised yet, but we supported the tithe system.

When I told Mr Henry, his face fell a little. He didn't need to be told what the tithe was. He made some more calculations, and stated, "It will be a tight squeeze."

Mr Main came in at that point and I was ushered into his room. Mr Main said nothing to revive my faltering spirit. "Frankly," he said, "we've never offered any of our clients a 100 per cent loan."

As if on cue, Mr Henry returned to Mr Main's office with a note. As the latter read it, a smile spread over his face.

"It seems that you've made a hit with Mr Henry. He has a client who'll lend you 900 pounds and he'll personally lend you 150. He has written here, 'A man who will return a tithe to his church isn't going to let us down. I'll back him.' What's this tithe business?"

I explained. "Amazing," was his only comment. "Anyway," he added, "You'll need 10 pounds plus expenses."

I hadn't thought about that. Land Transfer fees, Stamp Duty, administration and attendance. Forty pounds. My heart sank. I told Mr Main I would let him know within the two days.

At lunchtime I told my wife all about it. She thrilled with the prospect, but she couldn't see where the 50 pounds would come from.

"Anyway," she said, "You'd better open your mail."

A bulky package from the Department of the Army had come through the post. I could hardly believe my eyes when I opened it. It held a bank pass book with 45 pounds to my credit. It was a bonus to returned servicemen. Less tithe and a small offering, we had 40 pounds for expenses.

We offered a prayer of gratitude. Now we knew God was working for us, honouring His promise to "open you the windows of heaven." Malachi 3:10.

Ten pounds to find. My wife had an idea. "Why not sell that dinner suit you've had since before the war? With wartime shortages, they can't be bought

now. It's worth 10 pounds of anyone's money!" Ten pounds represented two and a half weeks wages.

"Who do you think has that sort of money?" I enquired. I imagined trying to tell the story to our families. A house for a suit of clothes? They'd never believe it!

I sold the suit, together with the stiff front, studs and bow tie, for 10 pounds. A workmate at the office had just joined an exclusive society and needed just such an outfit.

I paid the 50 pounds to Mr Main the next morning. Within a few weeks we were in our new house. Mr Henry was right. It was, financially, a very tight squeeze.

But we had a good garden with a few fruit trees. A poultry farmer gave us a few pullets. They weren't good stock, but they laid well enough.

Torrential rain fell. It threatened to wash out our Spring garden set on a slope. Apart from a few beetroot among the marigolds, we suffered no great problem.

One unusually chilly November morning I heard my neighbours calling to each other: "Lost everything! Potatoes, tomatoes, beans and corn. They're all blackened." My heart sank, but our garden was untouched.

"How do you account for the fact that yours is the only crop not ruined?" they asked. All I could think of was Malachi 3:8-12.

A few weeks later, a fire swept along a huge cypress hedge and threatened our fowl house, sheds and fences. It stopped abruptly with flames rising straight into the sky. We knew that the hand of God had checked its progress. I think our neighbours did too.

"Will a man rob God?" Perish the thought! In truth, he robs himself when he fails to return to God His own. **RE**

Mr Eliot, a retired South Pacific Division auditor, lives in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Reaching Our World

by M. G. Townend

In our division some groups have little or no Adventist presence or appropriate witness.

Since Adventists first sent J. N. Andrews to Europe more than a century ago, the Adventist Church has established a working presence in 184 of the 214 countries recognised by the United Nations. We have had at least one Seventh-day Adventist Church member living at one time or another in most of the remaining 30 countries.

It could be claimed that we have preached the gospel to representatives of "every nation, kindred, [and] tongue"—but not to every "people." The church is now turning its attention to people groups.

Students of Christian missions say there are about 24,000 people groups in the world. According to David Barrett, editor of *World Christian Encyclopedia*, at least 12,000 people groups haven't been reached by the gospel.

Ellen White said, "The field of labour is to be extended. The gospel message is to go to all parts of the world. The most unpromising fields must receive earnest, determined labour."—Manuscript 141, 1899.

In the past we've mainly fished where the fish are biting. Other areas have been consigned to the "too hard" basket.

Many Islamic countries and at least one Hindu-dominated nation have laws forbidding the preaching of the gospel. Other Islamic nations, such as Malaysia, forbid attempts at proselytising Moslems. In Malaysia (with a population of 15 million) we have 27,000 baptised Seventh-day Adventists. None have come out of Islam. They're converts from Buddhism, Hinduism or other Christian churches.

In Indonesia, with a population of 172 million—the majority of whom are Moslems—we have 112,000 baptised Seventh-day Adventists. Many of these are converts from Islam, because Indonesia isn't an Islamic republic.

I visited China in 1979. Officially they had no church, mosque or temple open

for worship, and Christian literature wasn't allowed. Radio broadcasts from Hong Kong and Taiwan breached such barriers. Almost 30,000 people a year write from China seeking religious materials and Bible courses.

Some churches are now open in China, but restrictions on Christian activity continues and, in recent months, has intensified.

The General Conference is attempting, in cooperation with leaders in the areas, to take direct action in the People's Republic of China, the USSR, India and the Middle East.



Four centres of research will be established to study how to reach the major non-Christian religions: Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Judaism. The opening of the Centre for Islamic Studies was reported in the *Adventist Review* of August 31, 1989.

In the South Pacific, with one Adventist for every 114 of population, the challenges are different. Former division president Pastor Walter Scragg says, "We, too, have our 'too hard' basket in which we've neatly tucked away people groups that we aren't yet touching."

In our division some population groups, urban enclaves, neighbourhoods, ethnic communities and religious affiliations have little or no Adventist presence or appropriate witness. The church in the South Pacific has a sacred responsibility to identify these people groups and devise ways to reach them.

For Australia and New Zealand the problems seem to be centred upon a well-established materialistic outlook. There's a growing Moslem and Buddhist

presence in Australia due mainly to immigration.

Third World countries of the South Pacific Division have more complex problems that include urban drift and remote peoples yet unreached.

In view of Ellen White's statement that the "most unpromising fields must receive earnest determined labour," some have wondered about Christ's command: "If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town." Matthew 10:14, NIV.

On this occasion the disciples were sent to those who should have recognised the truth of their preaching. Their mission was limited to the "lost sheep of Israel." Matthew 10:6, NIV. They were commanded not to go to the Gentiles or even the Samaritans.

Later, Christ commanded them to "make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19, NIV. They were to "go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15, NIV.

The world population is about five billion. There are approximately 5.5 million Seventh-day Adventists. That's about one Seventh-day Adventist to every 1,000 on planet earth. Seventh-day Adventists are 0.11 per cent of the world's population.

However, this worldwide ministry is guaranteed success. Christ says that at His second coming He "will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens." Mark 13:27, NIV.

7

M. G. Townend is the secretary of the Global Mission Committee for the South Pacific Division. This article is adapted from a lecture he presented to Avondale College theology students earlier this year. More will be said about Global Strategy in upcoming issues of the RECORD.

Eyes on the Middle East

by George Burnside

Today our Lord is drawing our eyes, our thoughts, our attention to the Middle East. Much more will happen yet.

Iraq's Saddam Hussein has the world guessing and waiting. But do Hussein's actions have any prophetic significance? I believe they do.

There are parallels between Saddam Hussein and another king of Iraq, Cyrus the Great—the Cyrus whom Isaiah calls the "anointed" of the Lord (Isaiah 45:1). Both men have ruled Iraq. Both have been ruthless and ambitious.

God used Cyrus to punish and to teach His careless people of Israel. Isaiah refers to Cyrus as "a ravenous bird from the east. . . ." Isaiah 46:11. Cyrus was a clever general. So is Saddam.

Herodotus, "the grandfather of history," gives a good description of Cyrus and his capture of Babylon. He also gives a vivid account of his death.

Cyrus coveted the kingdom of the widowed Queen of Palmyra. First he proposed marriage, but the queen hesitated. He then marched his army against her kingdom.

Cyrus was slain in the battle. The Queen of Palmyra had a bathtub made from the skins of the slain, and filled it with blood from the battlefield. She hacked off the head of Cyrus and threw it into the bath of human blood, with the words, "Now drink your fill, you butcher." So perished the Cyrus of prophecy.

Saddam has also been called a butcher. Is he being used, like Cyrus of old, to punish apostate Christendom?

In Revelation the Saracen and Turkish invasions of Eastern Rome is pictured as "smoke" and "darkness." Revelation 9:2, 3. "Out of the smoke" poured forth locusts—but they were unique.

They were like "horses prepared for battle" (verse 7), and they wouldn't hurt the grass or any green thing (verse 4). Yet that's the very thing that locusts usually do. The timing of the prophecy, and the reference to the "Euphrates" points to the great Moslem invasion (Revelation 9:14).

God permitted this scourge to punish

Christendom. They had turned to image worship, which God says He hates (Deuteronomy 16:22). This is clearly stated in Revelation 9:20. God used this Moslem power to punish apostasy as He had earlier used Cyrus of Iraq.

And it looks as though He's repeating His punishment today, using the same power. The Euphrates is practically the geographical centre of Islam.

This amazing prophecy converted over a thousand infidels in the fulfilment of just one small section of it. (See *The Great Controversy*, pages 334, 335.) This prophecy of the Moslems and their God-used punishing work also provides a foundation for God's truth for this mighty hour.

Three thousand years ago a prophecy was made regarding the father of the Arabs and his descendants: "He will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." Genesis 16:12.

The Arabs are proud of Abraham, their forebear. They often reminded me of the fact when I travelled in the Middle East. When in conversation with a group of Arabs in Jerusalem, I mentioned that God blessed Abraham and his seed. They quickly reminded me that Ishmael, the father of the Arabs, was the first son of Abraham.

Gibbon refers to the Arabs as "armed against mankind." The prophecy says, "His hand will be against every man and every man's hand against him." The words are true about both Saddam and the Arabs.

Arab hospitality, patterned after Abraham's (as recorded in Genesis 18:5-8), is proverbial. One night, years ago, I camped in an Arab mud hut in Ur of the Chaldees. The Arab fixed me up as best he could.

When I woke several times through the night, I could hear him walking up and down in front of my door. I was his guest. He was there to protect me. He

would have died before he allowed anyone to touch me. Arab hospitality is real.

Arab wealth is also real. A few years ago the Middle East had some of the poorest and most worthless land on earth. Now they have full and free education. They have free medicine and housing. There's no income tax. They have big cars, stereos and televisions.

On May 26, 1908, they struck oil at Masjid-in-Solomon (Mosque of Solomon). Little was done until the second world war. In 1938 the Middle East

Is Hussein being used, like Cyrus of old, to punish apostate Christendom?

produced only 5.5 per cent of the world's oil. Thirty-five years later, they produced 40 per cent. And their oil is superior.

An interesting prophecy that has a strange application for today is found in Jeremiah 9:21: "For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets." As I write this, Israel is issuing gas masks to her people. The text reminds me of poison gas or chemical warfare. We live in strange and terrible times. But let's return to history a moment longer.

Human life began in the Middle East. Archaeologists refer to the fertile crescent running from the Persian Gulf to Egypt. Jerusalem is in the centre.

God placed Jerusalem "in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her." Ezekiel 5:5. Jerusalem was the crossroads of the three great continents of that time. As the people moved through the area, they would learn of Jehovah's saving work from His people, who were set "in the midst of the nations."

When the Israelites scattered, they prayed "toward Jerusalem." They

formed a great prayer circle facing in toward Jerusalem, the centre.

Eventually this same spot will not merely be the centre of the world, it will be the centre of the universe. At the close of the millennium, when Jesus and His saints descend in glory in the New Jerusalem, "His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof . . . half toward the north and half toward the south." Zechariah 14:4.

This place, which features so big in the plan of God, is featuring big in the news and will feature in the future. We do well to keep our eyes on this vital area.

Iraq, and the Middle East, is the centre of today's news. In Iraq lie the ruins of the oldest cities that ever pressed the earth. Today the two ends of humanity are meeting.

Satan's final drive against Christ is in this same area. After the millennium, he will no doubt deceive the ungodly into believing that *he* raised them from the dead. Because they far outnumber the saints, he will assure them they're well able to capture it. Completely deceived, they will advance to take the city of God. But the Bible describes the concluding scene by saying, "And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Revelation 20:9.

Out of the ashes of this old sinful world our Lord will make a "new heaven and a new earth." Revelation 21:1.

The centre of this mighty, eternal drama is outside the new Jerusalem, which rests on the site of old Jerusalem.

Civilisation began in the Middle East. The Bible was written in the Middle East. Jesus lived and died there. He ascended from there to minister His atoning blood for us. His feet will touch earth at the same place.

Today our Lord is drawing our eyes, our thoughts and attention to this place. Scripture emphasises it. And we would do well to keep our attention focused there—because much more will happen.



George Burnside is a retired pastor and evangelist. He served for a number of years as the Ministerial Association secretary for the South Pacific Division. This article was adapted by the editors from a much more comprehensive three-part series.

VIEWPOINT articles allow readers to express their own opinions. The viewpoints are not necessarily those of the editors or the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We welcome your reaction.

STORY

Runaway Koala

by Myrtle O'Hara

Mother koala dozed in the fork of a tree. Baby koala decided that he would like to go exploring.

He climbed down the branch to the tree. He climbed down the tree to the ground. He walked along the ground to the road. He sat and watched the cars.

Mother awoke. She looked around the tree. Baby koala wasn't there. She looked on the ground. He wasn't there. She looked toward the road. There he was.

Mother koala hurried down the branch to the tree. She hurried down the tree to the ground. She walked along the ground toward the road.

Suddenly a big dog ran up behind her. It hit her and rolled her over. Then it bit her and broke her arm. It bit her again and tore her ear.

Baby koala heard the noise and scurried up a little gum tree.

Kylie and Steven ran up to the hurt koala. They told their dog to let it go. Then they picked up Mother koala and carried her home.

When Dad saw the koala he knew that they had to find help for her. They drove to a koala park and asked if the director

could help Mother koala. He put her arm in a splint and bathed her ear.

They she began to cry. They knew she was worried about her baby.

"If you go back to where you found the mother," said the director, "you might find the baby."

Baby koala missed his mother. He was still sitting in the tree. He was crying. Kylie heard him. Then Steven saw him.

Steven climbed up the tree. He caught Baby koala. He put the koala inside his jumper so that he could climb down.

They ran back to their house to show Dad the baby. He said that they needed to get him to his mother.

So they all climbed into the car again and drove back to the koala park.

Baby koala cried as they carried him to the director's office. Mother koala recognised Baby koala's call.

When they put Baby koala into her cage, he ran over to Mother koala and cuddled into her fur.



Myrtle O'Hara writes from Cooranbong, New South Wales.

POEM

The Hero

Malcolm Ford

How to translate the word;
Transmute the WORD
Into palpable vision?
To defrock Batman
And crown the Star War Christ:
To de-mythologise the bedtime story,
Stiffen the flimsy flanograph figure
To stand strong with unbroken bones
Unchallenged among the heroes,

There is the danger
The kindergarten Christ
May become too fragile;
Never attain maturity;
Never become flesh.
Reduced by artistic licence—
An emasculated form
Unfit for crucifixion
Or resurrection.

Better to teach children
The Lion power and play
Of an Aslan Christ
Than they be disenchanted
By Disney happy endings
And cartoon charisma.



Malcolm Ford writes from Waimuku, a suburb of Auckland, New Zealand.

SIGNS Reprint

Another 20,000 special SIGNS on the end-times have been printed. All copies available were sold out within the first two weeks of it becoming available. "We decided to reprint them three months before planned," says Signs Publishing Company's assistant general manager Dale Williams. "We've had an exceptionally positive response from those who've been waiting for such an issue to come out." Already more than 5,000 of the reprint run have been sold. Orders can be made through Adventist Book Centres.

Van Director

John Tompson is the new director of van ministry in the Greater Sydney Conference, succeeding Lauren Abel, who is undertaking further studies at Weimar College in the USA. Mr Tompson is a nurse-educator who has previously served at Sydney Adventist Hospital and Sopas Hospital in Papua New Guinea.

Thumbs Down

Some 96 per cent of respondents voted against Australia signing the UN Convention on the Right of the Child in a phone poll in Brisbane recently. The poll was conducted following an ABC TV debate on the 7.30 Report.

Drug Alert

An aerosol spray that allows parents to test their children's clothes and possessions for traces of drugs is now available in the USA. When sprayed sparingly on clothes, books, etc, the aerosol detects the presence of even microscopic residual traces of illegal drugs. Instructions for use include suggestions

that DrugAlert be carried from bedroom to bathroom to backyard party. "Always keep it in sight. Let your kids know your love and your strength. Take charge of your home and the lives of your kids," it admonishes.

SS Bibles



Photo: Maria Street.

Children from White Park Chapel (Melbourne) Sabbath school have posted 100 Bibles to children in Myanmar (formerly Burma). Under the leadership of Tom Branden, the children sent the Bibles in small packages at intervals to give young Adventists, such as 20-year-old Theing Soe, of Yangon (Rangoon), an opportunity to learn the scriptures.

LLU Gift

Merle Collins, a Loma Linda University councillor, recently gave property appraised at \$US670,000 to Loma Linda University. The gift will be used for a new recreation and fitness centre. Collins has given more than \$1.2 million to LLU during the past 18 months.

God in Germany

According to a public opinion poll, East and West Germans have different attitudes toward God and the church. Ten per cent of Western Germans said God

was completely unimportant, compared with 42 per cent of East Germans. Some 30 per cent of East Germans said they had left the church, and 36 per cent said they had never belonged to any denomination. A Christian group that recently visited East Germany and sold 40 tonnes of books donated by Swiss and German Christians admitted they did not see "vast numbers of conversions." They believe the gap between atheism and faith will take time to bridge, according to a report in *On Being*.

Dear Drugs

Drug and alcohol abuse costs America some \$US144 billion a year in productivity loss, absenteeism and medical and legal costs, according to a recent government report. Those losses could be even larger. The damage crack and cocaine has wrought on the US economy was not included in the report, the Health Department said. Alcohol use and drug abuse cost the country \$US85.8 billion and \$US53.3 billion, respectively, in 1988. The total \$US144 billion loss is almost half the US military budget for this year. While the US is spending at least \$US1 billion each month on the military buildup in the Middle East, drug and alcohol abusers are costing 12 times that much.—*Sun Herald*, November 12.

New SDA

A pastor from another denomination recently made a decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist while attending district meetings in Maprik, Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea. He then visited his former churches and apologised for

teaching them the wrong message. John Namba had been a Bible worker for his denomination for 16 years before becoming an Adventist.

Tradesmen Needed

The Wollongong drive'n'build project still urgently needs plumbers and roofers to help complete two churches between December 9 and January 11. Accommodation is free. Phone Pastor Ross Chadwick on (842) 85 1645 for more details.

Reunited

After 15 years of separation, two congregations were officially reunited with the denomination at the triennial session of the Tisza Conference, held in Budapest, Hungary, in September. Following a statement of affirmation, the pastor who served the separated congregations was ordained as an Adventist minister, reports Dr Jan Paulsen, Trans-European Division president.

Rates Up

New subscription rates for RECORD will apply from the beginning of 1991. A one-year subscription (49 issues) will in future cost: Australia—\$A31.00; New Zealand—\$NZ43.40; other countries within the South Pacific Division—\$A64. Advertising rates for classified ads have also been increased to \$A15 for the first 30 words. Additional words still cost \$A1 per word.

Uni Reopens

The Adventist University of Central Africa in Rwanda is to be reopened, according to Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson, an associate secretary of the General Conference. Early in October students were

sent home because of unrest in the surrounding areas, and many expatriate employees left the country. But Pastor Wilson says conditions have stabilised, so mission workers are returning.

Resources Sought

Many national ministers in mission service are desperately in need of Bible Commentaries, according to new South Pacific Division Ministerial Association secretary Pastor John Gate. "These men need resources. They are effective soul winners and could make good use of old commentary sets. Or perhaps someone would like to donate a new set to one of the men," says Pastor Gate. Contact Pastor Gate, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076, if you can help.

Presidents Meet

General Conference president Pastor Robert Folkenbert and former GC president Pastor Neal C. Wilson met with US president George Bush on October 30 at the White House. The church leaders told Mr Bush about the worldwide ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They also presented him with a Bible, a set of children's Bible story books and the calendar produced by the GC's Philanthropic Service for Institutions. The calendar had a quotation from President Bush, which says: "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

Flying Doctor

Sopas Adventist Hospital in Papua New Guinea has been operating a flying doctor service to remote clinics in the Sepik region. Using Adventist mission aircraft,

and funded through the Adventist Development and Relief Agency by donations from Adventist groups in Australia, the monthly flights take a doctor and two senior nursing students, plus medical and food supplies to the remote May River clinic, 14 hours by canoe from the nearest town. The May River clinic is staffed by John and Belinda Kent, volunteers with the lay organisation Adventist Frontier Mission. Two students stay for a month, to help staff the main clinic and several smaller ones operating in the area. "The students gain valuable experience in tropical medicine, which they never see in the cooler highlands," says Dr John Wallace, medical director of Sopas Hospital. "We've received requests to visit other isolated clinics in the remote western areas. Our orderly, who was in a village near the Indonesian border, fled when soldiers attacked. Now we need to train a villager who is doing his best to treat the sick. Then we will incorporate this village into the flying program." Donations toward operating the service, which costs \$A6,000 per year, may

be sent through ADRA (PO Box 129, Wahroonga NSW 2076) and are tax-deductible.

Norfolk Delivers

Church members on Norfolk Island recently gave \$535 to buy Bibles for the Solomon Islands, following an appeal by Ralph Weslake. The Bibles cost \$2.50 each—and 7,000 are needed. Donations may be sent through ADRA, PO Box 129, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

ADRA Relief

With the restoration of PNG Government control on the island of Buka, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency has approved an expenditure of K4,000 for relief aid to the island. A shipment of food and clothing left by boat on October 10, and ADRA is awaiting government approval and advice on delivery to comply with a request for medical supplies.

Pastor Rewarded

Retired pastor Alex Thomson recently made the headlines in the *Warren-Blackwood Times* (Western Australia) when conference Communication director Pastor George Drinkall pre-

sented him with an Award for Excellence in promoting the church through the local media. Pastor Thomson has been in Manjimup since 1983. He retired there at the end of 1986. Prior to joining the ministry, Pastor Thomson had worked with the *People's Weekly* in Moonta, South Australia. Pastor Drinkall said that Pastor Thomson's diligence in keeping information before the public had helped the community come to understand the Seventh-day Adventist Church better.

New Boats

To fill a need for water transportation in Papua New Guinea, the South Pacific Division is purchasing three seven-metre banana boats and diesel outboards for use in the Alotau, Daru and Kikori districts.

Positive Response

The editors of *Signs* recently received the following letter of response to the November special *Signs*: "Just a note to commend you on the special *Signs*, which arrived just last week. I read it from cover to cover in one sitting. I believe it is the best issue in 40 years. When I went to the ABC to place my order for 500, I wished I were wealthy enough to order copies for every home in Australia. I plan to give some of my order to the Adventist Aviation Association. . . . The time is ripe to spread our literature 'as the leaves of autumn.' May God bless you at *Signs*."

Nepalese Student Baptised in Wollongong



Photo: Ken Hyam, Jr.

A young man from Nepal, whose first contact with Adventists was through a language school in Katmandu, was among eight people baptised recently in Wollongong, NSW. Those baptised are (from left): Harry Tirronen, Stephen Hodgson, Melanie Tirronen, Sandra Stanloziska, Michelle Godden, Heidi Threlfo, Pawan Bhatta and Allan Butters. Pawan Bhatta's testimony is reported in the News section of *RECORD*. Pastor Ross Chadwick conducted the baptism.

Most Flashpoint items from outside the South Pacific Division are provided courtesy of the Adventist Review, and have been sent to the RECORD via facsimile transceiver for immediate release.

US Family Encompasses Six More

Two years after they first spotted a picture of six Costa Rican children available for adoption, the Don Perkins family of Spangle, Washington, USA, welcomed them as new members of their family.

Mr Perkins, business manager and vice-principal of Upper Columbia Academy, and his wife, Sue, already had a seven-year-old daughter.

"When I first showed the picture in an adoption agency newsletter to my wife, she had that 'you've-got-to-be-joking' look on her face," says Mr Perkins. "But as we talked about it, and prayed about it, our enthusiasm began to mount."

The Perkins called International Children's Care, an Adventist agency specialising in placing Latin American children.

"It was like a miracle," says Charles Lawson, ICC Development director, "to find a family wanting to adopt all six children."

After the agency had given their official approval, the Perkins travelled to Costa Rica for a two-week acquaintance period. Plans culminated on a recent Wednesday when the Perkins gathered at Portland, Oregon, International Airport to welcome the two boys, Keylor, 12, and Jairo, 10, and their four little sisters, Vanesa, 8, Maria, 6, Tandita, 5, and Noylen, 3.

The Perkins had booked two adjoining rooms at an airport motel to accommodate their new family, but when the manager learned the reason for the presence of the television cameras and news reporters swarming his establishment, he insisted the family be moved into his elegant Governor's Suite!

"They were so gracious to us, caring for even the smallest detail," says Mrs Perkins. "They even provided a huge basket of fresh fruit and delicacies for us."

According to Don, things are running pretty smoothly. "Much better than we'd ever hoped," he says. "There will doubtless be problems along the way, but we thank God every day for this precious privilege He's given us."



Sue and Don Perkins, and their daughter, Esther, welcome six new members to their family, with brightly coloured balloons and sweet smelling roses, at Portland International Airport.

3,000 Attend SAH Maternity Opening



The new Maternity Unit at Sydney Adventist Hospital was opened on October 14 by the premier of New South Wales Nick Greiner. (Mr Greiner, shown at right in photo with his wife, Kathryn, is an SAH parent.) The \$8.7 million unit contains revolutionary labour and delivery rooms complete with spa baths.

"It is considered to be one of the most advanced units in the country," says director of Public Relations and Development Neroli Zaska.

Notable "SAH babies" were invited to the opening, including the oldest person born there, Mrs Parker (born in 1904); media medic Dr John Knight and his wife, Noreen; well-known singer Kamahl; and state Health Department officials.

Some 3,000 people attended the Open Day, which featured tours of the new facility, a bush band, free health testing, fashion parades, nappy-changing contests, fitness talks, craft stalls, trade displays and other entertainment.

By Ginger Sayles in the North Pacific Union Conference Gleaner.

GC Reorganises Communication Department

The decision made at the General Conference session in Indianapolis to reorganise the GC Communication Department was based on the belief that the spectrum of services was too broad, according to GC representatives.

"We believe that an office of news and information provided at a deep level is the primary function of communication," says GC president, Robert Folkenberg. "The purpose of such restructuring is to utilise, to its fullest capacity, those media services that strengthen Global Mission."

Adventist World Radio has received greater autonomy, with an emphasis on Global Mission. Local broadcasting, funding support for media ministries, management of follow-up Bible correspondence schools, and training of media personnel are now assigned to the divisions.

The former Communication Department's Studio Services has been reorganised as Media Services. The General Conference is currently studying the viability of maintaining audio and video production facilities.

The General Conference plans to cancel the "Know Your Church" video series in favour of a new quarterly issue of the *Adventist Review* that will include more news from the Communication Department.

Laymens School Needs Books and Magazines

People in the Western Pacific Union Mission are eager to learn, according to WPUM Ministerial secretary Michael Browning. The union mission, with headquarters in Honiara (Solomon Islands), currently receives bundles of new and second-hand *Signs* magazines from donors in Australia and New Zealand.

"Please keep these magazines coming," says Pastor Browning. "We can give out as many as we receive. And we want to say thank you to all who have

sent—and continue to send—magazines."

Many lay evangelists ask him for 20th Century Film Strips: "If churches have unused sets and/or old projectors in cupboards, please send them. These items are useful to us."

The WPUM operates a school for training about 20 laymen every year. "Many students become pioneer evangelists in new areas," says Pastor Browning. "But our library is inadequate—it covers merely one-and-a-half shelves on a small bookcase. If anyone could give spare theological books, particularly Bible commentaries, we'd be delighted. In fact, any Christian books would be helpful."

Please post books surface mail to Pastor Michael Browning, c/- Western Pacific Union Mission, PO Box 63, Honiara, Solomon Islands. Large quantities should be forwarded through a shipping agent.

SAH Celebrates 10,000th Procedure



Photo: Helen Chapman.

On October 15, staff at Sydney Adventist Hospital's Cardiac Catheter Laboratory performed the unit's 10,000th procedure since its opening in 1979. Director of Nursing Miss Rose-Marie Radley (left), chief radiographer Geoff Andrews (centre) and Cardiac Catheter Laboratory manager Mrs Doreen Clifford (right) cut a cake to celebrate the event.

Aore Principal Reflects on GC Session

When my father returned from the 48th General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, we children listened in awe as he told us about the inspiration and blessing he had received from the meetings. I never thought that I would be doing the same thing 17 years later.

I had mixed feelings as I started out from Aore with the other Fijian delegate, Frank Joe. We wanted to absorb as much during this once-in-a-lifetime experience as we could.

We stopped over at Honolulu for three days. Then on July 4 we left for Los Angeles, California. The brown, dry hills and plains we flew over were an unexpected sight. I anticipated green vegetation similar to the South Pacific islands.

Our hearts beat faster as the aircraft touched down. We saw amazing technology in the international airport. Daniel's prophecy came to mind: "Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase." The movement of planes was enough to convince us of our Lord's soon return.

We flew in a chartered plane to Indianapolis where "Welcome" signs made us feel at home. We joined some 200 other delegates and visitors for a tour organised by the South Pacific Division.

In his opening address, Pastor Neal Wilson challenged the delegates to complete the work of spreading the Gospel.

It was wonderful to see God's guidance in the appointment of our world leaders. The appointment of the new GC president was particularly memorable. I found the diversity of ideas and aspirations for and about God's work fascinating. At times there were heated discussions, but when the vote was taken the decision of the majority was honoured.

The sermons, by dynamic preachers, were uplifting. I thank the division for giving me the opportunity to be part of the 55th GC Session. The memories of this occasion will linger with me and give me cause to exalt God.

Titus Rore is principal of the Aore Adventist High School located near Santo, Vanuatu.

Nepalese Youth Becomes SDA



Photo: Elly Elshof.

Pawan Bhatta was first introduced to Jesus Christ by American missionaries at an English Language School in Katmandu. He lives with an Australian family and was recently baptised.

Nepalese student Pawan Bhatta was recently baptised in Wollongong (New South Wales). Born into a Brahmin Hindu family, Pawan learned early about the many gods they worshipped. But when both his parents died the year he turned 11, Pawan had to live with his older brothers.

"I found it impossible to get along with my brothers," Pawan says. "I left and searched for bread and water to survive. It was difficult to obtain work. I just survived one day at a time. During those trying times, God was leading me."

"God has now provided for me a family with the love of a father, a mother, brother and sister," he says. "Right now I'm enjoying every moment of my life as an overseas student doing a course at TAFE College in Wollongong. I will love and serve my God as long as I live."

Pawan met some American Adventists who conducted an English language school in Katmandu. "That was the first time I was introduced to Christ," he says. "At first I couldn't understand how Christ fitted among the other gods."

Then Pawan was offered an opportunity to attend an Adventist school in India. There he learned of Christ's purpose in coming to this earth.

"When I returned to Nepal I found it

difficult to practice the Christianity I had come to enjoy," he says. "Laws were strict and persecution was severe. But my Heavenly Father had not forgotten me."

"I became friends with an Australian, Hans Berkel, who coordinated the language school activities. When his sister, Elly Elshof, visited, she encouraged me to pursue further education in Australia. She offered accommodation with her family in Wollongong. To me this was a miracle."

Pawan took Bible studies with Pastor Ross Chadwick. "When I think of the future that I might have had, I thank God for His loving care for me," Pawan says. "He fulfilled His promise—when I searched, I found Him; when I knocked, He opened. He gave me more than I ever expected."

Temperance Leader Shares Ideas in NZ

Mrs Margaret Jackson, a Seventh-day Adventist and president of New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union, is taking an active part in a "Mission 90" project shared by the churches of Cambridge. Each month one of the churches presents aspects of its life and worship that could be of interest to residents in the community.

"We aim to explain who we are, and what we believe, through displays in shop windows, a brief history of the church, prayer breakfasts, church services, newspaper articles and other activities," Mrs Jackson says.

Mrs Jackson recently played hostess to four couples from different churches. The serving of fruit punch caused a lively discussion about alcohol.

"My guests, comprising school teachers and a minister, agreed that from an early age, children are programmed to drink alcohol," she says. "A recent survey indicates that 10,000 secondary school students in New Zealand have a problem with alcohol. Our universities are full of drinking games, and alcohol plays a large part in sporting activities."

According to Mrs Jackson, New Zealand's under 25 age-group leads the world in drink-driving deaths. About 80 per cent of road accident victims admitted to the Auckland Hospital come from alcohol-related accidents.

Publishing House Invests in Horse

Fiji now has a "Signs" horse! After hearing of a literature evangelist who had to walk for four hours in order to reach selling territory, Signs Publishing Company manager David Woolley authorised Central Pacific Union Mission Publishing director Kevin Geelan to purchase a horse and appropriate saddle and bag for use in the Lautoka valley.

Originally, Filitate Rokovesa had considered that a heavy duty trail bike would be the best form of transport. But after visiting the area, Project and Development officer for the CPUM, Elwin Ferris advised that a horse was a better proposition.

"A fly'n'build team recently built a new church in the area and the materials had to be taken in on horseback," says Pastor Geelan. "Grass is plentiful in the highlands, eliminating fuel costs and maintenance is minimal."

Colporteur Filitate recently saw 12 of his contacts baptised. Now with a means of transport, he can extend his territory.

By September, literature evangelists' sales in the CPUM were \$F128,947 ahead of the same period last year.

Volunteers, under the leadership of Chris Atkins, of Warburton, Victoria, recently donated more than \$F10,000 to help erect a church building at Navai, in Colo North, Fiji. They also purchased a horse for the resident minister and his wife, Mr and Mrs Isimeli Kurucake.



Mr and Mrs Isimeli Kurucake, a Fijian pastor and his wife, have a horse to help in their ministry, due to assistance from a fly'n'build team that visited their area a few weeks ago.

NOTICEBOARD

Obituaries

"We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. . . . For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. . . . Therefore encourage each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16, 18, NIV. The Signs Publishing Company staff join the church family in expressing sincere sympathy to those who have lost the loved ones recorded below.

Bell, Mary Elizabeth, born August 26, 1913, in Clunes, Vic; died suddenly on October 18 at the Goulburn Valley Base Hospital, Shepparton, Vic. Mary and her husband, Ted, were married in 1935. A member of the St John Brigade for 25 years, Mary served in local industry as a first aid officer. She joined the Shepparton SDA church in 1952 as a result of a tent mission run by Pastors Leo Rose and Walter Scragg. Mary spent many years in welfare work, and served as Sabbath school superintendent. She is survived by her husband, Ted; children, Aline Deanshaw (Brisbane, Qld), John (Shepparton, Vic), Val Salter (St Arnaud), Barry (Mooroopna), Desmond (Myrtleford) and Pamela (Janefield). She was predeceased by her son Graham. Pastor Mervyn Sparrowhawk was associated in the services. **Ern Stuart.**

Bettenay, Mabel Isobel, born July 8, 1903, in Brisbane, Qld; died October 5 at the Mater Private Hospital, Brisbane, and was buried at the Redcliffe Lawn Cemetery. Mabel was first contacted through an Appeal visit. After studies with Pastor Bill Boucher, she was baptised in 1977 in the Sandgate church. Mabel was a keen Bible student. For the past four years she had been a resident at the retirement village, Victoria Point. She is survived by her sons, Russel and Ian; two grandsons, three grand-daughters, and two great-grand-daughters (all of Brisbane). **Teuvo Kallio.**

Cooper, Edward Theodore ("Ted"), born July 12, 1908, in Tasmania; died October 17 in Perth, WA, at the home of his daughter, Jo. An Adventist for 28 years, at the time of his death Ted was a member of the Victoria Park church. He is remembered as a quiet, Christian gentleman. He is survived by his daughters, Jo Jammal and Nancy Vince (both of Perth); and grandchildren, Lee and Susan Jammal, Peter, Diane, Rosalyn and Helen. Pastor Harold Gunter and Ron McGrath, a long-time family friend, assisted in the service at Karrakatta Cemetery. **Neil W. Watts.**

Howie, Eliza Jane ("Lil") (nee Baxter), born 1920 in Belfast, Ireland; died suddenly on August 16 in Perth, WA. Lil and her husband, Joe, and their four children, came to Australia in 1949, then moved to South Africa in 1957. Joe predeceased his wife in 1975. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Ray and Pat (with whom she was living at the time of her death), and Norman and Pam; and daughter, Joan Hill (all of Perth, WA), and daughter, Joyce Franken (Durban, South Africa). Lil was a loved member of the Midland church. **Bryan B. H. Wood.**

James, Glenn William, born November 2 at the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne, Vic, lived only a short time. After a service at the Burwood SDA church, Glenn was buried in the infants section at the Springvale Necropolis. He is survived by his parents, David and Sue; and grandmothers, Florence Cass and Florence James. Pastors Peter Roennfeldt and Kingsley Andrews assisted in the services. **Ed I. Totenhofer.**

Kelly, Warren Denis ("Dempsey"), born February 7, 1950, at Kempsey, NSW; died suddenly on October 25 at Armidale, NSW, following a cerebral haemorrhage. Dempsey was a primary schoolteacher, and was a respected sports player, umpire and coach. He is survived by his wife, Colleen; children, Warren (13) and Tamara (6); brothers, Lewis, Eric and Bob; sisters, Margaret Walford and Rhonda Kelly. The Armidale SDA church was filled, and more than 100 people stood outside during the ser-

vice. Robby John Walter assisted the writer. **B. Shelley.**

Longland, Lenore ("Lyn"), born 1895 in Yorkshire, England; died October 17 at Nimbin Nursing Home, New Farm, Brisbane, Qld, and was buried at the Pinnaroo Lawn Cemetery, Albany Creek, Brisbane. Lyn and her husband, Robert, migrated to Victoria in 1922, then later moved to Queensland. For many years they lived in lighthouses. Lyn is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Hill (Brisbane); four grandchildren, Greg, Jean, Gwen and Roberta; and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband in 1963, and twins, Jack and Betty. **Robert Craig.**

McLarty, Marguerite Theodora, born 1909 in Melbourne, Vic; died November 1 at the Deniliquin Hospital, NSW. Marguerite was a teacher for some years before her marriage to Arch, at Brighton, Vic. After contracting TB, Marguerite received treatment at Maroonpa, she then spent two years at the Box Hill Hospital. During her hospital stay, some kindly Adventist women befriended her. They shared the health message with her, then she had Bible studies, which eventually led to her baptism. After returning home to her husband and two children, Ian and Dorothy, the family moved to Benalla, where she was able to attend church regularly. Later they moved to Deniliquin. Dora gradually lost her sight with glaucoma, but she manifested a brave spirit and refused to allow her disability to control her life. Her husband faithfully cared for her. **L. W. Ritchie.**

Male, Leonard Walter, born February 18, 1917; died October 11 in Narrogin, WA. Shortly after his baptism in Albany, Len entered literature ministry and for 30 years worked faithfully in WA, Victoria and South NSW, turning many people to Christ and the Adventist faith he loved to share. He is survived by his wife, Gladys; daughters and sons-in-law, Leonie and Charles Ralph (Melbourne, Vic) and June and Allan Cerenich (Perth, WA); son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Karyl (Albany); and nine grandchildren. Colin McFaul, Publishing Director, WA, assisted the writer in the service at Narrogin SDA church. **Walton Pitt.**

Maszcak, Zofia, born October 4, 1897, in Warsaw, Poland; died October 31 at the Waverley Nursing Home, Strathfield, NSW. Zofia accepted the SDA faith in 1916, and was a foundation member of the Warsaw SDA church. In 1928 she married Pastor Andrew Maszcak, who for many years, served as principal of the Polish SDA Seminary. Because of the political situation in Poland, they moved to Australia in 1963, and settled in Melbourne, where they helped in the establishment and development of the Polish SDA churches. Following the death of her husband, Zofia moved to Sydney to live with her elder son. She is survived by her sons, Ben Marshak (Sydney, NSW) and Leon (Collegeville, Tennessee, USA); and daughter Zofia Lyko, who with her husband, Jonah, is a missionary in Nairobi, Kenya. Pastor J. Jankiewicz of Newcastle assisted in a service at the Rookwood Crematorium. **John Borody.**

Nezar, John St. Clair, born October 23, 1942, in Capetown, South Africa; died November 1 in Gympie, Qld. John loved God's great outdoors and had moved to the Gympie farming district so that he could enjoy country living. He was living in Albany, WA, at the time he accepted the SDA message. He is survived by his wife, Brigitte; sons, Gregory (7), Samuel (4); daughter, Tammy (18 mths); mother, Aida; and sister, Wendy (both living in South Africa). The writer conducted a graveside service at the Gympie Cemetery. **Rex Tindall.**

Oorthuis, Hendrik ("Hank"), born March 27, 1913, in Emmen, Holland; died October 9 in Tauranga, New Zealand. Hank worked for many years as a "tunneller" in the coal mines before migrating to New Zealand in 1954. Following the death of his first wife, Hank met and married Irene Boot from Christchurch. She was instrumental in leading him to Christ, and Hank was baptised by Pastor A. D. Judd in Tauranga in 1982. He is survived by his wife; children, Bill, John, Ted, Colin and Heather (McMillan), and their spouses; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and seven brothers and sisters. **W. D. Boucher.**

Potter, Mabel Louisa ("Dolly") (nee Goldsmith), born July 11, 1905, in Ballarat, Vic; died October 18 in Mildura, following a prolonged illness. From 1921 to 1938 Dolly was employed at the Signs Publishing Company, Warburton. In 1938 she married Elston Potter. Pastor J. J. Potter, Elston's uncle, who was then manager of Signs Publishing Company, performed the marriage ceremony. Baptised in 1917 at Warburton, Dolly was a member of the SDA Church for 73 years. She is survived by her husband; son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Penny; and daughter, Denise Klemm; four grandchildren (all of Mildura); and brother, Albert (Warburton). Lionel Clark, elder of the Mildura church, assisted in the service. **G. D. Giles.**

Ryde, Nellie Ruth, born 1912 in Sri Lanka; died suddenly on October 28 at the Royal Perth Hospital, WA; Nellie's husband predeceased her in 1966. In 1969 she migrated to Australia with her daughter Colleen, and lived with her daughter Deanna in Perth. Nellie was a faithful and appreciated member of the Morley SDA church. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Darrell and Colleen and Eddie (Perth); son Shelley and his wife (United Kingdom); five grandchildren; brother, Carl (Sri Lanka); and sister, Dorothy (Perth). **Bryan H. B. Wood.**

Sibley, Mary Thelma (nee Gee), born September 18, 1910 in Bendigo, Vic; died October 22 in Broken Hill, NSW. She received a Catholic education and in 1962 married Lewis Benjamin Sibley. Introduced to the SDA message by Pastor Mayo Logue, Mary was baptised by Pastor Stuart Uttley. She is survived by her brother, George; and sisters, Esma Case, Vilma Morrison and Rhonda Paull. **Neville Tosen.**

Advertisements

Doctor Wanted. General practitioner wanted for Lismore practice, NSW, to replace doctor going to African mission hospital for two years. Keep all income less share of expenses. Contact Dr Morrison on (066) 21 2501, A/H (066) 28 4184.

Hong Kong Adventist Hospital urgently requires Adventist General Practitioners. Two positions immediately available, with another mid 1991. In 1991 HKAH celebrates its 20th anniversary. If you have ever worked at HKAH, we would like to hear from you. Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, 40 Stubbs Road, Hong Kong. Phone (852) 574 6211. Fax (852) 834 5934.

Position Available. An experienced sail maker is needed to assist in the Tent Services division of the South Pacific Division. Interested persons should submit copies of resumes and references to Pastor V. B. Parmenter, Associate Secretary, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wairoa, NSW 2076, or phone Jenny Atkin to arrange for an interview.

Anaesthetic Technician Trainee or Qualified. Several vacancies exist for anaesthetic technicians at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, one of Sydney's largest private hospitals. The ideal applicant would be qualified, however an applicant possessing HSC or medical background, eg enrolled nursing, ambulance experience etc and wishing to be trained will be considered. Ideally living within half an hour travelling to the hospital for emergency on call duties. You would be part of a team of anaesthetic technicians working in the many and varied facets of this busy department. Benefits include productivity superannuation, subsidised health fund, staff cafeteria and other benefits. Telephone (02) 487 9760. Sandra Hunt-Mason, Employment Officer, Sydney Adventist Hospital, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wairoa, NSW 2076.

Enjoy your holidays at Bowen (gem of the Coral Coast). Large, fully self-contained flat with large inground pool. Central location to shops and front beach. \$180 per week, or \$695 per month. Phone (077) 86 2906.

Pathfinder Clubs. Looking for somewhere to spend the night before or after Camporee! Just over two hours drive away is Delhantie Park on the Princes Highway near Moe. Camp on the grass overlooking the cool lake or bunk into the cabins. Contact Elwyn and Helen Scale on (056) 33 1688.

Concreting, paving, brickwork for garages etc. Good workmanship at reasonable rates. Call Pierre Balisson on (03) 799 1930.

Position Vacant. Qualified printer required for the South Pacific Division Office print shop. The print shop is fully equipped and operates a Heidelberg GTR Offset. Interested applicants should apply in writing to the Associate Secretary, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076, or phone Miss Jenny Atkin on (02) 489 7122 to arrange an interview.

A Great Gift Idea. A book of terrific vegetarian recipes for all tastes. \$8 plus \$2 postage Aust, \$3 NZ. Wahroonga SDA Primary School, 183 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

Superb Land for Sale. 763 square metres, vacant land at back and top side. In new estate, "Avondale Heights," Cooranbong, NSW. Owner bought into resident-funded unit, Sydney. Walking distance village church, all shops, college, all amenities except sewerage. Approaches have been made to Westlake Sewerage Scheme, results unknown. Further particulars, "Owners," 10/77 Hawkesworth Pde, Kings Langley NSW 2147, Phone (02) 831 7459.

Wanted to Exchange: House and car in Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast, Qld, for same in Auckland, New

Zealand. Two weeks mid February 1991. Write: 93 Tepequar Drive, Maroochydore Qld 4558.

Wanted to Buy Urgently: Postage stamps of Australasian territories and Pacific islands. Top prices paid. Write: 93 Tepequar Drive, Maroochydore Qld 4558.

Wanted—Caretakers. Four B/R with organic fruit orchard and vegetable gardens. 12 months minimum, probably extending. Horticultural or gardening background necessary. Low negotiable rent in exchange for property maintenance and produce. Write: J. Newey, Box 222, Maleny Qld 4552 before December 30.

For Urgent Sale. B/V house on 9½ acres. Three B/R with built-ins, separate rumpus, dining, lounge. Six-square storage area under house. 12 ft x 20 ft patio. 500,000 gallon dam. Three mins from shopping centre, one hour from Melbourne. Owner planning to attend Avondale College in 1991. Phone (057) 84 1046.

The Center for Molecular Biology, Loma Linda University also invites applications for lecturer/senior lecturer/professor. Three innovative faculty are sought with post-doctoral training and research interests in an area of modern molecular biology. Establishment of an independent research program with extramural funding is expected. Contact Barry I Taylor, Center for Molecular Biology, Department of Microbiology, Loma Linda, CA 92350, USA.

Galston Church Caterers. Friendly catering service for all your personal functions in a tranquil rural setting. Please call (02) 653 1054 or (02) 652 1772.

Blue Mountains: Five-acre property, Hazelbrook, NSW, \$126,000 ONO. Near train station, school, shops,

petrol. Quiet, no through road, bushland, conservation and environmental protection land. Frontage 300 feet by 1080 feet deep. Phone (02) 213 7543. Would like to sell to Seventh-day Adventist because I obtained the land principally on advice read in *Country Living* by E. G. White. Part of the land is bushland conservation, about 2½ acres plus; the other is environment protection. \$46,000 would go to pay my credit union, \$10,000 to title and \$5,000 to Save our Schools fund.

Loma Linda University School of Medicine invites applications for faculty positions in Microbiology and Pharmacology. Post-doctoral research and establishment of independent research program with extramural funding required. There will be additional openings in Basic Science departments in the future. Candidates for present and possible future positions, including those in doctoral and post-doctoral programs should contact Ian Fraser, Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda CA 92350, USA.

Musicians and Singers—Retire on a high note at Melody Park, where the delights of music combine with the sights and sounds of nature. Write to Roy Harris, Melody Park, Advancetown Road, Nerang Qld 4211, or phone (075) 78 1900.

Alstonville Retirement Village. It's new. It's in the country. It's already started. You can enjoy it too. Phone Brian Sparke on (066) 28 1887 for more information.

Camping Showroom. While in Sydney, visit our interesting camping showroom. Have goods posted or delivered to Treasure Bend before Camporee. Catalogues available. Camping and Outdoor Leisure Supplies. Phone (02) 484 6692 A/H.

Something to Share



Why Europe Won't Unite

Omens of the End

How Will it End?

The Coming World Dictator

The Meaning of the Millennium

Plus more

SPECIAL PRICE:

10 or more for 50¢ each (bulk orders only)

Order through your church's Adventist Book Centre Secretary or your ABC

For Sale. Four B/R home, sunken lounge, modern kitchen, rumpus, verandas front and back. Four cars under cover. Two car lock-up at rear with power. Two-and-a-half prestige acres, Calamvale, Qld. \$395,000. Phone (07) 273 1483.

Christian Videos and Cassettes for sale and hire. Evangelism, health, kids, movies, music, nature and more. Free catalogue. Approx 500 videos. Inquiries (07) 888 3225 or STD free (008) 77 3114; or write Radiant Life Videos, 13 Merewyn Street, Burpengary Qld 4505.

What a Great Idea! And we'd like to hear about it. Adventist Media Centre is seeking your ideas for TV ads or video programs you would like to see produced for outreach, church use or family help. Any idea considered and paid for if we use it. Write to Video Ideas, AMC, PO Box 15, Wairoonga NSW 2076.

Keepers of the Flame. Fascinating dramatisation of your church's history. Eight-part video series filmed around the world. Superb Sabbath viewing. Every home needs a set. Available at your ABC or Adventist Media Centre, PO Box 15, Wairoonga NSW 2076.

Voluntary Teacher Needed to assist SDA teacher at small, growing, Christ-centred primary school in Bowen, Qld. Contact Joe White on (077) 86 2084 or write: 77 Leichhardt Street, Bowen Qld 4805.

Loma Linda University School of Medicine is seeking a founding director for the Center for Molecular Biology. The successful candidate will have outstanding accomplishments in any area of molecular biology, preferably investigation of eukaryotic gene structure or control. Primarily a research position in an excellent facility. Nationally competitive support.

Thinking of Moving? Consider Bunbury in the south-west of Western Australia. Lovely climate, expanding city and an established church school. Contact: The Principal, Bunbury SDA Primary School, PO Box 91, Bunbury WA 6230. Phone (097) 21 1575.

Tamworth SDA School. Modern, well-equipped primary school, Kindy to grade 6. Spacious classrooms and large grounds with playing fields. School is located within main town area with good transport connections. Tamworth offers beautiful inland climate, good range of housing and job opportunities. Healthy church, membership 150. Please phone Karen Olsen, Principal, on (067) 65 6998 or chairman, after hours, on (067) 67 1126 for information on school and booklet on the district.

Make the Move of Your Life. Mackay has Christian education, spiritual blessings, and the lifestyle needed for today. Do yourself a favour, contact Mackay SDA School now. Years 1-10. Phone (079) 57 5010 or write to PO Box 5129, Mackay Qld 4740.

For Sale. Electric stone grinders for all grain and cereal. H. and H. Rusterholz, Yorklea, via Casino NSW 2470. Phone (066) 63 7180.

Pianos and Organs. Yamaha, Tokai, Hyundai, Elka. Professional advice, unbeatable prices. Tom Mitchell, 357 Main Road, Norville NSW 2263. Phone (043) 96 4595.

New Estate—Cooranbong. "Avondale Heights" estate. Set in a gently sloping position above the existing township, these homesites enjoy good elevation and a pleasant view. The emphasis for this new estate will be on quality. To maintain the value of your investment, a brick and tile covenant has been provided with a minimum dwelling size of 128 sq m (14 squares). All lots will be fully serviced with town water, underground electricity, and kerbed tar-sealed roads. Prices range from \$45,000. For further information, contact Raine and Horne, Cooranbong, on (049) 77 1222.

Brisbane, Qld, Real Estate. Specialising Brisbane south/east (Redlands) area, 30 minutes to city, five minutes bay—islands. School bus to Mount Gravatt Adventist schools. Contact George Gorry for all Brisbane and Qld real estate requirements. Phone (07) 245 6888 B/H or (07) 206 3710 A/H.

Real Estate—Queensland. Nationwide Realty Caboolture, 30 minutes from Brisbane. For all your real estate requirements call licensee, Bronwen Jones, Village Mall, Morayfield Road, Morayfield Qld 4506. Phone A/H (074) 95 7688.

Real Estate—Adelaide. Selling or buying in Adelaide? For personalised and friendly service, contact Rosy Hodgkinson—the specialist in the north-eastern suburbs and adjoining hills areas. L. J. Hooker—Modbury. Phone (08) 263 2022 A/H (08) 380 5466.

Real Estate—Melbourne, Ringwood Area. For all your real estate needs contact Raymond J. van Schoonhoven for personal service. C. E. Carter & Son Pty Ltd, Est 1923, 128 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood Vic 3134. Phone (03) 870 6211, A/H (03) 729 9315.

Long Arm of the Law. If you're buying a home or a business, reappraising your Will and you want the Long arm of the law on your side, contact Ken Long, Solicitor, Long & Company, 16-20 Barrack Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Phone (02) 29 4081.

Ansvar Insurance Agents. Robert Hastings, RSD H593, Creswick Road, Mount Rowan, phone (053) 34 6472, and Ron Shelton, PO Box 215, Warburton, phone (059) 66 5811, are happy to assist you with all your insurance requirements.

Interstate Travellers. When touring through NSW north coast, stop for efficient vehicle service and free safety check. Contact Winsome or Ray Barrett, Winray Motors, 102 Laurel Avenue, Lismore NSW 2480. Phone (066) 21 2969 or A/H (066) 25 1076. Mechanical repairs at reasonable rates.

Williamstown Transport Service. Furniture removals: local and interstate. Storage provided. Packing supplied. Reasonable rates. All goods insured. Free quotes. Reverse charges for long-distance calls. Phone (03) 729 1811 B/H or (03) 397 7190, all hours. Mobile phone (018) 38 3140. PO Box 214, Williamstown Vic 3016.

Advertisers Please Note: All advertisements should be sent to RECORD Editor, Signs Publishing Company, Warburton Vic 3799. Advertisements approved by the editor will be inserted at the following rates: first 30 words, \$10; each additional word, \$1. For your advertisement to appear, payment must be enclosed, with a recommendation from your local pastor or Conference officer.

Beauty can
come from
ashes

Sunshine in My Window

by Nora Ann Kuehn

Sunshine in My Window is the story of courage and solid family values in the face of tragedy.

Life for Kate and Tom and their children was filled with promise when Tom left for work.

Then disaster struck.

This portrayal of the Gill family's ups and downs will make you laugh one minute and cry the next. Pick this book up, and you won't be able to put it down without some of its sunshine spilling on to you.



DEALING WITH TRAGEDY GOD'S WAY

REGULAR PRICE \$A14.20 \$NZ21.55

SPECIAL PRICE THIS MONTH ONLY \$A11.20 \$NZ17.00

ORDER FROM YOUR ABC SECRETARY OR ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

DECEMBER BOOK OF THE MONTH

Finally: A talent is worth only what you do with it.

CONSIDER THE ADVANTAGES OF SCHOOLING IN THE NORTH NSW CONFERENCE

CHOOSE FROM THESE WELL EQUIPPED SDA SCHOOLS:

*Avondale * Central Coast * Coffs Harbour
Kempsey * Lismore * Macksville
Maitland * Manning District * Mullumbimby
Murwillumbah * Newcastle
Port Macquarie * Tamworth * Toronto*

- * MILD CLIMATES - BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE
- * LIVE OUTSIDE THE LARGE CITIES
- * LESS EXPENSIVE REAL ESTATE
- * CHURCH FELLOWSHIP IN 70 LOCATIONS

Adventist Education:

Their Right - Your Opportunity



**Request an Information Brochure about our schools
and the pleasant districts in which they are located from:**

The Education Director North NSW Conference
PO Box 7 WALLSEND NSW 2287
Phone (049) 51 8088

Please check with the school before arriving to make sure of vacancies.