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THE HIGH COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Honiara, May 1. By nature I prefer to think about the future, but events this week caused me to reflect on the past. It began last week when I went to downtown Sydney after Anzac Day. There they were—hundreds of little crosses, each with a name of a person who paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom and country.

My thoughts were driven back to my ordination in 1975, while working in Ethiopia. It was a simple service beside a lake, but what I remember most was a small gift given to me by Ingar—the mission treasurer.

Ingar came from Denmark and, during the second world war, she had been a member of the Danish Resistance because she believed Hitler's Nazi ideology was untenable for Christians.

Inside the package was a book I have treasured, *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who died in a Nazi prison for his condemnation of Hitler's teaching. On a card she had written, "Remember, success demands that you give your all."

Many times I have seen the truth of her statement manifested in the lives of those who would have agreed with the words in Bonhoeffer's poem "New Year 1945." He wrote it just four months before his execution at Flossenbürg.

"Should it be ours to drain the cup of grieving/ Even to the dregs of pain, at thy command/ We will not falter, thankfully receiving/ All that is given by thy loving hand."

Bonhoeffer was right. Once we shrink from Christ's calling and calculate our service, it ceases to be discipleship. If you are to reach people,

you must extend yourself to people, and become vulnerable with them. There is no true love without risk.

This week, another dear friend, Bent Nielsen, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) director in Burundi, Central Africa, was buried in his native Denmark. Throughout the central African crisis, Bent and Evelyn, his wife, continued to minister to the people of this politically and racially torn neighbour of Rwanda. Last week Bent was shot in the course of carrying out ADRA's ministry to the poor.

This morning at Atoifi I was again reminded of the cost of discipleship as I spent a few minutes at the graveside of Len Larwood who, with his wife, Betty, pioneered the early years at the hospital. Len, along with Brian Dunn, were both personal friends and classmates who lost their lives under tragic circumstances at Atoifi.

True discipleship always has a cost, and these people were prepared to risk all for God. An hour ago I landed at Honiara only to see a parked C-130 military plane. Memories flooded back to the last time I had seen one—April 10, 1994. I had flown into Kigali, Rwanda, at the height of the genocide and civil war. My mission was to bring moral support and urgent supplies to another unsung missionary champion, Carl Wilkens, ADRA director in Rwanda.

When the genocidal killing started, Carl sent his wife and two daughters to safety, but refused orders to leave. For 88 days he provided protection to church workers and ministered to hungry orphans, often at great personal risk. It took three days before the shelling was quiet enough for the

armed UN patrols to take me to his residence. For four days and nights we slept in the hall under a mattress as heavy artillery and automatic rifle fire flew overhead.

"I know God called me here," he told me. "He never promised it would be easy. I cannot in all conscience abandon my workers to their fate and leave behind the very people I came to serve."

If you should meet him, you will never hear Carl talk of the bullet that crashed through the window while we were eating lunch, or the sniper bullet that went through the driver's seat headrest just after he stepped out of his vehicle to deliver food to an orphanage. He would talk to you of his calling and his surety that he was fulfilling God's will in his life.

And so it has and ever will be. Our Lord calls us to service in many different ways, but the nature of that calling is the same. Around the world vibrant, growing churches from the Amazon forests to the malaria-infested lakesides of Africa's inland sea, Lake Victoria, are living memorials to those who rest from their labours in lonely graves.

Today that same spirit is still seen in the work of the missionary pioneers, many of whom work for ADRA in the most diverse, difficult and dangerous places of the earth, as they demonstrate and declare the love of God to all peoples. It is good to remember—lest we forget!



David Syme
Executive Director
ADRA-Australia

Next week

Meeting Jesus in the church's fundamental teachings

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DO, LORD, O DO REMEMBER ME

by Kim Peckham

Let us consider the human brain. This wonderful organ can recall billions of bits of information. Unfortunately, most of them are advertising jingles. The stuff you really want to remember—like where you parked the car at the airport—is gone with the wind.

That's been my experience, anyway. When it comes to memory, my mind has a mind of its own. I have come to it on bended knee, begging, "Please, could you find someplace in those billions of neurons to store a telephone number?"

It says, "Sorry, I just used the last of the space for a McDonald's jingle—"Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, etc."

I say, "I don't need to know that. I'm a vegetarian!"

To paraphrase the apostle Paul: "Those things I want to remember, I do not."

For example, I wish I could remember people's names. A familiar face will approach me, and I'll desperately ring up my brain. What's the name of this person who is embracing me like a long-lost relative?

I can almost hear it suppress a snicker. "I'm not sure I have that file anymore," it giggles. "I think I had to clear it out to make room for your part in the Easter play."

As further proof that our minds are as mischievous as a tentful of Pathfinders, let me mention a little trick they pull on us called "Stop the music." This is where you start singing a song like "Born free, as free as the wind blows. As free as . . ." and suddenly you're humming because you have no idea what words come next.

I think most people can sing only two songs clear through from mem-



ory: "Do, Lord," and the theme song to "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Sometimes it seems as though a cheap computer hard drive would do a better job than the standard brain. You could instantly save important facts. Guys could remember the score to every football game. Women could remember every comment anyone ever made about their hair.

Another benefit is that it would take only the press of a button to delete the annoying little memories that brains cling to: for example, that embarrassing moment at your first

high school banquet.

"But wait," I hear you saying. "What if you accidentally delete files you need?"

My answer to you is "Ha. That's the least of my worries, because . . . Ah . . . Could you repeat the question?"

What I mean is, my brain already deletes everything. It deletes birthdays, anniversaries, and the reason I drove to the grocery store.

This isn't so bad if you're a guy, because your wife will remember for you. Solomon forgot to mention that a wife who is more precious than rubies is a wife who can tell you where you left your car keys.

Marriage is a good thing for the forgetful. Lori and I can sometimes remember an important fact if we combine our memories. "What's the name of that restaurant that So-and-so recommended?" I'll ask her. "I think it starts with an f." This is her clue that the name of the restaurant actually begins with any letter in the alphabet except f, and we work from there.

So what can you do about a declining memory? Deep down, it worries me. What if this forgetfulness continues

to creep over the whole mind until I can't even recognize the people I love? It happens.

But you know, even if I forget everything, God remembers. In fact, He remembers me so well that at His return, He will re-create me in every detail—a living, breathing, joyful citizen of the new earth.

Do, Lord, O do remember me.

Kim Peckham is an advertising copywriter who lives in Falling Waters, West Virginia. Adapted, with permission from Women of Spirit.

Did you hear . . . ?

■ . . . About the Adventist family who dedicated their adopted baby in church on a Sunday?

Cessnock (NSW) church members Garry and Denise Threlfo (pictured) dedicated Jessika, a spe-



cial-needs baby (she has Down's syndrome), in front of a congregation of mostly non-Adventists.

The Threlfos, who adopted another special-needs baby, Jordyn, in 1996, waited several months before Jessika's adoption was confirmed.

■ . . . About the church members in Caloundra, Queensland, who meet behind an indoor bowls hall?

Three couples from the Landsborough church formed the organised Caloundra church six years ago. Now there are 51 members, with most coming from the nearby Adventist retirement village.

Interested in retiring on the Sunshine Coast and becoming a member of the church? Phone Barry Hiscox on (07) 5491 3544.

Clippings

■ www.site.new

Greenvale (Vic) church members Geoff and Sylvia Wall host an outreach program on radio ("Time to Live," 3NRG 99.4 FM, Sunday 7 pm). It's on the Internet (www.ozemail.com.au/~radiottl). "We guarantee an answer to any Bible question," says Mr Wall.

Church calendar

■ June 6 Literature Evangelist Day; Adventist Development and Relief Agency Disaster and Famine Relief Offering

Team Force trains children's leaders



Team Force Australia (TFA), supported in part by the Carmel and Riverside (WA) churches, is training young people to get involved in team and community events. At a recent solo-mum's camp, TFA staff members organised the children's activities while their mothers attended support meetings.

"We couldn't wait to take the children [pictured] out and show them God's nature and the fun things we had planned," says one of the staff members, Deb Topperwien.

Other TFA events planned for the year ahead include camps for primary school leaders, and also for children with Down's syndrome or cerebral palsy, and team entries in two long-distance running events, a pentathlon and the annual Avon Descent.

Interested in joining TFA? Phone Norm Hammond on (08) 9359 1224.

NET '98 update

● NET '98's opening title? "Titanic: Are We Next?" "The current interest in the movie along with the strong 'partying-beneath-the-decks-while-the-world-goes-down' spiritual lesson seemed too good to pass up," says NET speaker Pastor Dwight Nelson.

● Thirty-two languages have been approved by the Adventist Global Communication Network for NET '98, including Hindi and Melanesian Pidgin. Fijian and Samoan programs are also planned.

RACV gives resort four stars

The Warburton Health Resort rated four stars in the latest Royal Automobile Club of Victoria accommodation directory.—*Focus*



First women's retreat in SQld

Some 65 women met at

Watson's Park for the first South Queensland Conference women's ministries training weekend, March 27-29. Workshop topics included starting a Bible-study group, and preparing and presenting a sermon.

Women to meet in Victoria

The Victorian Conference Women's Ministries Department is organising a weekend retreat at the Warburton Health Resort, July 17-19. Workshop topics include Families in Crisis; Single and Satisfied; and Lending a Listening Ear. Applications close June 22. For more information, phone Susanna Weber on (03) 9259 2100.

World news

80,000 experience Pentecost

At least 80,000 Africans experienced the outreach program, Pentecost '98, when the live-by-satellite program went to hundreds of sites across the African continent from the Vista

University stadium in Soweto, South Africa. "In some Rwandan churches, 300 people were inside watching, and another 1000 stood outside just listening," says Adventist Global Communication Network technical producer Warren Judd.

Briefly

■ **Russia:** Adventists worshipping in Venev were expelled from a city-owned theatre recently. Local officials have ruled that no publicly owned buildings may be used for worship services by any religious group.—*ANN*

■ **Botswana:** More than 2000 people attended an Adventist Church-organised consecration service for the country's newly appointed president, Festus Mogae, in the capital, Gaborone, on April 18.—*ANN*

ANNUAL REPORTS

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ADRA

South Pacific Region

Our mission is to reflect Christian compassion by:

- Actively supporting communities in need through a portfolio of development activities which are planned and implemented cooperatively.
- Building networks which develop indigenous capacities, appropriate technologies and skills at all levels.
- Advocating for and assisting communities to responsibly manage and care for the natural resources of their environment.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT—ADRA NEW ZEALAND

As a Pacific nation, New Zealand has always supported its neighbours in time of need. The main focus of ADRA New Zealand team centres on the Pacific rim where projects have ranged from refugee assistance on the Thai-Myanmar border, maternal and child-health programs in Cambodia, drought relief in PNG and sending relief assistance to the Cook Islands after the hurricanes there.

Beyond these ADRA New Zealand has stretched its assistance to the victims of the tragedies in Central Africa where the generous donations of ADRA New Zealand supporters have made a difference in the lives of many displaced peoples in Rwanda and Zaire. As well as providing rehabilitation assistance and programs that develop local skills and provide micro - enterprise loans, helping people to help themselves has been the focus of ADRA New Zealand's support.

The agricultural and sheep farming expertise for which New Zealand is well-known has contributed through ADRA New Zealand to projects in Mongolia -

another sheep and cattle economy country. ADRA New Zealand has already completed an extensive feasibility study that examined possible links between the two countries. Community gardening, processing dairy products, improved cropping and herding skills were all identified as areas for potential collaboration. The first project is already underway and ADRA New Zealand believes it can make a difference by working in partnership with the Outer Mongolian communities.

ADRA New Zealand expresses its sincere thanks to the Government of New Zealand for its encouragement and support as well as to those who generously supported the agency's activities in 1997. Through the strong and efficient ADRA staff in our implementing countries, ADRA donors in New Zealand can be assured that their donations are providing the greatest returns in human development for their "neighbours" no matter how near or far they are from the Pacific.

Alan Fletcher - Executive Director



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT—ADRA AUSTRALIA

The year 1997 has been a challenging one for the agency. It can be best summarised as one of change and yet continuity.

In September, Harry Halliday, ADRA's General Manager retired after 7 years of distinguished service. We commend him for the solid leadership given the agency during his tenure.

ADRA has continued its endeavour to achieve excellence in all of its programming with an increasing emphasis on sustainability in development initiatives. The geographic focus of ADRA's assistance has remained primarily in the Southern Pacific and Asian regions, with a few key programs in Eastern and Southern Africa.

ADRA partners have provided faithful support of the agency and no where is this better seen than in the tremendous response to the PNG

drought appeal, which enabled ADRA to receive a grant of \$750,000 for water development in the hardest hit areas.

Four hundred and two ADRA volunteers have contributed expertise and skill transfer training to a variety of infrastructural development projects in the South Pacific and Asia.

Again ADRA wishes to record its deep appreciation to the Australian Government (AusAID) who have provided significant matching and funding support to the agency in 1997 for development and relief activities.

ADRA Australia faces the coming year with the knowledge that the experience and foundations of its past will enable it to continue to work with those in need to truly change the world - one life at a time.

David R Syme - Executive Director

Statement of Mission

"The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is an agency established for the specific purposes of community development and disaster relief. As an internationally recognised non-government development organisation (NGDO), ADRA fulfils this primary directive of its charter without regard to ethnic, political, racial or religious association. This directive is an outgrowth of a deeply held belief that human life is infinitely valuable."

ADRA Australia Personnel (as at 31.12.97)

Executive Director	David R Syme
Manager - Government Affairs	Peter Truscott
Manager - Overseas Development	Warren Scale
Projects Coordinator	Elaine Woolley
Program Assistant/Secretarial	Sue Hammond

* ADRA is a fully accredited member of the Australian Council of Overseas Aid (ACFOA)

*ADRA is a signatory of ACFOA's Code of Conduct committed to: Integrity, Values, Accountability.

* All donations received are used to support projects—*no overheads are deducted.*

*ADRA has been audited for the year ended December 31, 1997, by independent auditors—Grant Thornton.

Copies of the audited Balance sheet and associated Financial Statements are available on written request to: Executive Director, ADRA Australia, PO Box 129, Wahroonga NSW 2076

BALANCE SHEET ADRA AUSTRALIA

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1997

ASSETS	1997	1996
Current Assets		
Cash	50	8,829
Investments	5,969,324	6,170,030
Other	587,236	426,164
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$6,556,610	\$6,605,023
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment	49,668	40,527
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$49,668	\$40,527
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,606,278	\$6,645,550
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and Borrowings	61,858	1,491
Other	16,679	25,016
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$78,537	\$26,507
Non-current Liabilities		
Provisions	47,212	46,042
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$47,212	\$46,042
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$125,749	\$72,549
NET ASSETS	\$6,480,529	\$6,573,001
EQUITY		
Other Equity - Allocated Reserves	1,897,057	1,845,010
Other Equity - Unallocated	562,063	562,063
Funds Available for Future Use (Project 4 Trust Funds)	4,021,409	4,165,928
TOTAL EQUITY	\$6,480,529	\$6,573,001

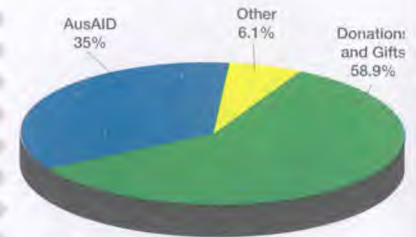
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY ADRA AUSTRALIA

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

REVENUE

	1997	1996
Donations and Gifts	5,487,185	5,828,258
Legacies and Bequests	64,500	68,937
Grants		
AusAID*	3,304,649	1,927,973
Other Australian		
Other Overseas		
Investment Income	331,196	440,853
Other Income	241,132	189,623
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,428,661	\$8,455,644

Revenue



DISBURSEMENTS

Overseas Projects		
Funds to Overseas Projects	9,012,618	7,689,859
Other Project Costs	31,508	39,117
Domestic Projects		
Community Education	84,216	48,664
Fundraising Costs		
Public	16,566	13,002
Government and Multilaterals		
Administration	376,225	312,934
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,521,134	\$8,103,576

Disbursements



Excess (Shortfall) of Revenue Over Expenses Before Abnormal Items	(\$92,473)	\$352,068
Abnormal Items		
Excess (Shortfall) of Revenue Over Expenses After Abnormal Items	(92,473)	352,068
Funds Available for Future Use at the Beginning of the Year	4,165,928	4,068,337
Aggregate of Amounts Transferred to Reserves	(52,046)	(254,477)

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE USE AT THE END OF THE YEAR

	\$4,021,409	\$4,165,928
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* ADRA received two (2) Financial years of Agency Program Subsidy Scheme (APSS) allocations in the 1997 Calendar year.



Jip is four and an orphan. Her parents died of AIDS. She is just one of many hundreds of thousands of children assisted by ADRA's development programs.

DISBURSEMENT BY COUNTRY

During 1997 ADRA Australia, in partnership with its donors and AusAID, implemented 38 major development initiatives in 13 lesser developed countries and 10 major disaster initiatives. More than 200 micro-humanitarian assistance and development interventions were

made. The programs implemented in 53 countries include: Primary food production; Potable water; Micro-enterprise; Literacy education, HIV/AIDS education and prevention; Human resource development, as well as Refugee and Disaster relief.

	\$		\$		\$
Albania	30,710	Laos	240,128	Samoa	70,727
*Australia	84,216	Lesotho	6,000	Solomon Islands	804,915
Bangladesh	309,585	Malawi	15,314	South Africa	199,757
Botswana	3,601	Malaysia	1,310	Sri Lanka	114,942
Cambodia	977,236	Mexico	5,000	Sudan	1,130
China	108,523	Middle East	530	Thailand	505,196
Cook Islands	45,843	Mongolia	71,473	Tibet	1,000
Croatia	103,340	Myanmar	7,872	Tonga	109,339
Egypt	3,500	Nepal	257,372	Tuvalu	5,734
Ethiopia	5,595	Nigeria	707	Uganda	7,950
Fiji	396,578	Pakistan	1,200	Vanuatu	217,193
Guatemala	4,470	Papua New Guinea	3,191,038	Vietnam	890,634
India	55,924	Philippines	34,271	Zambia	41,943
Kenya	46,923	Rwanda	24,207	Zimbabwe	15,557
Kiribati	105,142	Romania	3,590	Other OECD	1,128

* Development Education

ADRA Australia Board Members

Chairman - Warwick H Stokes - Treasurer SDA Church in South Pacific, Former CEO of Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Vice Chairman - Lynray G Wilson - Associate treasurer of SDA Church in South Pacific Region. Wide experience in Financial Administration

Secretary - David R Syme - General Manager of ADRA Australia - 30 yrs experience in international development and relief Members:

Laurie J Evans - President of the SDA Church in SPD. Wide experience in Church and financial administration

Dr Percy C Harrold - Director of Health, SDA Church in South Pacific - Physician and Consultant on Health

Eric C.White - Volunteer Coordinator SDA Church in South Pacific - Extensive experience in recruitment + placement of volunteers.

Brenda Kinkead - Extensive involvement with NGO's supporting children in Asia

John Pickford - Managing Director of an Investment Company. Extensive involvement in Rotary supported development activities in Africa.

Rose-Marie Radley - Retired Director of Nursing. Has served in hospitals in S.E.Asia as well as consulting in Asia and South Pacific

Rommert A Spoor - SPD Education Department Director for Government Affairs. Extensive experience in advising on educational issues in the South Pacific

Margaret Sharpe - Organiser of specialist medical teams to developing countries

Owen Twist - Treasurer of South NSW Conference of SDA's. Business and Management experience in the South Pacific.

Colin Tyler - Accountant - Broad interests in development particularly in the South Pacific.

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BALANCE SHEET—ADRA New Zealand

ASSETS	1997	1996
Current Assets		
Cash *(6)	409,535	258,885
Receivables *(7)	91,521	106,893
Other *(8)	0	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$501,056	\$365,779
TOTAL ASSETS	\$501,056	\$365,779
 LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Project and Trust Funds *(9)	449,754	340,737
GST *(10)	128	0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$449,882	\$340,737
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$449,882	\$340,737
 NET ASSETS	 51,174	 25,041
 ADRA EQUITY		
Reserves *(11)	51,174	25,041
Other *(12)	0	0

* () Explanatory notes from part of these financial statements are available upon request.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES INCOME

Specific Donations & Gifts	213,184	218,126
NZ Government Grant	5,625	50,000
Investment Income & Sundry Revenue	36,392	30,350
GROSS INCOME	\$255,201	\$298,476

DISBURSEMENTS

Funds to Overseas Projects	109,792	81,950
Administration	10,259	6,234
GROSS DISBURSEMENTS	\$120,051	\$88,184

Excess of Income over Disbursements 135,150 210,292

Overseas Projects supported included those located in Cambodia and Thailand.

Audited Financial Records for year ending December 31, 1997



Drought in Papua New Guinea



When drought hit PNG in 1997 ADRA was there.

It did not take the local staff long to mobilise their resources and develop plans with the local communities to assist. The greatest need was not just food but water so that if drought came again, communities could resist it. ADRA has been able to assist communities with sustainable water systems as well as food, seeds and training.

Primary Health Care - Cambodia

ADRA is assisting the people of Cambodia to upgrade their local hospitals. In an area where malaria, diarrhoeal disease and malnutrition prevail, hospitals play a vital role in the community's wellbeing. ADRA's interest in people ensures that there is training so that local staff are better able to prevent sickness by



delivering primary and maternal health care, including immunisation, breastfeeding and reproductive health.

Mongolian Straw Houses



During the long Mongolian winters the temperatures drop well below zero and stay there. Using an innovative and environmentally sustainable technology used in New Zealand and the USA, ADRA is helping communities build homes, schools and even hospitals out of straw bales. The straw has great insulative qualities and, once treated with a fire-retardant substance, makes excellent building material for walls which require much less heat in winter.



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Do we need to go beyond God to explain to our young people what God has condemned?

Spoilt article

WAL F TAYLOR, NSW

What a pity that Ritchie Way spoiled the article "To hell and back" (May 2) with erroneous teaching relating to the judgments. Satan was the only known individual to be judged at Calvary. There Jesus sealed the basis of the judgment by His righteous life (John 12:31).

Further the statement "their sins have been fully and finally dealt with in the first judgment" leaves no room for the pre-advent judgment and the sanctification process that should follow the personal atonement. Of course, Romans 8:1 clears the repentant sinner, but the record stands until the cleansing of the sanctuary reveals that sanctification has indeed followed justification.

It would have been better if the article had clearly identified that the judgments referred to were what have been called "executive judgment"—God executing judgment—to avoid confusion with pre-advent or investigative judgment.

Did he miss the point?

IAN JOHNSTON

Graeme Loftus wrote an excellent article ("The search for rest," April 25), especially in his application of the expression, "It is finished" to refer to God doing for humans that which we cannot do for ourselves—providing rest in a perfect world and rest in a perfectly justifying grace. Both are symbolised in the rest of the Sabbath. I do think, however, that he missed the final point.

At the end of time, Jesus will declare again, "It is finished." Again God will do for humans what we cannot do for ourselves—providing rest in a perfect sanctifying grace also symbolised by the Sabbath rest (Ezekiel 20:12).

The perfect salvation that God provides includes his wondrous justifying grace and also, in spite of the

sinfulness that remains in us, joyful victory through the richness of His sanctifying grace. We can no more sanctify ourselves than we can justify ourselves (see 1 Thessalonians 5: 23, 25).

The followers of Christ don't see it this way when they look in the mirror, but at the end of time the miracle of grace will have produced saints who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus (Revelation 14:12).

Speaking the language

DERWENT BARBER, VIC

Adventists around the world are now speaking the same language in a whole new way ("Go church logo!" Letters, May 2). The new Adventist logo is being used worldwide, giving Adventists a positive identification and helping Adventists identify themselves with this beautiful, high-quality signage.

Accessories are also becoming

available with embroidered caps, lapel pins, embroidered sports shirts, key rings etc. With a knowledge of the advertising industry and the expenses involved, large amounts of Adventist money can be saved in many departments by embracing and using the new, positive way of saying, "Adventist."

Listen to the Lord

J T KNOPPER, NSW

In a sidebar of the news report "Young adult study raises questions" (May 2), it says, "The church never fully explains to young people why premarital sex is bad."

Is this needed when God through His word plainly condemns fornication? The dictionaries state clearly what fornication is. Do we need to go beyond God to explain to our young people what God has condemned?

Let young and old submit to a plain, "Thus says the Lord."

Just a coincidence



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Hezekiah

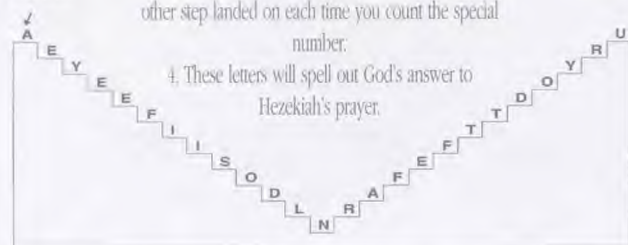
EXPERIENCE
Power of His Word

Puzzle number: 20

Special Bible passage to read for this week: Isaiah 38

1. Find how many steps the sun was turned back in our reading today.
2. Use that number to count down and up the steps.
3. Write down the letter of the first step then every other step landed on each time you count the special number.

Start Here:



4. These letters will spell out God's answer to Hezekiah's prayer.

God's answer:

Name: Age:

Address:

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Volunteers needed

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❖ **Maths/Science teacher—Eden Valley Academy, Thailand.** Helen Hall's school in the refugee camp on the Thailand border needs a Maths/Science teacher and also History teacher for 12 months, commencing July 1998. Volunteer needs to be at least 20 years of age and have two years university experience. Also, a retired person who could give two months to help students prepare for exams, April-May, 1998. Pay own airfares and insurance. Accommodation and allowance provided.

❖ **Urgently needed—obstetrician/gynaecologist—Nepal.** Our Scheer Memorial Hospital near Katmandu needs an OB/GYN and an Anaesthesiologist for three months or permanent basis (negotiable). Present doctors have to return to Argentina. If you can help, please contact us or contact Rafael Garcia, Scheer Memorial, at Internet: smh@banepa.mos.com.np for more details.

Contact Pastor Eric White, Coordinator Volunteer Services, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road (Locked Bag 2014), Wabroonga NSW 2076. Phone (02) 9847 3333 or fax (02) 9489 0943. E-mail address: ewbite@adventist.org.au

Transfers

● **Glenda Harker**, from teacher, Mountain View School, Greater Sydney

Conference (GSC), Trans-Tasman Union Conference (TTUC), to chaplain, Sydney Adventist Hospital. ● **Michelle Benbrook**, from secretary, Youth Department, GSC, TTUC, to secretary,

Food Service Department, Sydney Adventist Hospital. ● **Julie Hoey**, from private employment to teacher, Maths/Science, Kabiufa Adventist High School (KAHS), Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM). ● **David Hoey**, from private employment to teacher, Computer/Technology, KAHS, PNGUM.

Weddings

Harvey—Chapman. Ed Harvey and Rhonda Chapman were married on 12.4.98 in the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist church, NSW.
Owen D'Costa

Jackson—Ciz. Dean Andrew Jackson, son of Ian and Faye Jackson (Toolangi, Vic) and Susan Ciz, daughter of Jan and Krystyna Ciz (Melbourne), were married on 19.4.98 in the Dandenong Polish Seventh-day Adventist church.
Adrian Raethel

Jull—Rayner. Cameron Jull, son of Ray and Marion Jull (Lilydale, Vic) and Leonie Rayner, daughter of David and Marita Rayner (Warburton), were married on 21.4.98 at Camelot Castle, Yellingbo, Victoria.
Andrew Kingston

Logan—Budde. Michael Logan, son of Peter and Therese Logan (Wyong, NSW) and Ame Budde, daughter of Graeme and Svetlana Budde (Kooralbyn, Qld), were married on 18.4.98 in the HMAS Watson Memorial Chapel, Watsons Bay.
Eric Burton

Mance—Fennell. Robert Daniel Mance, son of John and Anna Mance (Macleod, Vic) and Claire Ines Fennell, daughter of Bill Fennell (Parkes, NSW) and Lyn Fennell (Maroochydore, Qld), were married on 4.1.98 on the Brisbane River at Wanganui River Gardens.
John Andric

McFarlane—Bobileff. Paul James McFarlane, son of Tony and Marie McFarlane (Greenbank, Qld), and Jennifer Mary Bobileff, daughter of Peter and Shirley Bobileff (Ormeau), were married on 19.4.98 at the Eight Mile Plains Seventh-day Adventist church, Brisbane.
Maurice Nash

Roberts—Meunier. Brendan Michael Roberts, son of Michael and Fay Roberts (Gosford, NSW), and Maree Nicole Meunier, daughter of Pierre and Haydee Meunier (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 13.4.98 at Cessnock.
Lindsay Sleight

Sese—Panisi. Kevin Sese, son of Mr and Mrs Shadrack Sese (Honiara, Solomon Islands), and Elmah Panisi, daughter of Mr and Mrs Elson Panisi (Honiara), were married on 19.4.98.
Ray Eaton

Smead—Hunter. Tony Smead, son of Keith and Grace Smead (Albury, NSW), and Melissa Hunter, daughter of Wayne and Stephanie Hunter (Albury), were married on 28.3.98 in the colourful garden setting of the bride's parents' home in West Albury.
Claude Judd

Smith—Ockwell. Simon Foster Smith, son of Allan and Melayna Smith (Horsham, Vic), and Darlene Claire Ockwell, daughter of Ian and Margaret Ockwell (Nunawading), were married on 26.4.98 in the East Prahran Seventh-day Adventist church.
Joseph Maticic, Tony Campbell

Takai—Pakoti. Diamond Benjamin Takai, son of Kua and Rebecca Takai, and Tereapi Pakoti, daughter of John and Rangi Pakoti (Auckland, NNZ), were married on 29.3.98 at Totara Park, Auckland.
Paul Gredig

Teura—Schwalger. Daniel Glen Teura, son of Tangita and the late "Gran" Teura, and Tenga Schwalger, daughter of Michael and Tereau Schwalger, were married on 13.4.98 at Lakeside Convention Centre, Auckland, NNZ.
Paul Gredig

Vickery—Shaw. Darryl James Vickery, son of Rita (Woodridge, Qld) and the late John Vickery, and Carron Susan Shaw, daughter of George and Freda Shaw (Victoria Point, Qld), were married on 12.4.98 at the Adventist Retirement Village church, Victoria Point.
Steve Cinzio, Ray Fraser

Obituaries

Barden, Anne, born 3.9.48 at Surbiton, England; died 13.4.98 on flight from Australia to England to see her parents and friends. She is survived by her husband, Kim; her children, Matthew, Benjamin and Claire (all of Lismore, NSW); and her parents, David and Phyllis Brearey (England). Anne was a very capable and cheerful person; unwavering in faith and Christian attitude.
Mike Browning, Chris Manthey

D'Alton, Edith Genevieve, born September 1904 at Leederville, WA; died 17.4.98 in Andrew Kerr Nursing Home, Mornington, Vic. On 28.11.23 she married Charles, who predeceased her in 1958. She was also predeceased by three of her daughters, Shirley, Lynette and Fay. She is survived by her sons, Robert, Frank and Ray (all of Mornington Peninsula); her daughter, Norma McDonough (Bribie Island, Qld); and her brother, Robert Sheridan (Benowa).
Mike Francis

Kononiuk, Edward, born 20.5.18 at Siedliszcze, Poland; died suddenly on 15.4.98 in the Royal Adelaide Hospital. On 26.12.45 he married Helena Soltysiak in Warsaw. He is survived by his wife; his two daughters, Jolanta Balawender and Ursula Vernocchi; his son, Leszek; his three sisters and four brothers; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
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