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## EDITORIAL



# Women's Role

Recently the Bishop of Perth ordained 10 women into the priesthood of the Anglican Church in Australia. While there are still those within that denomination who vehemently oppose women's ordination, their cause appears to be lost.

The issue became significant in Australia when the media made the struggles within the Anglican Church an emotive public event. And, with the Anglican Church being the second largest denomination in Australia, it was fair game.

The Adventist Church, at the General Conference session in 1990, voted overwhelmingly against ordaining women into the pastoral ministry. Viewing the event from a distance, it seemed to me that the reasons for the resounding no vote may have been based more on sociological considerations rather than biblical ones.

That's not to say that those opposed to the ordination of women don't have biblical reasons for their objections. And, to be fair, it should be said that those in favour of the ordination of women can present a biblical viewpoint.

When the vote was taken it was obvious that Third World Adventists were the most uncomfortable with the idea. And rightly so. In some of their societies a woman leader would be both unacceptable and misunderstood.

Many Third World delegates, it seemed, wondered why the issue needed to be raised. Their society, aside from the biblical model, made it a non-question.

This no-to-the-ordination-of-women decision was seen by some to be inconsistent with the decision made a number of years earlier that allowed the ordination of women elders in divisions where it seemed appropriate. Some had hoped, particularly in the North American Division, for a similar decision. It was not to be.

A yes vote at the GC would have made little immediate difference to the church in the South Pacific Division. On the church's payroll we have only two women who perform a pastoral

role. But many more have studied theology. And others may have hoped for a greater opportunity to perform a fulltime pastoral function.

But this editorial isn't about the pros and cons of women's ordination. Rather it raises another question.

Women's ordination has been on our agenda, on and off, for the past 15 years or so. Whenever it has been brought back to the boil there has inevitably been a call for greater involvement of women in the life and decision-making processes of the church.

The question is, "Has it happened?"

Has the past 15 years seen any change in the role of women in the church? Are women playing a more significant part? Do women have a greater representation on church boards and conference, union and division executive committees? More significantly, are we listening to them when they are represented? Are we guilty of tokenism?

Let me say it again, the issue here isn't ordination. Rather, have we allowed and encouraged women to have significant roles in the Adventist Church?

Most churches I visit have men leading the worship service and the senior Sabbath schools. That's giving me a certain message. When I see so few women on committees I'm getting the same message of male domination.

Now it may be that most women don't want to perform leadership roles. It may be that most women are happier being led by males. It may be that most women are too busy with their careers or with raising children.

But this I do know—women *should* have a significant role within the church. If they haven't we're all losers.

"When a great and decisive work is to be done," said Ellen White, "God chooses men *and* women to do this work, and it will feel the loss if the talents of both are not combined" (*Evangelism*, page 469, emphasis added).

But maybe I shouldn't quote a woman. Or should I?

Bruce Manners.



# LETTERS

## Let's Get Positive

I rather like David Taylor's letter about our wonderful message (February 17). How can our precious children look up to their parents when there's child abuse, TV and hypocritical prayers?

Our Sabbath school lesson for February 21 is right to the point. Why teach our children the ways of the world? Just a Coincidence should be chopped out. Why write about negative things when the space could be taken up with an article on answered prayer or a miracle? And please don't let too many letters drop into the "No" basket. Doris Burg, Qld.

## Emulate Barnabas

A recent issue of RECORD (February 9) included an article by Pastor Bill Townend, "Trivial Pursuit". One paragraph dealt with the discouragement affecting some church pastors because of the attitudes of some members.

In the same issue, Flashpoint reports on an Australian study by John Mark Ministries indicating that pastors function well in the presence of "the encouragement factor."

A special supplement to the February issue of 24 Hours (the ABC-FM guide), carried an article by Professor Robert Scalapino, who stated: "Yet are we not running grave risks in the democratic world by raising the punishments for leadership higher than the rewards, with the result that it is not easy to attract our most capable and ethical individuals into public life, or to keep them there?"

Could it be that some of us are absorbing the attitudes of the societies around us toward leaders individually and leadership generally?

How much better to emulate Barnabas, who encouraged those entrusted with leadership and those just starting out in service to God and the church. S. H. Macfarlane, NSW.

## Logo Identified

When the church logo was redesigned a few years ago I, like Pastor Taylor (RECORD, March 7), was not sure whether I liked it. However, I was forced to re-evaluate the new logo when a friend from

another denomination saw and commented on it.

He thought it was stylish and its meaning quite clear. At first glance he identified the 7 and the cross as clear and meaningful. The stylised "A" was not apparent to him, but the general reaction had an impact on me.

The three angels means little to those who know little or nothing about Seventh-day Adventists. I would suggest that many Adventists couldn't explain its meaning to anyone who inquired about it.

A logo is important, but I would argue that if it is meaningless to those without "inside" information, then its main purpose is not being met.

Jenny Pringle, Vic.

## Part of the Flag?

I agree with the comments made by R. W. Taylor (RECORD, March 7) about the "meaningless design" of the South Pacific logo.

There is nothing new about the current logo. It's simply a form of the lower left-hand corner of the Union Jack, which is a threefold union of the crosses of St George of England, St Andrew of Scotland and St Patrick of Ireland.

Adding the scriptural reference of Revelation 14:6-12 to the timeless three angels symbol may have done more to arouse public interest in our

worldwide mission than the present eccentricity. J. A. Waring, Qld.

*The division's logo is pictured at the top of the masthead on the opposite page. The Adventist Church's Greek Mission, based in Athens, recently adopted a logo almost identical to that of the South Pacific Division.*

## Ellenolatry?

"Ellenolatry?" God forbid!

Do you pray to Ellen White, believing she's your Mediatrix and Co-redemptrix? Or do you say, "Ellen White says" in the same way that God's people once said, "Noah says"? He too was sent to prepare a people for the end of the world.

Hosea, Moses and Paul all had their say. But did anyone listen? Endtime spiritual Israel has been at the very frontier of the eternally promised land for well over 120 years.

Through all our wanderings, thank God that by His messages, through His messengers, we've been preserved. Joy Cornell, Qld.

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*Just a Coincidence...*





# The Law Is an Ass!

by A. J. Rayner

**Universal laws operate consistently, predictably and reliably.**

**T**he law is an ass! It often fails to protect those it's meant to protect. It limits those it's not meant to limit. It allows those who should be prosecuted to slip through its fingers. It protects the rights of the guilty while it subjects victims to the trauma of cross-examination.

In history the law has often been used to condemn the innocent. Yes, the law is an ass.

The law is an ass because it can only advise or condemn. It can suggest a proper course of action, but can give neither the will nor the power to obey.

The law is an ass because it's framed and administered by imperfect people. Even with the best intention of law-makers, *case* laws rely on human language to convey their intent. And human language is limited, imprecise and ambiguous.

The laws of the land are case laws, but governments are not alone in using them to control and protect people. They're used wherever it's necessary to have a regular code of conduct.

Sporting rules, for instance, are case laws. Any law or set of rules that depend on human language and is designed to guide and regulate behaviour is a case law.

*Universal* laws, like the laws of nature, are another kind of law. These laws can exist without any words and operate consistently, predictably and reliably.

When scientists know enough about the operation of one of these laws, they create a formal "law," which is nothing more than a written explanation. The First Law of Thermo dynamics and Boyle's law are examples. These laws operate with such regularity and precision that mathematical equations are often used to document their operation.

Psalm 19 and Romans 1 suggest that God's moral laws operate in the same way. The words describing moral principles were given long after people,

and therefore, morality, were created.

All of us are affected in the same way by the laws I have called "universal." You can't break them. You *can* defy them—with ultimate, though sometimes delayed, defeat. You can defy the law of gravity by jumping out of a hot-air balloon and have a time of absolute freedom and exhilaration—until you reach the ground. Then you are broken.

It's impossible to change these universal laws. They've been established by a Creator God who never changes. But case laws *can* be changed at the whim of the governing authority.

Daniel 7, along with other scriptures, tells us in prophetic imagery that in the controversy between God and Satan, the spirit of antichrist will try to make universal laws into case laws. Moreover, this same power will attempt to make its own case laws universal and absolute.

It's something we've all done.

We all have a tendency to make up sets of rules to govern our own behaviour and to measure the behaviour of others. It's part of the process of growing up. Watch children playing games. They'll change the rules to suit the situation—usually to disadvantage someone else.

On the other hand, we sometimes make rules for ourselves in an attempt to achieve personal performance goals. If we feel we haven't reached the standard of the rules we've set for ourselves, we become disheartened. If others fail to reach the standards we've set for them, we become judgmental, behaving as though we have the right to make whatever rules we please and to demand that our rules be obeyed universally.

Whenever we invent rules or use rules to control or judge behaviour, whether it be our own or someone else's, we're acting in the spirit of antichrist—allowing Satan to call the tune.

Ellen White tells us how damaging

it is to judge someone on the basis of rules. "The Lord wants His people to follow other methods than that of condemning wrong, even though the condemnation be just," she says. "He wants us to do something more than to hurl at our adversaries charges that only drive them further from the truth. The work which Christ came to do in our world was not to erect barriers and constantly thrust upon the people the fact that they were wrong" (*Testimonies*, Vol 6, page 121).

Jesus was called Jesus because He came to save people from their sins. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. *He didn't make rules to keep people out.*


He was continuously at odds with Jewish leaders. They had, He stated, too many restrictive and unnecessary rules.

Jesus walked, picked grain and ate on the Sabbath when they said it was against the rules to harvest. He healed when they said it was against the rules to heal. He forgave when they said it was against the rules to forgive.

Jesus didn't come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

The new covenant promise is not that God will have us control behaviour by trying to follow a set of rules we've learned. Rather, the new covenant promise is that God will write His laws on our hearts.

The law comes into our hearts as we are born again, as we cultivate our friendship with Jesus Christ, as we open our hearts to His control, as we pray and study our Bibles.

The spirit of Christ, which each one of us can have, isn't based on rules, but on an unselfish desire to open the way of salvation to others. It isn't a natural thing for us to do unless we've been born from above. 

*A. J. Rayner writes from Melbourne, Vic.*



# Claire's Legacy

by John Andrew

**We were alone because we didn't know of anyone else in our situation.**

I watched the nurse walk down the corridor with our first baby and felt excitement well up within me. After hinting that the baby was a girl, the doctor hurriedly said, "Your daughter has an extremely large head, and respiratory problems."

That was it. I was shuffled into a waiting room to think.

We called her Claire. She was flown from our country hospital to the Adelaide Children's Hospital. I went down next day and spent the morning talking to her and telling her all about us.

I loved her straightaway. It wasn't until late in the afternoon, when our neurologist showed me CAT scans of Claire's brain, that I realised the horrific import of the doctor's words.

Due to intercranial haemorrhage, fluid made in the brain cavities couldn't get out. It's called hydrocephalus. That didn't mean much, but I could see what it had done.

It had torn the brain apart.

A shunt valve had been inserted to drain off excess pressure, a process that drained off a lot of brain as well. The treatment left our new baby with nothing more than a functioning brain stem.

After five weeks we were allowed to take her home. We were alone and isolated.

Linda was six weeks pregnant when we were baptised. Now we were new Adventists with a blind, deaf child who would never know us or anything else.

In the next 12 months we found that a smile was worth a thousand words because Claire would never smile. When we went shopping and had old ladies tell us what a beautiful baby she was—and she was—the sad reality was always there. There was no point in pretending. We accepted that she would never walk or laugh or hold her head up. The scans showed only fluid

where her brain should have been.

Although we were in a small loving church, people didn't know how to handle us. Friends avoided us. We had no family nearby. And we had a baby that needed constant attention.

We strove to understand comments like: "You must have a very strong faith," or "God knew you could take this or He wouldn't have allowed it to happen to you."

Despite a loving minister and Christian friends, anger grew within me. But time has helped me to overcome that anger.

Claire is now seven and we've accepted the sadness and futility of it all. She lies in a Brisbane hospital knowing nothing and showing no improvement. We thank God that we still believe in Him.

Obviously we've had our ups and downs, but we believe we're better for the experience. We now appreciate the experience.

### *Handicapped Support Group*

*Two couples, parents of handicapped children, are creating an Adventist support group for parents with handicapped children in the South Queensland Conference. They're keen to hear from parents in South Queensland and other conferences.*

*Please contact Vicki and Michael Hourigan, 14 Haig Road, Loganlea, Qld 4131; or John and Linda Andrew, 38 Doyle Street, Toowoomba, Qld 4350.*

Looking back, we realise that we've been more fortunate than some. Because Claire has needed the intensive care of a hospital she no longer lives with us. Other parents look after their less-handicapped children at home. Even though they do have some good times, 10 to 15 years of home-care is exhausting—to all family members.

Families with handicapped children have done nothing to bring this tragedy upon themselves or committed any great sin. So why the sense of isolation? We were alone because we didn't know of anyone else in our situation.

We needed help, but we didn't ask. It may well have been pride. And it would have been more reassuring to hear people agreeing that life was unfair, than to hear hollow, but well-meaning platitudes.

By tragic experience, we've learned the secret of sympathy. When you know someone is hurting, ask them how they *really* are and be prepared to listen. Turn up on their doorstep, unannounced, prepared to do an hour or two of housework. Or drop off a prepared meal as you hurry through your day.

"Too busy," you say. And too often we are. But stop! With a handicapped child we knew all the time that there was no seeing them off to their first day of school. No watching their progress with pride and a smile. And no career discussions, meeting the boyfriend, giving the bride away and expecting grandchildren.

If there's a family near you that needs love, kindness and understanding—because of a handicapped child—step right up and lend a hand.

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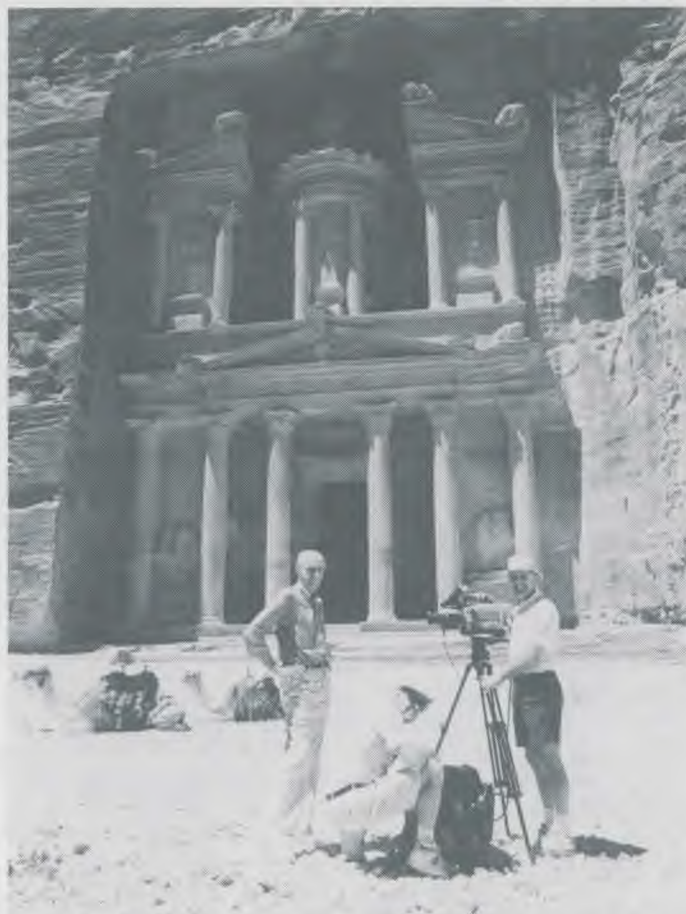
*John Andrew writes from Brisbane.*



# Reaching Millions in 1992

by Nat E. Devenish

**The Adventist Media Centre is on the move. You can be part of the action!**



Adventist Media Centre crew photographed on location in Petra, Jordan, while filming Pastor David Down for a "David Down Special."

**I**t Is Written" is no longer aired in Australia. "Focus on Living" is no longer produced and telecast. What then is the Adventist Media Centre doing by way of media outreach?

The Media Centre is now producing and airing 60-second radio and television spots known as Discovery messages. Each 60-second spot carries the name of the church and conveys a thought or two on a biblical, health or home/family theme.

Each Discovery message includes a free offer obtainable by phoning a

toll-free number. The offers include correspondence courses or publications such as the *Signs* magazine, which also includes an advertisement for our correspondence courses. The Discovery spots are all presented by Adventist Media Centre evangelist Pastor Geoff Youlden.

What are the results so far? It's encouraging. Thousands of people are responding.

The Discovery segment is working hard for the church in three ways.

During evangelistic and other outreach campaigns the spots are conveying to the public, several

times a day—and often in prime time, a message sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

(Half-hour weekly programs, on the other hand, restricted our outreach to just one timeslot per week. With spot messages we are able to reach people at different times of the day or night.)

Because of our free offers, many people are enrolling in our correspondence courses. We know from experience that around 12 per cent of baptismal candidates are students of our correspondence school. These baptisms are not entirely due to the corre-

spondence lessons, but we believe they play a significant role.

And Pastor Youlden becomes highly visible as a representative of the Adventist Church. This is a great advantage when he conducts his regular evangelistic efforts.

The Media Centre plans to air Discovery radio and/or television spots all over Australia in 1992.

Our "Focus on Living" radio broadcast is still being aired on a number of stations in Australia and, along with David Down's program, "Digging Up the Past," is aired globally through Adventist World Radio.

The Adventist Media Centre plans to produce for radio, in consultation with the conferences, a weekly 15-minute medical program, where Pastor Youlden will put questions to the division health director, Dr Percy Harrold.

We'll also be producing a daily 90-second medical mini-program with Dr Harrold as the speaker. Our plan is to offer this spot, as a "filler," to selected radio stations. It will carry the church's endorsement and attract no fee.

We'll continue to produce the *Do You Need a Hand?* and *World's*



Director of the New Zealand Bible School Pastor Larry Laredo and associate Tiki Tuakeu.

Photo: Nat Devenish





Jeff Watson of the "Beyond 2000" television series meets the Media Centre crew during the filming of the Ellen G. White video "100 Years Recalled." Jeff Watson features in the video.

Photo: J. Gibbs

Best Seller community spots for television as well as some community spots for radio. These are aired free of charge in Australia.

Our board of management has voted that we become involved in airing radio programs in languages other than English, as there are now a significant number of radio stations in Australia who can use this type of program.

The August edition of the *Australian Women's Weekly* will carry an insert card advertising our correspondence courses. The *Weekly* has a circulation of 1.25 million copies per issue and is read by 5.2 million people.

Production of video material is still a major part of the Media Centre outreach in this division. We must pay tribute to the personnel in our video/television production team for winning so many awards from international and Australian organisations.

In New Zealand, members have given good support to the work of the Bible School, led by Pastor Larry Laredo. Highlights from 1991 included:

- 22 baptisms from Bible School students.
- 10,302 lessons marked.
- 307 graduations from the Bible School.
- 2554 applications for courses received from letterboxing.
- 319 applications received from television advertising.

● The "Focus on Living" telecast went to air for the first time in New Zealand on Christchurch's Canterbury TV. The latest series of 27 episodes were screened each day at 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday. As a result of the program, a greater awareness of Adventists was created in the Canterbury area.

● New courses are planned for release during 1992. Your contribution will assist in the advertising of these courses throughout New Zealand.

● Those enrolled in the "Digging

Up the Past" course are now being invited to view David Down's video series. Most accept the offer. In September, Pastor Down is planning to conduct a series of lectures on archaeology in Wellington. Students of "Digging Up the Past" will be invited to attend.

April 25 is Radio/Television Rally Day. That offering will be directed, in total, to the work of the Adventist Media Centre in the South Pacific. In spite of the economic recession in Australia, the same offering in 1991 was an all-time record. The offering given in New Zealand was also very gratifying. We are indeed grateful for this wonderful support from church members and are again seeking your help.

Each week we receive hundreds of letters, mostly directed to our correspondence schools in Sydney and Auckland. Let me share one: "Thank you for sending, 'Here's Life,' lesson guides. I started with the 'Digging Up the Past' course and was surprised to find that biblical and secular history tallied! I became very engrossed in searching the Scriptures. I have begun keeping the Sabbath and now feel the need to be baptised."

With your help on April 25, our radio and television work, our video correspondence school and our public evangelism outreach, will reach millions of people during 1992. B

*Nat E. Devenish is the manager of the Adventist Media Centre in Wahroonga, NSW.*



Photo: J. Gibbs

Film crew producing a segment for a "Quit Now!" drama for "Life Plus," called "If I Can, You Can".



# FLASHPOINT

## New Company

Caloundra on Queensland's Sunshine Coast now has a company of 12 meeting in the Caloundra Indoor Bowls Association Hall in Bourke Street, Golden Beach, at 10am each Sabbath. The company is supported by Landsborough church. Some of the new company originally attended Pastor John Skzyparski's evangelistic program. More than 20 non-Adventists are currently attending the David Down video series of "Digging Up the Past" screened by the Caloundra company. Visitors to the area are asked to support the Caloundra company.

## Costa Rica

More than 109 people were baptised on February 23 in Costa Rica as the result of a mission, reports Pastor Leslie McMillan, Inter-American Division associate ministerial secretary and evangelist for the campaign. Approximately

600 people attended each of the evening meetings. More than 13 home visitation teams assisted Pastor McMillan and the district leader, Pastor Ralph Tucker.



Photo: Beaudesert Times

## Student of the Year

Seventh-day Adventist student Evan Paki was named Student of the Year by the Beaudesert Lions Club, Queensland, on February 25. Evan is from Papua New Guinea and attends the Kooralbyn International school near the Gold Coast. He attends Beaudesert church where he teaches primary Sabbath school. "Evan powered home in the public speaking segment to take out the title," according to the local *Beaudesert Times*. He will compete in the regional titles in Boonah.

## Pitcairn Wealth

Huge mineral deposits found under the sea fall within the 200 mile economic exclusion area of Pitcairn Island. The 50 inhabitants of the island could be millionaires—at least on paper. Deposits of manganese and iron found in the submarine volcanoes are just the beginning, believe British scientists. Huge deposits of zinc, copper and perhaps gold and silver could also lie under the surface. The predominantly Adventist population of Pitcairn last year cele-

brated the centenary of the Advent message coming to their shore.—*The Times (London)*

## Retirees Convene

A Retired Workers Convention will be held at the Watson Park campground in Kallangur, southern Queensland, from May 28 to June 1. Planned by the Trans-Tasman Union Conference (TTUC), it will be the second union-wide Retired Workers Convention held in the TTUC. All retired workers are welcome to attend. Application forms are available from the secretary-treasurer of the TTUC.

## Middle Class?

The average yearly income of American Adventists is \$22,700 compared with the national average of \$28,900. The wealthier religious groups were Jews, Unitarians, Episcopalians, Eastern Orthodox, Congregational and Presbyterians. Their income average ranged from \$29,000 to \$36,700.

## Catholic Growth

The Catholic Church has the greatest growth recorded of all American churches between 1965 and 1988. The Catholic Church's growth, measured in millions, was 8.5, the Southern Baptist Convention 4 and Seventh-day Adventists 0.3.

## Worker Shot

On Sunday, March 15, the supervisor of patients accounts at the Karachi Hospital, Pakistan, was shot and killed by three armed robbers. The three demanded the daily deposit of hospital funds from supervisor Manohoran Kanapaphipyllay. He refused to give the money

over and was shot. Sri Lankan-born Manohoran Kanapaphipyllay died later after five hours surgery in Karachi Hospital. His death is a loss to the hospital, the Sri Lankan community and his family; wife, Eban, who is dean at the School of Nursing hostel, and his children, Lynn (13) and Randy (11).

## No, Never!

General Conference president Pastor Robert Folkenberg has not had an audience with the pope as has been claimed by some. He reports that he has never seen, met or talked with the pope and he has no plans to do so. "Neither has he asked for an appointment to see me!" says Pastor Folkenberg.

## Kremlin Crowded

More than 6500 people attended the nightly meetings of an Adventist mission in Moscow. Communist hardliners who wanted to hire the Kremlin on March to hold a rally could not do so, reported the Australian Broadcasting Commission on March 17, due to the Seventh-day Adventists' mission.

## WA Blind Camp

Western Australian Adventists sponsored their first New Vision Blind camp recently. The eleven campers—aged nine to 24—spent the week experiencing water-skiing and abseiling at the conference's new Logue Brook Camp. All enjoyed the challenge and opportunity to experience new horizons, according to Western Australia's youth director Monte Torkelsen.

## 103rd Birthday

Adventist John Robert Muir of Santa Barbara,

## Wrongpoint

Technology teachers from Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands who attended the 10th Biennial Council for Education through Technology (ACET) in January did not meet in Papua New Guinea as stated (RECORD, March 28) but at Surfers Paradise in Queensland. Roy Richardson, the head of the Industrial Technology Department at Pacific Adventist College, organised the trip and presented a paper on the relevancy of technology education in Papua New Guinea.



California, United States of America, celebrated his 103rd birthday on March 7. He successfully renewed his drivers license at the age of 101, but in his 102nd year was refused. He was told, "Seventy-seven years with your hands on the steering wheel is long enough. It's time to pull over." Mr Muir received his drivers license in 1915, the same year that author and church pioneer Ellen G. White died.

## Snow Evangelists

A volunteer ministry called Action Evangelique Olympique attended the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, passing out tracts and explaining the gospel. The group of more than 100 students paid their own way to the games, but did not attend any of the events. The group is a coalition of the evangelical Protestant denominations.

## Baptisms Continue

Some 265 people were baptised in Sonsonate, El Salvador, last month during an evangelistic series that was supported by more than 50 per cent of the area's Adventists. Inter-American Division ministerial secretary Pastor Jaime Castrejon conducted the evangelistic effort that saw 700 people request baptism. Area pastors Oscar Garcia, Bel Orellana and Julio Parada coordinated witnessing activities for the 1200 church members who helped in the effort. The Sonsonate meeting is part of El Salvador's 1992 evangelistic thrust. More than 2300 people have been baptised so far and 17 new congregations organised.

## Karen Aid

The Australian government is directing \$100,000 in aid to programs for the Burmese people through the Australian Council of

Churches. "Australia's churches are acting with Burmese people as they uphold human dignity in the face of violent repression by Burma's military regime," says the General Secretary to the Australian Council of Churches, Reverend David Gill. "The Burmese military seem intent on destroying opposition in Karen State. The Australian government's decision is a great boost to the long efforts of the churches to help these people, hunted to the edges of their homeland."

## Nutrition Congress

Leading world authorities on nutrition will be presenting papers at the Second International Congress on vegetarian nutrition in Washington, DC, USA, in June. The congress will be sponsored by Loma Linda University and Medical Center and the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association. The topics cover vegetarianism and its relationship to ecology, lifestyle and disease. The South Pacific Division Adventist Health Department has details.

## Indian Growth

More than 174 people were recently baptised at the conclusion of a mission held in Polavaram, South India. A team of 20 evangelists and lay preachers, including two women, conducted the mission. Evangelism of tribal and unentered areas was the focus of the mission team. A follow-up team of 10 workers and lay preachers are involved in a program of house visitation, Bible studies and Voice of Prophecy enrolments. They hold street meetings, distribute Adventist literature and screen health films in about 20 villages around Polavaram.

## Valentines Wed on Valentine's Day



On Valentine's Day, February 14, Aaron Valentine married Donna Lockley surrounded by television cameras and local news media. They were married by Pastor Bob Michaelson in the Bushy Park Homestead in Wanganui, New Zealand. Mr and Mrs Valentine were featured on major New Zealand network news programs.

## Permit Creation

Educational officials in California recently acknowledged the right of a private school to teach the biblical account of creation as factual provided that teachers also give information on evolution. The acknowledgment came as part of a settlement between Bill Honig, superintendent of public instruction in California, and the Institute for Creation Research in Santee, reports Religious News Service.

## Prayer Belief

Almost 50 per cent of Australians have confidence in prayer as an aid to recovery in times of ill health, according to a recent survey using a sample of 750 people by the Christian Research Association. Few placed much confidence in faith healers.

## Leader Dies

The Reverend Dr Athol Gill, a world leader in grassroots Christian communities and advocating the gospel for the poor, died

suddenly at his desk in Melbourne on March 9. He was 54. Dr Gill founded the House of Freedom in Brisbane, and the House of the Gentle Bunyip in Melbourne. He championed the oppressed in the Philippines and Central America. He was an internationally respected New Testament professor.—*Religion Watch.*

## Still Hungry

Hunger 1992, the second annual report of Bread for the World Institute on Hunger and Development, states that "the proportion of the world's population that live in hunger is slowly declining." Presently half a billion people in the world experience continuous hunger and "more than a billion people face nutritional deficiencies."

*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.*



## Church Grows Another Church



The newly baptised group of Christians standing with the evangelistic team in Aruligo, Honiara (from left): Pastor Puiki Tasa, Peter Howard, David Inomae, John Oti and Pastor Tasa Senior.

**T**he Global Mission goal of every church to grow one other church has been realised in the space of seven months in the village of Aruligo, west of Honiara in the Western Pacific Union Mission.

A church made of bush materials has been built by a group of 12 who were baptised in November 1992. This group has begun their own witnessing work and, with the help of the district's subsidised layperson, David Inomae, have prepared nine people for baptism.

An evangelistic campaign run by Western Pacific Union accountant Mr John Oti and David Inomae in June 1991 was the catalyst for this church growth.

More than 200 people attended meetings on some evenings. Attendance at the meetings fell away in response to an accident occurring to one man and the serious illness of a child that attended the meeting.

Prayer was held for the healing of the child. The next night the child and family attended the meeting.

More than 60 people indicated a desire to begin baptismal studies. Classes were conducted twice weekly by church laypersons. At least four families were included in the group of 12 in the first baptism held in the new Aruligo church.

"It has also been fulfilling the goal set down by the Western Pacific Union Mission for every church to 'Grow One' church within the current quinquennium," says the associate director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Peter Howard. "It is great to see that this community have already established their first 'Grow One' church and now have their sights on growing a second church further west of their church."

## ASM Rally Held

**M**ore than 100 people attended the second Victorian Adventist Singles Ministry (ASM) Rally Day on February 29.

The day's Sabbath school program provided for children as well as the adults. The lesson was shared by Geoff Wall, the social committee lead-

er of the chapter. The theme of the lesson was "Spiritual and Material Restoration."

A fly'n'build team-member and Sanitarium employee, Derek Hughes, reported to the group the experiences he had while in Fiji constructing a church.

The education director of the Victorian Conference, Ross Reid, pre-

sented the Sabbath sermon.

"His challenging message, 'Freeway Driving or Scenic Route' reminded us of the choice we all have to make between in the lives we live for Christ," says public relations officer for the Victorian ASM chapter Geoff Pankhurst.

"The music, led by Judy Waters, set the tone for the day. Judy is an accomplished singer, and inspired us to raise our voices in praise to God," says Mr Pankhurst.

"The activities of the Adventist Singles Ministry in Victoria is actively promoted by regular visits to Adventist congregations from members and friends of ASM.

"We exist to offer friendship and support to single adults in the Adventist Church.

"ASM Victorian director Meryl McDonald has promoted ASM among other Christian singles groups and as a result secured the Nunawading Church of Christ for their rally day in February.

"Rally days are an opportunity for worship and fellowship," says Mr Pankhurst. "Further rally days are planned for May 16, August 8 and November 7."

Victoria's Adventist Singles Ministry can be contacted through ASM, PO Box 41, Surrey Hills, Vic 3127.

## Positive Health Response

**D**r Harley Stanton was the chief organiser of the First South Pacific Workshop on Tobacco and Cancer, held in Honiara in May 1991. The program, attended by health and government leaders for the nations of Kiribati, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and New Guinea, was partly sponsored by the Health Department of the South Pacific Division.

At that time most shops in Honiara had multiple hoardings advertising tobacco and cigarettes. In February 1992 Dr Stanton noticed a change. There was virtually no advertising for tobacco products to be seen anywhere in the city of Honiara.



Dr Stanton had been one of the workshop consultants, along with Dr Nigel Gray, the director of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, and Stephen Woodward, the executive director of Action on Smoking and Health in Australia.

"The Adventist Church can be proud of its participation, through Dr Stanton, and its partial sponsorship of this workshop because of the changes that are occurring in the Solomon Islands," says the director of the Health Department, Dr Percy Harrold; "changes such as an increase in tax on tobacco products, banning of advertising and the renewed interest in government circles of preventing disease by reducing the use of tobacco products."

"Radio and television advertising for tobacco products was banned in New Zealand in 1964 and in Australia in 1976. Such legislation is now in place in the Solomon Islands.

"There is now a strong movement within the Solomon Islands to have smoking in public and enclosed places restricted. This will benefit the health and well-being of the more than 300,000 inhabitants of the Solomon Islands.

"Millions of lives could be affected for the better if similar steps were taken in the other island nations of the Pacific.

"Actively involved in the prevention of the use of tobacco and alcohol, the Health Department sees the changes in Honiara as a success that needs to be built on."

## Aiding Yugoslavian Neighbours in Trouble

The Yugoslavian newspaper *Vercernji Nedjelje* recently ran a report about the Adventist Seminary in Yugoslavia helping refugees during the conflict in that country.

"Marusevec—the Adventist Seminary, Yugoslavia, which for years, mainly hidden from the limelight, works actively in the castle Marusevec (consisting of a theology college and high school, which in its male and female dormitories accepts

about 200 young Adventists each year)—has recently opened its doors to Sabbath-keepers fleeing from the effects of the Serbo-Croatian war.

"Knowing that offering help to those in need and trouble comprises a large part of the faith and nature of Adventists, scores of persecuted families—especially women, children and the elderly—arrived at Marusevec through private connections. Many had not so long ago been educated there.

"The caretakers have given them the use of the dormitories and secured food and other necessities from their own resources.

"The Adventist seminary in Marusevec is under the Adventist Christian Church, and so the Sabbath-keepers have taken upon themselves to help the refugees. They are not asking for help from the community social workers or the Red Cross.

"In giving organised help the Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency is helping. It's an international humanitarian organisation whose branches operate throughout Yugoslavia.

"ADRA in Hungary has just sent to Marusevec, among other things, medicine and sanitary material. The Marusevec Adventist Seminary did not need these materials and donated them to the Health Centre in Ivanec.

"Substantial help has been received from Hungary in the form of children's food, which the Adventists have donated to the Ivanec Centre of Social Care. The international link

that Adventist congregations have is coming to the fore.

"Marusevec has received a letter from the Adventist Church in Italy. Pastors, who have themselves at some stage lived at Marusevec, have offered material help and expressed moral support.

"Help has also been offered from church leaders in Berlin. The director of the Adventist Seminary, Dr Jovan Mihaljevic, says that the castle Marusevec can offer refugees total care for a period of time. The seminary can accept another 50 or so people with some adjustments."

*Translated by Martha Kajfes.*

## Universities Pass Accreditation

An exhaustive three-year review by the Western Association of Colleges and Schools (WACS) ended on March 6 with Loma Linda University's (US) accreditation reaffirmed and both Loma Linda and La Sierra Universities being taken off the accrediting body's probation list.

The WACS action comes as welcome news to both universities, which have been under WACS probation for nearly three years.

The action reaffirms accreditation for four years for Loma Linda University and defers until 1995 the decision on reaffirming accreditation for La Sierra University. La Sierra University gained its independence

## Court Action Anticipated

Since the terms of settlement were signed by solicitors representing both parties in *The Protestant* injunction case on January 10, 1992, the church has had difficulty in obtaining any agreement from the publishers on the wording of the disclaimer, which was to be prominently displayed on the front page of the magazine. Furthermore, in spite of letters forwarded by the church's solicitor on three occasions, there has been no response from the publishers, but in breach of the terms of settlement, magazines have been distributed in at least four states without any disclaimer appearing.

It is not in the church's interest to further delay reaching agreement over a disclaimer and it would be most unfortunate for the church if this matter has to return to the court for settlement.

An increasing number of complaints are being received from church members and the public about the magazines's continued distribution, and unless the matter is soon resolved and a response received from the publishers, the application for an injunction will be relisted for hearing in the Federal Court of Australia.—*Raymond L. Coombe.*



from Loma Linda University in 1990.

"The self-study and evaluation team report a chronicle in an amazing turnaround, a renaissance of the university as described by the team, in which you, the board of trustees, faculty, administration and staff can take great pride," wrote Loma Linda University president Dr Lyn Behrens.

"It is evident," wrote the officials, "that the separation of La Sierra and Loma Linda into two autonomous campuses has infused La Sierra and Loma Linda University with new vitality and focus as a health sciences university."

The WACS Commission's report commended Loma Linda University for significant progress in six critical areas. These areas were of concern when the university was put on probation in February 1989. The areas were: governance and administration, assessment, diversity, educational programs, faculty and finances.

The probation status ultimately led to the separation of the two campuses into autonomous schools, the reorganisation of the board of trustees, the establishment of the board's independent authority in governing the university and a comprehensive evaluation of campus programs.

WACS officials commended La Sierra University for the culturally diverse student body, commitment to high-quality teaching, and an overall sense of commitment.

It also suggested room for improvement in areas of strategic planning, graduate programs, faculty research

and wages. These criticisms were expected for a "young" university, reports a university spokesperson.

## Handwritten Bible Project to Aid Russia

**M**essages of commendation from every sector of the community have been pouring into Bible Society offices following the nationwide launch of the unique Handwritten Bible Project in March.

The project commemorates the founding of the Bible Society in Australia in March 1817 and remembers the people of the new Commonwealth Independent States (CIS) who have been without copies of the Bible since the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917.

Australian participants who handwrite one verse of the Bible pay \$5. That covers the cost of supplying one Bible for a Russian family. The target is to supply people of the CIS with at least 360,000 desperately need Bibles this year.

His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Walter Campbell, wrote the first verse, Genesis 1:1 in Queensland's Handwritten Bible. The 1992 "Australian of the Year," the Most Reverend Peter Hollingsworth, and the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman Jim Soorley, have also given their support.

The leader of the Federal Opposition, Dr John Hewson, has wished the project every success, adding, "Your goal is ambitious and the cause is worthy."

Radio personality Alan Jones has said, "I am delighted to give my support to the Handwritten Bible Project."

Artist Pro Hart has donated a painting to the Bible Society to be auctioned in support of the project. The suggested starting price is \$10,000.

Several copies of various paintings of Pro Hart's will be included in the Handwritten Bibles. "I think the Handwritten Bible Project is a great idea and I give it my full support," he said.

The minister for Justice (NSW), Terry Griffith, wrote, "My congratulations to the Bible Society for spreading the Word of God, particularly in difficult areas."

"If you added up all the books that had been printed in the former Soviet Union on atheist propaganda, it would make the Bible Societies' aim to supply 30 million Bibles for over four years relatively insignificant," says the Reverend Michael Roshak, United Bible Societies liaison officer with the CIS, speaking to the 200 people at the launch of the Handwritten Bible project in Sydney.

"There is a book in Bible House in Moscow that contains Scripture verses cut out of theistic magazines and books that have quoted scripture in an effort to destroy their credibility," says the Reverend Roshak. "This book was precious beyond words to those who had no other access to the Word of God." He urged Australians, "As you handwrite each verse, remember those people."

"I thought at first this was a promotional gimmick," said Ron Weir, a Christian attending the projects beginning.

"But having heard firsthand from Michael Roshak of the unknown number of Russians who had to secretly handwrite verses of the Bible to preserve it during the 70 years of atheist propaganda, I wanted to be personally involved. Not just by giving \$5 to pay for a Russian Bible, but by doing what they had done—handwriting a part of it."

The Bible Society invites every denomination to contact the Handwritten Bible Coordinator in their state.—*Bible Society News Release.*

## Global Baptism Day in May

**T**he General Conference Annual Council held late last year in Perth unanimously voted the last Sabbath in May as the Annual Global Baptism Day—commencing in 1992.

It is recommended that all churches around the world hold an evangelistic-type baptismal service and extend a call for decisions to friends of the church who are not yet Adventists.

This recommendation invites the world church to join together and hold a baptism of the largest possible number of well-prepared candidates.

"While the idea is to hold a baptism in each church, several churches could join for a mass baptism," says associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, Pastor Carlos Aeschlimann. "It should be an evangelistic-type baptism, where church members invite their friends, family and interests. Usually the best time to hold a baptism is Sabbath morning when the largest number of people is present, but it can also be held in the afternoon or night.

"The worldwide baptismal goal for May 30, 1992, is 150,000, a harvest from all corners of the earth," says Pastor Aeschlimann.



# NOTICEBOARD

## Lifesketch



**Straker, Pastor Rodney**, was born in Hampstead, England, on September 17, 1917, and died in Denmark, Western Australia, on February 10, 1992. Pastor Straker was the son of a master printer. During his youth he developed a strong moral awareness of the physical needs of humanity and in the late 1930s became a lecturer of physical education at Exeter University and later Bedales, where Princess Margaret's children were educated. He worked conscientiously in war-torn London and, during the Depression, went farming in Wales and later New Zealand to educate farmers and alleviate food shortages. In 1943 he married Patti Melville, and they had three children. In 1950 he became a Christian and, after studying theology at Avondale College, became a full-time minister. Pastor Straker ministered from 1954 to 1976. He developed new methods of outreach in various communities within Queensland and New South Wales, and began new churches. His ministry continued after his retirement in Perth and Denmark, Western Australia. He is remembered as a man of steady devotion, loyalty and dependability. He is survived by his wife, Patti, and children, Pearl, Wanda and Leon, and their families. Ken Vogel.

## Appreciation

**Straker**. For all your kind and many condolences please accept the heartfelt gratitude of Patti Straker, Pearl, Wanda, Leon and families.

## Weddings

**Bottrell—Chesney**. Murray Allan Bottrell, son of Allan and Jessie Bottrell (Numurkah, Vic), and Judith Leanne Chesney, daughter of David and Connie Chesney (Melbourne), were married on March 15 at the Lilydale SDA church. Murray is a bank officer, and Judy is a physiotherapist. They plan to set up their home in Melbourne. Adrian J. Raethel.

**Griffiths—Brown**. Joseph Paul Griffiths, son of Joel and Catherine Griffiths (Adelaide, SA), and Sandra Anne Brown, daughter of Colleen Brown (Adelaide) and the late Adolphus Brown, were married on March 15 at the Brighton SDA church. Joe and Sandra, who have known each other since schooldays, plan to set up their home in Adelaide. Both Joe and Sandra work as clerks. Pastor Alan Croft was associated with the writer in the service. Lee Bowditch.

**Higgins—Cameron**. Michael Patrick Higgins, son of Pat and Nancy Higgins (St Albans, Christchurch, New Zealand), and Tracey Helen Cameron, daughter of David and Heather Cameron (Kaitiapi), were married

on February 9 at the Ilam SDA church, Christchurch. Michael is a fitter and turner, and Tracey is a beauty therapist. They plan to set up their home in Christchurch. Eric Kingdon.

**Vockler—Kidson**. Mark Vockler (Cooranbong, NSW) and Ellen Kidson (formerly of Nelson, New Zealand) were married on March 6 in a garden ceremony at Mark's home. They plan to set up their home in Cooranbong, where Mark works in the Sanitarium Research Laboratories. E. D. Oliver.

**Wheat—Cowled**. Aaron Donald Wheat and Marita Rose Cowled were married on March 1 at Hastings SDA church, Christchurch, New Zealand. They plan to continue to live and work in Napier, where Aaron is a spray painter and Marita is a teachers aide. Paul Gredig.

## 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.

**Bickers**, Eileen Marjorie, born September 25, 1910, in Calcutta, India; died March 3 at the Undercliffe Nursing Home, Greenmount, WA. She was a devoted wife to her late husband, John, and a dedicated and talented piano teacher. She is survived by her daughter, Maureen-Anne Martin; and grandchildren, Jason and Anastasia Bradley. Dale Arthur.

**Bobongie**, John, born September 10, 1909, at Summer Hill, NSW; died February 21 at the Pioneer Nursing Home, Mackay, Qld. He was baptised in the Pioneer River by Pastor Tom Kent, and became a member of the Farleigh church. He then joined the Walkerston church, where he served as elder, and held other church offices, for many years. In 1941 John married Doris Motto, who predeceased him on January 2, 1982. He is survived by his children, Earl (Walkerston), Cheryl Quakawoot (Farleigh), Sharelle Johnson (Shoal Point), Helen Yasserie (Farleigh), Sharon Dwyer (Mirani), Shaneen Penola (Brisbane) and Texton (Mackay). Clarrie Penola, church elder, and Reg Yasserie, son-in-law, assisted in the services at the Mackay SDA church and the Mirani Cemetery. Gilberto Dias.

**Burgher**, Henry, born April 19, 1903, on the Orkney Islands, Scotland; died January 29 at Rotherham Nursing Home, Ryde, NSW. Henry was a builder and architect, and a poet. He was baptised in 1940. He is survived by his daughters, Marian Groom (Sydney), Mima (professor in nursing education, Andrews University, USA) and Florence (Norfolk Island). R. D. Craig.

**Davies**, Donna Allison, born March 21, 1963, in Wellington, NSW; died February 29 at the family home in Toncurry. Donna was baptised by Pastor Lindsay Slight 12 months ago. Julie Parmenter, an elder at Epping church, assisted the writer, the current church pastor, in the service. Ray Southon.

**Hankin**, Gladys Alice, born July 11, 1902, in Watford, Hertfordshire, England; died March 5 at Hawkesbury Hospital, Windsor, NSW. Gladys joined the Watford Town church about 45 years ago. She came to Australia at the age of 82 to be with her eldest daughter, and for the past seven years had lived with her at North Richmond. When her health allowed, Gladys attended the North Richmond church. She is survived

by her daughters, Gladys Rose (Australia) and Gwen Archer (England); son, Frances (England); 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Jack, predeceased her by 24 years. Michael Roberts, church elder, assisted in the service. Bruce Shield.

**Johnson**, Vera Beatrice (nee Fase), born August 25, 1906, at Foster, Vic; died December 25 at Ballarat, and was buried in the Ballarat Cemetery. Vera married Keith Johnson in 1932 and they lived at Frankston, Yallourn, Newborough and Ballarat. In 1969 Vera was baptised and joined the Moe church, and later the Ballarat church. She is survived by her daughter, Fay Wood (Ballarat); sons, Ken and Ron; sister, Hazel Rockliff; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Pastor Bob Trood assisted in the service. Lin Burns.

**Perry**, Ida Amelia, born June 19, 1894; died February 26 at Hornsby Hospital, NSW. A long-time Adventist, for the past 30 years Ida had been a member of the Thornleigh church. She held senior offices and was active in church life. Bob Williams, a church elder, was associated with the writer in the service. R. D. Craig.

**Walsh**, Marion Joy (nee Liggett), died February 21 at her home in Adelaide, SA, after a brave struggle against cancer. Her strong faith and calm assurance were a blessing to all who ministered to her. She is survived by her husband, Rex; children Lisette and Andrew; and family and friends in Australia and New Zealand. Dennis Edwards assisted in the service. Andrew Kingston.

## Advertisements

**Urgent Appeal**. The South Pacific Division is currently promoting a fly'n'build on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait. The project, to build a church and headquarters, begins early April and will continue over some months. Due to circumstances outside everyone's control, some who had previously committed themselves have had to withdraw. We therefore urgently need missionary-minded volunteers who will take their place. If you can help, please contact the Division as soon as possible. Ask to speak to Karen Sabbo (02) 489 7122, or Bruce Roberts (065) 63 1335.

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by VeraLee Wiggins

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